



12 March 2013

The Honorable Salud Carbajal, Chair, Steve Lavagnino, Vice Chair, and Members Adam, Farr and Wolf
Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Agenda Item 5: Planning and Development 13-00169 Hearing
Phase 2: Energy and Climate Action Plan Briefing

Dear Supervisors Carbajal, Lavagnino, Adam, Farr and Wolf,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our input regarding the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

- A. Prior to endorsing CAP, we are asking you to consider protecting our County's uniquely balanced green belt against CAP's totally different goal: regulating urban, high density areas. This contradictory conundrum leads to, at minimum, three innate problems: (1) jurisdiction, (2) overreaching mandates, and (3) severe unintended consequences. Reasonable solutions could be leaving regulatory Options up to municipalities, SBCAG and/or other agencies with urban municipality oversight - which also would prevent duplication and confusion - and tossing out any Options that go beyond suggestions, especially regarding real estate, construction and agriculture. These remedies might also address our perennial mission of respecting and retaining the specialness of our County.
- B. Please be advised that BE-6 is outdated and should be deleted. Opting-out of the smart grid is now the law of the land in California, and is pursuant to your unanimous decision regarding the matter on 5 July 2011.
- C. Since an EIR is under discussion for CAP, it brings up the question of an EIR for the wireless grids that are being implemented by utility companies, as their cumulative impacts on the environment may not be as benign as theoretically presented. *This is relevant, because the IOU Smart Grid Proposals submitted last year have not been approved by the CPUC.*

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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