



December 3, 2019

Board of Supervisors  
c/o Clerk of the Board  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Re: Notice of Support for the Proposed County Zoning Ordinance  
Amendment for Commercial Telecommunications Facilities**

**Board of Directors**

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President

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Director

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Director

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**General Manager  
and Board Secretary**  
Nick Turner

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Montecito Water District (District) to express support for the amendment to County of Santa Barbara zoning ordinances related to commercial telecommunications facilities being considered at the December 10, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The District is in the process of implementing a smart meter program using small wireless facilities to collect critical water consumption data across Montecito, Summerland and Toro Canyon. The water use data will help the District and customers identify and prevent leaks, encourage water conservation, and improve water supply reliability for the future. The devices used to collect this data are small wireless facilities subject to the County's Zoning Ordinances for Commercial Telecommunications Facilities. County staff's proposed amendments will clarify and streamline the permitting process for the District's smart meter program. District Staff and the District's Board of Directors are strongly in favor of the County of Santa Barbara's proposed zoning ordinance amendment for these facilities.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please call or email me at [nturner@montecitowater.com](mailto:nturner@montecitowater.com).

Sincerely,

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