

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

## SMART METERS

My name is Donald Miller and I live at 821 Chelham Way and I oppose the "Smart Meter" program for SCE, Southern California Gas Company and possibly any one of the various water districts. I believe as a consumer we should have the option of "OPT OUT" at no additional cost to us. Since Michael Peevey, president of the CPUC is now allowing PG&E customers the "opt out" option I feel it is only fair to offer this option to anyone in the state of California the same option for any utility. I am not sure how this can be offered legally to only a few select customers in the first place.

I believe the BOS should enact a moratorium on the installation of any and all smart meters, not just the electric utility companies but also go further and include the gas company and the potential water districts in your jurisdiction. I feel that there has not been enough research done on these devices and I do not any harm to come to my family, especially my children.

I remember when the BOS were considering what options the county legally had when they were reviewing the cell tower issues and had a lot of residents upset over these installations. I also remember when some of the Supervisors were overly concerned regarding the "cumulative exposure" people and especially children were being exposed to. There is no agency to monitor these exposures and we are allowing more wireless systems to be installed all the time. Yes each separate system may be with in the guidelines of what the FCC advises and claims are safe and so we cannot fault them for these systems. But who is monitoring the over all exposure in the residential and business areas, where we are constantly being exposed to these radio frequency waves. Wi-Fi, cell towers, Smart Meters, who is monitoring the over all cumulative exposure levels? 24 - 7 exposure.

I keep going back to the tragedy in Japan where the citizens were being told about the little danger after the nuclear power plants melted down. Then eventually the evacuation zones were being constantly made larger, moving people further and further away as time went on. But not till the families and their children were exposed to these high levels of radiation. The latest I heard was that all children are now being made to wear radiation badges. The full affect and danger of what transpired and the over all health affects won't be known for decades. Almost the same as the RF-EMF exposure and dangers.

Of course there is no way to wear a badge to monitor the exposure of RF-EMF and since no government agency is monitoring the over all exposure we are just being constantly exposed to more and more RF-EMF.

The utilities companies made the decision to go wireless in the smart meters program. They made the decision to do this with out any input from its customers. I believe the smart meter program could have been much safer if they allowed a hard wired smart meter. I already have my old analog electric meter and wish to retain this and not have to pay any special fees for doing so, I am already paying for their meter reader to come by and read it. I cannot understand why it would cost me more to keep this. I believe all customers and residents should have this option.

Please vote for a moratorium just as many other counties and cities have done through the state.

And please don't forget the World Health Organization" just listed the RF-EMF as a possibly human carcinogen. Just like DDT, lead, engine exhaust to mention a few. Let's get ahead of the curve and not expose our families to these RF-EMF's till more research and understanding can be done. Please do your job and look out for the safety of your citizens.

I feel the county should set up a facility that every time a new wireless system is being proposed or being upgraded to a already existing system that the county should have the capabilities of going to that physical area and monitoring the exposure levels in and around it. That information should be also used to determine any future permit or upgrade of any wireless system. What is the

cumulative exposure that the surrounding residents are being exposed to? The costs of a monitoring program should all be included in the permit process and be no additional cost to the residents not the county. Someone has to look out for its citizens and surely we can't rely on the utility companies or cell tower corporations to do this.

Thank-you very much  
Donald E. Miller