

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Board of Supervisors	(2) MEETING DATE March 8, 2011	(3) CONTACT/PHONE James Patterson <i>as for JP</i> (805) 781-5450
(4) SUBJECT Request by Supervisor James Patterson for approval of a letter and resolution requesting the California Public Utilities Commission to direct Pacific Gas and Electric Company to suspend installation of SmartMeters in San Luis Obispo County until the California State Legislature acts upon proposed legislation, AB 37 (Huffman).		
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST This request is made pursuant to the numerous complaints and concerns received by the Board of Supervisors regarding the safety and reliability of SmartMeters currently being installed in the County by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The letter, supported by the resolution, requests the California Public Utilities Commission to direct PG&E to suspend installation of SmartMeters until the California Legislature acts on current proposed legislation, AB 37 (Huffman).		
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached letter and resolution and direct the Clerk of the Board to send the letter and resolution to the CPUC.		
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(8) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) ANNUAL COST N/A
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(11) OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT (LIST): N/A		
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help		
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All	(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)	(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 3 Copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email Resolution and Ordinance to CR_Board_Clerk (in Word)	
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____	(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date _____
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW 		

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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March 8, 2011

Michael R. Peevey, President  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94102

*FRANK R. MECHAM, Supervisor District One*  
*BRUCE GIBSON, Supervisor District Two*  
*ADAM HILL, Supervisor District Three*  
*PAUL TEIXEIRA, Supervisor District Four*  
*JAMES R. PATTERSON, Supervisor District Five*

**Re: Suspend SmartMeter Installation Until Legislative Action on AB37 (Huffman)**

Dear President Peevey,

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors adopted the attached resolution requesting the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to direct Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to suspend installation of wireless SmartMeters until such time as the California Legislature acts on pending legislation, AB 37 (Huffman), that would give consumers options to the installation of wireless SmartMeters.

During the past several weeks our Board has received numerous complaints and expressions of concern regarding the installation of wireless SmartMeters in homes in San Luis Obispo County. Several citizens have testified that they are experiencing serious health issues since the installation of SmartMeters in their homes. Other issues raised by local residents regarding SmartMeters include accuracy, loss of privacy, security, risk of fire and damage to in-home electrical appliances.

The complaints are too numerous and the issues potentially too significant and far reaching to ignore. PG&E's effort to notice, educate and inform its customers about SmartMeters has been woefully inadequate.

It is the opinion of the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors that the CPUC, as the regulatory body, should take immediate action to order PG&E to suspend installation of the wireless SmartMeters until such time as the consumer is given a choice of having an alternative to the wireless SmartMeter.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Adam Hill, Chairman  
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

Cc:  
Assemblymember Jared Huffman  
Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian  
Senator Sam Blakeslee  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

\_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)  
TO DIRECT PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E) TO SUSPEND THE  
INSTALLATION OF SMARTMETERS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY UNTIL THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE ACTS ON LEGISLATION GIVING CUSTOMERS  
OPTIONS TO THE INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS SMARTMETERS

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, the CPUC is the state agency with regulatory authority over the installation of SmartMeters (Public Utilities Code sections 8360-8369); and

**WHEREAS**, numerous San Luis Obispo County residents have expressed to the Board of Supervisors concerns regarding the installation of wireless SmartMeters in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, several county residents have testified to experiencing adverse health effects after the installation of such meters and are concerned that the science regarding the health impacts of electromagnetic frequency (EMF) emitted by wireless SmartMeters is inconclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, residents have expressed concerns that wireless SmartMeters have caused electrical shorts and fires in some SmartMeter installations; and

**WHEREAS**, concerns have also been raised regarding the accuracy of the meters and lack of data privacy and security with the installation and operation of SmartMeters; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of hard wired smart meters could eliminate a number of these concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblymember Jared Huffman has authored legislation (AB37) which would require the CPUC to identify options for customers who decline the installation of wireless SmartMeters; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the San Luis County Board of Supervisors to ensure the health and safety of our citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby request the California Public Utilities Commission to direct PG&E to suspend the installation of SmartMeters in San Luis Obispo County until the California State Legislature acts on legislation giving customers options to the installation of wireless SmartMeters.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by  
Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL EFFECT

WARREN R. JENSEN  
County Counsel

By:   
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: Feb. 24, 2011