RESOLUTION NO. 2011-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA
DEMANDING PG&E HALT THE INSTALLATION AND ACTIVATION OF
SMARTMETERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT
WITHIN THE CITY OF MARINA

WHEREAS, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is now installing SmartMeters in Central and Northern California and will be installing these meters within the City; and

WHEREAS, concerns about the impact and accuracy of SmartMeters have been raised at public hearings for the City of Marina; and

WHEREAS, major problems with SmartMeters in California have been brought to the attention of the City Council of the City of Marina, including:

- The flow of gas and electricity into homes discloses private detailed information. SmartMeters represent a new form of technology that relays detailed hitherto confidential information reflecting the times and amounts of electrical power used without adequately protecting that data from being accessed by unauthorized persons and as such pose an unreasonable intrusion into resident's privacy and security interests;

- Significant health questions have been raised by constituents concerning the increased electromagnetic frequency radiation (EMF) emitted by the wireless technology in SmartMeters, which will be in every house, apartment, and business, thereby adding additional man-made EMF to our environment around the clock to the already existing EMF from utility poles, individual meters and telephone poles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA, as follows:

1. That the City Council hereby demands that PG&E immediately halt the installation and activation of SmartMeters on any and all homes, apartments, condominiums, or businesses of any type, within the City of Marina, and that no equipment related to SmartMeters be installed in, on, or above any public street or public right-of-way within the City of Marina until concerns regarding safety of the SmartMeters are addressed.

2. That the City Council hereby finds that freedom of choice is an important fundamental right of the citizens of the City of Marina. The lack of an opt-out provision in the current PG&E SmartMeter Program is unacceptable. Should PG&E continue to pursue the SmartMeter Program within the City of Marina, the City Council demands that PG&E respect the will of

those residents who prefer to opt-out of the program, and remove the existing SmartMeters from houses of residents who do not want SmartMeters.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marina at a regular meeting duly held the 12TH day of July, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Amadeo, Brown, Ford, O'Connell, Delgado
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Sharp, Acting Deputy City Clerk