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**SUBJECT: Adoption of a Position to Have the Chair Send a Letter to the CPUC
Encouraging the Adoption of a No-Cost Opt-Out Provision for Smart Meters**

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Board position to have the Chair send the attached letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) encouraging the adoption of a no-cost opt-out provision for smart meters.

DISCUSSION:

As our Board heard recently in public comments, there are County residents who oppose the installation of Smart Meters by Southern California Edison (SCE) for a variety of reasons. Many of these residents are lower income.

The CPUC has adopted an opt-out provision for PG&E, and an administrative law judge for the CPUC has recommended that the CPUC adopt a similar provision for SCE. The CPUC may likely consider this matter at their next meeting, hence the need to agendaize this matter as an addendum item, particularly with no Board meeting scheduled for April 3rd.

In order to enable Ventura County residents to exercise choice in the matter, I recommend we vote to have the Chair send the attached letter to the CPUC expressing the Board's policy position of encouraging the CPUC to adopt a no-cost opt-out provision. This letter is similar to the position letter that was unanimously adopted by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Bennett".

Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District