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Last night's meetings in Monterey and Marina:

Good news at the Monterey City Council meeting. Two of us spoke in favor of agendizing consideration of an ordinance with a one-year moratorium on Smart Meters. Since I had to leave to go to the Marina meeting, I don't know if anyone spoke during the second section of the meeting (the meeting is held in two sections). The council decided to agendize considering a one-year moratorium ordinance on Smart Meters (moved by Haferman, seconded by Sollecito). Hurray!!!!!!! The next step will be for staff to research and write up the ordinance. How much time that will take is unknown; it may be on the next council meeting in two weeks or the following one. Will keep you posted.

Marina was a very long meeting with Smart Meters not coming up till 9:30. However, prior to the meeting there was a good group of vocal protestors holding signs and chanting outside, and they were filmed by KION and KSBW TV. Bill Devereux, [Redacted] Michael Herz, and one other PGE customer service person were at the meeting, as well as [Redacted] (and possibly two others) from the CPUC. Six hours sitting near two cell towers — incredible. It's hard to sit there for hours, too, when you know that the topic you're presenting is so overwhelmingly important that it should be at the top of the agenda. Like, "excuse me, there's an outbreak of cholera, maybe we should talk about it first." I vote for a triage approach to agenda items.

Marzia presented and mainly answered many questions, good, perceptive questions, from the council. My impression of this council is that it is very receptive to us on this issue. Devereux spoke afterwards, did a presentation, with the mayor pushing him somewhat because of the lateness of the hour to summarize, wrap up, etc. so that there could be some time for public comment. As it was, the council had three votes on whether to extend the meeting, and on the third vote, did not extend past 11:30. About six of us got to speak in the time that was available. Unfortunately, Marilyn Garrett was right in the middle of her remarks when 11:30 rolled around, and the meeting was adjourned when the vote failed. I didn't have time to fully put in the record my question of when the CPUC is going to get around to EMF Safety Network's petition.

Smart Meters will be continued at the next council meeting, probably next week. Marina's website is www.ci.marina.ca.us

I hope others who were at the meeting will give their input on how it went and what happened.

Marzia sat next to me during the prior part of the meeting – I didn't realize who she was. Afterwards, I button-holed her and demanded to know when the CPUC would start the process. She said it was up to the administrative law judge. She gave me contact info for him and the head judge for the office. I asked what can the CPUC do to get him off the dime, and why was SF's petition heard before EMF SN's when it was filed afterwards. She said they're not sure of the legality, whether it's really an FCC issue. I asked her when would they know, and told her that "legality" had very little to do with it. That sometimes we have to go out on limbs to do the right thing. At some point, she asked me why I/we weren't fighting cell phones or cell towers that are so much worse. I said that we were, but that this is actually worse. She hadn't heard of the Stanford research and was going to look into it. I didn't think at the time to tell her that the same FCC makes it virtually impossible to do anything about cell towers and ask her what she would suggest we do to "fight" cell towers. I told her people were getting sick and were having to leave their homes because of Smart Meters. And I think she said again she didn't understand why we weren't fighting cell towers, etc. I came away thinking that no one should be put in leadership or decision-making capacity in any governing agency who hasn't accumulated wisdom and who hasn't had some significant suffering in their life to give them open eyes and humility – including city planners and all the managers at various levels of government. (When she was sitting next to me, I asked her nicely to turn off her cell phone because I was sensitive to it, which she did. She asked me who diagnosed me as electrosensitive, and when I told her some of my symptoms when I am around wireless devices, she said, oh, you're self-diagnosed. I replied that my doctor agreed that I was electrosensitive. And then she said, you know, sunlight is harmful. She was insistent about it, and I said, let's talk about it after the meeting.)

I think she heard some of what I said; I wasn't going to let her go without hearing some of the utmost urgency and criticalness of what we're dealing with. Unfortunately, it was after 11:30 by then, and we were all tired and stressed, and she had to drive back to SF. I will probably follow up with an email with my contact information and more info on the health aspects. I don't know if she has the depth yet to "go there".

Maybe next time, I'll take on Redacted

I think it's important, if we have time to make presentations, to bring in the EMF-leukemia connection that Kheifets and others in the utility industry are hiding, and the stats as to how many people, how many children that criminal activity impacts. And the dominating of the "regulatory" agencies federally and internationally by industry, energy companies and telecom. Every scrap of research to expose PG&E and SDG&E and SCE to expose all of what they're doing, including hiding the harmful effects of EMF. Of course, we could include that with any letters we send councils and counties as well. A timeline of the abuses of PG&E, with specifics, especially on where to go to get further information, would be helpful if anyone has it; I know someone posted some information recently. Some of that information was brought up last night. Also who owns these utility companies, their backgrounds, and who sits on their boards. And, as well, who are the CPUC?

Anyone up for a movie night with "Erin Brockovitch"?

I started off my remarks asking for time to make an adequate presentation at the next

council meeting. I don't know if all councils or supervisor boards work this way, but I learned recently that, in order to make a presentation, you have to make a request to the council before a meeting, then they typically have to discuss your request in a council meeting whether they will allow you to do that, and then, if yes, you can present in a subsequent meeting (I wonder if PG&E normally has to go through that?).

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