

# **Concerns About Smart Meters Include:**

- Adverse Health Impacts
  Privacy Issues
- Fire and Safety Risks
   Inaccurate Billing

## Why Worry About "Smart" Meters?

SMUD has replaced safe analog meters with digital wireless smart meters, without full disclosure or acceptable opt-out choice to customer-owners. The newly installed smart meters are surveillance devices that monitor "energy consumption behavior" and send biologically harmful pulsed microwave radiation an average of 13,000 times a day, inside your home. Smart meters emit radio frequency microwave radiation and dirty electricity, creating serious health and environmental problems. Many SMUD customers are experiencing disturbing issues with smart meters such as mysterious health symptoms, fires, damage to appliances, blown fuses, and increased utility bills. In violation of constitutional rights, police, government agencies, and other third parties have access to precise information about your private life without consent. Smart meter technology is also vulnerable to cyberhacking, further jeopardizing privacy and security.

# **A** WARNING

NOT SMART **NOT GREEN NOT SAFE RADIO FREQUENCY** HAZARD

SMUD has arranged an informational and interactive public workshop to facilitate open dialogue and information sharing between customer-owners and SMUD representatives. This is a unique opportunity to learn about smart meters from SMUD's perspective, technical experts, and local activists. Attend this workshop to learn about smart meter issues which are affecting all SMUD customer-owners, families, children, babies, the unborn, and pets.

SMUD Smart Meter Update Workshop Thursday, February 21, 2013 - 6 pm to 9 pm 6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA

Questions about Smart Meters and analog meters are encouraged.

## Smart Meter Health Symptoms

Utility customers have reported new or worsening health problems since the utility Smart Meter system has been installed on their home or in their neighborhood.

## **Commonly reported symptoms include:**

- □ Sleep problems (insomnia, difficulty falling asleep, night waking, nightmares)
- □ Stress, agitation, anxiety, irritability
- □ Headaches or migraines, sharp pain or pressure in the head
- □ Ringing in the ears, ear pain, high pitched ringing or buzzing (tinnitus)
- □ Concentration, memory or learning problems (ADD/ADHD/dementia)
- □ Fatigue, excessive drowsiness, muscle or physical weakness and pain
- Disorientation, dizziness, or balance problems
- Eve problems, including eye pain, pressure in the eyes, blurred vision
- □ Cardiac symptoms, heart palpitations, heart arrhythmias, chest pain
- □ Pacemaker defibrillation problems
- Leg cramps or neuropathy

- Arthritis, body pain, sharp, stabbing pains, pulsing sensations
- □ Nausea, flu-like symptoms, vomiting
- □ Sinus problems, nose bleeds
- Respiratory problems, cough, asthma, difficulty breathing
- Skin rashes, facial flushing
- Urinary problems
- □ Endocrine disorders, thyroid problems, diabetes
- Body temperature problems (too hot or too cold)
- □ High blood pressure
- □ Changes in menstrual cycle
- □ Hyperactivity or changes in children's behavior
- □ Seizures
- □ Recurrence of cancer, worsening of existing conditions
- □ Anxiety, depression or suicidal thoughts
- U Weight loss

#### Over 50 Califonia cities and counties have registered opposition to the "smart" meter program

including: San Franciso, Mill Valley, Berkeley, Monterey, Novato, Sonoma, Palo Alto, San Rafael, Clear Lake, Fort Bragg, Richmond, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Simi Valley, Santa Cruz, Fairfax, Seaside, Ventura. Marin and more.

### What's the Solution?

A choice to return to a proven safe, reliable and accurate analog meter just like PG&E, SCE, and SDGE offers.

## **Take Action!**

- 1. Attend February 21, 2013 SMUD Smart Meter Workshop, 6 pm 9 pm.
- 2. Research and verify the dangers of smart meters. Click on the links:
  - www.stopsmartmeters.org
  - www.stopsmartmeters.org/smud
  - www.emfsafetynetwork.org
  - Rosa: http://youtu.be/UJ S4NuwD1c
  - Brian Thiesen The Truth About Smart Meters http://youtu.be/v4HsxNG2-4M
- www.bioinitiative.org
- www.takebackyourpower.net
- www.citizensforsafetechnology.com
- Jerry Day: www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WeDtQ7sXHU
- 3. **Call SMUD** Board of Directors at (916) 732-6155 to speak to your board member and request an analog meter.
- 4. **Get involved**: for more information, call Eric at (916) 395-7336

## Please attend the SMUD Smart Meter Workshop!

