



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 7, 2015

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Introduction Of Ordinance For A License Agreement With Southern California Gas Company

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving a 20-year License Agreement with Southern California Gas Company, for Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Advanced Metering Infrastructure on Certain City Properties, for a One-Time Fee of \$780 per Location, Effective May 14, 2015.

### DISCUSSION:

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), at the direction of the Public Utilities Commission, is installing Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) throughout their entire service area to enable them to serve their customers through an Advanced Metering System. An Advanced Meter System is comprised of a communication device attached to the customer's gas meter to electronically read the meter; and data transmission equipment located throughout the service area, which transmits secured customer data from the communication device to a centralized service center for processing.

California's energy policy supports development and implementation of cost-effective advanced metering systems. Advanced meters will enable SoCalGas to remotely read customer's gas meters, and provide customers with information and tools to make educated decisions about natural gas use, which can lead to increased conservation efforts and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Water Resources supports SoCalGas on this project, and is willing to facilitate the project by allowing SoCalGas to install Advanced Metering Infrastructure on the nine City Water Resources properties listed below, as each location is at an elevation ideal for data transmission. Eight of the sites have been approved by the City's Architectural Board of Review (ABR). Reservoir No. 1 was a recent addition to the list, so ABR will be reviewing the site in the coming months.

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Staff recommends that Council introduce and subsequently adopt a 20-year license agreement with Southern California Gas Company, for installation, operation, and maintenance of Advanced Metering Infrastructure on Certain City properties, for a one-time fee of \$780 per location. The installation of AMI infrastructure on other City Water Resources' properties that might be required to fine-tune SoCalGas' network will adhere to the terms of this license agreement.

Water Resources is investigating similar technology for the City's water meters. Considering Water Resources and SoCalGas have the same customers and are not in competition one another, this is potentially an opportunity for the City to collaborate with SoCalGas to provide better service to all water and gas customers, should Water Resources transition to a similar AMI system for reading water meters.

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