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Subject: Fw: 5/18: Cal-Am smart water meters, opt-out on MPWMD agenda for approval

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Item # 16 on the agenda today is of great concern.

California American Water Company has been installing very powerful AMI/smart water meters since about 2018.

As a long time resident and rate payer, I have been concerned about Smart Meters and their environmental effect on health for over 10 years, so much so, that I dedicated an entire chapter in my book published in 2018 entitled, "Education Policy During the Obama Years" --

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07TCBX3KX/ref=cm_sw_r_ap_a_i_fnPWEbKEVF35B

Customers were not notified that the meters are part of the rate increase, which is in the millions of dollars at a time when the county is enacting deep budget cuts.

I oppose these meters. The general rate case is heading toward a settlement agreement, and it's imperative the Board position be "No".

I also oppose any charge for "opting out".

Please consider this email part of the public record because

Smart water meter problems include:

constant transmissions

health and environmental hazard

inaccuracy and overbilling

short lifespan -- more frequent replacement

expensive

liability for the water district (aka the customers) if they buy Cal-Am assets.

Thank you for letting my voice be heard regarding this issue before the board today.