

James Chavez

From: Ruth Plummer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 8:30 PM
To: COB
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns about rules 1111 & 1112

This proposal has significant issues other than cost of replacement hot water heaters and furnaces. When electrical power is lost right now, we have the alternative energy source of natural gas. My daughter has lived near high power lines in a wind-prone area of Fontana for four years. Her family has electricity shut down every year, a circumstance that her family well understands and accepts. This year, the shutdown lasted about 4 full days. They were able to stay in their home due to the natural gas water heater and stove. Their furnace didn't work as it lacked electricity to light the gas and use the thermostat. On the third day, they were able to borrow a gasoline-powered generator to run their refrigerator and freezer and prevent the loss of hundreds of dollars worth of food. They've decided that, as this has become an annual event, they will invest in a permanent hard-wired installation of a natural gas generator to power their refrigerator, freezer, thermostat and furnace pilot, and a few lights.

They've already done their part in purchasing energy-efficient appliances and installing solar panels. They declined to purchase a backup battery for their panel system due to the much higher cost and would have been much higher than the proposed generator. And frankly I'm not sure that a backup battery would have been able to keep five people with hot water, safely refrigerated food, and access to heat for four days on an all-electric system meaning that they still would have had to shelter elsewhere without a generator. Not having the option for a second type of energy would likely drive a significant percentage of homeowners to use open fires on their property to heat water and warm themselves as many cannot or will not install an additional generator for their house. During the wind time this has the capacity for enormous damage that would significantly worsen the air quality as well. Insisting that residents move out into a shelter every year and take a loss of food needing refrigeration or freezing while opening up their homes to the realistic risk of looting is an issue as well.

I disagree with this proposal. Thank you for your attention.

Ruth Plummer
[REDACTED]
Upland, CA

James Chavez

From: S. Goubert [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 9:23 AM
To: COB
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Gas Appliances

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From: S. Goubert [REDACTED]
To: cob@awmd.gov <cob@awmd.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 at 09:18:43 AM PST
Subject: Gas Appliances

Please DO NOT allow a ban on gas appliances to go through. Reasons below:

1. Electric appliances are much more expensive to run and rewiring a home to accommodate the change will cost the homeowner a lot of money which they may not have if they currently have gas appliances, heaters and water heaters. The monthly increase in their bill may force many to freeze in their own homes. Electricity rates have increased well more than wages. I currently rarely run my A/C and my bill has more than doubled in the past few years.

2. Our electric grid is NOT ZERO EMISSIONS!!!! Most of the sources of our electricity are not zero emissions so forcing us to switch to electric does NOT do anything to help the environment.

3. Solar is not the solution for many homeowners. It is very expensive to get and takes many years to get your money back.

Many of the companies out there are scams who will not back up their products when there are issues. That is if they are still in business when any issue arrives. Adding solar to roofs causes leaks, that may lead to more costly repairs going forward. The permitting process is long and may force other changes at the home which the homeowner may not be able to afford. The payback time is many years. Plus solar does not help in the evenings when the power grid is challenged.

Gas appliances, especially the heaters and water heaters are more cost and energy efficient and forcing us to change to electric just isn't fair if we currently have gas.

I know that many of you have plenty of money to pay for these in your own homes but many of us are barely getting by due to the raises in the costs of living that the already numerous California regulations have caused.

FOR ONCE, think of the regular folk and allow us to have the appliances in our home that we choose and can afford.

Until California goes to nuclear for their power, electricity will NOT BE ZERO EMISSIONS!!!!!!!

Sincerley,

Susan Goubert

James Chavez

From: J. Anthony Vittal [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 9:40 PM
To: COB
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Amending SCAQMD Rules 1111 and 1121

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The proposed mandates for replacement of gas-fired water heaters and space heaters/furnaces with electric ones (using a vastly more expensive source of power) is ill-conceived in the absence on any reported consideration of other alternatives for reducing NOx emissions from those appliances, including reducing the NOx content of the natural gas supplied to consumers in the SCAQMD area. As matters currently stand, based on publicly reported information, the proposals constitute an unfunded mandate to saddle the consumers of natural gas in the SCAQMD area with the cost of these non-comprehensive steps to reduce or eliminate acid rain, the by-product of NOx emissions, when - so far as I am aware - we don't. Thus, where is the demonstrated need for NOx reduction at this level (especially at night when smog is not an issue, but heating of air and water are at their highest levels of demand), particularly when the primary emitters are gasoline and diesel powered vehicles?

Moreover, no consideration appears to have been given to equipping new appliances with NOx capture equipment in the exhaust stream of combustion byproducts. Instead, you effectively mandate the use of power supplied by the local electric power monopoly to an inadequate and unreliable distribution grid - a monopoly that will saddle the same consumers (ratepayers) with the cost of enhancing the grid to satisfy the increased demand - or to the use of solar power which no guarantee of cost subsidies for the panels and batteries to permit 24/7 operation of these electrical appliances.

I urge you and your staff to "go back to the drawing board" and, with a clean slate and universally publicized data demonstrating an unequivocal need to reduce NOx emissions from these sources, design a better solution to the problem that those not saddle the consumers with the perpetual additional direct (cost of equipment) and marginal (rate differential) costs of the currently proposed mandate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Anthony Vittal
[REDACTED]
La Verne, CA 91750-1705

[REDACTED]

James Chavez

From: T S [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 10:37 AM
To: COB
Subject: [EXTERNAL] STOP FORCING YOUR AGENDA ON HARD WORKING AMERICANS!!!!

This is absolutely atrocious! Stop gouging our pockets and leave us alone!!! Stop forcing your ridiculous totalitarian policies on hard working people just to line your own pockets!!! Forcing people away from natural gas appliances when you can't even keep electricity on now with the grid load is preposterous! STOP forcing compliance with your agenda!!!!

James Chavez

From: Shannon Mancuso [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 4:51 PM
To: COB
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Removal of gas appliances proposal

Hi,

I am a resident of Upland, California. I am very pro environment and drive an electric car.

That being said: this is a terrible idea.

We live in a zone that is frequently subject to power outages and power safety shut offs due to the winds and occasional fires.

Just a couple of weeks ago our power was off for days. Being able to still have hot water in the cold for our one year old daughter and being able to warm canned foods on the stove is the only way we were able to get by.

Generators are expensive, noisy and not always reliable. And in any case - use a ton of gas!

This idea is simply not feasible with our current infrastructure. We would be better off finding more subsidies for solar energy with powerful batteries to get us through the outages if anything. But until that is a feasible financial option for every Californian this new idea makes NO sense.

Please do not move forward with this mandate .

Shannon Mancuso

James Chavez

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 7:36 PM
To: COB
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "Concerns About Rules 1111 & 1121"

There are many seniors and retirees that live on a fixed income and cannot afford this. The cost of living is extremely high in CA.

Also, CA does not have an electric grid that could sustain this!

Please reconsider implementing this!

Maria
Sent from my iPhone

James Chavez

From: CESAR PEREZ [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 9:24 AM
To: COB
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns About Rules 1111 & 1121

SCAQMD Governing Board

This proposal will put a great financial burden on me as a homeowner, i have barely been able to keep up with the high cost of living and this proposal will hurt me even more financially, i really can't afford to upgrade. Please do not pass this new proposal.

Thank you,

Isidro Perez

James Chavez

From: Mary Beckman-Kennedy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 8:05 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

I am writing regarding the proposed rules, 1111 and 1121 regarding replacement of current gas appliances with electric appliances, specifically water heaters and furnaces. It is my understanding that these rules would require current gas water heaters and furnaces to be replaced with electric appliances when they need to be replaced. While on the surface it might seem that it would be a simple switch, that is not the case since these changes would require extremely expensive electrical upgrades to the home, not to mention the construction costs that would be involved in retrofitting the areas where these appliances are housed.

As a retired senior citizen, I find this frightening not just for myself, but for all people living in older homes that were built for use of gas appliances. It is important to take into consideration not just the burden this will place on senior citizens on a fixed income, like myself, but also on younger people buying older homes who may need to replace furnaces and water heaters shortly after making an extremely expensive home purchase. With the current housing market continuing to increase in price and the concern for housing shortages, adding these rules will put even more financial burden on California homeowners. While I understand the importance of working to improve our air quality, I believe it is imperative that we do not enact rules that will potentially force people to go without safe heating or force people out of their homes, or out of the housing market.

Additionally, with the current burdens on our electrical grid, this is not the time to mandate additional requirements that will increase that burden.

Please reconsider the passage and implementation of these rules.

Sincerely,
Mary Beckman-Kennedy
[REDACTED]
Yorba Linda, CA

Sent from Mary's iPad

James Chavez

From: Betty Bean [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 1:21 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We do not want electric water heaters

We are absolutely opposed to your pending replacement gas-to-electric mandates regarding our water heaters and other appliances! We cannot afford the costs associated with this especially while under this current administration.

Hands off!

James Chavez

From: barbara papa [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 11:16 AM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DON'T replace gas water heaters & heaters with electric.

It will cost too much. And when power goes out we will not have heat or hot water. Stay out of our kitchen, and our homes, and stop taking away our freedom of choice!!!

James Chavez

From: Dawn Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 12:04 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to zero-emission Electric Water Heaters

Good morning,

I'm writing to express my opposition to a rule proposed by the SCAQMD to require homeowners to replace gas water heaters that break (beginning 1-1-2027) with electric-only models.

This rule is an overreach that will ultimately result in higher electric bills for homeowners and landlords. The decision to use gas or electric appliances, furnaces, and water heaters is one that a homeowner or landlord should be allowed to make for their respective property.

I support the use of incentives for those who wish to transition to electric but as a homeowner that can't afford a higher electric bill I oppose a rule that will require this.

Thank you for your re-consideration of this rule.

Sincerely,
Dawn M. Smith
[REDACTED]
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

James Chavez

From: billADS Haug [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 6:12 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] rule 1111 and 1121

Respectfully request a NO to these plans.

- 1-The grid cannot handle it
- 2-CA is too expensive, this will HURT literally everyone, rich and poor
- 3-Retrofits are exorbitantly expensive, TOO expensive
- 4-These rules will KILL real estate values wiping out generations of hard work and savings
- 5-Rents will rise to the maximum, forcing MANY onto the streets
- 6-People will move out, causing a labor shortage

Vote NO on 1111 and 1121

Bill Haugh
many decades resident of orange county

James Chavez

From: RICHARD BASKERVILLE [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 2:30 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New rules regarding changes proposed!

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I would like it known that I have serious misgivings in regards to changes to water heaters and furnaces. As a retired ATT employee the proposed changes and the costs involved are totally excessive to what many of us could afford. Housing in California among the highest in the nation as it is, can only imagine adding such costs. Natural gas is among the cleanest burning fossil fuels and I see no compelling reason to stress an already stressed electrical grid.

James Chavez

From: Corinne Griffiths [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 3:32 PM
To: COB
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Going all electric!

I would like to voice my opinion on making EVERY home in California ALL ELECTRIC! This is absurd! There is NO way you can do this. You should encourage people, who can afford it, to make the change. But, to require everyone to buy their own new electric appliances is ridiculous.

I SAY NO TO THIS NEW IDEA! **DO NOT MAKE IT MANDATORY!** Make it voluntary!!

I live in Yorba Linda, CA

Corinne Escobar Griffiths



James Chavez

From: cindy delangis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 3:39 PM
To: COB
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns About Rules 1111 & 1121

I am writing this email to express my displeasure with proposed legislation that would restrict the sale and installation of new or replacement natural gas fired water heaters. As a senior citizen, the purchase cost of an electric water heater along with the ongoing higher energy cost incurred using less efficient means of heating water would subject me to higher energy bills.

-Cindy DeLangis

James Chavez

From: Bill Cooper [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 8:33 AM
To: Clerk of Board
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

My understanding of these proposals could require that I replace my home furnace/air conditioner, hot water heater, and cook stove within the next few years. Since I have replaced the furnace/air conditioner and water heater within the last couple of years, I believe these requirements would impose an unreasonable cost burden on me and result in MINUSCULE improved air quality. Please do not adopt these rules as written!



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