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**Subject:** Blatant Disregard of General Plan . . . Agenda item 12 on the Agenda of December 7, 2021.  
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*Thank you Mary for passing this on. . .*

TO: Sebastopol City Mayor Una Glass and Council Members Sarah Glade Gurney, Patrick Slayter, Neysa Hinton and Diana Rich

RE: Agenda item 12 on the Agenda of December 7, 2021.

**This proposed purchase is explicitly inconsistent with Sebastopol's General Plan Goal CHW4 "Minimize Community Exposure to Unsafe Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) calls for minimizing EMF radiation and community opt out of public utility smart meters.**

- This purchase takes our community away from minimizing EMF radiation and down the slippery slope of adding more and more harmful EMF radiation to our community.
- This proposal will add 3000 transmitters to the city. And when the technology needs an upgrade it will be to 5G, using millimeters waves which independent scientists are warning is harmful. <https://www.emfscientist.org>
- Smart water meters emit EMF radiation which is harmful to people and the environment.

**How can you so blatantly disregard the direction and intent of the General Plan?**

**I urge you to carefully reconsider tonight's decision.**

Sincerely,  
Angela Ford

**Goal CHW 4: Minimize Community Exposure to Unsafe Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)**

**Policy CHW 4-1:** Consider professional, science-based, and medically-sound information regarding EMF radiation from new electrical transmission lines and substations when making land use decisions.

**Policy CHW 4-2:** Minimize unsafe EMF radiation levels near sensitive areas such as schools, hospitals, playgrounds, high density residential, and libraries when planning for electrical transmission facilities repair and new construction.

**Policy CHW 4-3:** Promote community education and awareness on EMF health information and stay abreast of current research and regulations.

**Policy CHW 4-4:** Continue to regulate the location, when legally viable, and appearance of telecommunications and electrical facilities.

#### Actions in Support of Goal CHW 4

Action CHW 4a: Explore programs and legal remedies available to the City in order to reduce unsafe EMF exposure to the greatest extent allowed by State and federal law.

Action CHW 4b: Continue to implement, and periodically update as necessary, the City's Telecommunications Ordinance in order to reduce EMF levels within Sebastopol, while maintaining consistency with state and federal law.

Action CHW 4c: Review siting opportunities for substantial EMF facilities that will reduce or eliminate community exposure to unsafe EMF to the greatest extent feasible.

Action CHW 4d: Advocate that all new major electrical transmission projects and telecommunications facilities evaluate EMF as part of the project's environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

Action CHW 4e: Request from PG&E and wireless telecommunications facilities providers, public disclosure of existing and proposed electrical transmission and wireless telecommunications facilities projects in the vicinity of Sebastopol and their anticipated EMF levels in the Sebastopol Planning Area.

Action CHW 4f: Continue to monitor best practices and approaches taken by other communities to limit unsafe exposure to EMF.

Action CHW 4g: Maintain data regarding the location, size, strength, and EMF levels of major cell and radio towers, public power facilities, including transmission and distribution lines, and other substantial public or community EMF sources in the Sebastopol Planning Area, to the extent that data and information is available.

Action CHW 4h: Support efforts to approach and encourage the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to allow the City to opt out of public utility wireless data transmission systems (such as smart meters).