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To City Council and Staff,

**I am writing again to ask that you do the right thing and please DO NOT accept the wireless cellular "smart" water meters for Sebastopol.**

After all the work Council and Citizens have done over the years to keep the "smart" PG and E meters off the homes of Sebastopol Residents who don't want them and are medically vulnerable, why would you decide to grab hold of these "smart" meters now?

The idea that they are an Environmentally "friendly" Climate solution is short-sighted. Have you looked into the circumstances of their production? Of what resources it takes to produce them? And what about the inevitable battery replacements? Single use all the way.

Whatever happened to the "The Slow City (Cittaslow)\*" vision for Sebastopol? How does this fit into the idea of sustainable growth for Sebastopol? What happened to the idea of Sebastopol as a pleasant, walkable town that is friendly and accepting of diversity and individuality? How can people expect to walk in this town with 12,000 pulsing cell signals going on day and night?

I am further concerned that many of my fellow "Old School" Sebastopol residents won't have been able to participate in these meetings because they are only available on Zoom at this time. Why rush something this important, with material consequences for individuals. Some are on fixed incomes and won't have an easy time paying for the \$2 Million cost of these at a 4% increase in water bills, as property owners or as renters.

The right thing for you to do is to wait on this, and **not** rush it through in a package with so many other items. People -- including you -- are not understanding the ramifications of installing these devices throughout the town and neighborhoods of Sebastopol.

Thank you for your consideration,

Martha Glaser

\*The "Cittaslow" concept represents an **emerging global trend where participant small cities commit to growing sustainably by preserving their authenticity while celebrating their local culture and diversity.**