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**WARNING!**  
**PG&E and SEBASTOPOL**  
**threatening to deploy**  
**SMART METERS!**

**WHEN? SEPTEMBER 2022! Smart Meters are costing us money, privacy and our health and safety!**

Sebastopol banned smart meters in 2013 for “matters of public health, safety and consumer protection...” They included a \$500 fine for installation! Our city has repeatedly defended against PG&E’s attempts to further deploy smart meters. In 2019, the city cited the smart meter ban in defense of the Fircrest Senior Community. PG&E complied and installed all analog meters.

**Why is PG&E threatening NOW? Maybe it’s because Sebastopol plans to install smart water meters in September!** Last year the Sebastopol city council ignored their own laws and General Plan goals and purchased smart water meters. EMF Safety Network proposed a solution. The council has not compromised, even though the company that sold the water meters DENIED the claim that the meters saved water, energy and green house gas emissions. Learn more at EMF Safety Network: <http://emfsafetynetwork.org/tag/smart-meter-problems/>

#### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

**Contact the City of Sebastopol and ask them to save the analog meters and defend, uphold and renew the smart meter ban to protect public health and safety.**  
**Call 707-823-1153 Email: [citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.org)**

**PG&E smart meters and smart water meters emit pulsed EMF (electromagnetic fields) radiation.** Peer-reviewed studies show health impacts of smart meters include sleep problems, headaches, nausea, anxiety, heart palpitations, tinnitus, concentration and memory problems, dizziness, immune and nervous system problems, and more. The World Health Organization classifies EMF radiation as a possible carcinogen, same as DDT and lead. Vulnerable groups include people with compromised immune systems, environmental sensitivities, medical implants, children, seniors and nature! **Smart meters have been linked to fires, explosions and burnt out appliances.**

**According to PG&E, 40% of Sebastopol currently has smart meters.** PGE says they will advise residents that they can opt out by paying additional fees. We believe the fees are “coercion by exaction” a form of extortion. \$75 initial fee and \$10 a month for 3 years. Low income \$10 initial fee and \$5 a month for 3 years. Opting out doesn’t protect people, especially multi-unit communities. For people who want this option go to: [www.pge.com/SmartMeterOptOut](http://www.pge.com/SmartMeterOptOut), or call 1-866-743-0263.