

Lemos, June

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Subject: Public Improvement Project - Water Meter Replacement

Dear council members,
I can not attend tonight's meeting. We need more information before this gets approved. See why below.

I realize that it is an opportunity for the city to get this grant. What I am concerned about is that the public is not told ahead of time what kind of technology will be involved and that the city does not evaluate each project in terms of health and safety. Yes, it saves money for the city as less staff is needed to check on water meters, etc. and yes it is good if less water is wasted and many more reasons. The current meters I believe have smart meters installed, but I am sure that new meters will be even omitting even stronger radiation than the older models. It seems that the city should have more information available sooner so that the citizens can look into the technology ahead of a meeting scheduled for 2-10 with a decision needed by 2-14 to apply. What meter will be installed? AMI, AMR, PLC, Radio Off Digital Meters? These meters are not green, they increase carbon & electrosmog pollution.

We can not afford to impact the health and safety of residents. It might up costing more money if people sensitive to this radiation insist on their rights under ADA. Any person that wishes to seek a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988, or other applicable state or federal law, may do so in accordance with the City's standard disability accommodation process or use legal means to make their point.

People sensitive to these devices do not get a relief just by removing their smart meter as all of them are connected and they also get effected by the smart meters all around. These meters can cause cancer & cause radio frequency radiation, have pulsed radiation, people will suffer neurological effects, etc.

Regulators at the (governor appointed) CPUC and state legislature have consistently failed to adequately protect the public, even though evidence pointing to the need for a wholesale recall of this technology has been documented for many years. This technology does not protect people from thieves & hackers, also not from 3rd. party data analysts, appliance manufacturers, and is in violation of constitutional rights. Police, government agencies including the NSA and others suddenly have access to people's lifestyle data without needing a warrant.

Not only do smart meters cause deadly fires on their own, they are also inherently ill-equipped to safely handle electrical surges documented when hundreds of meters exploded in Capitola and Stockton, California in 2015. Smart meters on homes and businesses, as well as transmitters and other electronics—has greatly increased the risks associated with grid electricity. As the climate crisis provides the tinder dry fuels and extreme weather, the added complexity and ignition risk of smart grid communications infrastructure provides the spark, California communities are asking how we got into this perfect storm.

Mendocino County signed its Precautionary Principle Policy on June 27, 2006.

When will Fort Bragg adopt such a principle and analyze each application in terms of health and safety whether it is small cells antennas, communication towers, city owned smart meters, cure-in-place pipes, etc.

Larger communities have departments that look into safety issues, but it is important that all staff that is looking into proposals of any kind assess if there would be any potential health dangers associated with the technology chosen. The

industry will sell it, but they will not inform us of any dangers. It is also important that city council members and planning commissioners look at these proposals and look into the health aspects related to them. Training in this area would help.

Many individuals are using analog meters instead of smart meters do to health reasons and it seems that at least you need to inform the public of that choice.

Smart meters allows utilities, governments, and third parties to spy on our home life; emit wireless microwave radiation & dirty electricity; can catch fires, explode and damage appliances;; and typically increase utility bills. The city can charge us more during peak hours and extract data on people's behavior.

More information at <http://stopsmartmeters.org/>

Please also print out and review the pamphlet at http://emfsafetynetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/EMF_trifold_10-6-19_hi-res_PRINT.pdf

Thanks for your interest, Annemarie

Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving an Application for Funding and Execution of a Grant Agreement and any Amendment Thereto from the 2019-20 Funding Year of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The City Council will review and possibly approve one application in the aggregate amount of \$2,970,043 for the following CDBG activity, pursuant to the January 2020 CDBG NOFA: Public Improvement Project - Water Meter Replacement: \$ 2,970,043.