SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



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Ventura County Resource Management Planning Agency-Planning Division 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, Ca. 93009-17 40

Dear Ms. Rowan:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council.

We wanted to express our concerns about the upcoming Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance and the visual impediments to the topography and site lines that these communication facilities and towers have had, and will have in the Santa Rosa Valley. The Santa Rosa Valley as you know is a rural community with verdant rolling hills, farmland, and site lines that extend to the Santa Monica mountains. We are requesting that the WCF **strictly adheres** to the Scenic Resource Policies 1.7.2.1 and 1.7.2.2 of the GPP) and that of the Public Utilities (GPP, Sec 4.5) as outlined in the General Plan Amendment which states:

"Wireless communication facilities shall be designed to minimize visual impacts from public viewpoints (i.e.Santa Rosa Rd.) whenever feasible, and to blend with the surrounding area in a manner that is consistent with the community character, natural environment, and existing development".

The Santa Rosa Valley Advisory Council recommends that any Wireless Communication Facility or tower be heavily disguised so as to blend in with the topography and environment of Santa Rosa Valley.

We are asking to be apprised of any future plans for erecting WCF's in the Santa Rosa Valley, and that we are notified in enough time as to be allowed comments and input prior to the building of such facilities. Most importantly, we request that any and all plans for such facilities take into consideration the environmentally sensitive visual impact such facilities will bring with consideration for visual impact as well as buffer zones and setbacks between homes and facilities. We would like to expressly exclude non-conforming facilities for amateur radio installations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Allison

Chair Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council