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Radio Sausalito Forced Off The Air

Station acquires equipment for new frequency, stronger signal.

SAUSALITO, CA - Multiple threats of federal intervention from a company which owns two commercial Santa Rosa radio stations have forced Radio Sausalito to temporarily silence its on-air signal. In the interim, the station's programming has been made available online. The latest threat came just days after a story appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle applauding Radio Sausalito's significant record of accomplishments as one of the only radio stations based in Marin County.

"We have always worked to make sure the station stays completely legal and complies with FCC regulations," said Radio Sausalito Founder and President Jonathan Westerling. "The regulations say that a station like ours must stop broadcasting if it receives a credible complaint of interference. Though we question the validity and motives behind the Santa Rosa complaint, we are temporarily turning off our signal as further demonstration of our intention to abide by the law." Community stations have relatively little protection against this kind of investigation, and recent federal decisions have been made largely in favor of commercial and religious stations over community broadcasters.

During its more than five year history, Radio Sausalito had not received a single complaint until this summer when the Santa Rosa station alleged that it had suddenly "received several reports of interference from listeners in Marin." The station which making the allegations calls itself "Sonoma County's Radio Station" and broadcasts "Hits of the 80's, 90's and Today". According to FCC documents (see attached graphic from the FCC website) it does not have a listenable signal in Marin County south of San Rafael. Furthermore, studies provided to Radio Sausalito by the Santa Rosa station clearly demonstrate what most Sausalito residents already knew - that Radio Sausalito's tiny signal did not extend outside of Sausalito city limits, and thus could not be causing interference further north. The Santa Rosa station declined to provide any written documentation or even the location of the complaints it claims to have received.

Despite efforts to negotiate a compromise, this past week Radio Sausalito received a final demand from the owner of the Santa Rosa stations to suspend broadcasting immediately, or a Federal complaint would be filed. Faced with the high cost of attorney fees associated with responding to a federal complaint, Radio Sausalito has been forced to temporarily suspend its on-air broadcasts.

The good news is that Radio Sausalito was already in the process of purchasing new equipment that will provide Sausalito with a stronger signal and qualify Radio Sausalito to become an official AM station. Once this new equipment is installed and certified by the FCC, the station will be protected from future complaints, and can return jazz to the airwaves in Southern Marin.

Additionally, thanks to a generous donation from the Sausalito Art Festival, Radio Sausalito has finally purchased the licenses required to broadcast online! The new service launched last week allows Jazz lovers to listen to Radio Sausalito for free via the internet while the station works to get its new signal on the air. The website address is www.radiosausalito.org/listen

“I am asking for everyone’s understanding over the next few weeks.” Westerling said. “It is extremely stressful to have someone unreasonably attack the wonderful community service that my volunteers and I have worked so hard to build. It is my goal to permanently restore our on-air signal to the people and city that appreciate it as soon as possible. Thanks for your help and support as we transition to the new frequency.”

Radio Sausalito is Sausalito’s own community radio station creating unique commercial-free jazz programming from its studios in Sausalito, California. The station can be heard free online thanks to a generous donation from the Sausalito Art Festival. For more information, contact Jonathan Westerling, president at **332-JAZZ (332-5299)**, or visit www.radiosausalito.org.



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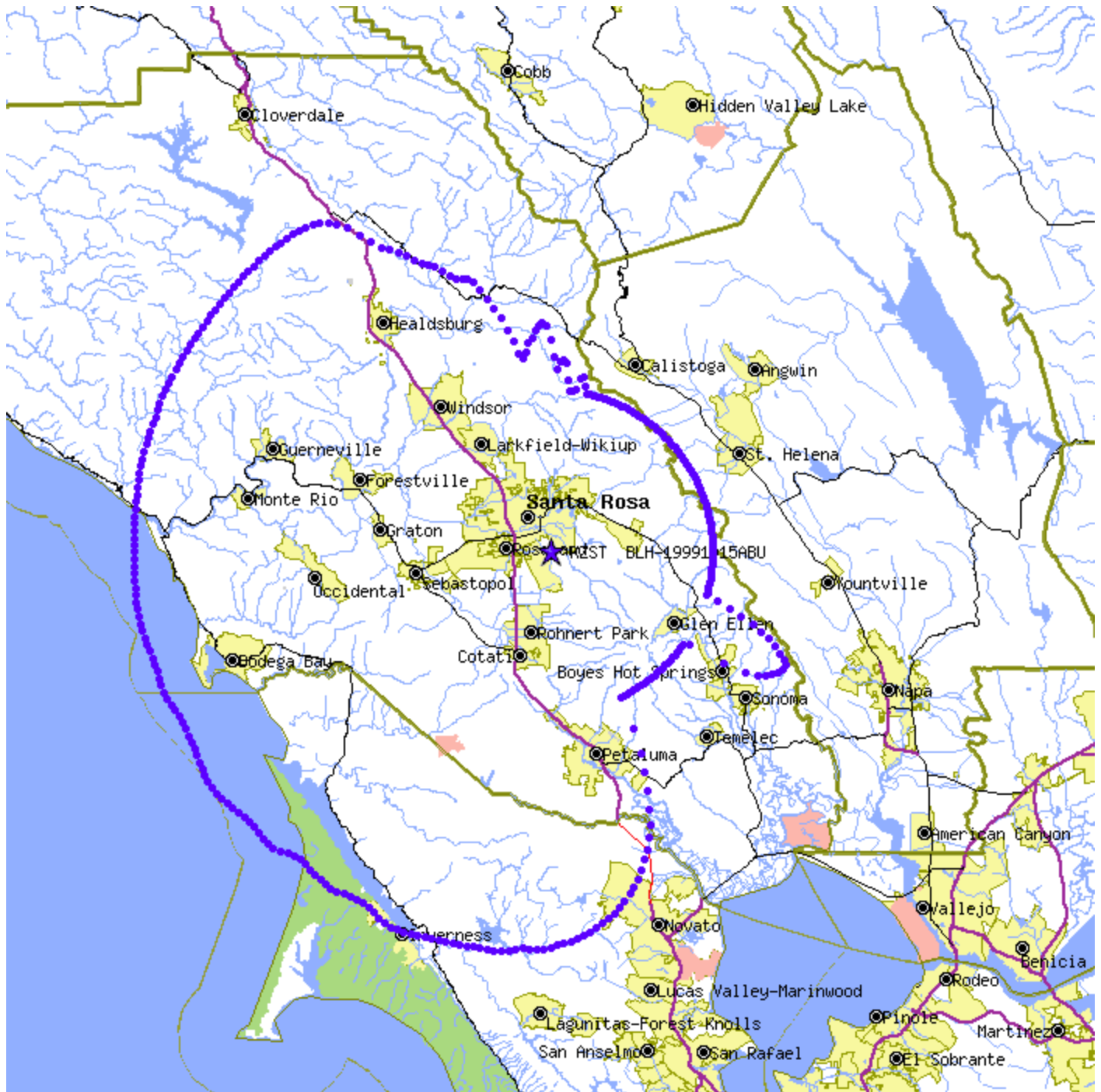
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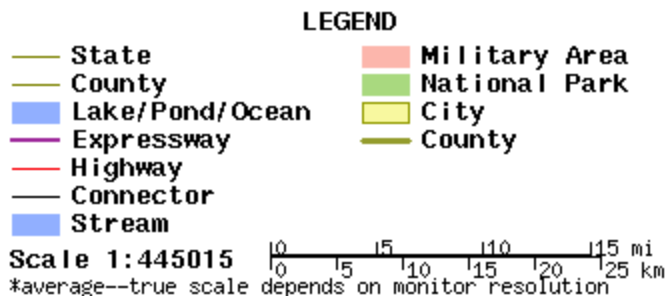
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Channel/Class: 261A Frequency: 100.1 MHz Licensed

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