



Voter

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Dear Friends,

Our League Board and I welcome you to receipt of our first 2009/2010 VOTER. As you read through the VOTER, we hope you will be as excited as we are with the many activities and goals we have outlined for this League year.

California State Government and State Budget Reform was chosen for League Study at the May 2009 State League Convention. We kicked off our local efforts toward the future Study of State Reform by addressing the impact of the State Budget Crisis on local government at our Fall Membership Meeting on September 26th. Board Director, **Janet Taylor**, brought together **Dan Blair**, Butte County Management; **Kevin Bultema**, Butte County Office of Education; and **Scott Gruendl**, Chico City Council. They presented a superb program! Attendees gained a much greater understanding of the scope of local government services and the very limited recourse and resources available. I believe all attendees were very grateful for the dedication of service evident in our three guest panelists.

At our **Annual Potluck on January 28, 2010**, we plan to continue our emphasis on Government Reform with a program addressing State Constitutional Reform. Board Vice President, **Jim Gregg**, is engaging panelists for that meeting. We believe League is at the forefront locally in beginning to understand the issues in State Constitutional Reform. Please note this date and stay tuned for future updates so you do not miss out on what will be, I am sure, a very timely program.

Board Director, **Barbara Hennigan**, is again leading the charge with our Third Annual Water Issues Forum on **November 12th** with the topic being *The California Water Plan-2009 Update*. This year Barbara contacted and involved our neighboring **Redding and Plumas County Leagues** —giving regional strength to the League's impact on State Water Plans. I am anticipating meeting Redding and Plumas League members attending this Update meeting; *I hope you will be there too!*

On **December 16th** we will be enjoying a **Holiday Party** evening, hosted by VOTER Director, **Sharon Wallace**. I know you will all want to share in the fun of honoring the newest inductee into our group of "Mita Markland Award" recipients. Any suggested honorees you may pass along to Observer Director, **Gerda Lydon**, who is leading the selection committee. Again, please plan to share that evening with your League friends.

I am honored to be your new League President and I anticipate many opportunities for us to work together in achieving our League goals.

*Sincerely,
Betsy Kruger*

Our Mission...

Founded in 1920, the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government. At the local, state and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

The Top 10 Reasons to Renew Your \$55 League Membership:

10. You get back your money in “food value” alone by attending just one Member Potluck!
9. And our food is far better than you can find at any commercial Buffet—Am I right, folks?
8. Where else can you hear the inside scoop from “secret agent-like” Observers in March?
7. Where else can you easily meet with statewide movers & shakers - like on November 12th?
6. And where else can you do so for FREE, or without having to make campaign contributions?
5. What would your friends say if after 37 years, suddenly there was no April Wine Tasting?
(Oh no! Say it isn't so!!)
4. Or what if suddenly they found the doors of the Council Chambers closed, with no League members present to moderate or invite the public in for free, non-partisan candidate forums?
3. What if we didn't have Barbara, Bruce and Tony pitching for the GP Water Element team?
2. Just think..... What would Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony do?

And the Number One Reason to Renew your Membership with the League:

1. The handy dandy DUES envelope is provided right here for you in this VOTER newsletter!
What could be easier, or better for you and your community?

And after we've paid our Dues.....

*Let's simply enjoy the Holiday Season with Good Friends who share our
commitment to both the community and to the League.....*

*LWV Holiday Party &
Mita Markland Award Celebration
Wednesday, December 16, 2009
7 p.m.*

*At the home of Sharon & Mike Wallace
2805 Oak Way, Chico*

**The California Water Plan-2009 Update,
the Sacramento Hydrologic Region
& Plans for Our Water**

Thursday, November 12, 2009 1:00-6:00 pm
Masonic Family Center - 1110 W. East Ave, Chico, CA

1:00 Registration open

1:10 Welcome & Introductions: Betsy Kruger, President; LWV Butte County

1:15 “Water Plan 101” – History of the California Water Plan Process & What’s New in this Update. Kamyar Guivechi – Manager, Statewide Integrated Water Management, CA Dept. of Water Resources.

2:00 “Sacramento Hydrologic Region in the Water Plan 2009 Update”
Tito Cervantes, Northern District DWR

2:35 “Preparing for a Dry 2010”
Wendy H. Martin, Statewide Drought Coordinator, DWR

3:20 Workshop Introduction: “27 Water Management Strategies”
Barbara Hennigan, Natural Resources Chair, LWV Butte County

Four half-hour break-out sessions about:

- 1) Storage & State Issues: Tito Cervantes Northern District DWR
- 2) Urban Issues: Tony St. Amant LWV Butte County
- 3) Agricultural Issues: Greg Sohnrey BSBAGU Board of Directors
- 4) Watershed Issues: Ruth Jackson LWV Plumas County

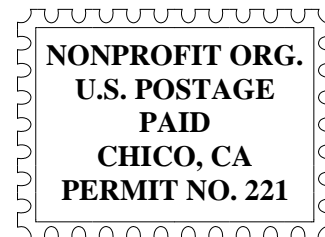
5:30 Facilitators will report out on workshop sessions:

6:00 Workshop ends.

Spontaneous discussion groups might form and adjourn to area restaurants.

*Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters, Plumas County and Redding Area; Allan Fulton, UC Co-operative Extension, Irrigation and Water Resources Farm Advisor; and Butte-Sutter Basin Area Groundwater Users. **This program is free and open to the public.***

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Forum & Workshop on **November 12**, and your
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Fall & Winter 2009-10
LWV Calendar

**Thursday, Nov. 12th - 3rd Annual Water Issues
Forum — *California Water Plan - 2009 Update***
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.— Chico Masonic Ctr, 1110 W. East Ave

Wednesday, Dec. 16th — LWV Holiday Party
@ The (New) Home of Sharon & Mike Wallace
Details TBA, including “Mita Markland Award”

Thurs. Jan. 28, 2010 -Annual Potluck & Program
CA Constitutional Reform @ First Baptist Church

LWV Board Meetings:
Tuesday, Nov. 10th - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 8th - 5:30 p.m.

@ the League office, 635 Flume Street, Chico

*All League meetings are open to ALL League members.
Forums and Panel Programs open to the public, as well.*