

**CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS**

**Special Election  
Session**

October 19, 2005  
 7 PM to 9 PM  
 First Baptist Church  
 850 Palmetto Avenue, Chico

**Holiday Awards  
Party**

December 14, 2005  
 A great time to bring perspective  
 members.

**January Potluck**

January 11, 2006  
 Chico Women's Club  
 592 East Third Street

**Candidate Forums**

February

**Wine Tasting  
Fundraiser**

April 23, 2006  
 Lakeside Pavilion at California Park

**Annual Meeting**

May 9, 2006

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Dear Friends,

The Fall Coffee was wonderful! Kim Seidler, Chico City Planning Director, explained the pressure points as Chico expands into sensitive agricultural and watershed areas and Barbara Hennigan, co-director with Bruce Smith of our Natural Resources Committee, talked about the aquifer that is our area's most precious resource. We will continue to provide as much information as possible as address the need for a plan that enables us to grow in a thoughtful and sustainable way.

October is Special Elections month as we learn about the initiatives on the November ballot. Please attend the October 19 forum with Charley Turner talking about the issues that produced these measures and their potential impact on the state.

We need your membership renewal! As we study the General Plan, especially land use and water quality, we need to show that we have widespread support in the communities of Butte County. Even if you have little time to dedicate to the work of the League, your membership alone supports that work and keeps us all connected. Please send the membership form included in this newsletter to P.O. Box 965, Chico 95927.

Our office is coming together. It is very exciting to have a visible presence, a place to hold meetings, and a central location for our archives and current records.

You can support this effort by contributing to the Education Fund and, of course, by paying your dues (same address for both)! If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at [cburr@csuchico.edu](mailto:cburr@csuchico.edu). Our Board meets the third Tuesday of every month. We want to represent you, our members, and protect our precious region.

-Carol Burr, *President*

**Save the date!  
October 19, 2005  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
INFORMATION SESSION**

Confused about the upcoming special election and need more information? The League will present an information session on October 19, 2005 from 7 PM to 9 PM at the First Baptist Church in Chico. Our presenter is Dr. Charles C. Turner, and we will allow ample time for questions. Dr. Turner is an associate professor and vice chair of the Political Science department at California State University, Chico where he has worked since 2000. He received his MA and PhD from Claremont University's School of Politics and Economics. His academic interests include rights for political minorities and the dynamics of elite political behavior. We are pleased to have Dr. Turner with us for the evening.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this important session before you cast your vote in November.

-Linda MacMichael, *Voter Service*

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**2005 Sacramento Valley Forum**

**Thursday, October 27, 2005**

Sierra Nevada Brewing Company  
 Chico, California  
 Early Registration \$40 until October  
 13, 2005, \$50 after.  
 This year's theme, **Solving the  
 Growth Puzzle**, focuses on the unique  
 challenges confronting many  
 communities as they work to  
 accommodate growing and changing  
 populations. How do communities  
 preserve historic and nostalgic places,  
 keep their downtown charm and still  
 build needed downtown parking  
 garages? Find out how others tackled  
 the problem. Hear about successes and  
 pitfalls and specific ways to tackle the  
 challenge and "solve the puzzle."

**Sessions Include:**

- Five Million by 2050: A  
 Demographer's Look at the Sacramento  
 Valley's Future
- Building Unique Communities with  
 Context Sensitive Design
- The Role of the Involved Citizen
- What Works: Effective Regional  
 Approaches to Planning
- Sim City, Sim Valley
- The Road (and Bike Lane) Ahead:  
 Cost-efficient ways to Finance  
 Infrastructure

**Featured Speakers:**

**Hans Johnson**, Public Policy Institute  
 of California.  
**Brook Muller**, University of Oregon  
**Susan Frazier**, Valley Vision.  
 The Great Valley Center's Sacramento  
 Valley Forum is an annual event  
 focusing on the issues and interests of  
 California's Sacramento Valley.

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-Linda MacMichael,  
*Voter Service*

The LWVBC Team of Observers is off to a fine start this year. We met in August and confirmed our commitments to Observing the following Councils, Commissions, and Boards:

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Observers are well-informed; many have been observing their councils, commissions and boards for a long time and have been invaluable in keeping our local League on top of what is happening in our Communities. Observers welcome your calls to share information; and, if you are interested in attending a meeting with them, they would happily arrange for your company. Observers occasionally need a substitute and this is a great way to initially become involved. Many councils, boards, commissions remain unobserved. Our team welcomes you! Please call me at 345-7563.

- Betsy Kruger, *LWVBC Board Director*

## How do you go about understanding an aquifer? Part 2

Last month, August Voter, you were standing at Lookout Point looking across the canyon at the different layers of exposed mudflows. Lookout Point is ½ way from Chico to Paradise. Now, look at your drawing of the layers of mudflows and the well you drew. Oh, I forget to mention that you will need to keep notes and refer back to them.

Last time you drew a picture of the layers across from Lookout Point and put in a well. This time look across the Sacramento Valley at the Mountains

on the other side and draw a cross section of those mountains, the Sacramento Valley, Chico, and the mudflow layers across from Lookout Point. Put 5 wells in this cross section.

The first well will go into the mountains across the Valley. The second two wells will go in the Sacramento Valley. The third well will go in at the Chico location and the fifth well is the one you put into the mudflow layers across from Lookout Point.

What do you think these wells will look like if they are 1,000 feet deep?

Does any of this make sense? If not and my guess at this point it probably doesn't then ask questions. Remember the title, "How do you go about understanding an aquifer?"

This is lesson number 2. You will better understand how an aquifer works by drawing pictures, taking notes and the most important part of learning.

If you don't understand something...**Ask Questions**

-Bruce Smith,  
*Natural Resource Committee*



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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.

**Annual dues are \$50 for individuals, \$75 per household. If \$50 is prohibitive, please call Membership at 895-VOTE to arrange another option.**

Dues and contributions to the League of Women Voters are not tax-deductible, but contributions to the LWV Education Fund are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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