



**The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area
Presents **Bay Area League Day****

Water: California's Gold 2013

**Saturday, February 2, 2013 — 9 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.
First Unitarian Church of Oakland
685 14th Street, Oakland, California**

PROGRAM AGENDA

- 8:30-9:00 REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**
- 9:00 WELCOME**
- 9:05-9:40 KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
*Matt Weiser, **The Sacramento Bee***
- 9:45-10:45 MORNING PANEL ONE: CALIFORNIA WATER BACKGROUND**
*Elizabeth Dougherty, **Wholly H₂O***
*Christina Swanson, **Natural Resources Defense Council***
*Maurice Roos, **California Department of Water Resources***
- 11:00-12:00 MORNING PANEL TWO: GOVERNANCE**
*Felicia Marcus, **State Water Resources Control Board***
*Steve Ritchie, **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission***
*Peter Brostrom, **California Department of Water Resources***
- 12:00-1:00 LUNCH**
- 1:00-2:00 AFTERNOON PANEL: THE DELTA PLAN**
*Adam Scow, **Food & Water Watch***
*Richard Roos Collins, **Water and Power Law Group PC***
*Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, **Restore the Delta***
- 2:00 CLOSING**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SPEAKERS



BARBARA BARRIGAN-PARRILLA is campaign director for Restore the Delta. She has previously served as the business development manager for the Planning and Conservation League in Sacramento. She has also taught English in the California community college system, served as a field representative for the Oakland local of the California Federation of Teachers, worked in marketing and customer service for The Disney Channel, and served as executive director for Manifest Press and Literary Arts Center in Oakland. (AFTERNOON PANEL)



PETER BROSTROM manages the urban water use unit and is Senate Bill X7-7 urban program manager for the California Department of Water Resources. He led the effort in developing the 20% by 2020 reporting guidelines for urban water suppliers. He has been with the department for eleven years, prior to which he worked as a farm manager for Sills Farms in Sutter County, as an agricultural research manager at UC Davis, and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Burkina Faso. He received a B.S. in plant science and a M.S. in soil science from UC Davis. (MORNING PANEL TWO)



DR. ELIZABETH DOUGHERTY, executive director of Wholly H₂O, envisions innovative approaches to localized water management becoming all the rage in California. Her Ph.D. in ethnography from the University of Pennsylvania and her extensive background in international development, agroecology, fair trade, landscape design, energy efficiency, permaculture, and watery arts naturally led to her current role as water conservation and reuse pusher. She is determined to make water conservation and reuse legal, safe, and the norm for every Californian. (MORNING PANEL ONE)



FELICIA MARCUS is a member of the State Water Resources Control Board. She is formerly the western director for the Natural Resources Defense Council, the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Trust for Public Land, and the regional administrator of the U.S. EPA Region 9. She headed Los Angeles' Department of Public Works after serving as a lawyer and community organizer in that city. She is an appointee to the Commission on Environmental Cooperation-Joint Public Advisory Council and a previous appointee to the Delta Stewardship Council. (MORNING PANEL TWO)



STEVE RITCHIE is assistant general manager of the Water Enterprise at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, overseeing water system operations and planning from Hetch Hetchy through the Regional Water System to the City Distribution Division and the management of lands and natural resources. He previously managed the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, and worked at the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the CalFed Bay-Delta Program, and URS consultants. He has a B.S. and a M.S. in civil engineering from Stanford. (MORNING PANEL TWO)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SPEAKERS (CONTINUED)



MAURICE ROOS is chief hydrologist with the California Department of Water Resources in its Division of Flood Management. After 43 years of experience as a water engineer in the department, he retired from full-time service in 2000, continuing to work part-time as a retired annuitant providing advice on flood forecasting, hydrology, water supply and snowmelt forecasting, and staff meteorology. For years he has tracked the effect of climate change on sea level, floods, and water supply in California. He has a B.S. in civil engineering from San Jose State. (MORNING PANEL ONE)



RICHARD ROOS COLLINS is the principal attorney at the Water and Power Law Group PC. Since 1991, he has represented public agencies and non-profit organizations in water and energy matters. He is a founder and a director of the Hydropower Reform Coalition as well as the Low Impact Hydropower Institute. He was director of legal services at the Natural Heritage Institute and also served as attorney-adviser to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Justice. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School. (AFTERNOON PANEL)



ADAM SCOW is the California campaigns director at Food & Water Watch. He is responsible for developing strategy for local, state, and national campaigns. He has guided several successful campaigns across California to protect water as a public resource and prevent privatization of local water supply. He has served on the planning committee for the annual California Water Policy Conference. Previously, he researched California irrigation subsidies and water transfers in Washington D.C. He holds a degree in political science from UC Berkeley. (AFTERNOON PANEL)



DR. CHRISTINA SWANSON is the director of the Natural Resources Defense Council's Science Center in San Francisco, where she deals with issues from global warming to endangered species and imperiled natural places. She is president of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, and the former executive director of The Bay Institute, having formerly served as its fisheries scientist, senior scientist, and chief scientist. Her doctoral research with UCLA took her to Hawaii and the Philippines as a Fulbright Fellow, with post-doctoral work at UC Davis. (MORNING PANEL ONE)



MATT WEISER covers water, flood control, and natural resources as a senior writer at *The Sacramento Bee*. He has worked as a newspaper journalist and freelance writer in California for more than 20 years, mostly in the arena of environmental issues, and has contributed articles to *High County News*, *Salon.com*, *Sierra Magazine*, *Grist.org*, and other publications. He graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in 1988 with a degree in journalism, and was a 1996 Ted Scripps Fellow in environmental reporting at the University of Michigan. (KEYNOTE ADDRESS)

ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters is a national organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The goal of the League of Women Voters is to empower individuals to shape better communities worldwide.

The League neither supports nor opposes political candidates and parties, but does take action on issues. League membership is open to everyone.

ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area is a regional inter-league organization comprised of all the local Leagues in the nine Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma). Currently, this covers 4,000 members in 20 local Leagues (Alameda; Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville; Benicia; Cupertino/Sunnyvale; Diablo Valley; Eden Area; Fremont/Newark/Union City; Livermore/Amador Valley; Los Altos/Mountain View Area; Marin County; North & Central San Mateo County; Oakland; Palo Alto; Piedmont; San Francisco; San Jose/Santa Clara; Sonoma County; South San Mateo County; Southwest Santa Clara Valley; and West Contra Costa County).

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area:

- was formed in 1959 to address region-wide issues and to facilitate communication among local Leagues in the Bay Area;
- has adopted regional positions on regional government and planning, environment (air, land use, water, solid waste disposal), natural resources (CEQA mitigation), hazardous materials management, social policy (housing), and transportation (surface and airports);
- monitors regional agencies and advocates on the basis of its positions;
- presents educational programs, including an annual Bay Area League Day;
- publishes the *Bay Area Monitor*, a regionally-focused, eight-page review of transportation, air, water, open space, and land use issues, published six times a year. The *Monitor* is distributed to some 3,500 elected officials, government staffers, business and nonprofit leaders, libraries, League members, and interested citizens. It is funded by regional agencies and by tax-deductible donations. Print copy subscriptions are free, and electronic editions may be read online at www.bayareamonitor.org.

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