# Update from the LWV of Bay Area—August 2007

LWV of California Regional Training Workshop – Saturday, September 29, 2007 Attached is a flyer for the fall training workshop conducted by LWVC at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Oakland. LWVBA will not be holding a separate meeting this September, and encourages local Leagues to attend this workshop.

#### **Progress in Regional Planning Efforts**

This fall the LWV of the Bay Area will be participating in a number of major regional planning efforts. Focusing our Vision (a.k.a. FOCUS) applications have been received from 120 or so local jurisdictions, and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) will be designating Priority Development Areas in the fall. Selection of Priority Conservation Areas will also be made. The housing allocations for each jurisdiction have been released for the current round of Housing Updates.

The latest update of the Regional Transportation Plan to the year 2035 has also begun. Continuing in the practice of the previous round, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission will be using ABAG's policy-based population forecasts that encourage greater densities within existing communities.

ABAG and MTC will be holding a joint Assembly on Friday, October 26, 2007 for their members to see and approve the results of these efforts. LWVBA is very pleased by this joint effort.

The <u>San Francisco Estuary Conference</u>, held every two years, will be on October 16-18, 2007 at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive Oakland. LWVBA is a co-sponsor, and additional information is available at <a href="http://www.sfep.abag.ca.gov/soe/">http://www.sfep.abag.ca.gov/soe/</a> <a href="http://www.sfep.abag.ca.gov/soe/">http://www.sfep.abag.ca.gov/soe/</a>

<u>Bay Area Monitor August/September 2007</u> Issue includes articles on regional transit funding from Proposition 1B, more details on the regional planning efforts mentioned above, invasive species in the Bay, and efforts to address air quality near the Port of Oakland. See www.bayareamonitor.org <a href="http://www.bayareamonitor.org">http://www.bayareamonitor.org</a> (and attached in pdf)

Future LWVBA Meeting Dates: Friday, February 22, 2008 – Bay Area League Day Saturday, May 31, 2008 – LWV Bay Area Convention

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## Save these Dates - Put them on your Calendar

LWVBA Meetings Dates 2007-2008

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### Web Sites:

Bay Area Monitor: <a href="http://www.bayareamonitor.org">http://www.bayareamonitor.org</a>

LWVC: http://www.ca.lwv.org

LWVBA: <a href="http://www.lwvbayarea.org">http://www.lwvbayarea.org</a>

LWVUS: http://www.lwv.org

Smart Voter: <a href="http://www.smartvoter.org">http://www.smartvoter.org</a>
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