

LWVBA VOTER
December 2007

Bay Area League Day - Save the Date

In the Bay Area, transportation sources cause 50% of the greenhouse gas emissions which are a primary cause of global climate change. Resolving this serious problem, therefore, must involve transportation solutions.

Transportation Solutions to Climate Change

Friday, February 22, 2008

Nile Hall in Preservation Park, Oakland

8:30 AM Registration

9:30 AM until 2:30 pm Program including lunch.

Cost is \$25 prepaid and \$30 at the door (\$15 without lunch for members)

Tentative topics will include:

Keynote presentation from MTC:

How the Regional Transportation Plan 2035 can address climate change

Panel discussions:

Perspectives on the Regional Plan and Funding Options

Safe Routes to Schools and other local solutions

Sub-regional bus services and pedestrian/bicycle options

A program announcement, with speakers and registration information will be sent to you in December, and information will be posted on our website, www.lwvbayarea.org as to how to register on line.

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New Regional Regulations on Wood Burning

Dee Sabiston, Air Quality Director, LWVBA, reported on the Air District's Public Workshop on the proposed Regulation of Wood-Burning Devices held in Concord on Nov. 15, one of many held throughout the Bay Area.

There was little objection with the requirement that only U.S. EPA-certified devices be installed in new construction and remodels. The mandatory observation of Spare the Air Tonight alerts, however, really had attendees stirred up. Comments ranged from doubts that such a thing as air pollution exists to exempting owners of EPA-certified devices from observing the alerts. Real concern was also expressed over enforcement, which will be considered separately from the Reg. Clearly, an important part of the Reg. will have to be education and outreach. Refer to the website www.baaqmd.gov for more information.

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Bay Area Monitor articles for the December/January issue are:

MTC Coordinates Station Area Planning through TOD Policy

Wildfire Protection in the Bay Area

Green Cleaning, environmentally-sound products

EBMUD Responds to Climate Change

Spare the Air Tonight Reminder

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Save these Dates – Put them on your Calendar

LWVBA Meetings Dates 2007-2008

Bay Area League Day—Friday, February 22, 2008
LWV Bay Area Convention —Saturday, May 31, 2008

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Web Sites:

Bay Area Monitor: <http://www.bayareamonitor.org>

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

LWVBA: <http://www.lwvbayarea.org>

LWVUS: <http://www.lwv.org>

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