



League of Women Voters  
of the Bay Area



## LWVBA VOTER

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Here are two versions of the Bay Area League Day Flier. We hope you will include this important date in your Voter and encourage your members to attend. Organize car pools. Come on BART. Water affects all of us.

You can find registration information at

<http://lwvbayarea.org/calendar.html> or <http://bayareamonitor.org/calendar.html>

# Water: California's New Gold

## 2009 Bay Area League Day

Saturday, January 31, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Registration and refreshments: 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Faced with a changing climate and a drought cycle in California, the Bay Area has a critical opportunity to plan for the future use of water, a finite resource. The demise of a healthy Delta system has raised the question of water use, diversion and storage. Can the Delta fisheries be restored while the farmers continue to use 80% of the water supply passing through the Delta? Is there a conveyance system that can provide protection for the fisheries and an adequate supply of water for the farmers? Can the choice of crops affect the water usage? Should all water users be required to have water meters? These are the questions we have — come to Bay Area League Day and join the discussion in the search for answers!

### **Keynote Address: State of the Delta and Water Resources**

Lois Wolk, Newly Elected State Senator and State Assemblymember (2002-08)

**Delta habitat: Can a healthy Delta habitat be restored?**

Christina Swanson, Executive Director, Bay Institute

**Crop choices: Can California be more water-wise in growing crops?**

A.G. Kawamura, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture

Heather Cooper, Research Associate, Pacific Institute

**Levee maintenance: What are the threats to the Delta levees?**

Raymond B. Seed, Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Berkeley

**Regional-conveyance of water: Who owns the waters of the state?**

Katherine Kelly, California Department of Water Resources

**Bay Area regional perspectives of the Delta Vision:**

Kathleen Van Velsor, Project Director for Water and Land Use Studies, ABAG

This year’s Bay Area League Day is made possible in part by the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

✂ ----- **REGISTRATION FORM** -----

The price of this year’s Bay Area League Day is \$25 (\$15 without lunch) before January 23rd, and \$30 (\$20 without lunch) after that. To register, please write check payable to “LWVBA” and send with this form to 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration is also available online at [www.lwvbayarea.org](http://www.lwvbayarea.org).

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