

LWVBA VOTER
January 2006

Update from the Bay Area

Bay Area League Day, January 27, 2006

State of the Bay Symposium: Restoration, Stewardship, Access

More than 100 people attended our biennial regional meeting. It began with a beautiful video highlighting "Saving the Bay." Will Travis, Executive Director, of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, make a poetic presentation on why the Bay matters as a sense of place (among other reasons). He acknowledged Sylvia McLaughlin's efforts with the Save the Bay movement ("The Bay is never saved at one time, but needs to be saved day-by-day").

Information about current projects such as the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration and the Bay Trail were expanded by discussions about how to address the balance between access and wildlife needs and also between maintaining or restoring the habitats for salt water and freshwater species. Finally, the need for youth to become friendly with and to use the Bay was viewed as important to maintaining the legacy of protection of the Bay.

For more information check out our website <http://www.lwvba-ca.org/> for the names of the speakers and their organization's website. And Will Travis' poetic presentation 'Why the Bay Matters' will also be on our website very soon.

Please plan on attending our LWVBA Convention on May 13, 2006 and our next regional meeting in September.

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Calendar:

Wednesday, February 8, 2006, 12:30 – 2pm, (note change in starting time) **IN Committee North**. Berkeley at 1414 University Ave., Suite D, LWVBAE office. Please send agenda items and RSVP to Linda Craig at president@lwvba-ca.org

Friday, February 24, 2006, Noon – 1:30, **Natural Resources/Water Committee**. EBMUB Bldg, 375 11th Street, Oakland. Mezzanine Training Conference Room TRC 2. Spreck Rosekrans (ED) will speak on the 'Restore Hetch Hetchy' project. For more info contact natural_resources@lwvba-ca.org

Saturday, February 25, 2006, 9 am until noon, at the South San Francisco Learning Center, 520 Tamarack Lane, SSF.

The San Mateo County League Day, "**Hetch Hetchy Water System**: The status of the rebuild and the challenges ahead" with Guest Speaker, Arthur Jensen, General Manager, Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA). Registration 9 am, Speaker 9:45 – 11 am (no charge)

SAVE THIS DATE:

Saturday, May 13, 2006: BAY AREA LEAGUE CONVENTION

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Web Sites:

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

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

LWVBA: <http://www.lwvba-ca.org>

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

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