



# THE VOTER

## STATE OF THE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON:

### About the keynote speaker:

**LWV Woodland 14th  
Annual State of the  
Community  
Luncheon**

**Featuring Woodland  
City Manager  
Mark Deven  
as guest speaker  
February 13, 2008**

**11:45 am - 1:15 pm  
Woodland United  
Methodist Church**

**Tickets available from  
League members or by  
calling event chairperson,  
Lucinda Talkington 662-  
0535**

On August 1, 2007 Mark Deven was hired as Woodland's city manager, bringing with him over 28 years of public service experience in California.

Deven is a native of California and grew up in Orange county. He describes himself as a "reformed southern Californian." He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Whittier College, and a Masters in Public Administration from Cal State Long Beach. He has extensive and direct oversight experience in all functional areas of city government.

Deven's previous experience includes:

- Assistant city manager for the city of Concord
- Director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Concord
- Recreation and Community Services superintendent for the city of Anaheim
- Recreation superintendent for the city of Newport Beach
- Community Center supervisor and Community Services manager for the city of Lakewood

Deven has experience in implementing policy, leadership and management practices and presented these initiatives to the City Council on December 11, 2007 with the goal of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of local government.

Mark and his wife Shelly reside in Woodland with two of their children. When not managing city government, Deven enjoys hanging out with his family, running, biking, skiing and "anything else that causes me to break a sweat." He also enjoys serving the community through volunteer activities with the Rotary Club.



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*with your ideas and questions.*

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## CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*by Nancy Rice and Eileen Racki*

**Nancy:** Hi Eileen! We are about half way through the year. Let's recap what League has done so far.

**Eileen:** Well we decided in the beginning to concentrate on Voter Service for this year. The natural year to do that with the many elections.

**Nancy:** In October we held the school board candidate forum.

**Eileen:** The candidates were well informed and the audience asked excellent questions. People came away from that forum more knowledgeable

about the local school district and the county board

of education.

**Nancy:** Then on a cold windy night in January the League held the Pros/Cons forum on the state propositions and we worried that no one would show up. The turn out was very good and once again the audience participation was excellent. Lots of questions from the audience and good information from the speakers on the propositions. By the way we have distributed League Pros/Con materials to various locations to assist the community with learning about the propositions.

**Eileen:** We must remember to remind members and the community to come to the next candidates' forum on May 13 for City Council and the District 5 Supervisor races.

**Nancy:** The May forum should be outstanding.

**Eileen:** To finish up the year, the League is considering conducting a couple of speaker forums on general topics of interest to the community. We should be hearing from committee chair, Kathy Harryman on topic selections at the next board meeting.

**Nancy/Eileen:** We move unanimously for a great big thanks to all those League members and community members who contributed their time, their homes for events, attended forums and generally helped on behalf of the community and our organization. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Eileen and Nancy

**CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTIAL  
PRIMARY ELECTION IS FEBRUARY 5**





## Stormwater Management and Low Impact Development

by Charolette Fox, LWVC Natural Resources Director



*There are mountains in Attica, which can now keep nothing but bees, but which were clothed, not so very long ago, with fine trees producing timber suitable for roofing the largest buildings while the country produced boundless pasture for cattle. The annual supply of rainfall was not lost, as it is at present, through being allowed to flow over a denuded surface to the sea, but was received by the earth, in all its abundance, into her bosom where she stored it. Plato: Dialogue of Critias 360 B.C.E.*

The conservation of all natural resources is not a concept of recent origin. From the glassblowers of old who depended on stands of mature hardwood forests to heat their furnaces, to the building and construction industries of today, we are experiencing a renaissance in understanding about the impacts of a denuded landscape. Waters flow faster and untamed through our California watersheds and rain water is channeled down our urban streets when it could be saved and reused. Low Impact Development practices are innovative practices to manage urban stormwater runoff at its source. The issue is one with several considerations: economic, environmental, and social.

On January 8, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a new report, "Reducing Stormwater Costs Through Low Impact Development (LID) Strategies and Practices." Seventeen

case studies from across North America show the economic viability of LID practices.

In explaining the goal of LID, Don Wayne of the Nonpoint Source Control Branch of EPA said, "The goal is to mimic the way water moved through an area before it was developed by using design techniques that infiltrate, evapotranspire, and reuse runoff close to its source. Some common LID practices include rain gardens, grassed swales, cisterns, rain barrels, permeable pavements and green roofs."

Echoing the sustainable communities concept, new alliances are being formed by county stormwater managers, local water districts, urban planners, and developers to better understand the inter-relatedness of these disciplines. Conservation designs not only address water conservation, but the preservation of open space. Developers can use conservation designs to preserve important features on the site such as wetland and riparian areas, forested tracts, and areas of porous soils by not stripping the topsoil or compacting the subsoil from heavy equipment grading. The social benefit to the community is proximity to open space and the expanded recreational opportunities it affords.

LID is relatively new as a land use and urban planning tool. Two governmental agencies working on a Low Impact Development program are the City of Salinas and the County of San Diego. The program that Salinas adopts could become the model for that region. San Diego County has just completed their program guidelines and released a LID handbook for planners. The handbook is available at <http://www.scdplu.org/dplu/Resource/3~proguid/3~proguid.html>.

Members intrigued by the efforts of Salinas and San Diego may explore these issues using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency outreach tools, available online here: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/toolbox/links.htm>.

The full report, including an executive summary, can be obtained at [www.epa.gov/ow/nps/lid/costs07](http://www.epa.gov/ow/nps/lid/costs07).



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### Calendar 2008

**February 5** Presidential Primary Election

**February 13**

**14th Annual LWV State of the Community Luncheon featuring Woodland City Manager Mark Deven as guest speaker. 11:45 am Methodist Church, Second and North Streets, Woodland**

**March 8** Women's History Month Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Woodland Community Senior Center

**May 13** Candidates' Forum City Council and Fifth District Supervisor

**June 3** Statewide Direct Primary Election