



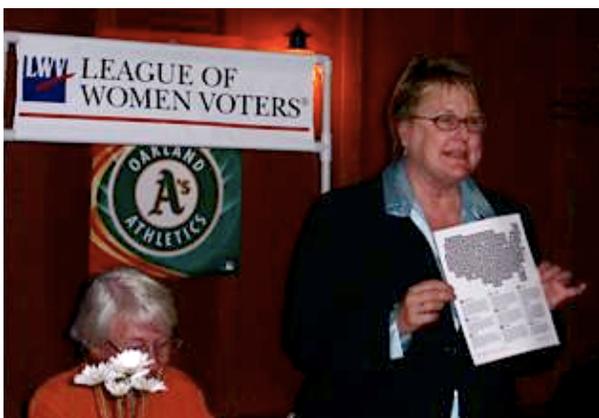
THE VOTER

DEMOCRACY WORKS AWARD WINNER

The very first Woodland "Democracy Works" award was presented October 30 to Woodlanders for Responsible Government by the League of Women Voters of Woodland. The award was given at the annual League membership kick-off held at Casa de Sapore and attended by League members, Woodlanders for Responsible Government supporters and community officials. Woodlanders for Responsible Government was recognized for their work in promoting the spirit of democracy by taking positive action to promote the democratic process working for our citizens in Woodland. Dotty Pritchard Huber accepted the award from LWV Woodland Voters Service chair, Meg Stallard.



Dotty Pritchard Huber, right, receives award from Meg Stallard



Yolo County Clerk-Recorder, Freddie Oakley speaks to the group

Yolo County Clerk Recorder, Freddie Oakley, delivered a rousing talk on electronic voting machines, updating the Voting Rights Act and the many interpretations of election law throughout the country.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7 2006 GENERAL ELECTION:



YES ON PROPOSITION

1B -- Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006
YES ON PROPOSITION 1C -- Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006
YES ON PROPOSITION 1D -- Education Facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006
YES ON PROPOSITION 1E -- Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.
YES ON PROPOSITION 84 -- Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute
YES ON PROPOSITION 86 -- Tax on Cigarettes
YES ON PROPOSITION 89 -- California Nurses Clean Money and Fair Elections Act of 2006. Public Financing of Campaigns



NO ON PROPOSITION 85 -- Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Waiting Period and Parental Notification
NO ON PROPOSITION 88 -- Classroom LearningAct. Real Property Parcel Tax
NO ON PROPOSITION 90 -- Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bj Ford

With all of the campaigning going on for this general election it would be hard to be unaware that November 7 is election day. The League of Women Voters of Woodland has been hard at work educating voters with our issue and candidate forums and distributing Pros and Cons as well as the *Easy Voter Guide* throughout Woodland. All of the forums were videotaped by the WAVE and are being rebroadcast on Channel 21. We are pleased to be producing several of these events with community partner, Woodlanders for Responsible Government.

If members have a few hours to spare this week prior to the election, please contact me (662-0952) as we need a few people to man an information table at the mall.

On Thursday, December 14th our annual holiday party will again be a progressive dinner, due to the huge success of last year's event.

January is program planning month - look for the date of this annual soupfest in the next Voter. This is your chance to tell the League what kind of organization it should be.

Also, in January the local study on how campaigns are financed locally will begin.



As chair of the committee looking into this, I have become aware that other Leagues are embarking on similar studies. We are striving to have enough research and input gathered to present a local position for approval at the League's 2007 annual meeting.

The State of the Community Luncheon will be held on February 7. Each year, our speaker is featured from a local, county, regional or statewide focus. This year it is our turn to focus on statewide issues - look to next month's Voter to see who our guest speaker will be - you won't be disappointed!

All of this happens through the dedication and hard work of your board of directors. Please contact us about any of these events, or things on which you would like to see the League focus. Our involved and active members are the ones who get the most from their League membership.

Sincerely,
Bj

Voter Minutes now available on demand and on line!

Voters can now watch **Voter Minutes** to find straightforward, one to two minute video explanations of the ballot measures and view taped, unedited two minute candidate statements for over 80 percent of the candidates for statewide office. View it now!!

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TAPPING INTO SACRAMENTO RIVER WATER.

by Carol Souza Cole,
Voter editor

At last June's annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Woodland, Doug Baxter, Senior Civil Engineer for the City of Woodland made a presentation on the regional water supply project being studied and considered for the cities of Woodland, Davis and the University of California, Davis.

Following is a recent question and answer with Baxter, highlighting some of the significant factors of this proposal. On behalf of the LWV Woodland, the editor thanks him for his time.

Editor: What is the Davis and Woodland Regional Water Supply Project?

Baxter: During the last five years the cities of Woodland and Davis commissioned feasibility studies looking at utilizing a 1994 Sacramento River water right application to supplement both communities' groundwater drinking water supplies and improving the quality of our overall water supply.

Editor: Why are the cities looking to supplement the well water supplies?

Baxter: Improving water quality at our water source is needed to meet future regulatory standards. This relates to the accumulation of concentrations of salts and boron in the receiving waters, and impacts to micro-organisms and some crops (it is significant to note that Woodland's well water meets safe drinking water regulations - safe for human consumption - but not for the sensitive environment).

Editor: What will happen to Woodland's eighteen wells if the city goes forward with accessing Sacramento River water?

Baxter: The plan being looked at is to blend surface water and well water in order to meet the anticipated state standard. A ratio of 2 parts river water to 1 part well water is being studied.

Editor: If the issue is too many minerals in our water, why not filter the minerals out at each city well?

Baxter: This mitigation method has been studied. It would require installing a reverse osmosis system at each well head. Challenges with this approach include very high initial and operating costs, lack of space for the equipment as some of our well sites are quite small, and disposal problems exist for the waste water (salty brine) that results from this process. We can't put the brine into our wastewater system as that would defeat what we are trying to accomplish in the first place. For the same reasons it is problematic to install a reverse osmosis system at the City's wastewater treatment plant.

Editor: Where does Woodland's waste water go?

Baxter: After treatment and disinfection Woodland's waste water goes into the Tule Canal, on its way to the Sacramento River and ultimately to the Delta.

Editor: Where on the Sacramento River is the City looking at pumping water?

Baxter: Davis and Woodland are looking at three possible river intake sites. One location being considered is the intake structure operated by Reclamation District 2035. You can see this structure as you cross the

Sacramento River on northbound I-5, and look at the west bank, across from the Alamar Restaurant. Currently, water being pumped from this intake point is used for agricultural irrigation and this use would continue with or without the municipal use.

Editor: A project of this magnitude sounds expensive. How much will it cost?

Baxter: Woodland's share of the total construction costs is estimated to be \$129,000,000. Operating costs are estimated at \$4.9 million annually. In comparison, the combined initial installation and operation of a reverse osmosis system at the wastewater treatment plant would be significantly higher. The project's benefits to cost ratio is 2.2 to 1. The benefits of using river water include homeowners having softer water, and avoiding major construction costs at our wastewater treatment facilities. The Cities are looking at tapping into Prop. 50 grant funds. Prop. 50, passed in 2002, authorized the sale of \$3.4 billion general obligation bonds for a variety of water projects including water quality and the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

What's in Woodlands Well Water?

- as reported in the 2005 Annual Water Quality Report prepared by the City of Woodland - all constituents meet state and federal Safe Drinking Water Standards

- Aluminum
- Arsenic
- Barium
- Bicarbonate
- Boron
- Calcium
- Chromium
- Fluoride
- Iron
- Magnesium
- Manganese
- Nickel
- Nitrates
- Potassium
- Selenium
- Sodium
- Uranium



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Calendar

- November 7** ELECTION DAY
- November 14** LWV Board Meeting 7pm
Bj Ford's Members welcome
- December 14** Annual Holiday Party
Progressive dinner party
- January 9, 2007** Board Meeting 7 pm

**Dues are now due Use the enclosed
return envelope and send in your
dues today!**

Election Coverage on the WAVE

- Nov. 1** 3 pm PG&E Forum
- Nov. 2** 10:30 am SMUD Forum
11:45 am Discussion: State Propositions
- Nov. 3** 3 & 9 pm PG&E Forum
- Nov. 4** 10:30 am SMUD Forum; 11:45 am
Proposition Discussion; 12:45 pm "Why
Vote?" presented by the Easy Voter Guide
Project; 1:00 pm "¿Por que votar?"
Watch for LWV's Measure J & YCCD trustee
forum this week