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# The Voter

## January-February, 2016

### President's Note

Hello and a Happy New Year to all our League members and friends. I welcome the New Year and all the opportunities our League will have to educate and advocate for our community. There are many challenges facing our local, regional, state and national communities and we will need to be ready to do our part to meet those challenges.

We can have an impact locally and regionally by educating ourselves as well as our fellow residents about important issues. We can also have an impact at both the state and national levels by participating in their program planning activities and we will be addressing that at our January 26 general meeting at Angelo's. I will be sending all of you materials for you to review prior to that meeting. We will be seeking your input for national priorities and reporting your input to the LWVUS.

I'm happy it's January because my favorite LWVRA activity takes place this month: our Soup/Supper event! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at that event, along with your soups, desserts, bread and wine and especially to hear a great panel (more information elsewhere in this newsletter) discuss the topic of the Influence of the Media on Politics, a most timely issue. See you on January 13 at the McConnell Foundation!

Alice Bell, President  
LWVRA

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#### Upcoming League Events

**January 4, 2016 @ 11am** – Board Meeting @ the Redding Library Foundation Room.

**January 13, 2016** – LWVRA Soup Supper @ the McConnell Foundation. RSVP required. See page 5 for details.

**January 26, 2016 @ 11:30am** – Lunch with the League – Planning meeting to set local and national priorities.

### KRISTEN SCHREDER'S HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS PROJECT

The LWVRA was fortunate to have fellow member and Redding City Councilwoman Kristen Schreder present an overview of Phase I and II of her Redding Area Homeless Coalition Project at our November general meeting. There have been and there will continue to be more opportunities to deepen our community's knowledge and awareness of what it means to be homeless, why it happens, what our area offers in the way of assistance, and what can be done to alleviate the situation.

One way you can help is to volunteer for the Point in Time survey, which will take place on January 25/26. Volunteer can sign up online for training and to participate in the Survey at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4fafac2da75-2016>

### Have You Seen the Blueprint for Public Safety?

Want to Tell the City and County What You Think?

In April 2015, the Redding City Council selected Matrix Consulting Group to prepare a Blueprint for Public Safety, an action-oriented strategic plan for reducing crime and enhancing public safety in the Redding area.

Matrix's Blueprint is now available online for public review [here](#). Once downloaded, the Blueprint is broken down into sections for easier navigation. [Updated pages](#) are also available. Public comment on the report can be submitted using [this form](#).

Get involved and give your feedback!

## NEW LAWS IN EFFECT IN CALIFORNIA IN 2016



As of January 1, 2016, the minimum wage in California is now \$10 per hour.

### SB176 – The Electronic Communications Privacy Act

Law enforcement must now get a search warrant before looking at private emails, text messages and GPS data stored in smart phones, laptops and in the cloud.



AB774 – Not only can you buy craft beer at your local farmer's market, now you can sample it before you buy!





AB1100 – As of 2016, the fee to be paid by proponents when a proposed ballot initiative or referendum is submitted to the Attorney General for preparation of a circulating title and summary will be increasing from \$200 to \$2000. This bill was passed in response to a ballot measure called the “Sodomite Suppression Act” (later rejected as unconstitutional), and is meant to discourage submission of frivolous or unconstitutional measures.



## WINTU TRIBE CULTURAL CENTER TOUR



On September 21, 2013, the Wintu Tribe opened its own museum in Shasta Lake City – the Wintu Cultural Resource Center. Six years in the planning, and built with both federal grant money and assistance from the City of Shasta Lake, the museum features Wintu photographs and artifacts, and a timeline of the history of the Wintu people.

The center also includes a community center, tribal administrative offices, a library, conference room and a commercial kitchen. The League will be going on a guided tour of the Resource Center on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. RSVP is required, and members will meet at the Resource Center at 4755 Shasta Dam Blvd in Shasta Lake.



## ONE SAFE PLACE SIERRA CENTER TOUR

On October 5<sup>th</sup> of last year, One Safe Place opened its new \$5 million shelter – the Sierra Center. One Safe Place was driven to construct the new shelter after the murder of Sandy Miller and her two daughters, Shelby and Shasta, by her husband and their father in 2013. Sandy and her children came to One Safe Place a few weeks before they were killed, but decided not to stay due to the lack of privacy. The new shelter seeks to address the privacy needs of those who stay, and includes private bedrooms, children’s play rooms and a community room in its new 16,000 square-foot space, in addition to a high-level security system to protect those who seek assistance. The League will be taking a tour of the new facility on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Members and guests are welcome. Meet at the Sierra Center at 11:30 a.m. with your brown bag lunch!



**State League Update  
on  
2015 Water Legislation**  
By Jane Wagner-Tyack and Diane Merrill,  
LWVC Water Committee

California legislators introduced dozens of water-related bills in 2015. The LWVC was most interested in bills expected to have statewide impacts in the following areas: water conservation; water availability and quality, especially for low-income or disadvantaged users; environmental protection; and sustainable management of groundwater.

The League **supported** the following bills that passed both houses of the legislature and were sent to the Governor:

- AB 88 (Gomez) Exemption from sales and use taxes of certain energy- or water-efficient home appliances provided to low-income persons—**Vetoed by the Governor** because of financial uncertainties with the state budget.
- AB 401 (Dodd) Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program—**signed by the Governor** and chaptered into law.

The LWVC took a position on the following that are now **two-year bills** that may see action in 2016:

- AB 311 (Gallagher) Changes to environmental impact report process for some water storage projects funded by the 2014 water bond, Proposition 1—**Oppose**
- AB 356 (Williams) Groundwater monitoring of oil and gas facilities—**Support**
- SB 7 (Wolk) Water metering in multifamily residential rental buildings—**Support**
- SB 127 (Vidak) The senate version of AB 311 above—**Oppose**
- SB 248 (Pavley) Inspections and reporting relating to oil and gas operations—**Support**
- SB 454 (Allen) Conditions governing proposals by the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) to exempt aquifers from U.S. EPA water quality requirements—**Support**

The League followed but did not take a position on two additional **groundwater bills** that were of interest to many of our members and that have statewide implications. AB 1390 (Alejo) and SB 226 (Pavley) address adjudication of groundwater rights. These initially competing bills ended up containing provisions that work in tandem, with each bill stipulating that neither bill would take effect unless both were enacted. Both passed through the legislature with nearly unanimous votes in both houses and were **signed into law by Governor Brown**.

AB 1390 and SB 226 provide for comprehensive adjudications of groundwater rights and priorities within a groundwater basin. Groundwater adjudications in California have sometimes taken decades to resolve. This legislation aims to improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary delays, provide due process, and be consistent with the achievement of groundwater sustainability within the timeframes of the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The goal is to correct the serious, long-term groundwater overdraft that is occurring in many California groundwater basins.

## LWVRA'S 2016 SOUP SUPPER

The League of Women Voters of the Redding Area's 2016 Soup Supper will be held on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the McConnell Foundation. The topic for the evening will be "The Influence of the Media on Politics" and the guest speakers will be Silas Lyons, editor of the Record Searchlight, Mike Mangas, news anchor for KRCR television, and Bruce Ross, District Director for California Assemblyman Brian Dahle. The League hopes this will be an interesting and timely topic in this 2016 election year.



Silas Lyons has been editor of the Record Searchlight and Redding.com since 2007. He has helped lead the newspaper's transition to digital newsgathering and reporting and its focus on issues that impact the community's future such as public safety, development and people who make a difference. Silas began his newspaper career in San Luis Obispo, where he worked for The Tribune as a reporter, columnist and local editor for about 10 years. His wife, Kristen, is CEO of the Shasta Family YMCA and they share their home with a 9-year-old boy, a German exchange student and two Siamese cats.



Mike Mangas has been a part of KRCR since 1975, first as an intern while attending Chico State, then living and working in Chico as a Bureau reporter, before returning to Redding as a News Anchor and reporter. He then began a stretch of more than 20 years as Sports Director, during which time he was voted in to the Shasta High School, Shasta College and Shasta County Sports Halls of Fame. Now he brings his experience to the set as a News Anchor. Mike has been married to his wife Lindy since 1979, is the proud father of three children, Jacob, Andy and Michaela, and is just as proud of his grandsons Coby and Joe.



Bruce Ross is the District Director for California Assembly member Brian Dahle, who represents rural northeastern California. Before entering the political world, he spent his adult life in journalism, including a decade as Editorial Page Editor of the Redding Record Searchlight. He lives in Redding with his wife, a voting woman, and two clever daughters.



**BROWN ACT CORNER**

**Question: How do I know what the public body will be discussing at their meeting in case I want to attend?**

The whole purpose of the open meetings law (the Brown Act) is to assure that meetings of public bodies are "open and public" and that actions taken may not be secret. Any action taken in violation of the Brown Act may be voided.

To meet this requirement, the body must post the notice of the meeting and the agenda for any regular meeting at least three days before any regular meeting so that the public can access the information. Locally, the City Councils and the Board of Supervisors post the notice and agenda on their website and at the location of the meeting. To access the information, you can go to the website and read/download the information OR you can request that the information be emailed/mailed to you. When information is printed and mailed to you, there may be some additional cost to you for the information.

It is important that the agenda provide adequate information about each agenda item so that it is clear to the interested party what the topic of discussion will be. This applies to items agendized for open and closed sessions.

**WHERE DO I FIND MY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETING AGENDAS?**

City of Redding:  
<https://reddingcityca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

City of Anderson:  
[http://www.ci.anderson.ca.us/city\\_administration/beta\\_agenda\\_and\\_minutes.php](http://www.ci.anderson.ca.us/city_administration/beta_agenda_and_minutes.php)

City of Shasta Lake:  
<http://www.ci.shastalake.ca.us/archive.aspx>

County of Shasta:  
[http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/bos\\_index/bos\\_agenda/archive\\_d\\_agendas.aspx](http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/bos_index/bos_agenda/archive_d_agendas.aspx)



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**Welcome, New Member!**  
 Mari Ennis-Applegate

## 2016 LWVRA Calendar

<b>January</b>			
4 Monday	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Redding Library Foundation Room
13 Wednesday	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Soup Supper	Influence of Media on Politics – RSVP required
26 Tuesday	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch with the League	Planning meeting (national/local). Come help set priorities for our local and national Leagues.
<b>February</b>			
1 Monday	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Redding Library Foundation Room
23 Tuesday	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch with the League field trip	No-host lunch and guided tour of the Wintu Cultural Resource Center & Museum – 4755 Shasta Dam Blvd, Shasta Lake. RSVP Required to <a href="mailto:aahbell@gmail.com">aahbell@gmail.com</a>
<b>March</b>			
7 Monday	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Redding Library Foundation Room
29 March	11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch	Lunch with the League field trip	Presentation and tour of the new One Safe Place's Sierra Center Shelter and Client Service Center
<b>April</b>			
4 Monday	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Redding Library Foundation Room



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\_\_\_ \$25 Supporting Membership

\_\_\_ \$15 Student Membership

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Phone (home/cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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League of Women Voters of the Redding Area  
P. O. Box 991463 Redding CA 96099-1463

Membership Dues are tax deductible to the  
extent allowed by law.



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## How to Contact Your Elected Officials

### UNITED STATES

President Barack Obama (202) 456-1414  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/CONTACT/>

Congressman Doug LaMalfa (202)225-3076  
<https://lamalfa.house.gov/contact/email-me>

### CALIFORNIA

Senator Dianne Feinstein (415) 393-0707  
<http://feinstein.senate.gov> - click "email me"

Senator Barbara Boxer (415) 403-0100  
<http://www.boxer.senate.gov/>

Assembly Member Brian Dahle  
(916) 319-2001  
<https://ad01.assemblygop.com/Email-us>

State Senator Ted Gaines (916) 651-4001  
[senator.gaines@senate.ca.gov](mailto:senator.gaines@senate.ca.gov)

### CITY GOVERNMENT

City of Redding Mayor Missy McArthur  
[mmcarthur@cityofredding.org](mailto:mmcarthur@cityofredding.org)

Shasta Lake Mayor Lori Chapman-Sifers  
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City of Anderson Mayor Melissa Hunt  
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