

The Voter

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Welcome Back! It's A New Year for the League



We are excited to welcome a new year and new leadership to the Redding League of Women Voters. The upcoming year will prove to be an important and exciting year to be a member of the League. 2014 is an election year and the League will be a leader in providing public forums for local candidates to share how

they will be representing the needs of the North State and to educate about the issues that affect our community. The League continues to be a leader in providing unbiased, nonpartisan voter education and advocating for the empowered voter. We are excited to join with you in the upcoming year in active civic participation!

BE A VOTER CONTRIBUTOR!

Is there an issue you are a strong advocate for and want to educate others about? Write an article for September's Voter! Deadline is August 28th - submit to rowanmocb@gmail.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Meetings

- August 5, 10am
Program Planning Committee Meeting, Karen Frost's home
- September 9, 11am-1pm
Monthly Board Meeting
Foundation Reading Room
Shasta County Library
- September 24, 12pm-1pm
(Lunch at 11:30am)
Monthly Member Meeting
"Health Statistics"
Angelo's Pizza

Fall Event

September 19, 6pm-8pm
Affordable Health Care Act Public Forum
Shasta County Supervisors's Chambers.
Join us in educating our membership and the community with important information about upcoming health care reform.

DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED BUT WANT TO SUPPORT THE GREAT WORK OF THE LEAGUE? BECOME A **SUPPORTING MEMBER!**

Women serve in so many roles in our society: daughter, sister, mother, partner, employee, etc. If you get excited reading about the work the League is doing the community, but can't commit to join as a full member, you can still make a difference and be

active through donating to the League of Women Voters to become a supporting member. Visit our website <http://redding.ca.lwvnet.org> or contact us at (530) 246-2936 or through email at [league@redding.ca.lwvnet.org!](mailto:league@redding.ca.lwvnet.org)



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am looking forward to an active year for the League of Women Voters of the Redding Area. We are in the process

of planning many interesting and informative events, both for our members and for the public at large, beginning with a public forum on the Affordable Health Care Act on Thursday, September 19, from 6 to 8 pm in the Shasta County Supervisors Chambers. We will be focusing on Health Issues in Shasta County this year with a goal of creating a Health Care Position for our local area. We will have a secondary focus on water issues, with the goal of informing our members and the public at a forum to be held sometime in early March of 2014.

Our first general meeting on Tuesday, September 24 (at Angelo's Pizza Parlor) will have the topic of "Health Profile" and Dr. Andrew Deckert, Public Health Officer for the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency will speak about Shasta County's Health Status Profile for 2013. I will send out a copy of this report to all members in early September for you to review and to prepare questions for Dr. Deckert. It should be an extremely informative meeting and will help launch our quest to create a health care position.

Two of my goals for this coming year are 1) to make the League of Women Voters of the Redding Area a more visible organization in our community and 2) to encourage all members (both regular and supporting) to become more involved in our many activities and events. Sometime in late August or early September you will be receiving a survey asking for input from you regarding various League issues. Marsha Blomquist, our 1st Vice President, will also be requesting your assistance in a couple of important areas: as a "Communications Specialist" to help inform folks about our events and activities and as a helper or member for our "Voter Registration Team".

I want to remind you also, that all members are always invited to attend our board meetings, which usually take place on the first Monday of the month at the Redding Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Due to the holiday in early September, our first Board Meeting will be on Monday, September 9. I will send all members a calendar of the year's events along with the reminder of our first General Meeting.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me or any member of the Board.

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Tell your daughter she's . . .

1. A warrior	6. A detective
2. Brave	7. Creative
3. A leader	8. Strong
4. Curious	9. Smart
5. Kind hearted	10. Generous

+free spirited, faithful, a team player, focused, determined, athletic, resourceful, confident, a teacher, a great friend, a kind sibling - got it?

10+ Alternatives To Calling Your Daughter A Princess

Carla Molina

Reminder!

You will receive your dues notice around the first of September.

Dues are due by October 1st.



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SHASTA LAKE WATER RESOURCES INVESTIGATION WORKSHOP

A Public Workshop and Open House for the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was held at the Holiday Inn in Redding the evening of July 19. It was attended by about 250 people; many had come to voice their opposition to the proposal of raising Shasta Dam.

The EIS 90-day public comment and review period started on July 1 and this workshop was one of three held in the state. The Draft evaluates five controversial alternatives that would raise the dam from 6.5 feet to 18.5 feet, increasing the reservoir's capacity by 256,000 to 634,000 acre feet depending upon which plan is chosen. The document also evaluates a "no-action" alternative.

The following will access the Executive Summary which includes information on the alternatives:

- www.usbr.gov >Draft Feasibility Report
- >Reclamation Announces Availability..
- >DEIS - SLWRI -Executive Summary

The Bureau of Reclamation will host three formal public hearings to receive oral or written comments regarding the Draft EIS. The hearings are subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and will be led by a hearing officer. Tuesday, September 10, 6-8 pm will be the hearing in Redding at the Holiday Inn. If you attend, wear your LWV button but do NOT speak for League. If you want to speak, do so as a private individual

At the Annual Meeting, our members decided to focus on "Water Issues" and "Health Care". This hearing is an excellent way to inform yourself about public reaction to the raising of Shasta Dam. Reading the summary will give you good background on the issue.

Janet Tyrrel

OBSERVER REPORT Redding City Council July 16, 2013

- Approved assessment districts for maintenance landscaping and sanitary sewer maintenance;
- Appointed Joe Cerami to the Economic Development Corporation;
- Declined to pursue proposal to "prequalify" contractors for city bids;
- Declined to pursue proposal for a sit-lic ordinance;
- Approved several road improvement proposals (Victor Ave., Old Oregon Trail and various pedestrian crossings;
- Approve \$8,000 funding from grants to POP;
- Approved awarding Shasta County Arts Council the contract for operating the local public access television channels (a 3-year contract);
- Declined proposal to change green waste and recycling pick-up from a weekly to an alternating bi-weekly pick-up
- Approved City's response to a Shasta Grand Jury Report regarding REU discount rates offered to Big League Dreams.

Alice Bell



"When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak."

-Audre Lorde

To participate in the Quote of the Month Club, google or check out a book from the local library to learn about the author of the monthly quote!