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## Measure AA

The Leagues in Santa Clara and San Mateo County, along with LWV Bay Area, are supporting Measure AA on the June, 2014 ballot, to authorize \$300 million in bonds for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which spans both counties.

The League endorsed the formation of MROSD in 1972, because we support measures that ensure adequate parks and protection of natural resources, open space and agricultural land. Over 62,000 acres have been protected since MROSD's inception. Now the district needs funding to open much of this acreage to the public and to fund additional acquisitions. The District used an excellent public outreach process to identify the 25 projects that will be funded by the bonds.

### LWVBA says Yes on AA



## Comments on Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project EIR

The LWVBA submitted comments on the Peninsula Corridor (Caltrain) Electrification EIR. The proposed project is to improve train performance and reduce costs, reduce long-term environmental impact by reducing noise and vibration, improve regional air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide electrical infrastructure that would be compatible with separate later use for Blended Service (with High Speed Rail). Our comments addressed the need for documentation of how various mitigation measures would be implemented, ranging from air quality monitoring to the risk of flooding and sea level rise, to the need to designate a person or office to coordinate all of the required permits, and to consider the need for increased capacity for bicycle riders, mitigation of train horn noise; and finally concern about contingencies of delay in funding, should High Speed Rail not move forward in a timely manner.

## Commuter Benefit Program

LWVBA supported the Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. This is a pilot program that requires employers with 50 or more employees to make available incentives for alternative commute modes. A report will be made to the Legislature about how the pilot program has worked toward the intended goals.

