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Summer, 2015

SAVE THE DATES:

Bay Area League Day, Saturday, February 6, 2016

Topic: Transportation

LWVBA Convention – Saturday, May 7, 2016

Board Changes:

In the past few months, our Board membership has changed: Meg Giberson, Natural Resources/Water Director, resigned, Madeline Kronenberg (LWV West Contra Costa Co) was appointed as Vice President-Administration, Ann Draper (LWV South San Mateo County) was appointed as an At Large member.

LWV Bay Area Action Report

**Regional Standards for Priority Conservation Areas**

The League signed on with other groups to support changes in the process of designating Priority Conservation Areas, an increase in the funding for PCAs from \$10 million to \$20 million and adjustments to other PCA requirements. Priority Conservation Areas are a key component of Plan Bay Area, as their designation allows their preservation to receive funding. We were supporting both the process and funding.

**Bay Area Air Quality Management District Refinery Rules**

The LWV Bay Area sent a letter to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) supporting their Five Point Action Plan to Address Refinery Emissions. In particular, the LWVBA supported the open process the Board used to involve the public in the consideration of new regulations, which will implement new health standards, and have a goal of reducing refinery emissions by 20%. The new regulations will include permit review for any

existing refinery experiencing changes in its crude oil composition, and will add new measures designed to limit methane emissions.

### **Bay Area Air Quality Management District Regional Climate Action Strategy**

LWVBA spoke on July 29, 2015 in support of the BAAQMD Climate Action Strategy. We were pleased that the District is moving forward to regulate greenhouse gases within the region, and agree with the priorities of energy efficiency, electrification and moving toward low/no-carbon energy sources. Sources of GHG within the Bay Area have been documented, by production source, and we look forward to the development of new rules and regulations.

Our letters will be posted at [www.lwvbayarea.org/advocacy.html#letters](http://www.lwvbayarea.org/advocacy.html#letters).

### **Bay Area Monitor**

The Bay Area Monitor August/September 2015 edition is now on line at [www://http.bayareamonitor.org](http://http.bayareamonitor.org). Topics are:

Neighborhood Water Watch Driving Away from Petroleum: Can California Cut Use in Half? Pilot Projects and Policy Analysis: A Search for Better Parking Public Payback: Restoration in the Wake of the Cosco Busan Oil Spill

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