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League Kicks Off 2018-19 Program Year with Focus on Climate

The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County invites our community to an engaging discussion, “Is Climate Such a Big Deal?”, on Tuesday September 18 at the Caspar Community Center. This will be the first of three public meetings during the current fiscal year emphasizing education and action towards preserving our environment. Diz Swift and Gloria Chun Hoo, from the California League offices, will lead the program, which will focus on practical, do-able steps which individuals, families, and communities can take to combat global warming.

This Kick-Off meeting for the new program year will be held twice, at 10 AM and again at 6 PM. Doors will open at 9:30 for coffee, conversation, and a light brunch before the morning meeting, and at 5:45 for the evening one. League members who come to the early meeting are invited to bring "light munchies" to share. This is sure to be a lively discussion, and of interest to folks of all political views, so please invite friends and neighbors to join in at either meeting, or both!



Linda Dismore (Diz) Swift is a PhD geologist retired from Chevron where she worked in minerals, oil and gas, and management. Since retirement she has been studying climate change and lecturing widely, including lectures at the NYU Stern Business School over five years. She is active in the community, including serving on the Community Advisory Group for Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, and is active in the Republican Party. She works with the League of Women Voters (LWV), serving as Climate Change Program Director for LWV of California, and leading the steering team for the LWV-US advocating for a price on carbon. She is the author of the website PriceonCarbon.org which is endorsed by LWV-US.



Gloria Chun Hoo is a Director of the League of Women Voters of California. She is the Council Chair of the Leagues of Women Voters of Santa Clara County (which consists of the five local Leagues in the county), and previously served for three years as president of the San Jose/Santa Clara League. A resident of San Jose, Gloria worked in marketing and communications/PR in the science/history/culture museum industry for the past 20 years at The Tech Museum of Innovation, the Campbell Historical Museum and the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo, Hawaii. She has served on numerous nonprofit boards, including the YWCA of the USA Board of Directors and also was past chair and member of the City of San Jose Planning Commission.

LWV Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, strives to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

President's message

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A Lens to Strengthen Social Impact and Collaboration

by *Cindy Plank*

An important theme of the LWVUS national convention involved Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Here are few take aways:

Diversity is the presence of difference;

Equity is the effort of redirecting resources where there is the most need;

Inclusion is the feeling of being validated and visible. "Diversity is being asked to the party. Inclusion is being asked to dance."

Unconscious/unintentional bias is a natural function of the mind: it isn't

good or bad, it just *is*. It's also what happens when we're not aware of being influenced by something we're exposed to, or not exposed to; it's the impact of invisibility. We tend to think first of racial bias. But bias is also connected to every experience we've had or not had. We can have a bias regarding gender, age, weight, height, culture, religion, politics, etc, etc.

Our minds see, and our brains want to react quickly. A person can be fooled by what is heard, as well as by what is seen. Slow your thinking. Make your brain think before reacting. How to mitigate our biases:

- Recognize and accept that we all have bias.
- Develop the capacity to use a flashlight on yourself.
- Practice "constructive uncertainty".
- Explore awkwardness and discomfort.
- Engage with people who are different from yourself.

Various ways we listen:

- Internal – in order to be ready to respond with our own views or experiences (about self);
- Curious - to understand what the other person is saying;
- Beyond Words – includes body language, to understand the person's experience, unexpressed feelings, full awareness, what is said and not said (the best way to listen).

Fear makes a person lose perspective. The moment you feel uncomfortable is an indication you have work to do. Meet people where they are. Believe that it's possible to involve people with other experiences than your own. Be present. Be human. Listen more. Interrupt less. Don't assume. Believe in the possibility, and ask them to the party. Ask them to dance. Ask them to join the work of the League.

The League of Women Voters United States has adopted a position on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. LWVMC Board affirmed this policy at the August 21, 2018, Board meeting. Adopting a policy is not the end result, however. This is an ongoing commitment throughout the nation and every local League. There will be continued discussion and work to do in this area.

An article from LWVUS on this topic is on page 9. For more on the convention, see opposite page.



LWVUS National Convention

by Cindy Plank

I wish each of you could have attended the LWVUS national convention with me this past June. It was amazing.

There were wonderful speakers, including Rosie Rios, the 43rd Treasurer of the United States, and the longest serving Senate-confirmed Treasury official. From her website: “In her role as Treasurer of the U.S., Ms. Rios ... led the historic efforts to place a woman on U.S. currency for the first time in over a century. In April of 2016, Treasury announced that women will be placed on the \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills, reflecting the theme of gender equity in democracy.

The concepts for the new bills will be unveiled in 2020, the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote. Treasurer Rios continues advocating for women and girls as the founder of *Empowerment 2020* and its first project, *Teachers Righting History*, an educational project that highlights historic AMERICAN women in classrooms across the country: <http://teachersrightinghistory.org/>.

Another engaging speaker was Elaine Weiss, author of *The Woman’s Hour*, which describes the great fight to win the vote for women. It’s a fascinating account of the many individuals, women and men, working for and against the ratification in Tennessee, which ultimately resulted in the 19th Amendment. The book is available at Gallery Bookshop, and I would be happy to lend it to anyone interested in reading it.

Empowering youth and educating them on the importance of voting was also prevalent throughout the convention’s workshops and caucuses. Here is info about two impressive groups:

- Youth Vote is a non-partisan organization of youth educating youth about the importance of voting: <http://youthvote.org>.
- Our Children’s Trust “elevates the voice of youth to secure the legal right to a stable climate and healthy atmosphere for the benefit of all present and future generations”: <https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/>. You will be able to learn more about “the most important lawsuit on the planet” in the October *Voter*.

The business of the convention was done efficiently, with President Chris Carson keeping things moving along with humor. And the training, workshops, caucuses—so worthwhile. Officers were elected, a budget was approved, and the 2018-2020 Program was adopted. The budget “reflects continued increases in investment in the mission work of the organization and the ability to fund [the] same. The budget also funds the initial implementation of the Transformation Roadmap, reflecting continued commitment to organizational change, and building upon initial investments in this work.” There will be more info coming regarding the Transformation Roadmap, and our November 13 program will be devoted to the topic, presented by high level representatives of LWV California.

LWVUS Program for 2018-2020 continues the Campaign for Making Democracy Work and includes ensuring a free, fair and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters by focusing on the following, while retaining all current LWV positions:

- Voting Rights
- Improving elections
- Campaign Finance/Money in Politics
- Redistricting

LWV California Convention will be in Pasadena May 30 to June 2, 2019. Consider attending. It will be a blast.



Ashley Allison, executive vice president for campaigns and programs for The Leadership Conference, posed with Co-President Cindy Plank after speaking eloquently on the topic, “Fighting for Democracy in Uncertain Times.” She worked in the Obama White House on issues of civil rights and criminal justice.

Local Offices and Issues on November Ballot

by Jary Stavely

Recent candidate filings and events since the June primary have clarified who and what will appear on local ballots in November. Fifth District Supervisor candidate Chris Skyhawk suffered a serious stroke during the summer, and, although his name will still be on the ballot, he is not contesting his run-off with first-place primary leader Ted Williams. He and his family will be focussing on an extensive rehabilitation and recovery effort this fall.

Seven candidates are now running for election to three seats on the Fort Bragg city council. Councilman and mayor Lindy Peters is running for re-election. He will be joined on the ballot by Tess Albin-Smith, a forester/musician/bookkeeper; Rubén Alcalá, a retail manager; Dana Jess, a general contractor/employer; Bobby Burns, a handyman/appliance repairer; Jessica Morsell-Haye, a business owner/mom; and Mary Rose Kaczorowski, formerly a reporter for the Advocate-News. Current council members Dave Turner and Mike Cimolino are not running for re-election. The League of Women Voters will host a forum for city council candidates on September 21. Information about this and other forums can be found below.

Seven candidates are also vying for election to four seats on the Coast Hospital Board. Three of the seats are for four-year terms, while one will last for two years. Incumbent Kevin Miller, an ophthalmologist, is running for one of the four-year seats. He will be joined on the ballot for four-year terms by John Redding, a retired engineer and

businessman; Jade Tippett, a retired educator; Amy McColley, nurse/former compliance officer for MCDH; and Jessica Grinberg, a prosthetist/orthotist. Karen Arnold, human resources manager for the Coast Clinics, and Rex Gressett, local writer/activist, will compete for election to the two-year seat. Recently appointed board member Tom Birdsell is not seeking re-election, nor are incumbents Kitty Bruning and Peter Glusker.

Elections for Fort Bragg Unified, Mendocino Unified, and the Coast Recreation boards are not contested. Incumbents Diana Paoli and Gerald Matson are joined on the ballot by newcomers Scott Schneider, administrative services director for the city of Fort Bragg, and by teacher Mary Makela for four seats on the FBUSD board, while incumbents Jennifer Owen and Sidney Smith-Tallman are retiring. For the MUSD board, incumbents Jessica Grinberg, Windspirit Aum, and Jim Gay are the only candidates. Although there are three seats open for the MCRPD board, only incumbent Bob Bushansky has filed for reelection; incumbents Cesar Yanez and William Hayes Jr. will be retiring.

Measure H, a proposed increase in the sales tax for Fort Bragg from 8.875% to 9.125% for the next 15 years will also be on the ballot for city residents. It is intended to generate funds to help pay the city's unfunded CALPERS pension obligations. This local measure will be included in the League's Pros & Cons discussion, scheduled for October 9 (*See article, page 4*).

League Forums for Local Candidates Coming Up

By Carol Czadek

The League has scheduled two public forums for candidates in the November election. On Friday, September 21, seven candidates for three seats on the Fort Bragg City Council (see adjoining article) will introduce themselves and answer questions from the public at Town Hall in Fort Bragg (363 N. Main St. at Laurel), starting at 6 PM. Pat Dunbar will moderate, assisted by Meg Courtney. Co-President Nancy Kleiber will open the forum, and Sharon Gilligan will keep track of time. The meeting is expected to end by 8 PM.

On Monday, October 1, the seven candidates for four seats on the Coast Hospital board (see adjoining article) will do the same things at the Redwood Coast (Fort Bragg) Senior Center, between 6 and 8 PM. Again, Pat Dunbar will moderate and Sharon Gilligan will be the timekeeper. Co-President Cindy Plank will initiate the proceedings, while Jane Person and Roberta Brockschmidt will assist. The Senior Center is located at 490 N. Harold St. next to Cotton Auditorium and the Fort Bragg Middle School.

Pros & Cons to Be Discussed—Volunteers Needed

Voter Services Chair Carol Czadek has issued a call for League members to help with the Pros & Cons meeting scheduled for October 9 at the Caspar Community Center in the morning, and again in the evening. There are 11 state propositions and one local measure to be exAMined at the meeting, and she hopes to enlist a roster of presenters of the sAMe length, so that each person need only present info on one subject. Preparation for the meeting will be simplified by the fact that the format and information will be supplied by the VotersEdge.org website. Those interested should get in touch with Carol by phone at 964-9271 or by email at norcoel@mcn.org. The more will surely be the merrier in this case!

On the ballot,

Proposition 1 authorizes bonds to fund specified housing assistance programs

Proposition 2 authorizes bonds to fund a progrAM for people with mental illness

Proposition 3 authorizes bonds for various aspects of water supply and conservation

Proposition 4 authorizes bonds for building children's hospitals

Proposition 5 changes rules for using property tax bases in replacement properties

Proposition 6 attempts to reverse the legislature's fuel tax increase

Proposition 7 aligns California daylight savings time to federal law

Proposition 8 regulates charges for outpatient kidney dialysis treatment

Proposition 9 (the proposal for 3 Californias) has been removed from the ballot

Proposition 10 expands local governments' authority to enact rent control

Proposition 11 requires AMbulance personnel to remain on-call during breaks

Proposition 12 changes rules for the confinement of certain farm animals

Local Measure H would increase the Fort Bragg sales tax to help meet pension costs

Another Opportunity to Volunteer: Voter Registration

by Meg Courtney

National Voter Registration Day is September 25th. The League, in association with other local groups, will be offering registration forms to the public at local libraries, post offices, and supermarkets. The

more volunteers, the more tables that can be established. If you would like to participate contact Meg Courtney at 961-6163 or mcourtney1@mcn.org

Voting Rights in Fort Bragg

The City of Fort Bragg had to respond to a letter in April from local attorney Jacob Patterson on behalf of the Coast Committee for Responsive Representation, which alleged that Fort Bragg's at-large election process may violate the California Voting Rights Act by disenfranchising latino voters. After hiring a demographer to study the issue, the city adopted a resolution in July which outlined its intention to move from the at-large system of voting for council members to a district-based one. It was said that this adoption was made for the purpose of providing extra time during which the City could

not be sued. Then in August the city council expressed its intent to rescind the transition to district-based elections, agreeing, basically, that no one except Mr. Patterson has expressed the need or desire to make the change, and that no one else has been identified as belonging to the Committee which was said to be behind the letter. The official rescission of the July resolution is expected to be finalized at the September 10 City Council meeting.

Courts Rule on Voters' Rights

compiled by Jary Stavelly

In the months since *The Voter* was last published, a number of rulings concerning voter suppression have been issued by the courts. A summary of developments follows:

In early June a federal judge in Indiana blocked the state from implementing a law that would purge Indiana voters from the state's voter rolls if they appeared on a controversial voter tracking system. According to Reuters, U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt ruled in favor of the American Civil Liberties Union, finding that the law violated the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). The law relies on Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach's Crosscheck system that matches voters by name and date of birth and flags potential duplicate voters. With Pratt's injunction, the state is not allowed to enforce the law while the lawsuit makes its way through the court.

On June 11 the Supreme Court handed down their decision ruling against Ohio voters in the case *Husted v A. Philips Randolph Institute* — upholding the state's practice of purging voters who missed voting in a single election, no matter the reason. According to a statement from the League of Women Voters, "The Supreme Court got this one wrong. The right to vote is not 'use it or lose it.' The public trust in the fairness of our elections is badly shaken. This decision will fuel the fire of voter suppressors across the country who want to make sure their chosen candidates win reelection — no matter what the voters say."

The League argued that Ohio's practice of purging voters for missing a single election no matter what the reason — serving our country, caring for a sick child, or working — violated the National Voter Registration Act and kept hundreds of thousands of eligible, registered voters from participating in the 2016 elections. An interesting analysis of the decision by journalist Greg Palast can be found at <https://truthout.org/articles/ohios-junk-mail-trickled-the-supreme-court-to-approve-jim-crow-vote-purge/>.

A week later the Supreme Court issued a decision which allowed partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin to continue. The national League issued this statement:

Today the Supreme Court ruled that the plaintiffs failed to demonstrate standing in the case of *Gill v. Whitford*, a case which challenged the state of Wisconsin's assembly map as an example of partisan gerrymandering. The court is sending this case back to the district court to give the plaintiffs a chance to demonstrate that they have suffered "concrete and particularized injuries."

"Today's decision is yet another delay in providing voters with the power they deserve in our democracy," said Chris Carson, president of the League of Women Voters of the United States. "Partisan gerrymandering is distorting and undermining our representative democracy, giving politicians the power to choose their voters, instead of giving voters the power to choose their politicians. We are disappointed that the Court failed to set a standard when it comes to partisan gerrymandering."

The League filed an amicus brief arguing that partisan gerrymandering violates the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

"We believe the Wisconsin maps deny many citizens the full power of the vote and should be redrawn," said Erin Grunze, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. "The current redistricting process protects the party in power -- whichever party it is -- and is not an open and transparent process. Wisconsin lawmakers need to be held accountable to voters and support legislation in the interest of fairness and democracy."

"Partisan gerrymandering is a problem, it is wrong, and the League of Women Voters will continue to fight for equal representation through fair maps that furthers democracy by empowering voters," said Carson.

On August 22, however, a federal court ruled that a lawsuit challenging Ohio's congressional map as an unconstitutional partisan gerrymander can move forward. An article in Truthout continues, "The decision from a three-judge panel is a preliminary victory for the American Civil Liberties Union, five (see *Voters' Rights*, next page)

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civic groups and 17 Ohio Democratic voters who filed the lawsuit. More significantly, the decision is the first from any lower court after the Supreme Court punted on two major cases involving partisan gerrymandering in June. Allowing the case to move forward is a small encouraging early sign for gerrymandering opponents, signaling that the Supreme Court's June decisions haven't closed off the courts to hearing gerrymandering claims.

Republicans controlled Ohio's redistricting process in 2011 and drew the state's congressional map to their advantage. In each congressional election this decade, Republicans have won the same 12 of Ohio's 16 U.S. House seats, even though President Barack Obama carried the state in 2012 and the GOP share of the statewide congressional vote has fluctuated between 51 and 59 percent. The Brennan Center for Justice estimates partisan gerrymandering in Ohio has yielded two to three additional seats for the GOP in Congress. The plaintiffs want to have the court strike down Ohio's current congressional map and get a new one in place for the 2020 election."

Finally, on August 27 a federal court ruled that North Carolina's congressional districts must be redrawn. According to the Charlotte Observer, the ruling "raised the potential of drawing new congressional districts before November's general election in North Carolina, or redrawing the districts and holding a new primary election in November and a general election before a new Congress is seated in January." Common Cause and The League of North Carolina had brought the lawsuit on the basis that the partisan gerrymander of congressional districts was unconstitutional. The three-judge panel agreed with them since the legislature and its consultant used past election results with the specific intent of having Republican candidates prevail.

A summary of the recent Brennan Center report on the purging of voters before the 2016 election can be found at <http://qoshe.com/thinkprogress/kirallerner/states-purged-16-million-voters-from-the-rolls-bef/4039275>.

Schedule of Programs for 2018-2019

The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County is planning to hold the following general meetings during the next nine months at the Caspar Community Center. Several of them, scheduled during daylight savings time, will be held both in the morning and again in the evening, in order to accommodate work and childcare conflicts. All take place on Tuesdays, with the exception of the traditional Friday evening Meet & Greet in March.

Members are also welcome to attend Board meetings, held at the Fort Bragg Library at 9:30, generally on the final Tuesday of the month. Check our website (mendo.ca.lwv.org/) for changes.

September 18, 10 AM & 6 PM (Kickoff):

"Is Climate Change Such a Big Deal?"

presented by Diz Swift and Gloria Chun Hoo
contact: Cindy Plank

October 9, 10 AM & 6 PM:

"Pros & Cons of November Ballot Measures"

presented by various League members
contact: Carol Czadek

November 13, 6 PM only:

"League Transformation Roadmap"

presented by LWVC President Helen Hutchinson
& Melissa Breach

January 8, 6 PM only:

"Carbon Sequestration/Local Farming"

presented by Elizabeth Guimarin & local farmers
contact: Carol Czadek

February 12, 10 AM only:

"State/Local Positions & Program Planning"

presented by LWVMC members
contact: Nancy Kleiber

March 15, 5 PM:

"Meet & Greet Your Local Officials"

contact: Jary Stavely

April 9: "The Future Mill Site Wetlands"

presented by the League's Mill Site Committee
contact: George Reinhardt

May 14, 10 AM only:

Annual Meeting/Luncheon/Election of Officers
contact: Cindy Plank

Facing Hard Truths About the League's Origin

by Chris Carson, LWVUS president, & Virginia Kase, LWVUS CEO

Brent Staples of the New York Times has published an op-ed titled, [How the Suffrage Movement Betrayed Black Women](#). The League of Women Voters was not mentioned in the piece, but we should have been.

The League was founded in 1920—just months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment—by American suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt. Catt was a complicated character, a political operative, and by modern standards, yes, racist. While fighting for the 19th Amendment and lobbying Southern senators, she famously claimed, “White supremacy will be strengthened, not weakened, by women’s suffrage.”

These remarks are sometimes brushed over as a sign of the times or a political strategy. But actions speak louder than words, and our organization was not welcoming to women of color through most of our existence.

Even during the Civil Rights movement, the League was not as present as we should have been. While activists risked life and limb to register black voters in the South, the League’s work and our leaders were late in joining to help protect all voters at the polls. It wasn’t until 1966 that we reached our first position to combat discrimination. Still, our focus on social policy was from afar—not on the front lines.

Today, we acknowledge this shortcoming and that we have more work to do. The League of Women

Voters serves millions of voters in underrepresented communities across America every year, but as an organization, our membership does not always reflect the communities we serve. As we approach our 100th anniversary, we are not only striving for better, we will do better.

We are having tough conversations about race in this country—and making sure that as an organization we confront our place in history. African Americans were shut out of the vision of the League. As we continue to grow our movement, we acknowledge our privilege and must use our power to raise the voices of those who haven’t always had a seat at the table.

We have embraced a new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy. We know policy alone does not solve a problem. The League is committed to living our values and prioritizing inclusion.

We hope that as an organization we offer and nurture a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment that is welcoming to all who are drawn to our mission and wish to make a positive impact.

Today, we invite all people, regardless of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, or race, to join us as we commit to righting the wrongs of our past and building a stronger, more inclusive democracy.

National League Worked Through the Summer

In May League officials attended a House hearing to oppose the inclusion of the citizenship question on the 2020 census, and conducted an online campaign for public comments against the proposed change.

In June the Ohio League joined a federal lawsuit challenging the state's congressional districts as unconstitutional. LWVUS also lobbied against the two immigration bills up for a vote in the House. Neither one advanced. After the 121-301 vote defeating the Ryan Compromise, League of Women Voters president Chris Carson issued this statement: “Today our Representatives saw the Ryan Compromise immigration legislation exactly for what it was, a highly partisan bill that does not address the real problems. The American people want to see action on immigration but the proposed legislation in the House was not a compromise. It was more of the same bad policies we’ve seen before. ... The House bill was nothing more than a wolf in sheep’s clothing.

Congress should be focusing on passing comprehensive immigration reform that includes reuniting families—rather than asking Dreamers to swallow a range of draconian provisions that would harm fellow Dreamers, their parents, and the immigrant community as a whole. The time for Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act is long overdue.”

Late in June a federal judge struck down a Kansas law requiring documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to vote; the Kansas League played a major role in challenging the law for a number of years.

Thanks to vocal students with the support of the League of Women Voters of Florida, in July a federal judge in the state agreed that Florida students should be able to vote on their campuses. And in August the national League called on the public to join us as we tell Congress to restore the Voting Rights Act, which was compromised by the Supreme Court’s 2013 *Shelby v. Holder* decision.

New Legislation to Protect California's Environment



Randal MacDonald, who spoke last year to the League on behalf of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, has asked for public support for new environment-friendly legislation which has been introduced in Washington by Rep. Jared Huffman. According to the Congressman's press release, the legislation, entitled the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act, "would restore national forestland and fish habitat, stimulate local economies through forest stewardship programs, enhance recreational opportunities including through trails and visitor centers, and reduce fire danger. The legislation would not limit hunting or fishing, close any legally open roads or trails to vehicles, or affect access to or the use of private property."

Mill Site Toxics Cleanup (?)

by Jary Stavelly

In May, the state Department of Toxic Substance Control reported at Town Hall the final results of their work on cleaning up pollution at the Georgia Pacific mill site, and suggested that the best path for the future would be to leave the main mill pond itself undisturbed and to let time and nature continue to attenuate levels of dioxin there. An in-depth review of the situation as of June 22, written by Chris Calder, can be found at <http://www.advocate-news.com/general->

According to MacDonald, the bill has bipartisan support, and, therefore, a good chance of passage. He urges the show of "strong public support for the measure through letters to the editor, radio talk show commentary, social media postings, etc. Please help spread the word among your friends and colleagues so that this strong, good plan can become law!"

More specifically, the bill would:

- Designate a 730,00 acre Restoration Area in Trinity/Mad/Eel (N. Fork) watersheds in Trinity and Humboldt Counties
- Establish a partnership across local, state, and federal officials to combat the effects of illegal marijuana cultivation
- Authorize old-growth redwoods restoration within existing state and national parks
- Require the co-ordination of the BLM and the Forest Service to manage wildfires in northwestern California wilderness areas
- Protect 260,000 acres of federal public lands as "wilderness" by expanding nine existing areas and establishing eight new ones
- Designate 379 miles of new 'wild and scenic rivers,' and mandate management plans for 101 miles of already identified as such
- Improve access to trails in national forests of Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, and Mendocino counties

More information can be found at Rep. Huffman's website, <https://huffman.house.gov>.

news/20180621/states-pond-cleanup-plan-challenged. The article includes comments by several local residents who are critical of the DTSC report. The city will continue its involvement with the property through its planning process and by assuming responsibility for conducting the official environmental review. The League will devote its April meeting to a consideration of the environmental future of the mill site.

A Letter from the Membership Chair

Dear Members,

Every year at this time we begin a new program year, and we also solicit your annual dues. If you are reading this now in the *Voter*, please take a minute to mail your dues, or mark your calendar to bring them along to our meeting on September 18. The more dues we collect at this time, the less we will spend on postage for having to ask later on.

The full amount of your regular dues -- \$60.00 for an individual membership or \$90.00 for a 2-member household -- is passed on to the U.S. and California Leagues to support their laudable efforts towards making democracy work and preserving our world. So, in addition to our regular and household memberships, we are pleased to include two additional levels of membership for you to consider when you make your renewal. These fund the activities of our local League. Each membership level is named after a woman of the past who chose to make a difference:

- Susan B. Anthony founded the National Woman Suffrage Association along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

- Amelia Bloomer was the first woman to own, operate and edit a newspaper, *The Lily*, which promoted women's rights issues.
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded the National Woman Suffrage Association and served as its first president.
- Carrie Chapman Catt founded the League of Women Voters: "Winning the vote is only an opening wedge -- learning to use it is a bigger task."

Another individual who chose to make a difference was Frederick Douglass, who spoke at the Seneca Falls women's rights convention urging women not to compromise on their demand for the vote. Donations to our League's Frederick Douglass Diversity Fund will be used for discounted memberships.

Thank you for remaining a member of a committed group of women and men who are working to make a difference in the future of our country.

Jary Stavelly
Membership Chair

LWVMC Membership Renewal, 2018-2019

Name _____

Susan B. Anthony Individual Membership	@ \$60	_____
Amelia Bloomer Household Membership	@ \$90	_____
Elizabeth Cady Stanton Membership	@ \$100	_____
Carrie Chapman Catt Membership	@ \$250	_____
Donation to LWVMC		_____
Donation to Frederick Douglass Diversity Fund		_____
Donation to LWVMC Education Fund (tax deductible)		_____
Total		_____

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