



League of Women Voters Eden Area

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## REMINDER

### DON'T MISS LEAGUE LUNCHEON FORUM

Friday, March 22 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

San Lorenzo Village Homes Association  
377 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo

LONG RANGE IMPLICATIONS OF PROP 30  
ON EDUCATION, HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

**Speaker: Honorable John Chiang, State Controller**

The Controller is the Chief Fiscal Officer of California, the ninth-largest economy in the world. The Controller makes sure the State's \$100 billion budget is spent properly, helps administer two of the nation's largest public pension funds, and serves on 81 State boards and commission. These are charged with everything from protecting our coastline to overseeing crime victim compensation.



11:30 Registration and lunch  
12:15 Speaker Hon John Chiang  
1:00 p.m. Q & A

**Cost:** Lunch \$10 if paid by March 18, 2013, \$15 at door.  
**Program without lunch, Free.**

**RSVP to:** [LWVEA@aol.com](mailto:LWVEA@aol.com) or call **Suzanne Barba 510-538-9678**  
**Send check to:** LWVEA, P.O. Box 2234, Castro Valley, CA 94546  
Include your name, phone, and email.







## Meet Malia Vella, new LWVEA member

Malia is the District Director for Assemblymember Bill Quirk (AD20) and a proud East Bay native. Prior to working for the 20<sup>th</sup>

Assembly District, she worked as a field representative for California Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett. In addition to serving in several capacities for female candidates and elected officials, Malia has worked as a community organizer, clerked for the California Sixth District Court of Appeals, prosecuted cases as a certified law clerk at the District Attorney's Offices in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties, and specialized in Title IX enforcement and fair pay litigation as a law clerk at Equal Rights Advocates.

Malia received her B.A. in Political Science and Architecture at Wellesley College, and was an affiliate student at the Bartlett School of Planning and University College London, College of Law, where she was a member of the women's rowing team. She received her *Juris Doctorate* from Santa Clara University in 2011 and is a member of the California Bar.

## LEAGUE BAY AREA MONITOR OFFERS "MUST READ" ARTICLES

Every other month, we include "teasers" about must read articles that appear in the Bay Area League's publication—Bay Area Monitor. If any of these topics interest you, please go to the Monitor website and read to read the whole article. The website is [www.bayareamonitor.org](http://www.bayareamonitor.org). This month the BAM is also asking readers to let them know how they like the newsletter and to send it along to elected officials.

**CHOOSING RENEWABILITY** by Cecily O'Connor - The number of Bay Area customers purchasing renewable energy through community choice aggregation

(CCA) programs could more than double by the fall as cities advance greenhouse gas reduction goals. In 2002, AB 117 authorized cities and counties to establish CCAs for procuring and/or developing their own clean energy sources rather than purchasing power from PG&E.

## AGENCIES SET TO ENGAGE PUBLIC ON FORTHCOMING PLAN BAY AREA DRAFT

by Leslie Stewart – There are no engraved invitations, but organizers are hoping for a large turnout for this spring's big engagement events—namely public comment opportunities following the release of the draft Plan Bay Area in March.

## TAKING INITIATIVE: CLEAN CITIES GRANT WILL SPARK

**ALTERNATIVE FUELS** by Chris Ingraham - Last November, the federal government's Department of Energy announced an aggressive "Clean Cities" Initiative to expand transportation options and improve fuel efficiency in designated city and state around the country. California is one such place. In December, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District accepted a \$1 million grant from the DOE as part of its Clean Cities Initiative.

## PERMIT TO EMIT: REVISING THE RULES FOR EXPELLING AIR POLLUTION

by Alec MacDonald - In the unlikely case that you're planning to release a large volume of pollution into the atmosphere, you'll have to obtain a permit for that. In the Bay Area, thousands of facilities qualify, and the businesses that operate them must hold valid permits to stay in compliance with air quality regulations.

## HELP PRESERVE ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCES

by Gail Schickele – Water conservation may be the single most important action that everyone can take to preserve one of our most precious resources. The key to sustainable water supply, water quality, and water security is directly tied to the efforts of individuals as well as companies and other organizations. Here's how to start.....

[www.saveourh2o.org](http://www.saveourh2o.org)







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**CALENDAR**

- March 2  
1 to 3 p.m. Community Meeting to discussion expansion plans for the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
- March 12  
Noon-1:30 p.m. Dr. Melba Beals, speaker at Chabot College Women’s History Month Performing Arts Center, Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward. Free
- March 19  
6-8:30 p.m. Ballot counting for Palomares Hills Homes Association, Castro Valley, Volunteers still needed – Suzanne - 538-9678
- March 20  
5:45-7:30 p.m. LWVEA Board Meeting Eden Multi-Service Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Hayward
- March 22  
11:30-1:30 p.m. LWVEA Luncheon Forum featuring State Controller John Chiang (see page 1)
- April 19  
5:30 p.m. LWVEA Meet Your Elected Officials, Hayward City Hall

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