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Upcoming Meetings

Feb. 22: Water Forum, Rocklin Comm. Center

Apr. 3: Sewer Forum, Auburn Max's Holiday Inn

May 1: Ballot Measure Review, Auburn Max's Holiday Inn

Welcome New Members

Joyce Beeman
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Water in Placer County

by Lynne Roberts, LWVPC Voter Service

The League of Women Voters of Placer County is sponsoring a public forum covering California water issues on **Feb. 22, 2014 at the Parkview Activity Room, 5460 5th St, Rocklin from 10am – noon**. We have an excellent and highly-respected panel consisting of:

- Paul Helliker, Deputy Director for Delta and Statewide Water Management, Department of Water Resources specializing in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).
- Dr. Jeffrey Michael, Director, Business Forecasting Center, University of the Pacific and Auburn resident specializing in economic effects of public policy decisions on communities.
- Dr. Samuel Sandoval Solis, Asst. Professor, UC Davis, specializing in environmental, scientist and engineering concerns, and resource planning and management.
- Andy Fecko, Director of Resource Management, Placer County Water Agency

A great deal of publicity is planned for this event. We hope all LWV members and the public will bring questions concerning water issues to the forum. The construction of the twin tunnels, which are part of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), is one of the main topics to be discussed. Placer County citizens have concerns about shrinking water resources for the county and the area of origin water rights that may prevail due to the plan. The discussion will illuminate Placer County water concerns in the context of statewide water interests, and answer all of your questions. **This may be your only chance to attend a BCDP forum in Placer County.**

LWV members willing to assist in the forum organization and planning or wishing to volunteer on the day of the event, can contact Lynne Roberts at voterservice@lwvplacercounty.org

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN WATER ISSUES.

Agricultural Study

Janet Bradford will lead an Agricultural Study focusing on: 1) technology issues including GMOs, water pollution, and antibiotics in livestock; and 2) current agriculture finance issues including subsidies and regulatory processes. Are you interested in participating in this vital study? Contact Janet Bradford at janetkjo@aol.com.

Attention Poll Workers

We have two elections coming up in 2014 – June 3rd Primary Election and November 4th General Election. LWV-PC will staff two precincts – one in Auburn and one in Roseville/Rocklin. If you are an experienced poll worker, are willing to participate this year, and have received your form from the Office of Elections, please fill it out and return it to them, being sure to note that you will be working with the LWV of Placer County.

If you have not worked an election before and would like to, you will be provided training prior to each election.

In either case, please contact Lynne at lnr@surewest.net and let Lynne know if you are interested in working the polls. Because this is a primary method of earning money for our league, we hope that all of you will participate, if only for a limited time shift either day

ACA Tax Implications

by Barbara Ford, CPA MBA

With the passing of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) come certain new tax effects. Taxpayers designated as “High Earners” include individuals who earn over \$200,000 and married couples filing joint returns that earn over \$250,000. High Earners are now subject to a Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT) rate of 3.8% on some unearned income. (see Terminology: www.barbarajfordcpa.com). High Earners also pay additional Medicare tax of .09% based on earned income. These new taxes are effective January 1, 2013.

The NIIT is projected to generate over \$210 Billion in ten years, representing more than half of the cost of the new Health Care Reform package.

Starting in 2014 refundable Tax Credits directly connected to the ACA will be available to some individuals. Credits are based on your household income and calculated during enrollment through the Online Marketplace.

Due to additional forms involved, tax preparers’ fees are expected to rise 6 to 10% in 2014.

Even professionals cannot anticipate the final outcome nor anticipate the impact on your individual tax returns. Your Form 1040 will most likely never look the same again.

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