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President's Message

Can you list all the State Propositions and give the Pros & Cons for each? I certainly cannot, but should be able to as an active LWV member. If this reaches you before Tues. the 23rd come and learn about them as well as give your opinions. If not, try to attend either Pros & Cons Forums listed here in the Voter. Maybe you could even help with one of those or any of the other forums planned. Please call either Marsha Waggoner or Amy Wolfe. Plans are almost ready for the evening with Eleanor Roosevelt on October 9. Thanks to Karrie Bullock for all her work in making this possible. The Board was sorry to lose Vanessa Czopek as our State and National Action member. If any of you would be interested in filling that position please let me know. I would like to welcome a new transfer member from Redding, Marsha Blomquist, who lives in Oakdale. She has already signed up to help with the forums. The State LWV has not yet come out with the information concerning a study on Higher Education. We will keep you posted.

Seena Rhine, President LWVSC

Board Highlights July 9, 2014

- Accepted Vanessa Csopek's resignation from the Board as State and National Action Director.
- Approved printing a membership directory booklet
- Julie Saugstad reviewed the 2013-14 Treasurer's accounts and found them in good order.
- Membership renewal reminders will be sent.

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BY JOINING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS**

OF STANISLAUS COUNTY!

- Student Membership \$25
- Individual Membership \$60
- Household Membership \$90

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***September Lunch & Learn:
Supervisor Withrow Talks About Water***

District 3 Supervisor Terry Withrow came to the September Lunch and Learn to talk about water. Attempts to sell Stanislaus County water to other areas, range land conversion and the drought have made it imperative that we develop a groundwater management plan. Discussions at the State level suggested that if local agencies don't develop policies, the State would. With agriculture as our primary industry; we need to make it work and make it grow. Sustainable water is critical.

The county oversees no water agencies, and many of the water stakeholders do not want the county involved. The county has no experience with water management, but it does have enforcement power while water agencies and water users have the requisite experience and knowledge. Supervisor Withrow determined that interested parties needed to sit down in the same room and work together. A Water Advisory Committee and a Tech Advisory Committee composed of representatives from government, agriculture and water were formed.

The county, working with its water partners, adopted an ordinance that prevents sending water out of the county. Next issue is the East side of the county and range land conversions. How can we make the East side work without depleting the aquifer?

Withrow described formulating a sustainable water plan as another "forefather moment". It requires "breaking down walls" to gain a wider perspective and reaffirms the need for trust among stakeholders. Some supervisors are pushing for a moratorium. Withrow feels that the Water Advisory Committee should make such a recommendation, not the Board of Supervisors lest the spirit of cooperation be compromised. But the East side is a short term issue. In the long term is the relicensing of Don Pedro. Having a water plan that addresses ground water and surface water needs and management plans could influence Sacramento and the licensing agencies.

Q and A:

Moratorium? Full of unknowns. What would it entail? How will it be defined? How long will it last?

Timeline? Need to gather water use data from private landowners. Pressure for a moratorium may hasten the process.

Water data? Farmers know how much water they use but are hesitant to make it public. A confidentiality agreement has been put in place. Another possible recommendation is to halt range land conversion until we know what we are dealing with in terms of use and aquifer levels.

Impact of California Ground Water Sustainability Act? It recommends local control and requires a plan by 2017 with implementation by 2019.

Supervisor Withrow favors State Proposition 1 (Water Bond) and would support increased water fees to farmers rather selling water out of county to cover costs of infrastructure improvements.

Marie Bairey, Secretary

Welcome New Member!

Marsha Blomquist

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT IN WWII & LWV Social

October 9th, 2014 7:00pm

Storyteller Susan Marie Frontczak returns to the Center as Eleanor Roosevelt! The LWVSC will be hosting a social after the show for League members and members of the community to learn a little more about League, socialize, and sip some wine and savor sweets. Gallo Center of the Arts is allowing the League to insert brochures into the programs and to have a small table before the show. So invite a friend celebrate the spirit of Eleanor Roosevelt—an original League member from the 1920s!

There are still a few tickets left, so hurry over and buy tickets. Use promo code: LWV for 15% off!

Holiday Fling

Tuesday December 2nd

Mark your calendars for the League's annual Holiday Fling held Tuesday, December 2nd with Modesto Bee columnist Jeff Jardine providing the night's speaking entertainment. The annual membership directories are provided during this event, along with appetizers and wine and fellowship. Please keep a spot open on your busy holiday calendar to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[\(Check Website for Updates\)](#)

Wednesday, October 8th 6:30pm	No Board meeting.
Wednesday, October 1 6:00-8:00pm	Candidate Forums Turlock City Council and Mayor At Turlock City Council Chambers
Thursday, October 2nd 6:30pm	Pros and Cons for Ballot Propositions At CSU Stanislaus, Room to be confirmed Co-Sponsored with Department of Politics and Public Administration
Tuesday, October 7 6:00-7:00pm	Candidate Forum Riverbank City Council At Riverbank Community Center
Thursday, October 9th 7-9:30pm	LWV Social, Following Eleanor Roosevelt in World War II At Carnation Room, Gallo Center for the Arts, Wine and dessert reception is free. Price of tickets vary, 15% discount when you use the code: LWV
Thursday October 30th 12-1:30pm	Lunch & Learn: Ken Adair, Local Education Issues and Young Voters Jacobs Restaurant, \$13 Chef's Choice
Tuesday, December 2nd 7pm-830pm	Annual Holiday Fling At the home of Lynn Fenderson

LWVSC End of Year Financial Report 2014-14

INCOME	3925.00	5900.00
Membership	1960.00	2800.00
Education Fund	4150.00	4000.00
General Fund	1400.00	
Miscellaneous	11435.00	12,700.00

Total Income

EXPENSES

Per Member Dues	2047.00	2365.00
State	2790.00	2955.00
National	4837.00	5320.00
Total Dues Payment		
Member Expenses	0.00	50.00
Action	0.00	100.00
Board Tools	0.00	50.00
Child Care	1664.86	1500.00
Convention	175.91	400.00
Finance Drive	98.80	150.00
Lunch and Learn	174.68	350.00
Meetings	20.00	20.00
Org. Membership	140.00	150.00
Postage	106.75	150.00
Publications	0	150.00
Supplies	347.32	125.00
Workshops	2728.32	3235.00

Total Member Expenses

ACTUAL EXPENSES	BUDGET 2013-14	EXPENSES
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Office Expenses		
Equipment	0	250.00
Postage	198.39	250.00
Insurance	258.00	325.00
Rent (storage)	360.00	300.00
Supplies	32.22	100.00
Telephone	103.39	475.00
Newsletter	221.95	450.00
Website	160.00	200.00
Total Office Expenses	1333.95	2350.00
Voter Service Expenses		
Forums	184.00	1000.00
Other Voter	230.95	250.00
Smart Voter	200.00	200.00
Total Voter Service	614.95	1450.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	485.00
Total All Expenses	9514.22	12700.00

Actual Expense	Budget 2013-14
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Checking Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013:	\$11988.31
Ending Balance June 30, 2014:	\$13367.64

Savings Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013:	\$10711.39
Ending Balance June 20, 2014:	\$11716.76

Educational Fund

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013:	\$3027.87
Ending Balance June 30, 2014:	\$3099.12

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