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Desalination vs. Alternatives: A Subject for Debate

**Sponsored by the
League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County
Thursday, April 14, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
First Congregational Church Sanctuary
900 High Street, Santa Cruz, 95060**

Santa Cruz City officials and representatives from Santa Cruz Desal Alternatives will debate building a seawater desalination plant and how best to balance water supply and demand.

Participants in favor of a seawater desalination plant include former Mayor Mike Rotkin and Toby Goddard, City Water Department Conservation Manager. Participants advocating alternatives to a desalination plant include Rick Longinotti, Co-founder of Santa Cruz Desal Alternatives and James Bently, retired Superintendent of Water Plant and Production for the City of Santa Cruz.

The format will provide time for questions from the audience. Kirsten Liske, Ecology Action Vice President will be the Moderator. League member Pam Newbury will be the Timekeeper.

This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:15 pm. Parking is available at the Church with overflow parking available at the school next door or on the street. The debate will be recorded by Community Television of Santa Cruz County and cable-cast at a later date.

If you have questions, contact the League of Women Voters at league@lwvsc.org. Click here for a [Debate flyer](#).

President's Message

This year was an exciting one for our local League. We presented an amazing amount of information to our members and the public in an array of formats, locations and times. Many League members attended, but we missed some folks. Which events did you take part in? Your elected Board wonders what subjects drew your attention as well as the best meeting times and locations for you.

This month, Laura Grossman, Peggy Marketello, Morgan Rankin, or Sandy Warren will call you for a short and friendly survey. Please help make your League work best for you by taking a few minutes to give your opinion. Results will be presented at our League's May 21 Annual Meeting in Aptos and will aid the Program Committee in deciding optimum event scheduling next term.

Congratulations to our Program Co-Chairs Peggy Marketello and Maria Nesheim for their outstanding work organizing this year's variety of successful meetings and luncheons.

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"Leap into Spring with the League"

The 46th Annual Meeting & Luncheon of the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County

Speaker: Jackie Jacobberger, Past State League President

Saturday, May 21, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Beach Cliff Clubhouse, 863 Via Palo Alto in Aptos

\$10 per person (payable at the door)
RSVP to Maria Nesheim 662-8845 by May 16

Invite a friend to attend this informational and social Annual Meeting luncheon. This is a perfect event for new or prospective members to get acquainted with experienced members and the plans for our local League's 2011/12 year. You will receive your Annual Meeting Kit later this month.

We are planning a cost-effective "do-it-yourself" salad bar and are requesting members to **bring one item of your choosing** to add to basic "greens." Your ten dollar check will be used to purchase dressings, rolls, dessert, assorted hot & cold refreshments, napkins and other tableware.

Suggested items include: Canned tuna, canned or cooked shredded chicken, bacon bits, chopped hard-boiled eggs, garbanzo beans, beets, mushrooms, grated or shredded cheese, feta cheese, chopped green onions, croutons, sliced jicama, shredded carrots, sliced cucumbers, canned mandarin oranges, tomatoes, shrimp meats, etc. Please bring enough to **make 6 servings** from which we can all create our own culinary and deliciously nutritious "masterpiece."

Directions: Heading South on Hwy 1 towards Watsonville: Take Rio Del Mar Blvd. Exit. Turn right (toward the ocean), then move to the left lane which will bend to the left onto Clubhouse Drive. Continue on Clubhouse Drive for about four minutes. You will pass Seascape Golf Club and eventually cross the railroad tracks and cross Via Tornasol. Turn right on Via Palo Alto and you will see the Clubhouse on the right. (There is no sign on the building). Parking is on either side of the street or in a small parking lot beyond the clubhouse. Please carpool.

Any questions: Call Maria Nesheim 662-8845

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Membership News

A big welcome to our new members: Sue Becker, Scott and Leslie McGilvray, Marcia Minnihan, Celia Scott, Desiree Stuart-Alexander, Dorrie Kennedy and Cathi O'Neill.

We are pleased to have you join, and look forward to getting to know you.

Thank you, fellow members, for letting us know of any changes in your personal contact information. This is particularly important if you have an email change. Please notify the Membership Committee through our website www.lwvscc.org or call the League at 426-VOTE. You won't want to miss out on all the important events taking place in our local League. All contact information will only be used for League purposes.

Eloise Graham, Membership Chair

In Memoriam

Sadly, our League recently lost two vital League members. Lois Linford and Lesly Miller each were life long activists who cared deeply about their communities and the world. Both will be missed by their many friends.

Your Opinion Counts

Our local League Board will be conducting an informal telephone membership survey this month. Please help by participating.

On March 23, the LWV of the Monterey Peninsula conducted a telephone interview with our California State Assemblymember Bill Monning. Mr. Monning is a long time member of the LWVMP. Don't miss his comments about the California budget crisis. Click on the following link to read a report of Mr. Monning's [legislative interview](#).

F.Y.I.

For 91 years the League of Women Voters has been informing voters and encouraging participation in our democracy. Today we are a grassroots organization of 140,000 supporters in more than 800 Leagues in all 50 states.

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Join the League of Women Voters

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to men and women of voting age who are U.S. citizens. Others are welcome to join the League as associate members. Send your check payable to the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County or LWVSCC with this form to our League Treasurer Sandra Warren, 150 Scenic Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

___ \$65 Individual annual membership

Name _____

___ \$97.50 Two members in a household

Address: _____

___ \$30 Student Membership

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

___ Contribution \$ _____

Telephone: _____

Checks made out to LWVSCC are not tax deductible.

E-mail: _____

To make a tax-deductible donation, write a separate check to LWV Education Fund.

We do not share personal contact information with other organizations.

(President's Message continued from page 1) But, there's more to come. On April 14, the League will sponsor a public forum entitled, "Desalination vs. Alternatives: A Subject for Debate." League member Karin Grobe is coordinating the planning of this forum to be held in the evening, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz. There are sharply divided views on how best to balance water supply and demand in our communities. If you are a customer of Santa Cruz Municipal Utilities or Soquel Creek Water District, you will be especially interested in attending this forum. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come to this timely educational event.

Jan Karwin, President

Mark Your Calendar

April 2011

Be alert for your telephone call from the Membership Survey Team during this month.

Tuesday, April 12
1-3 p.m.

League Board Meeting at Santa Cruz County Bank
720 Front St., Santa Cruz 95060

Thursday, April 14
7:-8:30 p.m.

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