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Can Seawater Intrusion be Reversed in the Salinas Valley?

In 2014 California passed the most sweeping legislation governing groundwater in the State's history. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires plans to bring critically overdrafted groundwater basins such as the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin into sustainability. Under the act, the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) was formed. It is governed by an 11 member Board of Directors with one agricultural representative from each of the four Vally sub-basins, City of Salinas, one other Salinas Valley city, the County, CPUC public regulated water utility, disadvantage communities, environmental community and public at large. Janet Brennan represents the environmental community. Members are generally recommended by their respective groups and in most cases appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Gary Petersen, General Manager of the SVGB Agency will be the main speaker on this critical issue, with comments by Janet Brennan, Member of the Board of Directors of the Agency (and LWVMC Member). He will address basic requirements of SGM Act, complexities of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin, and progress to-date to meet the Act's requirements.

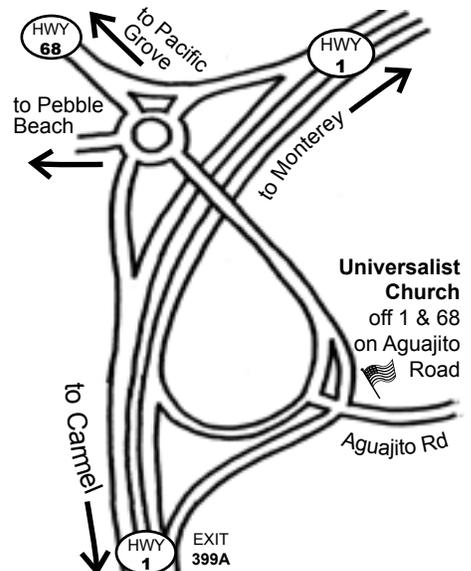
Gary works with a variety of groundwater users throughout the 106-mile long basin to implement SGMA. He believes that achieving groundwater sustainability is possible and that success is dependent upon building trust and transparency through the use of legitimate, fair and inclusive processes. He also believes that adopting many changes, including new technology and new thinking, will be required.

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LWVMC February 13, 2019 General Meeting
12 noon Lunch / 12:30 to 1:30 Presentation
(Lunch \$19 per person: main course, salad, beverages, & dessert by The Valley Grille).

Reservations are a must for lunch!
Contact Bev Kreps by Sunday, February 10.
(phone 224-3192 or e-mail bkreps1017@gmail.com)
Pay at the door for lunch; meeting/presentation is FREE.
Reminder to Members: The League pays the caterer in advance for everyone who makes a luncheon reservation, and guarantees a minimum of attendees.

L&L meets at: Unitarian Universalist Church http://uucmp.org
490 Aguajito Road / Carmel CA 93923 (831) 624-7404



Gary's past experience in managing four **airports**, **multiple forest fires** and a **Public Works Department** have well prepared him for the level of work required to gain cooperation across a landscape with multiple groups of stakeholders, most with differing needs. He managed his own **organizational development practice** for 20 years and participated with multiple non-profit

organizations in leadership roles.

Gary has received Member of the Year awards of distinction as **California Special Olympics Volunteer**, the **San Carlos Chamber of Commerce**, and **Airport Manager, Southwest Chapter, American Association of Airport Executives**.

## ★ ★ ★ ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING ★ ★ ★ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

### **Annual Program Planning Meeting**

All LWVMC members are invited to our **Annual Program Planning meeting at 12 noon, Monday, February 11, 2019 at Mariposa Hall**. This is an opportunity to present your ideas about what we should do in the coming 2019-20 program year.

### **Local Priorities**

At this meeting, members will select issues for study, education, and action in Monterey County. We need to consider what issues are timely, are critical, and what priority each issue receives.

Even if your suggestions don't get integrated into the issues for emphasis or a recommended study, they are often used to select topics for the monthly Lunch & Learn programs. Also at the meeting attendees will review our local policy positions on water, housing, transportation, and so on to update, delete, or continue as needed.

### **State Priorities**

In alternative years, the same process is given to the activities of the **LWVUS** or the **LWV California**. This year, our chapter will provide input to the LWV California program. What actions do we think California should take, what topics do we think they need to study, and what are our priorities?

### **Concurrence Proposals**

In advance of **State Convention** (Pasadena, May 31-June 2), local California Leagues have proposed positions to be adopted by concurrence, and not through new studies. Concurrence depends on a position previously having been studied and adopted by another state or local league.

So far, LWVMC has received information about two concurrence proposals.

One League has created a new **criminal justice reform position** for California by gathering positions from many local Leagues both within and outside of California and from other state Leagues. These other Leagues have already done the original studies.

**LWV San Luis Obispo** is presenting a proposal for a state position to promote civil discourse in government. The League is recommending that this position be adopted by concurrence based on its own locally adopted study. You may remember that LWV SLO presented an abbreviated version of its civil discourse workshop at our May 2018 Annual Meeting.

The backers of these proposals have asked for our League's support in advance of the state convention. Each of these proposals needs sufficient pre-convention support to be placed on the agenda for consideration.

### **Nosh While Deliberating**

As this will be a noon meeting, you are welcome to bring your own lunch or partake in the substantial snacks we will provide.

Please help us plan for enough seating, handouts, food, and to ensure we have a quorum by letting us know if you plan to attend. Contact me at (831) 372-9388 or [LWVmryco@gmail.com](mailto:LWVmryco@gmail.com). See you soon!

**Dennis Mar**, [DennisRMar3@yahoo.com](mailto:DennisRMar3@yahoo.com)

*At the time of the January 2019 LWVMC Board meeting, proposed appointments by the **Chair of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors** indicated that **District Five's Supervisor** would not serve on the **FORA Board**. District Five includes people in unincorporated areas that boarder the old Fort Ord. The League Board approved the following letter. Subsequently, the letter was not sent because the final appointments made by the FORA Board were changed to include District Five representation.*



**League of Women Voters  
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January 7, 2019

**Chair John Phillips**  
**Monterey County Board of Supervisors**  
168 West Alisal Street  
Salinas, CA 93901

**SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION OF DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR ON FORA**

Dear Supervisor Phillips:

The League of Women Voters of Monterey County strongly supports representation of the District 5 Supervisor on the Fort Ord Reuse Authority. Not only is District 5 the largest geographic district in the County, it includes a large population of unincorporated residents that are significantly affected by development on the former Fort Ord. Unincorporated areas include Pebble Beach, Carmel Valley, Big Sur Coast, and the Highway 68 Corridor.

FORA has never been without representation from District 5. Exclusion of Mary Adams from FORA Board membership is without merit and appears to be based on political considerations other than sound principles of governance, representation and democracy. Finally, we note that the only Board members removed from committees or boards are the two women on the Board -Supervisors Parker and Adams.

We urge you to appoint Mary Adams to the FORA Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis Mar, President

## ★ LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: ★ JACQUELINE JACCOBERGER

Jackeline Jacobberger served as **LWV California Management Training Advisor** from 2008 until her retirement from the job at the end of 2018. Jackie, as she prefers to be called, explains that position this way: *“The League has old timers who are experienced and they’re assigned to help local Leagues, to give advice, answer questions, help them if and when they need help.”* One of her most important tasks for our local League was assisting with the merger of the **Monterey Peninsula** and **Salinas Valley** chapters, making herself available as an advisor whenever she was needed.

A longtime resident of South San Francisco, Jackie has been a member of the **North & Central San Mateo County League** chapter for more than 50 years. *“I joined the League in 1966,”* she recalls. *“There was a notice in the newspaper saying the League had babysitters. I had three kids at home and I got to talk to adults whenever we had meetings. It was a different time of life.”*

During her half century of League membership, Jackie has been exceptionally active. In her local chapter, she says she served as **“Voter Service, Treasurer, President—recycled two or three times. I went on the state board as Secretary in 2001 and then was elected state President in 2003. We hadn’t had two-term Presidents before—usually we alternated between Northern and Southern California—but we finally hired our first Executive Director, so I did two terms as President.”**



Jackie’s professional background is in the sciences. After she married her husband, **Donald**, and graduated from the **College of Notre Dame Belmont** with a major in chemistry, she worked for a year while he was in Korea. She joined him when he was sent to **Aberdeen Proving Ground** in Maryland and later to **Red River Arsenal** in Texas, where their first child was born. *“We returned to San Francisco in 1961 and had two more children,”* she says, *“and then we moved to South San Francisco.”*

Jackie went back to work in 1973 as a biology storekeeper at **Skyline College in San Bruno** and, in 1980, she moved to **San Francisco State University** as the instructional support technician for the microbiology and cell science laboratory classes, retiring in 1993.



Donald worked as an electrical engineer, serving as project manager for **San Francisco International Airport** until his retirement. Because he suffered a stroke recently, Jackie now has ended her work advising

local League chapters throughout Northern California. That work required some travel, but now she needs to stay close to home. In addition to LWVMC, she has advised **League chapters in Benicia and Santa Cruz** and last year helped to organize the **Mother Lode unit of LWVC in Tuolumne and Calaveras counties**, which is not yet an official local League chapter. Jackie hasn’t given up League work entirely, however; she’s currently **Treasurer** of her local chapter.

Until Donald’s recent health problems, the Jacobbergers spent part of their retirement years

traveling and they still try to enjoy local arts events like the symphony and opera whenever they can. "We live a mile and a half from BART," Jackie says, so attending San Francisco events doesn't require them to drive in the city. The Jacobbergers' three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are scattered along the West Coast, from Seattle to Los Angeles.

When asked what she wants to see for the League going forward, Jackie cited continuing to educate people about issues and making sure we're well

*LWVMC is grateful for Jackie Jacobberger's decade of service to our chapter and wishes her and her family well in the future.*

informed. But she also stressed "maintaining our non-partisan position, fostering and encouraging civil discourse about issues, being a place where people can come together and talk about issues without getting emotional." When she first joined the League, Jackie recalls, "it was a long time before I could tell what party people in the room were. I liked people listening to others' opinions and not judging."

**Nancy Baker Jacobs**  
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## FEBRUARY 6: LWV WEBINAR ON IMPORTANT CLIMATE REPORTS

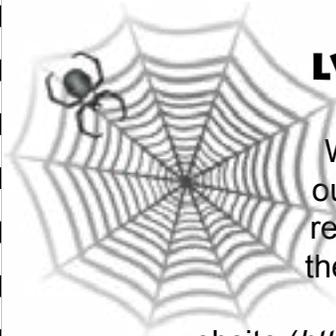
**G**lobal climate change is one of the most serious threats facing our nation and planet. The League is calling for prompt action to cut our greenhouse gas emissions, invest in clean energy, and help the world's poor tackle the challenge.

Two important climate reports were issued late in 2018. Climate scientist **Professor Michael Oppenheimer** will discuss their meaning and implications in a webinar sponsored by the **LWV of Massachusetts on Wednesday, February 6th, from 4 to 5pm EST (1 to 2pm PST).**

The live webinar is free but pre-registration is required online at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_10Z934sVQ2OiLsW-upzq](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_10Z934sVQ2OiLsW-upzq). Afterwards a recording will be available to registrants, on the **LWVMA** website (<https://lwvma.org/the-environment-2/>), and in the **LWVUS Toolkit for Climate Action** ([http://participate.lwv.org/c/9217/p/salsa/web/common/public/content?content\\_item\\_KEY=3766&utm\\_source=LeagueUpdate&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=011719](http://participate.lwv.org/c/9217/p/salsa/web/common/public/content?content_item_KEY=3766&utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=011719))

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## LWVMC WEBMASTER WANTED



We need a volunteer to be our next **Webmaster**, taking responsibility for maintaining the League of Women Voters of the Monterey County website (<http://lwvmryco.org>).

**Primary duties of Webmaster include:** keeping the calendar up to date, and posting our League's official letters (provided by the President), videos of our once-monthly "Lunch and Learn" lectures (produced by our Videography Team), and monthly "The Voter" newsletter (provided by our Newsletter Editor). This takes roughly **two hours a month** (and you have a nifty title)!

The work requires the use of the MYLO framework. You don't need to know HTML, though it can be useful. Beyond the above responsibilities you may occasionally be asked to post information to broadcast news or events to our membership. If you have any questions about the job, please contact me. **I am willing to provide on-the-job guidance as needed.**

**Bob Evans, LWVMC Webmaster,**  
 (831) 595-5351, [bobevans13@me.com](mailto:bobevans13@me.com)

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

## Welcome New Members

**Karen Paull & Craig Scott**

651 Sinex Avenue, Apt. C-118

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

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## Thanks for Your Kind Donation

**Karen Paull & Craig Scott**

also made a \$25 donation to our League!

## Tell Your Friends and Family About Our League

Talk to your partner, relatives, friend, neighbors, and colleagues about League positions, actions and issues. Bring them along to a Lunch & Learn. Loan them your copy of The Voter. Ask them to help strengthen our actions by becoming a Member.

**Lisa Hoivik, [LHoivik@comcast.net](mailto:LHoivik@comcast.net)**

## Couldn't Make It to a Past Lunch & Learn?

Did you miss **Dr. Eduardo Ochoa's** discussion in January on challenges to California's educational

system? A video of his interesting presentation is now available to view at: <https://my.lwv.org/california/monterey-county/luncheon-videos>.

In fact, nearly all past LWVMC Luncheon presentations can now be seen, going back as far as 2014!

Thanks again to the excellent skills of our **Videographers, Hebard Olsen** (sadly now retired) and **Joe Asling** for making it possible to more widely broadcast and preserve dialogues on important League issues.

**Bob Evans, LWVMC Webmaster**  
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## Join the League of Women Voters of Monterey County



*Any person of voting age, male or female, may be a member of the League!*

## Renew Your LWVMC Membership.

*If your membership has lapsed, please use the form below, or go to <http://lwvmryco.org>. Timely responses are appreciated as they help keep our local chapter strong.*

*Renewal letter and form gone astray?  
Uncertain of your membership due date?  
Wish to make a donation?  
Want to become a new member?*

Use the form below or contact:  
*Lisa Hoivik, Membership Director*  
[LHoivik@comcast.net](mailto:LHoivik@comcast.net) or 375-7765

Checks payable to **LWVMC**  
Mail to **LWVMC PO Box 1995**  
**Monterey, CA 93942**

## Membership Levels

- \$250+ Carrie Chapman Catt
- \$200 Sojourner Truth
- \$150 Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- \$100 Susan B. Anthony
- \$ 95 Household (2 persons, 1 address)
- \$ 65 Single membership

Name(s)

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

e-mail

- Send e-mail reminders for luncheons
- Call to remind me of luncheons
- Scholarship requested

*Membership dues & contributions to LWVMC are not tax deductible, nor are donations to the Florence Curlee Scholarship Fund.*

*However, donations to the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) are tax deductible.*

**UPCOMING LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAMS 2019**



March "The Impact of Transportation on Climate Change"

April "County Update by Supervisor Chris Lopez"

May LWVMC Annual Meeting

**VACANT POSITION: VOTER SERVICE DIRECTOR, SALINAS VALLEY**



We need someone to cover Voter Service for the Salinas Valley area! It's a part time but crucial position that we need to better serve Valley voters. The job entails organizing candidates' forums, Pros & Cons presentations, and other duties related to encouraging Salinas citizens to vote.

Contact **Jeanne Turner, Voter Service Director** Monterey Peninsula [jturner215@comcast.net](mailto:jturner215@comcast.net).

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**LWVMC Calendar**



**FEBRUARY 2019**

**MARCH 2019**

**LWVMC Program Planning Meeting**  
**Monday, 11 February, 12 noon**  
Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey  
[DennisRMar3@yahoo.com](mailto:DennisRMar3@yahoo.com)

**LWVMC Board Meeting**  
**Monday, 11 March, 1:30 pm**  
Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey  
[DennisRMar3@yahoo.com](mailto:DennisRMar3@yahoo.com)

**followed immediately by**  
**General Board Meeting**  
**Monday, 11 February, 1:30 pm**  
Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey  
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**Lunch & Learn with the League**  
**Wednesday, 13 March, 12 noon**  
*"The Impact of Transportation  
on Climate Change"*  
Guest Speaker: **Kristy Markey**  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
490 Aguajito Rd., Carmel Hwy 1  
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**Lunch & Learn with the League**  
**Wednesday, 13 February, 12 noon**  
*"Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Update"*  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
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**Natural Resources Committee Meeting**  
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**Planning to come to a Lunch & Learn? Bring along a friend or two!**