



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA
An Inter-League Organization of the San Francisco Bay Area



May 25, 2006

Supervisor Cynthia Murray, Chair
Bay Area Water Forum
C/o Greg Bourne
Center for Collaborative Policy
1303 J Street, Suite 250
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: Support for Bay Area Water Forum Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Chairman Murray,

At our April meeting, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area unanimously endorsed and authorized me to sign the Memorandum of Understanding in support of the Bay Area Water Forum.

The LWVBA was formed out of concern for the regional environmental, governmental and service needs of the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. We support the integration of water resource planning with land use planning, without encouraging growth, protection of the natural environment including habitat, and encouraging conservation of resources. In the absence of an integrated regional governance structure, we favor regional cooperation of all interested parties in achieving regional solutions.

The Bay Area Water Forum can be a coalition of interested parties to address regional water resource, wastewater, and stormwater planning, through efforts to inform, involve, and hopefully resolve issues affecting the Bay Area.

We are pleased to be one of the first signers of the MOU. We have indicated, however, that we are not in a position to provide financial support or volunteer resources beyond our own League efforts to participate in Forum meetings and inform our members throughout the Bay Area about the Forum's activities.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Craig, President
LWV of the Bay Area