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Karen Urbano regarding Urgency in Climate Action

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To: Woodland City Council

From: Woodland LWV via President Karen Urbano

Subject: The Need for URGENCY in Climate Action

If you have been outside much over the past 6 to 7 months you will have noticed quite a number of weather extremes that have had broad negative impacts to Woodland and California. In September we had well over a week straight of temperatures over 110 degrees. Starting the end of December were a string of at least 11 atmospheric rivers that have led to flooding, power outages, breached levees and more. This followed several years of severe drought. A major portion of the water from these recent storm events over the last three months is still up in the mountains as snow. There is more water (measured as snow water equivalents) in portions of the Sierra than has ever been seen and this is in a world with one or two degree F of warming. How the melting of all this happens over the next month or two and the impacts remains to be seen.

This is weather whiplash and a direct result of climate change. The message - at all levels we need to act on Climate Change and with a definite sense of URGENCY. Nature is giving us many signals that we don't have much time if any.

The League of Womens Voters has positions on climate change at the Federal, State and Local level. Action at all levels is needed.

Their position at the [federal level](#) includes the phrase "*The League is calling for prompt action to cut this country's GHG emissions, invest in a clean energy economy.....*"

The [state level position](#) notes their view of the URGENCY of the situation by saying "*The League of Women Voters of California has recognized the URGENT need for action on climate change, declaring a "Climate Emergency" at the 2019 Convention.*"

At [the local level the Woodland LWV](#) has a long standing position on climate change which includes many specific areas including one overall theme of reducing use of fossil fuels.

The Woodland LWV asks that the council act with, express frequently and demonstrate the sense of URGENCY that is needed in climate action. This is true in everything the council does, but especially goals.

Thank you

Karen Urbano

President Woodland LWV