

# VALLEY VOTE

## Agenda – Nov. 21, 2011

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Place: Galpin Ford - 2nd floor meeting room  
15555 Roscoe Blvd. (at the 405)

Parking: Free parking in the Galpin Lot on the West side of Orion  
Please do not park in the customer service areas.

6:30pm - 7:00pm Networking

7:00pm- 7:45pm Introductions

### Reports by Valley VOTE Committees:

Real Estate -	Vic Viereck
LAWA -	Denny Schneider
Membership -	Richard Leyner
Transportation -	Bart Reed

7:45pm - 8:30pm

## Ron Nichols

Ron Nichols is General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Nichols provides leadership for the utility in providing reliable and competitively priced water and electricity while continuing to maintain and implement environmentally conscious policies and priorities. He was confirmed as General Manager by the City Council on January 18, 2011.



Nichols has 35 years of experience in the electric and water utility industry with particular depth in California and adjoining states. He has been a strategic and operational advisor to public power and investor-owned utilities, state and local government, and the financial community on complex and energy and water supply and utility matters throughout the U.S. Was lead advisor on the two largest public revenue bond issues in U.S. history. Prior to his position as General Manager at the Department of Water & Power, he was a managing director in the energy practice of Navigant Consulting, an international consulting organization with over 2000 employees. Before his position at Navigant, from 1980 to 1997, he was a cofounder and Senior Vice President of the energy and water utility consulting firm, Resource Management International, which was headquartered in Sacramento. Prior to starting his energy and water utility consulting career in 1980, he held positions with the California Department of Water Resources and the California Energy Commission.

We are pleased that Mr. Nichols has taken time out of his very busy schedule to visit Valley VOTE.

**The following topics and questions are submitted for Mr. Nichols to consider discussing during his presentation:**

1. Power Content Label  
Senate Bill 1305 (Sher - Statutes of 1997) requires retail suppliers of electricity to disclose to consumers "accurate, reliable, and simple-to-understand information on the sources of energy that are (being) used...."; (Public Utilities Code Section 398.1(b)) The law basically requires that these suppliers tell consumers about what type of resource is used to generate the electricity being used. The suppliers are required to use a format developed by the California Energy Commission called the **Power Content Label**. We do not believe the DWP has issued a Power Content Label in the last year or two.

2. Why is 7% selected as the per cent of total DWP annual revenues for transfer to the city's budget? Years ago it was~ 5%. These additional dollars contributed to the City Council budget should remain within the DWP budget. We should not be increasing the rates for DWP ratepayers to support the City Council's budget.
3. Please explain how the "Once Thru Cooling" requirements of the State of California are significantly increasing the rates of L.A. DWP ratepayers.
4. Are there any future plans or any discussions with Arizona Power and Light representatives on the expansion of the Palo Verde power plant in Arizona?
5. " Feed in Tariffs"- Explain how the average homeowner can take advantage of this program to offset their power bill.
6. Why are some DWP employees, with the same responsibilities as their equivalent City worker, paid a higher wage ( e.g. security guards)?
7. What are your current plans for working with the newly appointed RatePayer Advocate?

Additional questions from the audience, as time permits, will follow each speakers remarks. The public and press are invited to the meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of Valley VOTE will be on **Monday, Jan.16,2012** at Galpin Ford. There will be no meeting in December. Happy Holidays!

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*Valley VOTE Mission Statement*

*Valley VOTE, a diverse coalition of San Fernando Valley residents, businesspeople, educators, community activists, and organizations, is committed to exploring and fostering the implementation of programs that empower the people of the San Fernando Valley and the City of Los Angeles, to improve local governance, education and public participation on policy matters.*

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