

**The League of Women Voters of Ventura County
and the
NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
& Sanctuary Advisory Council**



Invite you to join us in learning about ...

LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)

*... at our co-sponsored Educational Forum
on the Proposal for an Offshore LNG Facility*

The goal of this forum is to educate the public about LNG and about an offshore LNG terminal proposed in the Channel Islands region.

HEAR A SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS FROM:

- U.S. Coast Guard
- California State Lands Commission
- Environmental Defense Center
- Border Power Plant Working Group
- BHP Billiton

WHEN: Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Oxnard Performing Arts Center
Ventura Room
800 Hobson Way, Oxnard

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

More information will be posted on the Sanctuary Advisory Council web site prior to the forum (<http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/main.html>). You may also contact the League of Women Voters of Ventura County (805-648-4731), or the Sanctuary (805.884.1469 or Sarah.Macwilliams@noaa.gov) for more information.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: *From 101 N. and S., exit at Vineyard, go west on Vineyard (stay in right lanes until you pass Oxnard Blvd.), turn left on H Street. Continue on H Street for approx. 2 miles past Fifth Street. (H Street changes to Hobson Way after Fifth Street). The Performing Arts Center is located on the left, between Seventh and Ninth Streets.*

League of Women Voters of Ventura County – Background

As a nonpartisan political organization, the League of Women Voters of Ventura County's (League) mission is to encourage informed and active participation of citizens in government and to increase public awareness through education and advocacy. The League advocates only after study and reaching consensus with its members. The League is open to all men and women who want to become involved in civic affairs and in promoting democratic values. Members of the League meet in units in Ojai, Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, Santa Paula and Conejo Valley. For League information call the League Line (805-648-4731), or visit the web:

<http://www.ez2.net/LWV/>.

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and the Sanctuary Advisory Council - Background

Designated in 1980, the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS or Sanctuary) consists of an area of the waters off the coast of California of approximately 1252 square nautical miles (NM) adjacent to San Miguel, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Anacapa and Santa Barbara islands, and Richardson and Castle rocks, extending seaward to a distance of six NM. The Sanctuary's primary objective is to conserve, protect, and enhance the biodiversity, ecological integrity, and cultural legacy of marine resources surrounding the Channel Islands for current and future generations. CINMS supports a rich and diverse range of marine life and habitats, unique and productive oceanographic processes and ecosystems, and culturally significant resources such as hundreds of shipwrecks and submerged Chumash cultural artifacts. Human activities within and near the Sanctuary include commercial and recreational fishing, marine wildlife viewing, boating and other recreation, maritime shipping, nearby offshore oil and gas development, research and monitoring, military and numerous educational activities. CINMS is part of the U.S. Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). For more information about the Sanctuary, log on to <http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/>. For details about Sanctuary regulations please visit http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/drop_down/reg.html.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) is a crucial Sanctuary partner. The SAC is a 21 voting member body that brings together diverse community members and representatives from various government agencies to advise the Sanctuary manager and NOAA on Sanctuary resource management issues. The Advisory Council extends its capacities by forming a variety of working groups. The SAC meets every other month at locations throughout Ventura and Santa Barbara counties and working groups meet as needed. All SAC and working group meetings are open to the public and interested parties are encouraged to attend. For more information about the SAC and its working groups log on to <http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/main.html>.

The National Marine Sanctuary Program (<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>) seeks to increase public awareness of America's maritime heritage by conducting scientific research, monitoring, exploration, and educational programs. Today 13 national marine sanctuaries encompass more than 18,000 square miles of America's ocean and Great Lakes natural and cultural resources. NOAA National Ocean Service (<http://oceanservice.noaa.gov>) manages the National Marine Sanctuary Program and is dedicated to exploring, understanding, conserving and restoring the nation's coasts and oceans. NOAA (<http://www.noaa.gov>) is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources.