

## **LWVCO Sustainability Study**

The LWVCO program committee has compiled already nearly twenty articles and papers to stimulate the state's study on sustainability. The papers are not as lengthy as the usual WLVUS white paper.

Summary goals of the study include:

1. Review sustainability definitions and what sustainability means to us
2. Examine sustainability examples in communities, business, government and social and environmental policies
3. Determine how League positions use sustainability, and how we can fit the definition of sustainability into League's action program.

Should we take into account the principle of sustainability when studying and reaching a position on any governmental policy and legislation?

Is representative democracy sustainable given the enormous funding of lobbyists at all levels?

The proposed League definition is "Sustainability is a way of life which seeks a balance in meeting current environment, economic and human needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet the same goal. "

We will begin our local study at February 8 meeting (11am at the Colorado Visitor's Center). It is important that participants in the study read the papers prior to the meeting so that we have the same knowledge base and vocabulary. Only League members can participate in the March consensus discussion. Go to [www.lwvmontezuma.org](http://www.lwvmontezuma.org) to read or download the papers.