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## **FORUM ON NOV. 8**

### **SOLAR PROJECTS AT CARRIZO PLAIN: BOON OR BUST?**

Do solar projects have a place in one of the sunniest spots in the state? "Boon or Bust: Solar Projects and the Carrizo Plain" is a special panel discussion that will be held Monday, Nov. 8, 6-8 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo City-County Library.

Presented by the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County, the event is free and open to the public.

"We have assembled representatives from the solar industry, environmental groups, an independent energy business owner and a county supervisor to explore the issues surrounding this subject," said Emily Penfield, president of the local League. "And questions from the public will be part of the program as well."

Panelists include Kathy Arbeit, director of project development, First Solar Corp.; Greg Blue, director of government affairs, SunPower Corp.; Andrew Christie, director, Sierra Club Santa Lucia Chapter; John Ewan, owner/founder, Pacific Energy Company; and Jim Patterson, District 5 supervisor, County of San Luis Obispo.

Moderator is Neil Havlik, natural resources manager, City of San Luis Obispo.

The draft Environmental Impact Report on SunPower's proposed project was recently released by county officials, and the EIR on First Solar's proposed Topaz project is forthcoming. The county planning commission and board of supervisors will be considering both projects early next year.

For more information, call 782-4040 or go to [www.lwvslo.org](http://www.lwvslo.org).

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