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**OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**APRIL 17, 2025**

*Featuring*

**MR. NAN SU – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**



We welcome back Epoch Times reporter Nan Su whose topic will be **U.S. Position on Taiwan Independence**".

Please jot down any questions have during his presentation and wait to ask them during the Q&A session immediately following Mr. Su's talk.

**Blue Pheasant**

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
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11:30 Check-In

12:00 Call to Order

**Cost of Program: \$34.00**

*Includes the program, lunch, coffee & iced tea, taxes & gratuity!*

**Menu Options**

- *Shrimp Louie Salad, or*
- *Cheeseburger & Fries*
- *Roasted Sirloin of Beef*

**Must RSVP by Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>!**

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Checks payable to "West Valley RWF" can be mailed to:  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**ROBIN McCARTHY**  
*West Valley RWF President*



### \$100 Million Dollar Flatulence Monitor

That was my first thought when I read Governor Gavin Newsom's plan to study methane gas emissions in California. Now, I know I'm not the most informed about the study of climate change, but I thought the problem was CO2 emissions. I thought that's what California's Air Resource Board (CARB) was focused on. As it turns out, that was SO yesterday. Studies, government funded studies that is, now indicate the bigger problem is methane gas, an odorless gas that is approximately 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide in terms of its near-term warming impact. Methane gas is now believed to be a significant contributor to climate change. At this point you may be wondering, what is the largest contributor to methane gas in California? You guessed it, the agricultural sector, specifically livestock. Dairy cows are the main culprit (those farting cows!), and to a lesser degree, beef cattle.

How on earth did we get here? I agree with being good stewards of our planet. Do we really need to spend \$300 million dollars (\$100 million for satellite monitoring and \$200 million to plug idle oil wells at risk of leaking methane) on this study? Maybe, maybe not, I'm not the expert on this subject. But it did get me wondering, have we strayed from our heritage?

Preserving California's heritage is near and dear to my heart because our heritage reflects our foundational values of tradition, family, and community identity while also confronting the rapid cultural and political changes California has undergone. I feel the need to resist a progressive overhaul of our state's character. The key elements of our heritage stem from 1) **The Gold Rush Legacy** – a symbol of hard work, independence, and the American dream; 2) **Ranching and Agricultural Roots** – a way of life tied to the land, family run operations and practical stewardship; 3) **Early Hollywood values** (don't laugh!) – in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, Hollywood produced films that often celebrated patriotism, faith, and traditional morality; 4) **Mission History and Faith** – The Spanish missions, founded in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries brought Christianity to California as well as a lasting architectural and cultural imprint; 5) **Natural Wonders as a Birthright** – Yosemite, the redwoods, and the Sierra Nevada are part of California's identity as a state of exceptional beauty.

The progressive policies currently shaping our state support Historical Revisionism (removing statues and rewriting school curricula), Urbanization with sprawling cities and tech campuses encroaching on rural land and historic towns, and a Cultural Shift. Now the Hollywood liberal elite tend to drown out the voices of those who identify with our state's humbler, more traditional past.

California's heritage, the spirit of grit, ranching roots, faith of the missions and the beauty of our land is slipping away. Progressive policies are rewriting our history, sidelining our traditions, and leaving our children with a state that doesn't reflect the values we hold dear. We can't just watch it happen. That's why we need you – strong, conservative women who care about family, freedom, and our past – to step up and join our board of directors. This isn't about politics for its own sake; it's about protecting the California we love, the one built by pioneers and preserved by families like ours. Volunteer with us to fight for our farms, defend our history, and keep our state's soul alive. Your voice can shape policies, support our communities, and ensure our heritage isn't just a memory. Join us now, because if we don't act, who will?





As mentioned during our general meeting in March, West Valley RWF needs your help! We have some Executive Committee/Standing Chair positions that must be filled. Analogies featuring hands come to mind – idle hands are the devil’s workshop, lend a hand, many hands make light work, working hand in hand - you get the picture! Please read these job descriptions and see where YOU fit in.

### Open Executive Committee positions...

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** This is the person who sends out invitations to prospective guest speakers, introduces them at our meeting, and thanks them with small token gift. She also fills in for the President at meetings when the president cannot be there. This position receives a lot of help and support from the rest of the Board! We have an invitation template, we send her speaker ideas as we come across them, etc. Like every other position on the Board, the 1<sup>st</sup> VP gets a lot of help from the rest of us.

**Recording Secretary:** Using the meeting agenda as her guide, this person records what is done at each of our Board meetings and General meetings – only what is done, not everything that is said! It is a lot easier than it sounds, and here again we have templates/examples for you to help you get started.

**Corresponding Secretary:** In this position, you will be responsible for sending thank you notes or emails to our guest speakers, thinking of you, get well or sympathy cards to members as the need arises, etc. Is there anyone among you who ISN’T qualified to do this? We hope not!

### Open Standing Chair positions...

**Americanism:** This person inspires respect for the American Flag and our country. Traditionally, the Chair leads the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America at all regular meetings or asks someone to assume that responsibility in her absence. She is responsible for the proper display of the flag at all functions of the organization. Where the venue permits, the Flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he, or she, faces the audience. On occasion, she may wish to present a brief story, quote or reminder that inspires respect for the American Flag and our country.

**Caring for America/Armed Forces:** She organizes club participation in community service such as activities to support Women’s Shelters, Books donations as part of the NFRW’s MELP project, Troops support via Operation Care & Comfort or other such organizations, First Responders support, etc.

**Newsletter:** Did you know that Bunny Hacker has been producing our newsletter for 13+ years now? She would really like someone to take this over and produce a more modern version – preferably online via our soon-to-be-active new website!

**Phone Tree:** This one is easy – we have 5 members on this committee already, and we need just one of them to step into the position of Chair of this committee. She will keep the call list current and make sure each member of the committee has the updated list. And adding another caller to the Team would be great!

**Publicity/Social Media:** Our club has a Facebook and Instagram pages, we need to be on X. We need someone to take photos at our events and frequently post appropriate photos, memes & news links on these platforms for us.

We should mention that Executive Committee members are required, and Standing Chairs are welcome, to attend monthly Board meetings as well as General meetings. When we can’t, we can’t, but the effort is always appreciated – and we really have a good time at our Board meetings, enjoying lunch together after the meeting is adjourned!



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## Ballot Measure to Require Voter ID in California Eyed for 2026



**Advocates say move would restore faith in elections; critics counter it's not needed.**

By [Jeff Horseman](#) | [jhorseman@scng.com](mailto:jhorseman@scng.com) - The Press-Enterprise – March 20, 2025

The next general election could determine whether Californians will need a government ID to vote in elections.

A coalition that includes several conservative Southern California lawmakers is trying to get a ballot measure before voters in November 2026 that would require voter ID, a practice common in other states but opposed by those who say it's an unnecessary roadblock to democracy.

Rep. [Ken Calvert](#), R-Corona, and Assemblymember [Bill Essayli](#), R-Corona, are coalition members, along with Assemblymember [Carl DeMaio](#), R-San Diego.

“By passing a Voter ID initiative in California we can give voters increased confidence in our elections without unnecessarily restricting access to voting,” Calvert said [in a news release](#).

The same release quoted Essayli as saying: “There is a cancer growing in our democracy where too many people have lost confidence in our elections — and enacting a Voter ID law should be seen as the best bipartisan solution to this problem.”

The [Lincoln Club of Orange County](#) also is part of the coalition.

“There is wide-spread support among the donor community for enacting common-sense election integrity reforms through the Voter ID Initiative and we look forward to helping get this important reform qualified and passed in 2026,” club Chair Teresa Hernandez said in the release.

**The release included polling data showing 68% of California voters — 93% of Republicans, 70% of independents and 52% of Democrats — support requiring voter ID to cast a ballot.**

Continue reading article here:

<https://cafrw.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5747bc70d125d1ceb4bbc7094&id=05a7f34471&e=5a022f059a>

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<https://cafrw.org/updates/>

# EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

Patriotpost.us – March 25, 2025

*Click on blue underlined text to read more online!*

- **Trump repatriates investment billions:** The Trump Difference has many manifestations, not least of which is the confidence his presence in the White House inspires both in corporate America and around the world at large. This confidence, in turn, takes the form of [business investment](#) — from companies such as Apple (\$500 billion), Johnson & Johnson (\$55 billion over four years), Japan-based SoftBank (\$100 billion over four years), Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (\$165 billion), and the United Arab Emirates (a whopping \$1.4 trillion over four years). All this in just two months. Suffice it to say, the hyper-regulatory Biden administration fostered far less enthusiasm among the world’s great companies — some \$910 billion in private manufacturing investments over its four-year term.
- **Trump announces tariffs to isolate Venezuela:** “Therefore, any Country that purchases Oil and/or Gas from Venezuela will be forced to pay a Tariff of 25% to the United States on any Trade they do with our Country,” Donald Trump [wrote on Truth Social](#) Monday. This comes in response to Venezuela’s deliberate effort to send criminals and destabilizing immigrants to the U.S., including members of the violent gang Tren de Aragua. Venezuela’s crude oil exports go primarily to [China, Brazil, Turkey](#), and others. Trump’s stated goal is to isolate the hostile regime in Venezuela and force greater investment in the U.S. economy. The new tariffs will take effect on April 2.
- **Why was the U.S. funding Australian universities?** The Trump administration has [pulled \\$600 million in U.S. taxpayer funding](#) from seven universities in Australia. In response, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese was urged to call an “emergency meeting” of the National Science and Technology Council. The Trump administration sent a questionnaire asking the universities if they could justify U.S. funding, whether they had also received funding from China, and whether they recognized only two sexes or embraced DEI. The response from Australia was mind-numbingly dumb. National Tertiary Education Union President Alison Barnes stated, “The [Aussie] federal government must push back on the Trump administration’s blatant foreign interference in our independent research in the strongest possible terms.” Wait — whose money was it in the first place?
- **Trump’s nominee for CDC director, take two:** Yesterday, Donald Trump [announced his selection](#) of Susan Monarez to head the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The president no doubt hopes the second time is the charm, as Monarez, who did post-doctoral work in microbiology and immunology at Stanford, is being elevated from acting CDC director after Trump’s [withdrawal](#) of his original nominee, former Florida Congressman Dr. Dave Weldon, due to a lack of votes. Weldon was seen as a critic of Big Pharma, an ally of HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and a vocal advocate on childhood vaccine safety issues. Still, Trump expects Monarez to work “closely with our GREAT Secretary of Health and Human Services.”

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

*All general meetings: Check-in 11:30am and Adjourn 1:30pm*



- April 1 **April Fool's Day**
- April 2 West Valley RWF Board meeting, 10:00am, Boulder Ridge Golf Club, San Jose CA
- April 12-20 **Passover**
- April 15 **Tax Day** (*Let's have some fun with it – see page 7 of the newsletter for our "Count Your Blessings" tax form and help support the activities of West Valley RWF!*)
- April 17 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**Nan Su, "U.S. Position on Taiwan Independence"**
- April 20 **Easter Sunday**
- June 6-7 **CFRW Summer Board Meeting & Conference**, Marriott SpringHill Suites, Atascadero. Watch for the Call to Conference will come out early April!
- October 10-11 **CFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION - CELEBRATING OUR CENTENNIAL!**  
Save the date and plan to attend this epic celebration – Call to Convention coming in August!

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