

SLA's SF Bay Region Chapter and Northern California Association of Law Libraries present the Sunshine Week Webcast!

Monday, March 12, 2007

[Sunshine Week](#) is a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. The San Francisco Bay Region Chapter of SLA will be co-sponsoring the Sunshine Week National Webcast with the [Northern California Association of Law Libraries](#) (NOCALL), the [California First Amendment Coalition](#) and the [League of Women Voters of Oakland](#). We will also offer a Bay Area location to view the webcast and enjoy a continental breakfast and a lunchtime program.

The Second National Dialogue on Open Government and Secrecy is titled *Closed Doors; Open Democracies?*. The program will focus on access to government information, including the impact of government suppression and manipulation of scientific information on public health and safety and accountability. The dialogue will start with a lively discussion of the issues and end with ideas for action. The program will be webcast from the National Press Club in Washington, DC to host sites around the country, and will consist of two panel discussions. Panel 1 will focus on national issues. Speakers include:

- Susan Wood, former assistant FDA commissioner for women's health and director of the Office of Women's Health, who resigned in August 2005 over the delay on making Plan B accessible
- Rick Piltz, former senior associate with the U.S. Climate Change Science Program, who blew the whistle on the Bush administration's manipulation of scientific reporting related to global warming
- Francesca Grifo, Senior Scientist and Director of Scientific Integrity Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists to give an overview of how "Secrecy Can Make You Sick" - how secrecy of and manipulation of science can hurt you and your community
- Jay Dyckman, director of The Knowledge Project at the National Coalition Against Censorship to discuss first amendment free speech issues and describe what you can do

Panel 2 will focus on state and local issues. Speakers include:

- Bill Wolfe, director of the New Jersey chapter of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)
- Mark Tapscott, editorial page editor of the Washington Examiner
- Dottie Biggs, former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) librarian from Region 8

The discussion will be moderated by Ira Flatow, host and executive producer of NPR's Science Friday. The local event will conclude with a lunchtime program on open meeting laws; California Freedom of Information Requests; and the tension between the public's right to know, reporters' need to protect their sources, and the government's need to keep some information classified. Speaker to be announced.

Special thanks to Carolina Rose of [Legislative Research, Inc.](#) for her generous donation to help sponsor this event.

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2007
LOCATION: County of Alameda Training Center
125 - 12th Street, Suite 400
Oakland, CA

Please note that the Training Center is easily reached from the Lake Merritt BART station. Additional directions and a map are available at <http://www.acgov.org/conference/location.htm>

AGENDA:
9 – 10 a.m. Continental breakfast
10 – 11:30 a.m. National webcast
11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Break

12 – 1 p.m. Lunchtime program
1 – 2 p.m. Questions and discussion

LUNCH MENU: Platters of sandwiches, bowls of salad, drinks including water, tea, and coffee, and cookies.

COST: No charge for National Webcast; \$10 for lunch program (\$12.50 at the door with no advance registration)

Although there is no charge for attending the webcast, advance registration is strongly encouraged to assure that space is available. People who do not register in advance will be admitted on a space-available basis.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, March 8, 2007

Send registration to:
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Lunch program only - \$10 _____

Webcast and lunch program - \$10 _____

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