

## **DISRUPTION**

*350.org, as coordinated with the People's Climate March*

Screening at Environmental Concerns Speaker Series, September 8, 2014

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LWVBAE Environmental Concerns Speaker Series in conjunction with The Climate Team kicked off the 2014-15 year with a screening of "Disruption," an hour-long documentary film about climate change — the science, the politics, and the movement. Our September 8 screening coincided with those nationwide facilitated via climate leader Bill McKibben's 350.org to help recruit and energize people into action to stop carbon pollution and transition to renewable energy.

*Disruption* takes the viewer on a fast-paced journey through the tangled world of climate change: the science, the politics, the solutions, and the stories that define this crisis at this pivotal point in human history. This movie by and for the movement - its release coordinated with the People's Climate March – was made to galvanize a new wave of climate action and leadership. Action began in a big way September 21 with the People's Climate March in New York City that drew some 400,000 people. Local efforts in Oakland drew several hundred people who gathered at Lake Merritt, including our LWVBAE climate team.

Discussion after the film was positive, but attendees were critical as to the lack of concrete action suggested in the movie.

The movie *Disruption* is available for download online to be used as a tool to help organize and mobilize movement for action. By hosting a screening and discussion, organizations as well as individuals may help recruit and energize new people into this rising movement. Discussion questions are offered online to help galvanize your community toward a renewable energy future. Stream the video online from Vimeo, which is an online video website a lot like YouTube.

**To stream the film: <http://watchdisruption.com/>**

To get involved in Climate Action locally join our Climate Team, which meets at the LWVBAE office the fourth Friday of the month. For more information on the Climate Action Team contact Regina Beatus at 510-524-6904. And attend our informative Environmental Concerns Speaker Series offered the second Monday of the month September through May. For more information on Environmental Concerns contact Gail Schickele at 415-922-6627 or Carol Stone at 510-549-0959.