



**The Maddy Institute**  
*California State University, Fresno*

## **Dan Walters Speaks to *Maddy Associates***

*2006-2007 Schedule Being Set*

Last year, The Maddy Institute officially launched the *Maddy Associates* program—a public affairs forum modeled after the Commonwealth Club of California—to bring together a diverse array of distinguished speakers to discuss topics of importance to our region, our State and our Nation.

In the Fall, *Maddy Associates* hosted two events—the annual “Sacramento Update” with State Senate and State Assembly members from throughout the San Joaquin Valley and the annual “Washington Update” with the Valley’s Congressional delegation. This Spring, we had two more events scheduled.



On May 17, Dan Walters spoke on “Sacramento: The Bond, The Valley and Election Year Politics” at the Copper River Country Club. Mr. Walters had some interesting and provocative observations about state government. He suggested, for example, that the current bond agreement may be due to political positioning for the 2010 gubernatorial election as much as the specific merits of the bond package. In a wide ranging discussion, he noted the gridlock caused by partisan politics, the upcoming bond measures, the May budget revise and a host of other topics.

Mr. Walters is a columnist for *The Sacramento Bee*. His column on California and its politics now appears in more than 50 California newspapers.

Mr. Walters has also written about California politics for other publications, including *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Christian Science Monitor* and has authored several books such as *The New California: Facing the 21st Century*, a widely used college textbook about socioeconomic and political trends in the state and a book on lobbying, *The Third House: Lobbyists, Money and Power in Sacramento.* Mr. Walters is the founding editor of the *California Political Almanac* and is a frequent guest on national television news shows, commenting on California politics.

Unfortunately, our scheduled June 6 event with Abraham D. Sofaer, the George P. Shultz Distinguished Scholar and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford and a professor at Stanford Law School had to be cancelled because of a family emergency.

We are currently trying to make arrangements for another speaker in June. Please stay tuned...

Finally, we are currently working on the 2006-2007 speaking schedule. Among our events are:

- The “Sacramento Update” with our state Valley delegation (we hope to have 7-8 Valley state legislators).
- The “Washington D.C. Update” with our federal Valley delegation (we hope to have you 4-5 Valley congressmen)
- David Brady, Professor of Political Science at Stanford University and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution on “The Political Polarization in American Politics”

We will be adding up to two more national renowned speakers to complete the schedule.

We hope to have the entire 2006-2007 speaking schedule set by August.

The *Maddy Associates* program is vital to the on-going work of the Institute. As a non-profit organization, The Maddy Institute relies on the support of its membership, the University and foundation grants to continue and expand its role in fostering civic engagement, public leadership training and policy analysis in the Valley.

Membership in the *Maddy Associates* entitles the individual or organization to a:

- Invitation to the “Sacramento Update”
- Invitation to the “Washington, D.C. Update”
- Invitations to at least 2 other discussions with high profile, national politicians/public policy experts
- Invitation to the Vuich Lunch and a pre-event reception with the Award-winner
- “*Maddy Associates* Report” giving the annual status on Institute programs and projects
- Recognition on the Maddy Institute Web Site
- Recognition at all Maddy Institute events

Annual membership fees, which are tax-deductible, will be \$1,000 for individuals or \$2,500 for organizations (entitling them to 3 individual tickets for each event).

All money raised will be used to continue to support, train, develop and encourage the next generation of government leaders to serve the public in the ethical, bi-partisan, respectful style of Sen. Ken Maddy and our best political, governmental, business and civic leaders.

Among the programs that will be funded by the *Maddy Associates* will be those involving policy analysis, civic engagement and government leadership training for both elected officials and public managers, as well as the Institute’s scholar intern program in Fresno, Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

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