



The Voter

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

April, 2014 Annual Meeting Kit

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Fort Bragg Water—For Drinking, For Eco-design, For Sale

LWV TO DISCUSS STATE OF LOCAL WATER AT APRIL 8 MEETING

By Jane Person

The League's April meeting is devoted to a discussion of water—the outlook for the Fort Bragg area (including the sale of water to other areas), and an environmental design organization's plan to "daylight" two creeks on the former Georgia Pacific mill site.

Marie Jones, Community Development Director for the City of Fort Bragg, will discuss city water issues and the sale of water to Mendocino Village and other areas that suffered serious shortages during the current drought.

Representatives from NHUDG, a local not-for-profit ecological design group, will discuss proposals for creeks

on the former mill site in Fort Bragg.

NHUDG describes its purpose as "... transformation of the Noyo Headlands on the Mendocino Coast from the extraction economy to a model of the restoration economy that nurtures the environmental health of our planet and strengthens the social and economic fabric of our community...."

The acronym stands for Noyo Headlands Unified Design Group, of Fort Bragg, an organization that operates under the auspices of the Coastal Land Trust, according to press information.

Two of the organization's four

2014 goals will be discussed at the League meeting: A proposed regional water study and "daylighting" of Alder Street and Maple Street Creeks on the property.

Water—how much do we have and where is it? What are the challenges ahead in providing sustainable water sources that may include reuse? These are some questions the League hopes to tackle at this meeting and at our May meeting.

The meeting is at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, at the Caspar Community Center. Coffee is served at 9:30 a.m. All League meetings are open to the public at no charge.



March 21, 2014, Caspar Community Center at the League's Meet & Greet Your Elected Officials event—County Sheriff Tom Allman thanks the community for support after the tragic ambush and murder of Deputy Ricky Del Fiorentino on March 19 in Cleone. Allman told guests he felt privileged to be an elected official in Mendocino County..



League of Women Voters of Mendocino County
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 13, 2014—10 a.m.
Caspar Community Center

9:30 a.m. Sign in

10 a.m. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

Jane Person

Annual Meeting Minutes May 14, 2013

Minutes Committee
Jary Stavely, Lee Tepper,
Kitty Brown

Financial Report

Lee Tepper

Presentation/Adoption of Recommended 2014-2015 Budget

Nancy Kleiber

Presentation/Restatement of Local Program

Barbara Matheson

Nominations Committee Report

Betty Barber

Nominations from the Floor

Betty Barber

Election of Officers and Directors

Betty Barber

Introduction of Officers and Directors

Jane Person

Directions to the Board

Membership

Adjournment of Business Meeting

Jane Person

10:45 a.m. Program

Charlie Acker
Coastal Water Issues

11:30 a.m. Luncheon

Salad and dessert potluck courtesy of League Members
Soup from the Kitchen of the Westport Hotel
Courtesy of Dorine Real and Lee Tepper

Proposed LWVMC 2014-2015 Budget

Income	14-15 Budget
Dues	\$3,295.00
Donations	\$900.00
Fund Raising	\$1,500.00
Interest on bank accounts	\$25.00
contribution from savings	\$1,607.00
total	\$7,327.00
Expenses	
total PMP*	\$3,267.00
Conventions/Workshops	\$800.00
Smart Voter (LWVC web site)	\$300.00
Publications	\$100.00
Program	\$200.00
<i>Voter</i>	\$400.00
Operating Expenses	\$1,000.00
Voter Service	\$500.00
Publicity	\$50.00
Action	\$100.00
Membership	\$50.00
Fund Raising	\$100.00
Insurance	\$150.00
Special Events (Meet & Greet)	\$150.00
Web Site (LWVMC)	\$160.00
total	\$7,327.00
* PMP calculation	
California individual 41 @\$23per	\$943.00
California household 13@\$34.50per	\$448.50
National individual 41@\$31per	\$1,271.00
National household 13@46.50per	\$604.50
total	\$3,267.00

Nominating Committee Report

President:	Carol Czadek
Vice President:	Dorine Real
Vice President:	Patricia Marien
Secretary:	Cindy Plank
Treasurer:	Lee Tepper
Elected Directors:	Pat Dunbar
	Nancy Kleiber
	Jane Person
	Jary Stavely
Appointed Directors:	JoAn Blackstone
	Kitty Brown
	Babs Levine
Off-Board Budget Committee Chair:	Jim Plank
Off-Board Nominating Committee Chair:	Betty Barber

LWVMC

Recommended Program 2014-2015

Local Program Positions

The process of planning the program for League members begins with the review of existing positions and current issues. After member discussion, the League chooses those positions which it believes should be retained, reviewed, updated, and/or deleted as well as those that the League should emphasize in the coming year.

The local League Board evaluates the responses from members along with the current issues as well as League resources or people and funding. The proposed program, or issue(s) for emphasis could include areas of emphasis for advocacy using existing positions, or education of members and the public, or possible development of new or updated positions through the study process. The recommended program is then presented to the membership at the annual meeting for a final decision.

A list of local program recommendations is below and a summary of positions in brief is on Pages 4 and 5 of this meeting kit.

LWVMC Local Program

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Mendocino County recommends retaining the following positions for the 2014-2015 year.

Special Districts—adopted in 1991, updated 2009

County Budget—adopted in 1994

Libraries—adopted in 1991

Solid Waste Management—adopted in 1991, updated 1993

Transportation—adopted in 1991

Mendocino Health Care District—adopted in 1999

Sustainable Communities—adopted as issue for emphasis in 1999, as a full position in 2005

Redistricting—adopted as issue for education and action in 2011.

The Board of Directors makes the following recommendations for adoption of an issues for education and action for 2014-2015: Money in Politics, Post-secondary Education and Sustainability.

League of Women Voters of Mendocino County Program Positions

GOVERNMENT

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Position in brief: Support of effective functioning of Special Districts to meet the needs of the people and the community.

- a. Special Districts are covered by the Brown Act and should be responsive and accountable to the public by providing information about meetings, agendas, finances, board vacancies and elections.
- b. Public access to meeting records should be in the most advanced medium possible.
- c. Special Districts should coordinate and cooperate with other districts and governmental agencies with a view toward reorganization (including expansion, dissolution, or annexation where feasible).
- d. Regular independent audits should be required.
- e. Changes in the organization of Special Districts should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis using the following criteria: Accessibility, accountability, economy, efficiency.

Approved 1991, updated 2009

COUNTY BUDGET

Position in brief: Support measures to ensure revenues which are fair, sufficient, and equitable to meet changing needs for county-wide services. Support the concept of a strategic plan which includes short term and long range goals. Factors which need to be considered are:

- a. Promotion of efficient utilization of county personnel, facilities and all resources.
- b. Aggressive pursuit of state and federal funding.
- c. Recognition of the diversity of the population and establishment of a means to allow for education and participation of the public.
- d. Initiation of the budget process no later than January each year to facilitate priority setting and general readiness to meet state and federal impacts and enable timely adoption of the budget.

Adopted 1994

LIBRARIES

Position in brief: Support improved library services and facilities which promote economy and utilization.

Adopted 1991

NATURAL RESOURCES

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Position in brief: Support mandatory recycling of useable material.

Support for:

- a. Legislation which requires an increase in the use of recyclable products.
- b. Strong measures to improve the manufacture and sale of recycled materials.

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- c. Legislation which places requirements on cities and the reduction in their waste streams through recycling, composting, and other programs.
- d. Financial incentives.
- e. Education to promote increased awareness of local recycling programs.
- f. Reduction of unneeded packaging.

Adopted 1991, updated 1993

TRANSPORTATION

Position in brief: Support a public transportation system that continues to be subsidized and one that utilizes publicity and convenience to encourage ridership.

Adopted 1991

SOCIAL POLICY

MENDOCINO HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

Position in brief: Support for measures that increase the financial viability of the hospital and district, promote services that meet the needs of the community, and improve community relations. The district should be encouraged to advocate for the betterment of healthcare in the community it serves.

- a. Services provided by Mendocino Health Care District should reflect the needs of the community.
- b. The district board and administration should work in collaboration with other agencies and/or organizations to improve efficiency in the delivery of healthcare to the community.
- c. The district board and administration should continue to work with professional organizations to keep informed and advocate at the state and federal levels.
- d. The board and administration should improve and maintain communications with the community.
- e. There should be sound fiscal management and sufficient revenues to maintain and continue services provided by the district that will meet the changing needs of the community.

Adopted 1999

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The goals are:

- a. To provide community education on the topic of sustainability, with a focus on sustainable communities.
- b. To monitor the re-writing and implementation of the County General Plan as it relates to issues of community sustainability.

Adopted as Issue for Emphasis 1999

As full position 2005

MISSION STATEMENT

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, A NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, ENCOURAGES INFORMED AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT, STRIVES TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF MAJOR PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES, AND INFLUENCES PUBLIC POLICY THROUGH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY.

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Membership in The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County is a bargain and a statement. You will be saying that you are committed to the ballot as a means for change and for providing non-biased information to voters. The issues your League follows are those that affect every resident's family and community. Get involved in the League of Women Voters. Dues for 2014-2015 are due in September, 2014 and will cover the period between September, 2014 and September, 2015.

Please consider joining at one of these levels:

Susan B. Anthony Individual Membership \$55 _____
Amelia Bloomer Two-member Household Membership \$80 _____
Elizabeth Cady Stanton Membership \$100 _____
Carrie Chapman Catt Membership \$250 or more _____
Donation _____

Name/Names: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Please Hold the Date
Tuesday, May 13, 2014

LWV Business Meeting
Before our Presentation
by Charlie Acker
on Local Water Issues

10 a.m. Meeting
Potluck luncheon
at 11:30 a.m.
Caspar Community Center

Please bring this
meeting kit with you

Sources of Information about Money in Politics

www.moneyoutvotersin.org

<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=14>

<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Measures/list.aspx?session=2011>

http://ca.lwv.org/sites/ca.lwv.org/files/Campaign%20Finance%20FACTS_1.pdf

<http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/srssea.shtml>

<http://www.lwvc.org/issues/money-in-politics>