



ILO Options Study Committee Update



After interviewing 8 different urban Leagues throughout California, we have learned a lot about how regional issues are handled by each League. First, we confirmed that every League variety (InterLeague Organization or ILO, County Council, Local League) that we interviewed did pay attention to and sometimes took actions to promote or defend regional issues. The biggest problem for every League entity is having fewer members to do the work. One of the specific questions we asked was, “How many people in your League would you estimate work regularly on regional issues?” Most told us that they had 1-5 people involved in regional issues. San Diego had 6 – 10 and Los Angeles, 20 or more.

Here is some numerical information about the vari-

ous Leagues we have interviewed. We have added the numbers for San Diego County so that you can compare us to the others. In other questions we asked what regional topics are followed (transportation, health, land use, water, juvenile justice, etc.), funding sources, mechanics of organization. The full chart will be in the short report that our committee is producing for ILO members so that they can be informed for the discussion and vote on the future of our San Diego County ILO on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at County Convention. The actual surveys will be in an appendix to that short report. Please plan to attend either the March 3 meeting at Beryl Flom’s at 10 am for the San Diego League, or March 8 at 10 am at Leucadia Wastewater District offices for the North County League to ask about the study, the ILO, or anything related to the survey.

Ann Omsted, Committee Chair

San Diego County ILO Options Study Survey

LL = Local League
CC = County Council
ILO = Inter League Organization

Name	# of Local Leagues (LL)	# of Members	Regional Population
Alameda CC	6	1054	2 million
Bay Area ILO	20	2863	7.5 million
Los Angeles ILO	12	1248	10.2 million
Orange County ILO	3	355	3 million
Sacramento LL	1	166	1.5 million
SAN DIEGO	2	477	3 million
Santa Barbara	2	270	180,000
Santa Clara CC	5	781	1.9 million
Ventura LL	1	98	698,000

Recent County League Activities and Action

Listed in alphabetical order by Board member's name.

Donna Bartlett-May - Secretary

Peggy Dornish - Public Safety and Fire Protection Director. Chaired both the LWVUS and County Agriculture Studies

Josan Feathers. Works on environmental issues-- most recently on the proposed massive Lilac Hills Ranch and the Keystone pipeline issues. She reports on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), San Onofre Radioactive Nuclear Waste, etc.

Sylvia Hampton - Health Director. Represents league on the San Diego Coalition for Reproductive Choice. She also is on the board of San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage representing LWV and advocates for health positions held by the state and national LWV. She monitors health, hospital and health insurance issues.

Joyce Joseph - Joyce is the liaison with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters Michael Vu. Her work with his office made getting the needed info for SmartVoter possible. He has a great deal of respect for LWV. Joyce also coordinated SmartVoter throughout the County, along with a large team of helpers. She wrote articles related to voting in the County Voter.

Liz Kruidenier - Worked to update the Behavioral Health Position. She attends and reports back to the Board about the regional behavioral health meetings she attends.

Marjie Larson - (previously on, now off board). Attends and monitors countywide action in the areas of hunger, poverty and homelessness. She sends periodic written reports to the County League Board. She has found speakers for ILO Councils and Conventions.

Barbara Lorenzen -Treasurer. Member of ILO Options Committee.

Dolores Nelson - Voter Editor. Edits newsletters sent to members of both local Leagues and creates event flyers, yearbooks, booklets, etc.

Anne Omsted - (off board) created the "County Budget Project," with monthly reports to the ILO board and articles for the Voter. Anne currently chairs the ILO Options Study. She conducted the meetings of the County Agriculture Study and the LWVUS Ag Study.

Margaret Schlesinger - Represented County League when she served on the Citizens Advisory Committee of the San Dieguito River Valley Open Regional Space Park JPA. She attended monthly meetings for more than 10 years until she became ill in December, 2015. The SDRV is truly a regional park encompassing many cities as well as unincorporated areas in the County. Over the years there have been many fights to preserve the SDRV from development or environmental degradation.

Roni Seay - Chaired fundraising via the "Opportunity Drawing." The success of that venture was largely due to the generosity of the ILO board members who donated \$50 to \$100 gift certificates which enticed members of both Leagues to buy tickets. She served as president of County League from 2012-2014

Gail Tullao - Webmaster. Has served off-board for many years. She is unable to attend Board meetings and has Board members send her information.

Nan Valerio - Director of Regional Governance. Nan monitors SANDAG's new regional plan. Monitors regional transportation and is a member of Caltrans District II Planning Division - California External Advisory Liaison (CEAL) which is a forum to discuss and monitor Caltrans. Nan formerly worked for SANDAG and knows everything about regional governance. She reports back to the board regularly and writes articles for the Voter.

The Local League presidents are members of the County League Board and keep ILO up to date on what each League is doing and help coordinate LWV in San Diego County,

Roni Seay

Regional Governance Report

CEAL January 2016 Meeting

The LWVSDC is a member of the Caltrans External Advisory Liaison (CEAL) committee. This committee provides communication between Caltrans and community organizations within San Diego County. CEAL meets quarterly with the Caltrans District Director.



damage or repair activities and identify areas at high-risk of flooding. Culverts, under highways carrying water from the roads, are continuously inspected and cleaned.

Caltrans Storm Preparations

At its January 13, 2016 meeting, CEAL received a report from the Caltrans staff on the preparations made to prepare for El Niño rains. The purpose of the Caltrans program is to prevent damage and/or disruption to the county freeways during storms.

In addition to the regular maintenance of the freeways and highways, Caltrans has identified major flooding and mud-slide risk areas and established damage assessment teams that will determine, when storm damage occurs, what repairs and other services are needed so these can be brought into action as quickly as possible. Caltrans cleared Alvarado and Santa Maria (Ramona) Creeks so they flowed in the January rain and did not flood either the freeway or the mobile home park adjacent to it.

Caltrans has developed a multi-layered GIS map with infrastructure and potential damage sources, such as location of recent burn areas, to help manage any

Caltrans coordinates its preparation activities and shares information with the County of San Diego and the cities in the county and has developed an emergency contact list for information sharing. Caltrans information is at www.dot.ca.gov/dist11.

FAST Act

In December 2015, the president signed the FAST (Fixing America's Surface Transportation) Act, the \$300 billion, 5-year funding bill for transportation improvements throughout the nation. The funds can be used for bridge repairs, highways safety, transit (bus and trolley), and rail improvements, among others. There appears to be a major emphasis in improving safety in the nation's various transportation systems, consolidation and streamlining of funding programs, and providing some longer-term certainty in federal funding to the states. The amount to be awarded to California is not yet known. Governor Brown's proposed budget will contain state funding for transportation improvements.

Nan Valerio, Regional Government



SANDAG Survey

SANDAG is conducting an on-line survey of which projects county residents think are more important in implementing the recently-adopted Fast Forward Transportation Plan. You can participate at www.priorities.sandag.org/survey.



Behavioral Health Updates: December 2015-January 2016

“Progress is not Inevitable. It is as a result of Choices we make Together.”

Director Liz Kruidenier: Behavioral Health Meetings Attended

- 12/2 - Primary Care and Behavioral Health Integration Summit at Jacobs Center led by Marty Adelman, Coordinator of Mental Health Programs at Council of Community Clinics. Insurance companies don't allow billing for multiple MD visits on same day. Finding solutions to such problem lays groundwork for integrating services.
- 12/3 - Housing Work Group and Council Meeting: Sought Board of Supervisors' approval of \$10,000,000 surplus money from Mental Health Services Act's (MHSA passed by voters in 2004) better than expected profits from Budget Year 14-15 to finance 69 more independent housing units.
- 2/10 - Work Well Workforce Partnership: Finding more creative jobs/educating business owners on the merit of hiring stabilized consumer peers trained to become peer support specialists after graduating from Recovery Innovations' program to become certified peer specialists.
- 12/15 - Ground has been broken for the 7th crisis house in Escondido.
- 1/04 - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family and Transition Age Youth (TAY) Roundtable Quarterly Meeting with San Diego Behavioral Health Director Alfredo Aguirre and Adult/Older Adult Department Director Piedad Garcia.
 - NAMI North Coast - Discussed F2F (Face to Face) Class ending in December and new one beginning January. Peer Celebrations.
 - NAMI SD - Has new website, <http://namisandiego.org/> and new Volunteer Program for 200 volunteers and providers. They are helping set up and support a NAMI in Alpine.
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment's (Laura's Law) contract went to TeleCare. Program will start 4/01 with Judge Stone presiding. Both he and Charity White-Voth will be program monitors.
 - RI - Recovery Innovations shared with us that their offices have moved to 3838 Del Rio North, Ste 380, San Diego, 92108. Phone: 619-528-0046. Their upcoming summit "Recovery is Real" will be held March 17 at the Jacobs Center.

VOTER'S EDGE with MapLight & SmartVoter®

On Jan. 29 before the LWVC Board met for the weekend in San Diego, an LWVC Voter Strategy program was presented by Dora Rose and Sharon Stone, of the management team of Voter's Edge California, which is replacing Smart Voter in 2016. Michael Vu, Registrar of Voters, spoke about his outreach plans for this year's elections. Following lunch, specific training on Voter's Edge was presented. Rachel McDonald, a member of the San Diego League, will coordinate Voter's Edge activities in the county this year.