



The ILO represents the Leagues of San Diego City and North County.

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ILO Budget Review of San Diego County, #7 Health and Human Services

One of the five divisions of San Diego County's governmental structure, HHS takes the largest part of the Operational Budget. For 2012-2013, it will receive 39.8% of the \$4.85B adopted budget, or \$1.93B dollars. Of this, over \$1.6B will come from state and federal programs. HHS has over 900 contracts with over 470 community-based providers. **HHS's Mission Statement is "To make people's lives healthier, safer and self-sufficient by delivering essential services in San Diego County."** San Diego County expects to have 16,010.75 staff years during this period, and of these years, 5,306.25 will be with HHS. The vast majority of the money received to provide HHS services will come from both the state and federal governments.

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Health and Mental Health Integration in San Diego County in 2012

The County of San Diego under the leadership of Nick Macchione, Director of Health and Human Services, unrolled a 10 year initiative called Live Well San Diego in July 2010 to improve the health of our region. Convinced that chronic disease plagued both residents and the county workforce and that three behaviors: lack of exercise, poor diet and smoking led to four illnesses: cancer, heart/stroke, diabetes 2, and pulmonary problems that caused 57% of preventable deaths the county introduced their first strategy to fight the problem and called it Building Better Health. Its aim: to live longer more fruitful lives by creating better choices, healthier partnerships and self help tools.

Phase 2 and 3: Building Better Safety and Better Stability come next. The Better Health concept was then imbedded in every possible place and policy throughout the whole fabric of life in San Diego County. It was introduced to citizens at meetings in all regions, in healthier food choices at school cafeterias, in the encouragement of more farmers markets, in the support of community gardens, the push for exercise to combat obesity and the continued emphasis on clean water and air. It was the catalyst for integrating the health and mental health system, to make sure that each benefitted from the expertise of the other so those with mental illness might regain **the extra 25 years of life they were missing....**

Liz Kruidenier, LWVSDC Behavioral Health Director

For the complete article, please go to the ILO Website:
www.sdcilo.ca.lwvnet.org



See inside for the President's Message and information about Smart Voter, San Diego Board of Supervisors, Natural Resources, and San Diego County Employees Retirement Systems.

President's Message

It is so inspiring to see what both of the strong local Leagues in San Diego County are accomplishing! If you want to keep up to date, check out each League's website: www.lwvsandiego.org and www.lwvncsd.org. At its Board meetings, County League, an Inter-League Organization, works on its own projects as well as help keeps the local League leaders informed so that the LWV presence in San Diego County "speaks with one coordinated voice."



The County League is planning an "opportunity drawing" this Spring with great prizes. Because of wonderful member support last years drawing was such a success that we did not have to mount another fundraising effort. Next month you will get a notice in the mail with all the details about prizes and how you can participate.

Glance at the list of board members on this page. When you see them at meetings, ask them about ILO. I am so pleased to be able to work with all of them! They are the best!

Roni Seay, LWVSDC President

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The ILO Board of Directors meets on the first Friday of the month and all members are welcome to attend.

ILO Joins Coalition

The County League joined the "Protect San Dieguito River Valley" coalition to protect existing open space from being urbanized without the vote of the people. A developer has proposed a continuing care residential community of 224 dwelling units in the flood plain of the San Diego River Valley.



Presently the land, located next to the Rancho Santa Fe polo fields, is zoned for agriculture. The developer is working with the City's Development Services Department to explore how they could get a conditional use permit for this project without having the approval of the voters.

The Coalition also supports Senator Kehoe's SB 1169 which was signed by the Governor last September. The City of San Diego would be able to dedicate up to 10,000 acres of open space. The City Council is considering approximately 6600 acres. The difference between a parcel being "dedicated" rather than "designated" open space is that it takes a 2/3 vote of the people to approve the sale or exchange of a dedicated parcel.

The ILO will be watching to see how the new mayor and the City Council deals with these land management issues.

Nancy Hand, LWVSDC Treasurer

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San Diego County Board of Supervisors

The ILO will continue to observe the actions of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. It will be particularly interesting to watch Dave Roberts, the first new supervisor in 18 years, as his plans unfold. At the well-attended swearing in ceremony on January 7, he stated that he backs conservative fiscal practices, protection of taxpayers and ratepayers, support for environmental issues such as clean water and open space, invigorating the solar panel industry, and looking into creation of a countywide alternative utility service. He also pledged to work on streamlining county-administered foster care and adoption services.

County Supervisors voted unanimously to appoint Supervisor Greg Cox to succeed Supervisor Ron Roberts as the Board's chairman at the Board's first meeting of the new year.

In addition to naming Cox as the Board chair for 2013, Board members appointed Supervisor Dianne Jacob as Vice Chairwoman and Supervisor Bill Horn as Chairman Pro Tem.

Roberts thanked the rest of the Board and all County employees for achieving a number of significant accomplishments during 2012.

San Diego County Employees Retirement Systems (SDCERA)

ILO Board members are continuing to pursue answers about the San Diego County Employees Retirement Systems' investment plan. Concern are the size of the compensation of its investment advisor and the need for the public to have open access to decision making.

Smart Voter®

Results of the presidential election in San Diego County are now archived on SmartVoter.org, the League's election website. We were pleased to welcome more candidates to the site than in the past and help them connect with their constituents. Even better, our county had the highest number of ballot lookups in the state. The busiest day was Nov. 6, Election Day, with close to 71,000 requests! A final, hearty thank you to our ongoing loyal team of around 20, plus too many other members to count county-wide who contributed to Smart Voter's success again. Every effort made a difference and is greatly appreciated.

A new look for Smart Voter was tested in late fall and will be fully operational for the 2014 elections. It is designed to be more user-friendly for the growing number of people who access online information using smart phones and tablets now seen wherever you go. It will include updated news coverage, more campaign spending information, colorful graphics and be easier to navigate. The enhanced version will make it easier for us to demonstrate Smart Voter's ease and usefulness on our own mobile devices at League meetings and other voter service events. We'll be ready and look forward to your participation.

Joyce Joseph, LWVSDC Smart Voter Coordinator

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Natural Resources

What do the crippled San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant and the following proposed projects which include the Gregory Canyon landfill, the Quail Brush Peaker Plant and the Rancho Del Mar Continuing Care Residential Community all have in common? To find out, go to our website <http://sdcilo.ca.lwvnet.org>. In the meanwhile, make sure to send your letters of opposition for the Gregory Canyon landfill electronically BEFORE February 12 to: gregorycanyoneis-spl@usace.army.mil AND speak out at the public hearing on Thursday, January 31, at 6 p.m. at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. For more information contact the Project Manager at William.H.Miller@usace.army.mil or call (602)230-6954



Josan Feathers, LWVSDC Natural Resources Director

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(continued from front page) Here are the various departments of HHSA, a brief summary of services offered, and budgeted money, including how much comes from state and federal government. This will give us all a fairly comprehensive overview of this division of the County.

1. Regional Operations is the service delivery system for HHSA. It is broken into 6 geographic regions. Core operations include Public Health Services, Child Welfare Services and Family Resource Centers/Public Assistance Payments. Its 2012–2013 budget is \$471,967,479, of which \$442,172,021 comes from state and federal government.

2. Strategic Planning and Operational Support works on self-sufficiency programs, eligibility determinations, enrollment, indigent health care. Its 2012–2013 budget is \$234,408,045. Of that amount, \$186,319,421 comes from state and federal government.

3. Aging and Independence Services provides assistance to older adults, disabled people and their families, and programs that keep people living in their own homes. Of its \$313,187,286 2012–2013 budget, \$303,303,688 comes from the state and federal government.

4. Behavioral Health Services provides mental health, alcohol and other drug programs, with a wide range of providers from in home counseling through inpatient services at San Diego County Psychiatric Hos-

pital and Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility. Of its \$433,581,666 2012–2013 budget, \$385,603,805 comes from the state and federal governments.

5. Child Welfare Services provides protective services for children, operates the Polinsky Children's Center and San Pasqual Academy. Of its \$252,210,994 2012 – 2013 budget, \$232,850,534 comes from state and federal government.

6. Public Health Services works on health care, prevention, access, and environmental hazards. Of its \$104,549,881 2012–2013 budget, \$84,298,933 comes from state and federal government.

7. Public Administrator/Public Guardian manages estates of intestate decedents and at-risk people. Of its \$4,252,887 2012–2013 budget, nothing comes from state or federal government.

8. Administrative Support co-ordinates the money, run assessments, and tracks grant requirements. Of its \$79,946,593 2012–2013 budget, \$56,031,376 comes from state and federal government.

As you can see, this is a huge operation. Numbers of people assisted are difficult to pry out of this budget, but it does report that 76,000 are in Cal Works, 251,000 are enrolled in Cal Fresh (which used to be called Food Stamps) and 354,000 people are enrolled in MediCal. There probably is a lot of overlap between these programs.

Anne Omsted, LWVSDC County Budget Project