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Monday January 10
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January 13
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Saturday, January 15
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OUR NEW YEAR'S GIFT
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"A Thousand Tries"

The long-awaited world premiere of
a dramatic choral work celebrating the
Suffrage Centennial

sponsored by

League of Women Voters of Fresno
Foundation of FC Office of Education
Fresno Arts Council

Thursday, January 13, 5:30 p.m. ZOOM

A link will be sent to members

All guests welcome: see more info on pages 6-7

Also introducing three Fresno City College winners
of Bette Peterson Scholarships
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President's Message



A new feature highlighting monthly Board activities

December 2021

“The League of Women Voters encourages active and informed participation in government, works to increase understanding of public policy issues....” So begins our mission statement, and the work we do supports the idea that being informed is vital to protecting our democracy. Yet a significant chunk of the population votes based on a single issue rather than an analysis of the multiple issues associated with an election.

For example, in the 2020 presidential election, among the critical issues were abortion, acknowledging climate change, immigration, and the Covid-19 pandemic. We were presented with candidates who held opposing views on these issues. This was ideal for single-issue voters who could choose their issue, then vote for the candidate who shared their opinion on that issue, regardless of that candidate's views on anything else.

For those of us who are concerned with many issues, the most difficult part of voting is deciding which candidates might make the kinds of decisions we would make if we were legislators. We are often disappointed, but take solace in the smattering of choices the elected officials make that we agree with.

Among our local elected officials, I find few decisions that I can celebrate. It seems that concern for the needs of constituents is jettisoned at the moment the oath of office is taken. That leaves us, the League, speaking out repeatedly for local accountability, demanding that officials encourage and heed public input, and advocating for those in our community who just don't get a fair shake.

In April we'll elect a Fresno Unified School Board trustee to fill the vacancy opened by Carol Mills' death. Around the same time, we'll vote to fill the U.S. Congressional seat vacated by Devin Nunes' resignation. Come June, the Statewide Direct Primary will choose candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, most Statewide offices. At the same time, many County offices, Superior Court judgeships, and four City Council seats will be decided.

As we steel ourselves for the onslaught of campaigning that's ahead, how will we choose who to vote for? It may be too complex to analyze the multiple issues that are relevant to each election. I suggest we defer to one issue when voting: How will the candidate, if elected, demonstrate that constituents have been heard?

Marianne

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Funding: The Board is giving strong consideration to using unrestricted donated funds to pilot a program with Fresno County Rural Transportation. The effort would assign an electric vehicle to one unincorporated community to provide LWVF-subsidized rides for essential purposes to its residents. This is in line with our transportation position.

Equipment: We purchased a new office computer to replace an outdated one.

Program Planning: There are many city and county top administrators who are new during the past year. We are considering inviting all of them to present their ideas and goals in a series of open meetings. The departments include: Fresno Police, Housing Authority, County CEO, Departments of Health and Behavioral Health, County Registrar, and others.

Special event: The world premiere choral work will be shown virtually on January 13 along with honoring three Bette Peterson scholarship winners from Fresno City College. "A Thousand Tries" commemorates the Suffrage Centennial..

SUSAN KUHN

Susan Kuhn, a member since 2008, passed away on September 25. At Clovis High she had been a competitive swimmer. Her husband, Bill, predeceased her. Memorial donations may be made to the Sue Anderson and Susan Kuhn Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Northern California Hemophilia Foundation or the Gary Sinise Foundation.. Services were held at St. Paul Newman Center.

MARY RYSTAD-SMITH

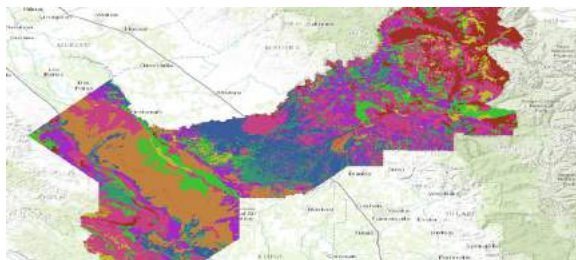
Mary Rystad-Smith, a member since 2006, passed away on October 25. Mary held a BA in Speech Therapy from Marquette University and worked in that field for 40 years. She also taught Linguistics at Fresno Pacific University and worked for the Fresno County Office of Education for more than 30 years. She gifted many friends with her paintings.

Donations are always accepted for the RBG Scholarship Fund at San Joaquin College of Law, the League's general fund, and any other purpose. Donations for RBG should note RBG in the memo line. Please make out checks to LWVF and send to Treasurer, LWVF, 1345 Bulldog Lane, Fresno 93710.

Work proceeds on County General Plan; BOS adds two years to horizon by Radley Reep

This fall Fresno County doubled down on its effort to complete the process to update the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Two additional county personnel were assigned to work on the project.

At a December 7 Community Housing Forum, the county outlined a new time-line for the update of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. According to the new schedule, sometime around the first of April 2022, the County will release for a 60-day review period a newly revised draft General Plan, including a newly revised draft Background Report, a revised draft Zoning Ordinance, and a draft Environmental Impact Review. Then, five months later, sometime around the first of September, the county will release for public review the final planning documents and the final EIR. The county has already scheduled Planning Commission and Board adoption hearings for November and December 2022.



Last month the Board of Supervisors added two years to the planning horizon for the new General Plan — extending it from 2040 to 2042. The Board also transferred the existing consultant agreement with Mintier Harnish, LP to Rincon Consultants, Inc. Rincon will complete an Environmental Impact Report, engage in community outreach, help administer public workshops, and prepare the final project documents.

Staff of the Department of Public Works and Planning have indicated that they plan to conduct public workshops in addition to those outlined in the county's agreement with Rincon. If additional workshops materialize, they will likely be held during the first three months of 2022. The County has yet to provide definitive information about such meetings.

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Climate Change

by Andrea Farber De Zubiria



The agricultural sector is the second largest greenhouse gas emitter, after the energy sector (including power generation and transportation). Most farm emissions are due to cattle belching and the addition of fertilizers and wastes to soil. But manure management, fuel use on farms and burning of unwanted vegetation are also significant.

Agricultural burning is also a concern because it contributes to increased PM2.5 and ozone pollution, thereby exacerbating asthma and other health problems. Following the passage of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), the Valley Air District adopted climate change positions that recognized the potential impacts that changing climate conditions could have on local air quality. Agricultural burning has been progressively limited in the Valley since 2003 under SB 705, but due to the costly nature of alternatives to burning, the amount of ag burning locally has been creeping back up.

The California Air Resources Board has set a goal to nearly eliminate ag burning by 2025. The Valley recently received over \$178 million to assist farmers to transition away from open burning. The Valley Air District is now providing an incentive program to encourage chipping or shredding agricultural material from orchards and vineyards, instead of burning. For example, farmers can apply to receive \$600-\$1300 per acre of orchard or vineyard that they chip and incorporate back into the soil (depending on the type of plants). If they re-use the chipped material as mulch, compost or for dust suppression near roadways, they can receive similar funds. Chipping without incorporation into the soil is reimbursed at \$300-\$1000 per acre. New wood chippers, grinders and other expensive equipment designed for processing woody ag waste, can be reimbursed at 65% of the cost of the new equipment.

The Valley Air District will be seeking future funding opportunities for sustainable agriculture from provisions in the state budget and the USDA Climate Smart Initiative. Information about Valley Air District meetings is available at valleyair.org afarberdezub@gmail.com

Education

by Kay Bertken



Fresno schools are not immune from extracurricular stresses. Speakers during public communication sections passionately expressed their fears of Covid vaccination programs aimed at children. They insisted that the vaccines were harmful, quoting largely discredited online reports, and implored the district not to support vaccination. Confronting an entirely different threat, a documentary has been developed with the Fresno DA's office about the presence and effects of fentanyl in our community. It will be shown to middle and high school students.

The Board has elected new officers and reviewed three redistricting maps developed by district consultants. One of the maps closely resembles the current trustee area boundaries; the other two look more like the areas prior to the 2011 redistricting: primarily changing Roosevelt, Sunnyside and McLane boundaries.

While the areas are named after the comprehensive high schools that are contained in the trustee areas, the trustee boundaries do not correspond to school attendance boundaries, a confusion shared by some of the board members themselves. The trustees did not express any particular preference among the options and the district has not received any public feedback. The three maps are available on the district website.

A report on special education reforms included news of improved graduation numbers that exceeded the county and state rates.

In pursuit of greater inclusion of special education students, the department has greatly expanded co-

teaching in high and middle schools as well as in preschool programs. Career technology opportunities have also expanded, and a Special Education Cabinet has been established to enhance parental voice.

The district has a 5-year \$18 million block grant to fund staff development. Even more new funding is coming to the district to provide enhanced staffing at schools impacted with high need students (foster and homeless youth, children of poverty, English learners). Nearly all of FUSD schools qualify.

Online and in-person community meetings have been scheduled around the district in January to collect public input on the district's priority needs for next year's local control funding. The first draft of the district's LCAP plan should be available for further community comment in May and approved by the trustees in June.

The implementation of universal transitional kindergarten (TK) is proceeding in Fresno Unified and other



districts around the state. The program is being phased in and will include all four-year-olds by 2025.

There is a big need to find credentialed teachers for the program, and some efforts are being made to create a special early childhood cre-

dential that would ease the transition for current pre-K teachers who are not credentialed. The County Office of Education is providing stipends to fund education for current childcare providers and classroom aides to help with licensing requirements and/or credentialing.

Local childcare centers and family care providers are struggling with the prospect of TK absorbing the 4-year-olds they have been serving. In order to continue their operations they would have to transition to serve younger children. Our longstanding lack of daycare availability is partly due to the low pay, way below what is being offered TK teachers. Some are leaving the field to get the credentials that will qualify them for TK employment. The shortage of infant and toddler workers and sites is especially acute.

California has shifted responsibility for many early childhood programs away from the Department of Education (CDE) and into the Department of Social Services (DSS). The transition has generally been smooth and seems to be evolving so that school-based programs will be housed in the CDE and non-school based will be in the DSS. The CDE is shifting its focus to a P3 framework for preschool

through 3rd grade, setting expectations for a new and welcome coordination between preschool program goals and the academic standards of the primary grades.

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Transportation

by Mary Savala and Bill Jordan

The third edition of Measure C, the Fresno County Transportation Sales Tax, is being developed by the Fresno Council of Governments (COG), Fresno Transportation Authority (FTA) and a consultant. The goal is to submit this proposal to Fresno County voters for adoption in the November 2022 general election. If passed by the voters it would extend Measure C tax from its current expiration date of January 1, 2027 to January 1, 2047.

Measure C first was passed in 1987. It must be updated, reviewed and renewed by the voters every 20 years or it stops providing valuable resources to maintain and modernize our county and cities transportation infrastructures. In addition, state and federal dollars for transportation are often conditioned on added local contributions from counties and cities through local funds like Measure C if they are going to win bids.

For the past few months subcommittees of COG and FCTA have been meeting to set up the process and write the renewal ballot measure. These sub committees are the Council Executive Committee (COC) and the Technical working group (TWG3). Meetings have concentrated on making sub committee members knowledgeable about current Measure C programs, their successes, needs for revisions, needs for continuing funding, and new needs as the cities and the county continue to grow over the next 25 years. Because these presentations were mostly informational, there was not a great deal of time for public discussion.

The recent TWG3 emphasized the need to develop goals, objectives, and priorities to recommend to the Executive Committee for the ballot proposal. This can be done through dialog by the TWG with current staff on what has and has not worked so far.



Both the COC and the TWG have been expanded over the past three months to include more public input by adding representatives from the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Leadership Council For Justice and Accountability. Still there are some rumblings from public members of both groups about inadequate public participation in the development of the new ballot proposal. In addition some individuals raised concerns over the speed at which a ballot measure was being prepared to renew a transportation tax for 2027 by a vote in 2022.

Agency staff has pointed to the need for local projects and programs to be funded by local sales taxes that should be supportive of a Regional Transportation Plan for meeting needs and addressing environmental justice and climate change. Likewise, new technologies need to be factored into the plan. Some Municipal, County and Caltrans plans from 20 to 30 years ago are still not completed. These should be reviewed to see whether they are still needed.

LWVF positions on transportation include support for an open process in planning for transportation, support for an open public process for building transportation infrastructure, and support for transit services. Road and highway capacity expansion and street and road maintenance remain big needs as well as funding for local transportation, even in light of recent new state and federal funding legislation.

There will be two meetings a month for the TW3 subcommittee group until their draft is ready for review and approvals by the COG, FCTA and the Board of Supervisors. Information on how to view future meetings via Zoom can be obtained by phoning (559) 233-4148. The next three months of (TWG 3) Zoom meetings are currently scheduled for January 5 and 19, February 2 and 23, and March 16 and 23, all at 3 p.m.

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The artists of “A Thousand Tries”



Joungmin Sur
Composer/ Pianist

Joungmin Sur has been recognized for her work as composer and collaborative pianist in both Korea and the United States. She has served as staff pianist at Fresno State and Willow Mennonite Church, Clovis. Currently, she serves as a pianist and Director of Music at the Academy at Korean Presbyterian Church of Fresno

Glady Ruiz traverses the worlds of words and science, teaching high school kids by day and writing when the spirit moves. She holds an MFA in poetry, and is published in journals and an anthology. Born in Thailand and raised briefly in the United States, she spent most of her life between the Philippines and Hong Kong, before coming to settle in California's Central Valley 21 years ago.



Glady Ruiz
Poet/Lyricist

Jason C. Hopper is an educator/trainer, speaker, and strategic leadership consultant. He has professional experience in workforce development, secondary and post-secondary education, career coaching, life coaching, and start-up business development and management. He currently works as a Career Technical Education Teacher at Hanford West High School, instructing Digital Media Creation. He designed and photographed the video that accompanies “A Hundred Years of a Thousand Tries.”



Jason Hopper
Videographer



Anna Hamre, Conductor

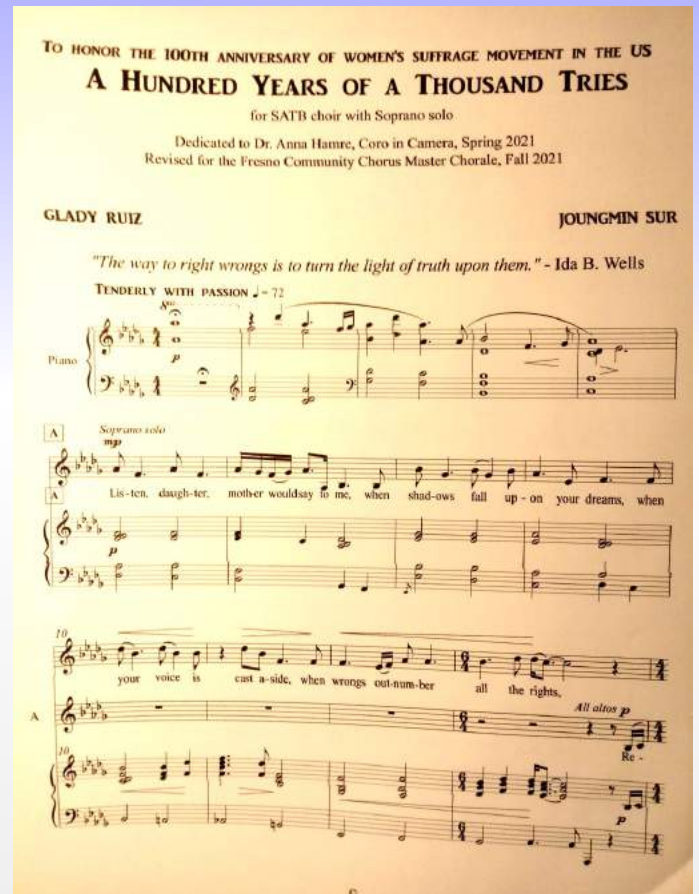
Anna Hamre became Director of Choral Activities at Fresno State in 1999 until her recent retirement. She continues to conduct the [Fresno Community Chorus](#), Master Chorale and Coro Piccolo. These choirs frequently collaborate with other area musical ensembles, especially the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra. Her work has taken her beyond the United States to Mexico, China, Italy, Austria, and England.

About a year ago a conversation with Janet Baker, a League member, informed Conductor Hamre about our plans for the Suffrage Centennial. She immediately decided to commission a world premiere of a commemorative choral work, resulting in the beautiful music, lyrics and images accompanying “A Hundred Years of a Thousand Tries.”

How Did It Happen?

by Anna Hamre

Utilizing a fortuitous combination of creators and promoters, “A Hundred Years of a Thousand Tries” traveled multiple side paths. Poet Gladly Ruiz was inspired by a TED talk on how trees communicate their needs and send each other nutrients via an underground network. About the same time composer Joungmin Sur was asked to write another piece of music for our choirs. Coincidentally, Janet Baker contacted me to say Francine Farber and the League of Women Voters were looking for a musical event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage. In Gladly’s poetry, the mother tree nurturing the seedlings became the symbol for the heroic American suffragists and Joungmin generated the musical score. The pandemic shuttered live performances, so videographer Jason Hopper created a video of symbolic images mixed with historical pictures and clips of singers rehearsing. The small group of singers found a safe window to record the music so Jason overlaid his footage on the music.. It was a winding path, a tiny echo of the efforts made by our foremothers over a century ago.



Joungmin's Music



Jason's video

"A Hundred Years of a Thousand Tries"

Listen, daughter, mother would say
To me, When shadows fall upon
Your dreams, when your voice is cast
Aside, when wrongs outnumber
all the rights—resist,
and arise...

Gladly's lyrics

Voter Services

by Sue Goldman



Redistricting:

Your Input, Your Future

Voter Services has continued its work on redistricting. We have given input to the city council, the county Redistricting Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors. Both the city and county have finalized their redistricting process, selecting maps that vary little from current maps, ensuring victory for incumbents. A number of community groups that had submitted maps that were not considered by the BOS, expressed their displeasure with the results. LWVF president Marianne Kast expressed the need for an independent commission for the next redistricting process in 10 years.

The California Redistricting Commission (CRC) finalized its draft maps on December 20. It allowed three days for community input but any further changes were minimal. The maps went to the legislature on December 27. Congressional, state senate and assembly districts vary greatly from current maps. Fresno County will continue to have four congressional districts with the city divided into three. The four districts are: Eastern California consisting of north Fresno that skirts Clovis, goes east to the mountains and north to an area east of Sacramento; Fresno – Stanislaus; Fresno – Tulare; and Fresno – Kern. The latter includes what is currently Kevin McCarthy's district.

Fresno is divided into three senate districts and four assembly districts, up from the current two. One of the assembly districts comprises much of the city of Fresno. The CRC process was far superior to the local processes in terms of fairness and responsiveness to the Communities of Interest. There was ample time for public comment and the commissioners listened to and read all the public feedback. Many changes were made to draft maps based upon this input. The maps often varied greatly from one iteration to the next.

The CRC was also tasked with redistricting for the Board of Equalization. Districts are quite large as there are only four of them. Fresno County is in a district that goes from the California border with Oregon down the eastern part of the state to San Bernadino County.

The CRC has made it easy to determine which district you personally are in for the various government entities. Go to: www.wedrawthelinesca.org/mapviewer. Scroll down the page to the map and put your address in the box. A box will appear that lets you choose which district (senate, assembly or congressional) you want to see; click on the appropriate box.

School districts follow different guidelines from government entities and have not finished their processes. Some districts such as Clovis Unified elect board members at large and therefore are not involved in the redistricting process. Fresno Unified board members are elected by area and are in the process of redistricting.



Thanks to the members of the redistricting committee for their many hours of work, especially Judi Steele who listened to literally scores of hours of CRC meetings. Other members of the committee included Jacquie Canfield, Marianne Kast, Cathy Caples, Amy Arambula, Marie Slater, Maureen Hays, John Hays, Janet Baker, and Liz Shields. The committee will meet one more time for a wrap up and discussion of our process.

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Scholarship winners to be recognized

The three winners of \$1,000 Bette Peterson scholarships will be honored at the League's special event on January 13 at 5:30 p.m. on ZOOM. They are all Fresno City College students whose applications were reviewed to meet the qualifications that Bette, who passed away last year, had valued and recognized in her previous scholarship donations.

The winners are April Gomez Aguirre, Phachara Chang and Lori Lopez.

The scholarships were established after Bette's death with a donation from her daughter, Andrea, who lives out of state. She sent in the donation with appreciation for the League's work supporting transparent government and equity. In past years, Bette had contributed over \$70,000 to LWVF for scholarships to academically successful students who were financial needy and minorities. Some funds from her numerous donations also set up mini-grants for teachers to inspire hands-on learning in their students about government structures and issues.

Health Care

by Richard Bertken, M.D.



In May of 1976 I stood nervously at the lectern of the cavernous Syntex lecture hall, preparing to give my first public lecture. The topic was the American Rheumatism Association Medical Information System (ARAMIS), a major component of my rheumatology fellowship at the nearby Stanford Medical Center. The concept of an electronic medical database shared across multiple medical centers around the world was novel. In retrospect, it was audacious and brilliant—and regrettably premature.

It was the brainchild of my fellowship mentor, Dr. James Franklin Fries, whose subsequent 40-year career at Stanford embraced research in health services delivery, aging, public education in self-care, and health informatics. All the clinical data gathered at the Stanford Rheumatology Clinics was entered into an IBM 3033 mainframe and made available by phone modem to other rheumatology centers, which in turn shared their data. ARAMIS was programmed to write scientific papers. Most were pedestrian, but one was very interesting and was submitted for publication. It was rejected as being “authored by a robot.”

My speech, sponsored by the local branch of the Arthritis Foundation, was anything but facile. But I do remember asking this pointed question: “Do you think it is OK for patients with serious illnesses to undergo testing and treatments, the results of which are soon lost forever and can never inform the care of patients that follow them?”

mous electronic medical databases informing a large portion of our evidence-based practices. He made a strong case for databases providing cheaper, more individualized treatment strategies than the industry standard: expensive and slow-moving randomized controlled trials.

Progress toward comprehensive, unified national electronic health records (EHR’s) required the development of physician-based EHR’s, which in turn required the development of interconnected, powerful personal computers and the willingness and skills of clinicians to incorporate them into practice. It also required national governments to address issues of privacy and security, data integrity, and health information exchange that are inherently problematic. All this transpired over three decades.

At the turn of the millennium, these technologies and policies emerged in most of the developed world, awaiting deployment by a skeptical and siloed health industry. ARAMIS slowly faded away after generating hundreds of scientific papers. When Dr. Fries suffered a disabling stroke in 2017, ARAMIS was gone. But by that time healthcare around the world was being documented and stored, primarily locally, on computers.

Eight countries now have unified national EHR’s: Australia, China, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Singapore and Spain. When matched

ARAMIS, I said, is the model for the future. Dr. Fries envisioned enor-

with eight economically similar countries without central EHR’s, their average overall performance on composite measures of efficiency and patient satisfaction was substantially higher.

Improved care is only half of what national EHR’s can do. They can perform research, both intensely planned and on-the-fly. The remain-



ing problem for realizing the full potential of huge health databases is the creation of a dictionary of accepted terms and units for exam and test findings. This is a challenging task, but in 1984 the American College of Rheumatology, motivated by Dr. Fries’s vision, created such a dictionary with 4400 entries, ranging from joint tenderness and motion to lab and x-ray findings. The full dictionary for all of medicine might contain 25,000 entries, necessarily accessed by a superspeed search engine.

In the U.S., the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology was tasked with creating a national health database in 2004. Since then, the Office has chiefly worked on getting numerous proprietary EMR’s to talk intelligibly to one another. A specific proposal and funding for a fully integrated national EMR is overdue. This challenging task must get going amidst numerous competing crises, but that work is vital to both our healthcare system and our overall economy.

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Behavioral Health

by Carolyn Evans



The Board received an evaluation of the Fresno County Substance Use Disorder Prevention Programs. The Department of Behavioral Health had contracts for three five-year prevention programs that are focused on youth. Most programs worked through the schools; while 33 schools participated, only 18 high schools were included. Prevention focus areas are Alcohol, Marijuana, and Prescription Drugs. Self-reporting indicates that disapproval increased about people their age drinking, using marijuana, or misusing prescription drugs, as did opinions about self-harm from substance use. With the legalization of marijuana, its use increased, but age of first use also increased.

The new five-year contract with Youth Leadership Institute will continue to focus on these areas of prevention, and using local partnerships, will reach out to include non-participating schools. Media will be used more extensively for awareness, outreach and education.

This month the Board did a virtual site visit and received outcome reports on the Supportive Overnight Stay (SOS) program. The contractor, WestCare, provides a safe, supportive environment to spend the night for individuals who are discharged from Emergency Departments or psychiatric hospitals, and who still need behavioral health services, but do not require a legal hold. SOS is a completely voluntary program. Drivers pick up individuals from hospitals and take them to the facility, where they may shower, eat, and sleep for the night. In the morning, case managers attempt to link clients to whatever services they may need. Ideally, clients stay only one night, but in reality it often takes several days to complete linkages to other programs. During the day “layover” clients are transported to a Day Center where they work with staff on gaining permanent community services. The average length of stay is five days, which impacts the number of individuals who may be served since the facility has only nine beds.

The Board is awaiting word from the Board of Supervisors about the appointment process for a new Director for the Department of Behavioral Health. In the meantime, the Department continues its work under the direction of Interim Director Susan Holt.

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Water News

by Diane Merrill



Our League is participating in a Climate, Water, and Equity Team that has been formed within the LWVC Water Committee. The focus of this team is climate and water equity for disadvantaged communities and water conservation. As part of its water conservation effort, the Team is following the process required by state law for the development of indoor and outdoor water conservation standards. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) are tasked with developing these standards.



The final recommendations for indoor residential water use were released in November 2021 and are aimed at water districts, not at individual water users.

Indoor water use in California has been steadily declining as households replace older appliances with more efficient ones. At present 50% of Californians use 48 gallons of water per day (GPD), and 25% are using less. The recommended standards will be 55 GPD by 2023, 47 GPD by 2025, and 42 GPD by 2030. Legislation will be needed to enact the new standards. AB 1434 was introduced as the vehicle to make this happen. The legislation will be controversial due to opposition from some water districts, including those concerned about the impact of decreased indoor water use on wastewater systems.

Recommended outdoor water use standards for residences and for metered commercial and industrial landscapes developed by DWR and the Water Board were to be released by the end of 2021. The Water Board is responsible for the final adoption of these regulations. That process is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

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