League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2026

Call to order: Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
Board members present: Barbara Lewis, Jane Cohen, Laura Grossman, Denise Gurer, Pam Newbury, Marilyn Radisch, Mindy Ryan
Board members absent with notification: Pamela Peterson
Others present: Dorothy Fry (Voter Services Coach), Ann Havlik (LWV Coach, San Luis Obispo)

Minutes of the July 8, 2026 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: as submitted by Pamela Peterson
July and August detailed reports were received. August was a slow month for finances.

- Total funds available as of 8/31/26 is $10,299.83.
- Membership income received during August was for three renewing members and one new member.
- Contributions were received from two members via checks mailed to the LWVSCC post o ice box.
- The annual MyLO registration renewal of $400.00 was paid.

President's Report: Barbara Lewis

Barbara passed on providing a President's report this month, except to recommend we check out some excellent LWV programs available on ballot measures which were already mailed to us as League leaders.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

59 Total members includes 2 honorary/life members and new member, Mary Lou McKenney. Laura continues to follow up with renewal reminders to members that are recently expired and those in grace period of expiration dates.

Voter Services: Dorothy Fry

Dorothy discussed our plans for two Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures presentations currently scheduled for October 3, 2026 from 1-3 pm at the Aptos Public Library and October 10, 2026 from 2-4 at the Highlands Senior Center in Ben Lomond.

We were asked to arrive by 12:30 pm on Oct 3rd to set up a table in front. Laura will deliver the microphone to Dorothy ahead of time and Mindy will bring our local LWVSCC Banner.
Our co-sponsor for the Oct 3rd session is the local AAUW.
Speakers are Kit Hein, Sandy Warren, Marilyn McCusker and Dorothy Fry.

Our co-Sponsor for the Oct 10th session is San Lorenzo Valley Voices for Democracy, represented by Randi Alvis.

Voter Services: Dorothy Fry (continued)

Dorothy ordered 8 bundles of hand out materials (400 pieces) for a total of $223. She noted that the price increased and therefore the $200 in the budget wasn't sufficient. She has chosen to generously donate the additional funds required.

Anyone interested in more details about the Pros and Cons can find this information, available to LWV members only at https://lwvc.org/ballot-recommendations/. There is an in depth discussion of the reasoning and sponsors of these pros and cons in a pdf file on this state LWV site.

Mindy and Marilyn will include links to the LWV recommendations on our local LWVSCC website and in the next issue of the VOTER. Pam reported that there is already a link to this on our Facebook page.

Program Report: Pam Newbury

- **State Program and Local Program Planning:** our meetings have been confirmed with Sandy Warren to take place at her home on January 28,2027 and March 16, 2027. Sandy prefers attendees RSVP directly to her.
- **Housing affordability:** our program is scheduled for early December. Pam has contacted Housing Matters Santa Cruz and they suggested we consider Elaine Johnson as our speaker. Pam requested we consider broadening or limiting the scope of this meeting. The issues we might consider concern: existing housing alternatives in Santa Cruz County, rezoning, permitting, tiny homes, high-rise apartments, senior citizen downsizing, not-in-my-backyard attitudes.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan

Mindy will update the publicity for our Pros and Cons Ballot Measures presentations in the following media: Coastlines, local media event listings, PSA to KSQV radio, fliers for the libraries.

She expects good coverage and good attendance to these sessions.

VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn reported that she expects to produce the next issue of the Voter before October 1st including information on the Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures and our two sessions planned for October 3, 2026 from 1-3 pm at Aptos Library and October 10, 2026 from 2-4 at the Highlands Senior Center in Ben Lomond.

As soon as she returns to Santa Cruz, Marilyn will send emails to the membership announcing these meetings and noting the time change from 10:30 am on October 3rd to 1 pm due to the Aptos Library overbooking our original time slot. In the meantime, Pam Newbury volunteered to send an email as soon as possible about the time change on Oct 3rd.

Webmaster Report: Denise Gurer

Minutes and Newsletter

- Uploaded July VOTER to website and google drive
- Archived 2025-26 VOTERs on website to "past newsletters"
- Archived 2025-26 Minutes on website to "past fiscal years"

Front Page

- Added article on League denouncing President Trump's false accusations about voter fraud.

Calendar

- Added Proposition Information session to calendar

Miscellaneous

- Updated the Board roster on the website (no personal information is listed – just positions and names)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

We discussed whether our League should take a position on Measure D, a 1986 measure requiring voter approval of land use changes for onshore facilities supporting offshore oil and gas development; this update revises Measure A to include deep-sea mining facilities and strengthens the law against legal challenges.

Ann Havlik will send us some information on the league member, Jackie Canfield's caveat, that we carefully word our justification for supporting this because over time, attitudes change and the language we use should be carefully chosen to include all relevant reasoning.

Since we have not done research or discussed various positions yet, we decided not to take a position at this time.

Announcements:

The next LWVSCC Board meeting will be on October 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 pm.

Jane Cohen, LWVSCC Secretary