

President's Message

The Board has been busy preparing for the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. Be sure you have received your Annual Meeting Kit with all that will be discussed. Look for **Byrd Lochtie's** article on what the annual meeting is all about.

In years past, April was the time the League had its annual fundraiser, the State of the Community Luncheon, where we heard from the local leaders on the state of our community. This annual event will be back, someday soon, when we can all gather safely. The League has provided this event for over 27 years, and is an important gathering of members of our community. The SOCL Committee works hard every year, and I know they are continuing to prepare for that time again, in September if it is safe. Thank you to the committee members who continue to plan even during these uncertain times.

May is here and spring is all around with the promise of brighter days where we may soon meet in person again. I look forward to seeing you, if virtually, on May 20 at Annual Meeting. Be well.

Deborah Downs
LWVHC President



Save the Date!

Sunday, May 2, 2021
2:00 PM

**Maggie Gainer, president, and
Krista Miller, vice-president will
give a presentation on
Zero Waste
Humboldt.**

Please attend via Zoom.



Our Mission Statement...

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

We ALL Should Attend Our Annual Meeting!

By the time you receive this VOTER you should also have received our Annual Meeting Kit. We hope you read the proposals for our budget, our program and our board election. All nonprofits in California are required to hold an Annual Meeting, and our bylaws specify that ours will occur in May, as well as what happens at this business meeting. This is where we set our direction for the coming year which will begin on July 1, 2021. We must have a quorum to conduct business, so be sure to let **Becky Simpson** know that you plan to attend — it will be a Zoom meeting again this year.

We will adopt our budget, which sets our priorities for the year, and we will elect new officers and members of the board. This year we also have much to consider in our program. We worked on several of our positions during the last year and have recommendations for changes to some of our positions. As you know, our positions are the statements that have been reached by consensus about various issues. This year we carefully considered how to make our positions relevant in today's environment. We use them to advocate for issues before various elected boards throughout the county.

So be sure to register for the meeting and come prepared to discuss and vote on our various issues. And because we can't gather together for dinner, remember to order that special meal to support a local restaurant and enjoy it as we gather for the meeting!

Byrd Lochtie
LWVHC Election Service Director

PLEASE JOIN US !

LWVHC
Annual Meeting 2021

THURSDAY, MAY 20
6:30PM

Please attend via Zoom.

Contribution to the LWVHC 

Dan Taranto has been remembered by Lois A. Mellert in a contribution to the League in Dan's memory. A League member and the first man to serve on the LWVHC Board of Directors, Dan died in January. He named the League as a beneficiary in his will.

His history with the League and his high regard of the League's mission and activities is recognized by others, and thus, continues after his death.

Nancy Kay
LWVHC Treasurer

Celebrate the Vote!

End of the 100th Year of Women's Suffrage

The pandemic put the kibosh on the LWVHC Centennial Parade to honor the passage of the 19th Amendment, but it won't stop our celebration! An event will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at The Gazebo in Old Town Eureka.

We are looking to celebrate progress by recognizing women who were the "first" in their field, especially on the local level. If you know of any "Women Firsts" please email **Judith Stoffer** at judithstoffer@gmail.com.

Details regarding this event will be available soon, so be on the lookout for that information on our League's website (<https://my.lwv.org/california/humboldt-county>) and in The VOTER.

Nancy Kay
LWVHC Community Education Director

This Women's Suffrage display will be in Old Town for the celebration on Saturday, August 14, 2021.



CELEBRATE THE VOTE!

END OF THE 100th YEAR OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE



THE 19TH AMENDMENT:

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

A celebratory event will be held on

August 14, 2021
at 11:00 am

Originally planned to be a parade, the proud women of our community will celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment at an event with music and speeches at the Gazebo in Old Town Eureka.

What to Wear? The suffragists wore white, including white broad-rimmed hats. They wore sashes and carried signs. Feel free to have fun with this!

Groups may register to have a table/booth with their literature. If interested, please contact Kay Escarda at kay.escarda@gmail.com.

Thank you! Celebrate the Vote Committee

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Another Election on Table Bluff

Once again, our League assisted the Wiyot Tribe with their Annual Election on April 3, 2021. Their mail-in ballots went to our Election P.O. Box where we collect them, date stamp them, and keep them in our lock box until the day of the election. Once again, Fawn Lopez of the Wiyot Tribe worked with us to have everything prepared according to Covid-19 protocols. A big thank you to **Judy Longshore** and **Ann Diehl** who counted the ballots with me. And what fun we had — all three of us fully-vaccinated — when we gathered for tea, brownies, and in-person conversation at my house afterwards!

It is always a pleasure to help the Tribe. We do appreciate their trust in us, and we are always happy to add a few dollars to our treasury. There will be another election for the Wiyot Tribe in October, so don't be surprised if you get a call from me inviting you to help count votes.

Byrd Lochtie
LWVHC Election Service Director

New and Improved! *Citizen's Guide to County Government and Facts for Voters*

As many are aware, almost each year we update and publish a Citizen's Guide to County Government.

Over fifty years ago, when the LWVHC was formed, the LWVC required that in order to become a local League, aspiring local League members must put together a guide to county government. Although NOT required, almost each year the LWVHC has continued publishing an updated guide.

The Facts for Voters is also a traditional League publication.

This year we are updating and *improving* LWVHC's Citizen's Guide to County Government and Facts for Voters. Hopefully the new format will make the publications easier to use.

Both of these publications are distributed at the State of the Community Luncheon, given to new League members, and are available whenever and wherever League materials are available for the public. They will be on our website.

Nancy Kay
LWVHC Community Education Director



Water Reuse: Many New Sources

Besides rain and snow, which flow to rivers, lakes, and groundwater, we humans have also begun to seriously explore various forms of water reuse. Some of the reuse options include water recycling for irrigation and industrial uses, and for mixing with potable water after thorough scrubbing and treatment. Other sources of water include stormwater capture and treatment, and desalination of seawater and brackish water.

Recycled water is wastewater that has been cleaned through various physical and chemical treatments to the level needed for its intended purpose. Over the last 30 years, recycled water treated to tertiary standards has become common in many parts of the state. This water is used for landscape irrigation and for various industrial purposes. An emerging and important new source of potable water is called water purification or potable reuse. The state of California has followed a long road to permitting potable water to be used by the public, but after years of study by many reputable scientists, public meetings and comment, and detailed evaluations by interested parties, it is expected that by late 2021 or early 2022, the state will have established the necessary standards to permit potable water to be used in urban settings. This water will be absolutely safe for human consumption. The cost will be less than desalinated water, more than imported water, and a lot more than surface or groundwater. But the water will be readily available in urban areas, and thus dependable. Unless living on the International Space Station, however, it will always be blended with water from other sources. A comparison of water costs is in the figure below courtesy of Mr. [Tom Pankratz](#).

Water Supply Alternatives		Water Desalination Report desalination.com
Water Alternative	Cost/Acre-Foot	Comment
Imported Water	\$875 - \$975	No local control
Surface Water	\$400 - \$800	Limited, weather dependent
Groundwater	\$375 - \$1,100	Usually unsustainable
Seawater Desalination	\$1,800 - \$2,600	Local, climate independent
Recycled (Non-potable)	\$1,600 - \$2,600	Requires separate piping
Recycled (Potable)	\$1,200 - \$1,800	Requires water to recycle
Conservation & Efficiency	\$150 - \$1,000	Always the first option

Adapted from San Diego Equinox Study

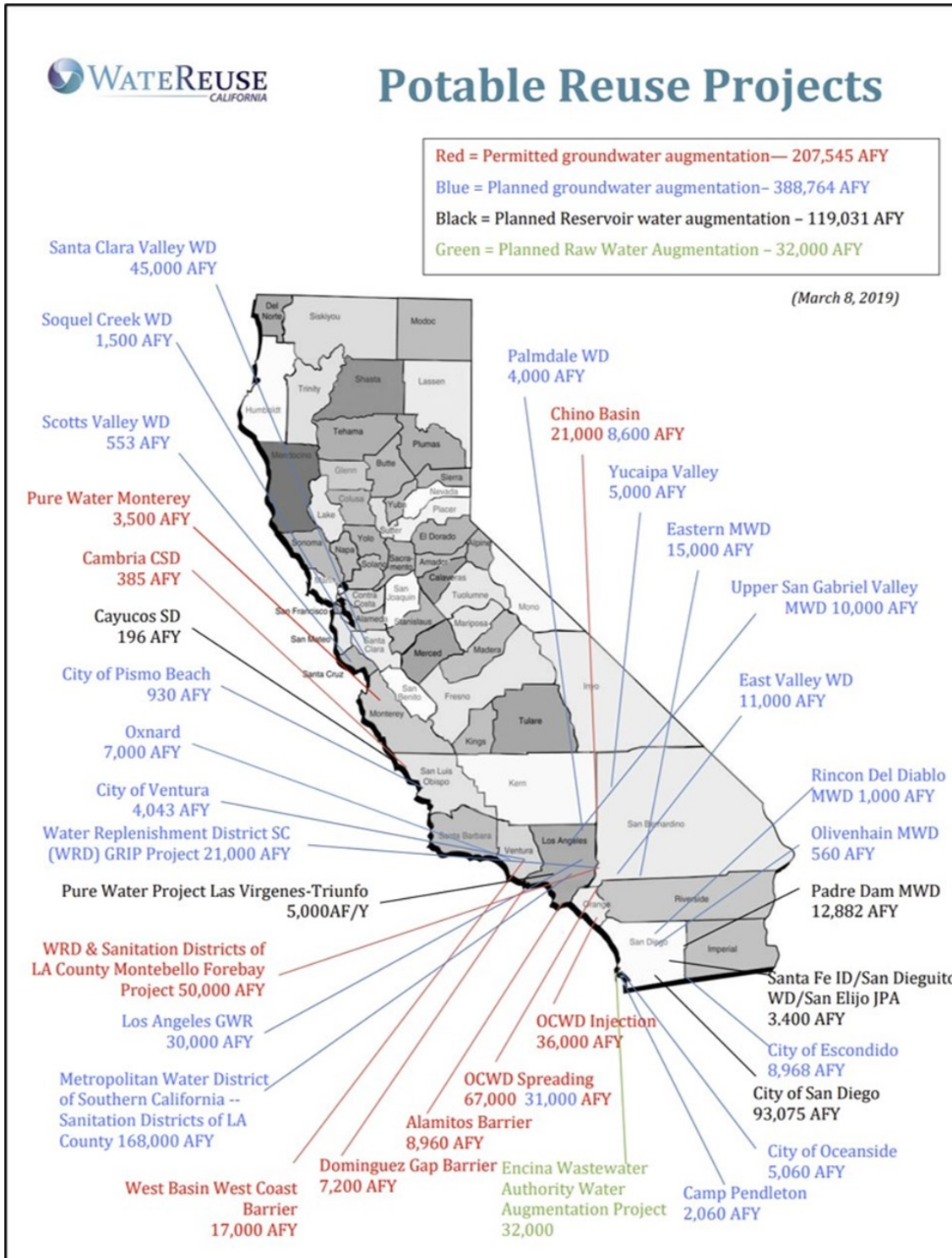
Tom Pankratz – tp@globalwaterintel.com – 27 April 2020

From a statewide perspective, recycled water helps to diminish the need for as much imported water. Thus, most urban Southern California water districts that import water are planning to decrease their need for as much water from the State Water Project and the Colorado River by increasing recycled water production of all kinds, and have a mix of groundwater, desalination, as much local water as comes their way from the sky

Water Reuse: Many New Sources (continued)

or via snow, continued conservation by all users, and explore such potential sources as gray water and on-site stormwater capture.

California's potable reuse projects are summarized in the figure below courtesy of [WaterReUse](#).
 AYY-Acre Feet per Year



Anne Omstead
 LWVC Water Committee Member

Renew Now or Help Someone Become a LWVHC Member!

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages. Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible.

Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax deductible.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1st

Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below!

Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change.

_____ \$75 Single Membership

_____ \$115 Family Membership
(2 in same household)

_____ I also want to gift a membership!

Name _____ Phone _____

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____



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Who's Who in Your 2020-2021 League Board

- President.....Deborah Downs
- Vice President.....**VACANT**
- Secretary.....Anne Hartline
- Treasurer.....Nancy Kay
- Program Director.....**VACANT**
- Natural Resources Director.....Leslie Leach
- Social Policy Director.....Molly Cate
- Government Director.....**VACANT**
- Access Humboldt Liaison.....Molly Cate
- Election Service Director.....Byrd Lochtie
- Forum Director.....Carol Masterson
- Voter Service Director.....Maggie Augustine
- Membership Director.....Becky Simpson
- Social Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- VOTER Editor.....Dave Rosso
- Community Education DirectorNancy Kay
- Communication Director.....**VACANT**
- Traditional Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter





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To:

Get Involved!

We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to afford. Working together we become a viable force for change. Call or email today to say you want to participate.

Visit www.lwvhc.org or call (707) 444-9252.

Our Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. Not only shall there be no barriers to membership and participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, nor political affiliation, but also the LWVHC will actively seek to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, board and programs.

Making Democracy Work!

LWVHC Calendar

Sun. May 2 2:00 p.m.	Zero Waste Humboldt Zoom
Tues. May 11 5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting Zoom
Thurs. May 20 6:30 p.m.	Annual Meeting Zoom

LWVHC Webpage Any Time!

LWCHC Twitter Any Time!
