

Los Angeles 4-H County Council, Tuesday, 6:30pm, November 18, 2025

Online Virtual Meeting Zoom, conference call

Attendance includes - NSG-Noel Keller, Andrea Heermance, Pomona Valley; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park; SSG—Di LaPlume, PVP; Johanna Stewart,; SFV – Amy Lockmann, Agoura ;Sylvia Lemberski, San Fernando; AV – Sarah Bonham, Leona Valley Racketeers, Kara Sparks, Danny Chourbagi, Canyon Coyotes, Charlene Moore, Candice Vander Hyde, Palmdale Hills. Heather Kock, Leona Valley,Michael, County office Emily Watson

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by president Amy Lockmann

The flag salute was lead by Danny, the 4H Pledge was lead by Amy .

Adoption of Agenda - Amy amended the meeting agenda by correcting the date of County Fashion Review to March 29 and adding the topics of County Food Fair and Clover Notes to New Business. It was moved by Noel, seconded by Johanna and passed to accept the amended agenda for this meeting. Voted on and passed

Minutes of the September 16, 2025 meeting: Noel moved we accept the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Johanna. Motion voted on and passed.

Open Forum 1) Noel, LA County 4-H wants the State Field Day to offer virtual entries like they have done the last few years. It is going backwards to not offer it now. It is not fair that our members will now have to go up to Davis to compete at the State level. It is not fair for the northern clubs to have to go to Davis to compete. An effort should be made (perhaps by our county council, paid staff, etc.) to convince the State Field Day to keep the virtual option open. Due to the cost and time required to go to Davis now from afar, to be fair to all our California 4-H members, the State should continue the virtual option. I would think that there is sufficient time to work out how to offer the option again this year.

2) Sylvia Lamberski's San Fernando club is looking for help with their lamb and swine projects. They want to attend fairs. Charlene gave her some information on how to do this.

3) Di—PVP lost their large livestock leader. They need help learning about pigs, sheep and goats (but not for show or fair). Their meetings are once a month. Sylvia said she could help. Program—AV district presentation – Danny Chourbagi from Canyon Coyotes gave an illustrated talk on nutrition. It was excellent.

Council Officer Reports: President—Amy Lockmann- Thank you for coming.

Vice president's report — office needs to be filled

2nd vice –presidents report (youth) — office needs to be filled.

Treasurer's Report:; The report was shared on zoom. Noel moved that the treasurer's report be accepted and sent to audit. Seconded by Di. Voted on and passed.

County Office – Emily Watson-- The California 4-H Resource Center now has updated record book forms and manuals available for use.

At this time, Campus Extension is down. If you still need to complete your volunteer training, please email Emily directly. I am currently hosting both new volunteer and returning volunteer trainings.

Please remember that all bank statements must be sent to the county office. Additionally, all signers on club bank accounts must be enrolled and approved volunteers.

Treasurer trainings will be held on November 25th and December 1st at 6:30 PM via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please register here:<https://forms.gle/494aHvXE1g5Zpu1i9>

Thank you again for your patience during this transition period with new leadership in the county. Emily Watson University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources 4-H Community Education Specialist II San Bernardino County  
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District Reports 1. AV –Working on Livestock Symposium for Jan. 24, 2026 Palmdale HS. Members working to qualify their animals for the fair

2. SFV-Sylvia- Working with lambs and pigs, animal involvement. Amy- Donated 200 lbs. of food to the food bank. Set up an information booth about 4h to get the word out to the community.

3. SSG – They had to cancel an event because of the rain and mud. First time in 50 years they canceled it. They have 8 new members in the record book project. They staffed an instagram account with pictures

4. NSG—Noel--The district held its Fall Festival and awards event on Sunday, September 21 at San Dimas Canyon Park. Along with the awards ceremony, we played some games, did some crafts, did a service project and exchanged some of our favorite desserts. The district is starting to plan County Field Day for March, not February. Now that Regional Field Day is April 18 and County Judging Day is March 7, we decided to move around some of district events. We are also working with SSG district on the plans for our 2026 SGV 4-H Fair in April.

Committee/ Other Reports: 1. LA County4-H Ambassadors–No report. Position still remains open. Get an application from Noel or Amy.

2. County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report by Noel Keller, I&R Committee Chair (nkeller91711@gmail.com) Achievement Programs for 2025-26 4-H is still operating with two different achievement programs - the Star Rank program (the prior Bronze/Silver/Gold/Platinum program) and the new Achievements program (Spark Achievement, Emerald Star I and II, and the Impact Stars of Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum).

All Juniors, new members to 4-H and Intermediate and Senior members who did not earn a Bronze Star by June 30, 2023 should be presenting their 4-H work in a Spark Achievement record book. Only returning Intermediates and Senior members who already earned at least a Bronze Star by June 30, 2023 have the option to continue working on their Silver/Gold/Platinum star rank.

The two program record books are very similar. Both have the same Title Page, Table of Contents, My Story, Collection of Work, Projects, Resume and Past Years sections. However, the Leadership reports are different. The new Spark Achievements record book has a Spark Achievement Report and an Activity Summary Report, where as the Star Rank record book has a PDR. The LA County website has a comparison chart of the two types of record books.

We had a record book FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) available for last year. We will continue that FAQ for this year. Please send your questions to Noel to include with answers in the continuing record book FAQ on the county website.

We are evaluating the achievement programs for 2025-26 and will decide what LA County 4-H will require for 2025-26. We want to see if the state will be making any changes. We will try to have the Record Book information packets out on the LA County 4-H website by the end of November. We will hold to the guidelines in the packet unless there is some major change announced by State after November. Again, we will try to have a separate packet for the

two achievement programs. We expect that the Star Rank program will continue as it has been in the past. Returning Intermediates and Seniors can still be working on their next star rank. If you have comments or suggestions for 2025-26 record books, please send them to county I&R Committee for consideration.

We are planning to offer a Record Book workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 27 via zoom. We will add more information about the Emerald Star I and II, plus Impact Stars (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum) to the county website.

We will be updating the I&R information on the county website. How fast it will get done will depend upon Roy's work schedule. In the meantime, if any data that you need on the website seems out of date or unclear, please contact Noel (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

**Club Officer Book recognition** Encourage your club officers to keep records about their officer work. At the end of the program year, an officer can submit an Officer Book for their club officer position to receive recognition for their officer work. Information about this recognition opportunity for this year will be on the LA County 4-H website by the end of November. All club officers are eligible to try for this recognition.

**Junior/Teen Leader recognition** Remind your Junior and Teen Leaders that if they want to be considered for a Junior or Teen Leader Merit Awards at the end of the program year, they need to participate in a Leadership Project during the year. So now would be the time to enroll in a Leadership Project in their club. This would also be the time to complete the first part of the Leadership Development Report where leadership goals for the year are reported.

**National 4-H Conference is April 10-15, 2026** Application submitted online by Dec. 12  
Notification letters emailed to applicants Dec. 31 The November 2025 4-H Newsletter from the State has details about the event, application guidelines and application form. This event is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA. By providing opportunities for young people between the ages of 15 and 19 to share their voices with the federal government, this nationally recognized event is developing the next generation of leaders. Members who have represented California at the National 4-H Conference considerate it one of the highlights of their time in 4-H.  
**District Representation on the County I&R Committee** The current 2025-2026 county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Dee Keese and Di LaPlume from SSG, Heather Kock and Charlene Moore from AV, and Amy Lockmann and Nicole Darway from SFV. The committee usually meets by conference call or zoom. The next scheduled committee meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30pm via zoom.

**AI Splash** Noel attended a virtual workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) given by the State. The workshop was for elementary age members and above, plus leaders. This might be first in a series on AI. Noel will look into what might follow this first session.

**November 2025 4-H Newsletter** The November issue of the State 4-H newsletter just came out and is filled with special 4-H opportunities. If you are not currently on the mailing list for this newsletter, consider receiving it monthly.

Noel attended the November session of the Healthy Living Speaker series, which is geared to youth. The topic was Rethink your Snacks and Drinks. The session included three activities for the youth to join in on. The next free zoom session is on Stress, Rest & Sleep on Dec. 4 6-7pm.

Some of the other opportunities in the November issue include a 4-H For Good Challenge, a 4-H Curriculum Survey, a Youth Mental Health First Aid certification, a Food Action Academy, info on the National 4-H Conference and Giving Tuesday Prize Challenges.

3. Shooting Sports Committee— Please help spread the word through your 4-H networks! The Bloomington Boosters 4-H Club of San Bernardino County is launching a new regional Shooting Sports Project and invites responsible 4-H youth ages 9 and older from across Southern California to participate. This project will offer three disciplines — Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun — led by two Level 1—certified adult volunteers and a Level 1—certified teen leader in archery. The club plans to hold project meetings at the Prado Olympic Shooting Park in Chino, California. To learn more or express your interest, please complete the Shooting Sports Interest Form linked below.

SHOOTING SPORTS INTEREST FORM Thank you for helping us share this exciting new opportunity for 4-H youth! Warm regards, John W. Trammell Adult Volunteer California 4-H Youth Development Program Projects Director Eastern Sierra Nevada Regional Director The Wildlands Conservancy

4. Science Committee—Sarah Bonham On Sunday, November 9, 2025, the LA County Science Event was held in Leona Valley, CA. There were eight (8) 4-Hers in attendance that participated.

First, we talked about the four different types of blood that exist and defined what that meant about what was on the surface of the blood molecules. We discussed and defined what the positive and negative associated with blood types meant. We looked at a chart that has the most to least common blood types and found out that was roughly what was in the attendees. We defined how blood typing is a way to exclude or include certain people from a population being studied.

We then took that information and used our 'blood' (milk, water and food dye) and mixed it with reactants (either water or vinegar) to be able to find out 'who dunnit?'. The 4-Hers used pipettes and test tube samples to mix droplets together and chart what the reaction was to determine matches within our seven samples. It seemed to be enjoyed by all as it was very quiet and no one wanted to share until the big reveal at the end. Thank you- Sarah Bonham  
LA County Science Chair

5. Summer Camp—June 14-21 – information at 4Hcamp.com A. Youth Directors and Team Captains Applications Due Dec.5 , interviews Dec. 7 B. Camp Committee meeting Dec. 7 C. Tentative Executive Staff Training Day, Jan.3.

6. Livestock Symposium— January 24, 2026, Palmdale HS .

7. County Judging Day—AV—moved to March 7 at Palmdale HS Club assignments of judging rooms will be made in December. An event planning meeting is being set up for December. Each club is encouraged to send a representative to this meeting.

8. Healthy living Chairperson—Alex Darway, Agoura 4-H Club - Healthy Living Chairperson has received some recipes for a county wide recipe book. 4-H members and clubs are invited to submit breakfast recipes to Alex for a cookbook that will be released at the end of the program year.

9. County Field Day-- NSG district is planning County Field for March this year. We are planning to run County Field Day much like last year, with YouTube videos for most of the event categories, with the exception of the Interview, Impromptu and Extemporaneous contests being done via zoom.

The County Field Day event dates are as follows: March 4 – entry forms due

March 9 – entry URLs due

March 15 – Impromptu, Extemporaneous and Interviews via zoom

March 21 – Field Day awards announced via zoom

If we can get the necessary details for the regional and state field day events, we hope to have the event packet ready by Dec.18 and available on the county website.

The State has announced that they are planning no virtual entries for regional or state levels this year. So, the SoCal Collaborative has decided to offer an in-person Regional Field Day on April 18 with virtual options on April 15, 16, 19, 20 and 21. Registration for Regional Field Day will be open on Feb. 20 and close on April 3. To be eligible to go on to the regional competition you need to earn a Blue or Gold award level at county field day. Let Noel know if you would be willing to help with this regional opportunity. We will be still be trying to get the State to agree to offering virtual entries for State Field Day. The in-person State Field Day is Saturday, May 23 in Davis.

10. Fashion Review—SSG—moved to March 29 Waiting for an update of the forms from State.

11. Regional Field Day/Southern California 4-H Field Day  
Summit Intermediate School, Rancho Cucamonga  
15, 16, 19, 20, 21.

A. April 18,  
B. Virtual Dates—April  
C. Judges and help are needed.

Counties need to volunteer for jobs.

Old Business 1. Updates to LA County 4-H 2025-26 Calendar – now version 11/18/25 The new 2025-256LA County 4-H calendar was approved at our county council meeting on May 17, 2025. An effort is being made to keep the 2025-26 calendar up-to-date on the county 4-H website. Clubs, districts and committees should now be aware of these approved 2025-26 activity dates and additional activities should be planned around these approved dates. We expect that during the 2025-26 program year that some of these approved activity dates may need to be changed with the approval of the County Council. Additional dates for the 2025-26 calendar should be sent to Amy Lockmann.

Although not reviewed at this meeting in detail, the following are recent updates to the 2025-26 LA County 4-H Calendar (version 10/23/25):

Nov 2025 delete SoCal Collaboration Nixon Presidential Library Event from Nov 1  
delete County Healthy Living Event from Nov 8 move I&R mtg from Nov 13 to Nov 12 add AV dist mtg to Nov 24

Dec. 2025 add Camp Youth Directors & Team Captains applications due Dec. 5 with applicant interviews on Dec.7

Jan 2026 move I&R mtg from Jan 8 to Jan 13

Add Executive Camp Staff Training Day (tentative) to Jan. 4

add Livestock Symposium for Jan 24 add AV dist mtg to Jan 26

add Record Book Workshop to Jan. 27

move County Field Day entry forms due from Jan. 30 to March 4

move NSG District Home Ec & Field Day from Jan. 25 to March 28

delete County Judging Day from Jan 31

Feb 2026 move County Field Day Interview Contest & Impromptu/Extemp Speeches from Feb 8 to March 15

move County Field Day awards from Feb. 21 to March 21

add SSG Judging Day to Feb 21 add AV dist mtg to Feb 23

March 2026 add County Judging Day to March 7

add AV dist mtg to Mar 23 add County Fashion Revue to March 29

delete "County Fashion Revue?" from March 21 and March 22

Move NSG Monte Farmers Fair from March 7 to Feb 28

April 2026 add Regional in-person Field Day to April 18

May 2026 add "in Davis" to CA State Field Day on May 23

add AV dist mtg to May 26

2. Jr. Leadership Conference –Chairperson needed. It should be a HI 4H member

New Business 1. Committee to convert council to VMO A template is supposed to be sent to us. We will choose a committee as soon as we know what we need to do. The committee will also review and update, if appropriate, the LA County 4-H Rotation Chart.

2. County Food Fair-Sarah Bonham and Heather Kock have some exciting new challenges for it. An event packet will come out soon.

3. Orange County Fair Grounds has a horse ring available . Could we have a regional horse show?

Announcements

So Cal Colaborative

. - Richard Nixon Presidential Library, Sun. Jan 11, Yorba Linda

. next So Cal Collaborative meeting, Dec 16, @6:30 and Jan. 28 via Zoom <https://uca.r.zoom.us/j/99312499885?pwd=a8JlsXOJOYYVOgadTjUEjlpTHzbGm.1> Meeting ID:9931249 9885 Passcode: 987585

2. Next Council meetings—Tuesday, Jan, 20.SSG; March17,SFV; May 19, NSG ; at 6:30pm on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary