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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #15145

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley
Deputy Secretary of State and Counsel

RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – November 2015

Each month, the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment (OVSTA) provides an update on Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and Secretary of State (SOS) activities related to voting systems.

Each update provides information on:

- Voting system related events that may be of interest.
- Administrative approvals and denials since the prior month's update.
- Administrative approval requests since the prior month's update.
- Voting system testing and approval at the SOS office.
- Voting system testing and certification at the EAC.
- Defect, failure and fault reports issued since the prior month's update.
- Ballot printing certification requests since the prior month's update.

Recent and Upcoming Events

OVSTA has hired a new employee, Todd Ross. Todd began on October 19, 2015, and is new to elections. As an introduction to elections, Todd accompanied Ryan Macias to observe the Humboldt County November 3, 2015, election.

The EAC has hired a new Executive Director, Brian D. Newby. Brian served as the Election Commissioner in Johnson County, Kansas, for the last eleven years. Many of you know Brian as a member of Election Center's Legislative Committee, NACRC, and IACREOT. Additionally, the EAC announced the hiring of Cliff Tatum as its new General Counsel. Cliff has spent the last four years as the Executive Director for the Washington D.C. Board of Elections (DCBOE). Prior to his work at the DCBOE, he served as the Interim Director of the Georgia State Election Division. Both will be great assets to the EAC and the elections community.

On October 26, 2015, OVSTA attended the Department of Rehabilitation's National Disability Employment Awareness Month resource fair. OVSTA partnered with local jurisdictions to have one of each voting device that provides access to voters with disabilities. Nevada County provided a Hart eSlate disabled access unit, Placer County

provided an AccuVote-TSX, Sacramento County provided an AutoMARK, Alameda County provided an AVC Edge and OVSTA provided an ImageCast Evolution. Thank you to each of the counties for your participation.

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials and the County Records' Association of California, will be holding their Joint 2015 New Law Workshop and Seminar from December 8-11, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento.

A draft of the ballot printing regulation amendments have been created and circulated to: (1) jurisdictions using ballot on demand systems; (2) ballot printers; and (3) voting system vendors. OVSTA requested feedback prior to beginning the formal rulemaking process. Comments have been reviewed, OVSTA has met with counties and ballot print vendors to discuss modifications and revisions are being made.

Testing and Approval by the State of California

- On February 10, 2015, the Secretary of State received an application and technical data package for the testing and approval of the Elections Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S) Unity 3.4.1.0 voting system. ES&S supplied the updated Use Procedures on October 5, 2015. OVSTA has begun the process for soliciting a request for quote (RFQ) for consulting services.

Administrative Approval Requests

California Elections Code section 19216 precludes a voting system or part of a voting system that has been approved by the Secretary of State from being changed or modified until the Secretary of State has determined the change "does not impair its accuracy and efficiency. . . ."

Information on submitting an administrative approval request is in "[Requesting Administrative Approval of a Change or Modification to an Approved Voting System.](#)"

Administrative Approval Granted:

- On October 21, 2015, the City of Los Angeles was granted an extension of its administrative approval for use of its blended VOTEC/InkaVote Plus voting system through December 31, 2017.

Administrative Approval Request:

- On September 24, 2015, the County of Kern requested administrative approval to modify the Dominion Voting System certified Use Procedures to allow the use of the Adjudication module during the 10 day timeframe for processing vote by mail ballots, prescribed by Elections Code section 15101 (b).

Testing and Certification at the EAC

The EAC provides a [weekly update](#) of voting system testing. As of November 3, 2015, the current testing and certification status for systems relevant to California is:

ES&S EVS 5.2.1.0. The EAC received the draft Test Plan on October 20, 2015. NTS is revising the Test Plan based on EAC comments. Testing is complete. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

ES&S EVS 5.4.0.0. The source code for this system is currently under review at NTS. NTS began testing. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

Everyone Counts eLect Quad Audit 4.1. EAC received a request to withdraw this system from testing on October 23, 2015. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

Everyone Counts eLect Quad Audit 4.3.0. EAC received an application for this system on October 23, 2015, and the system is currently undergoing the Test Readiness Review at Pro V&V. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

The EAC's "[Voting Systems Under Test](#)" and "[Certified Voting Systems](#)" pages provide more specifics on each voting system.

Defects, Failures and Faults

Defects, failures and faults (problem reports) of (1) voting system hardware and software and (2) ballot printing manufacturing and finishing are reported to the Secretary of State.

- The Secretary of State did not receive any defect reports in the month of October.

Ballot Printing Certification Requests

Ballot Manufacturer and Finisher Applications Under Review:

- Runbeck Election Solutions has requested approval for its on-screen ballot marking, duplication software entitled "Novus".
- Times Printing has requested certification to print Hart BallotNow ballots at its new facility located at 106 T Street, Eureka, California.

A list of certified ballot printers can be found at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-systems/certification-and-approval/ballot-printer-certification/>.