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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #09225

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: 
Deirdre Avent
Elections Analyst

RE: Voter Registration: Postage Reimbursement and Replenishment
Claims (FY 2009/2010 – 2nd Qtr)

The attached "Voter Registration: Postage Reimbursement and Replenishment Claims" package includes guidelines, a quarterly postage claims deadline schedule, a postage reimbursement claim for mailings sent to voters, a postage replenishment claim for mailings received from voters through the business reply mail account, and a new monthly activity report so that we may also track costs by month.

In order to timely process postage reimbursement and replenishment claims for voter registration activities performed during the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2009/10, please complete the enclosed quarterly postage reporting forms and return them to me by **February 1, 2010**.

These electronic fillable forms can be submitted for preliminary review by email or fax; however, we cannot process these postage claim forms without an original signature.

If you have any questions about this or any other related voter registration postage related issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 657-2166.

Attachments

Voter Registration Postage Reimbursement and Replenishment Claims

Voter Registration Postage Reimbursement and Replenishment Claims Package includes the following:

- Voter Registration Postage Claim Guidelines
- Voter Registration Reimbursement Claim Form
- Voter Registration Replenishment Claim Form
- Voter Registration Postage Claim – Monthly Activity Report

VOTER REGISTRATION POSTAGE CLAIM GUIDELINES

In order to timely process postage reimbursement and replenishment claims for postage costs related to voter registration activities for each quarter of a fiscal year, please complete the Voter Registration Postage Reimbursement Claim Form, Voter Registration Replenishment Claim Form, and the Voter Registration Postage Claim Monthly Activity Report and return to the Secretary of State by the quarter's claims deadline.

Postage Quarter	Claims Deadline
1 st Quarter (July 1 – September 30)	October 30, 2009
2 nd Quarter (October 1 – December 31)	February 1, 2010
3 rd Quarter (January 1 – March 31)	April 30, 2010
4 th Quarter (April 1 – June 30)	July 30, 2010

Voter Registration Postage Reimbursement and Replenishment Claims

1. **Reimbursement for Mailing Voter Registration Cards (VRCs)**

The Secretary of State is required to reimburse county elections offices for postage paid on voter registration cards:

REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCE	ELECTIONS CODE SECTION
Mailed to voters per their request pursuant to § 2158(c)	2164(a)(3)
Mailed per outreach activities pursuant to § 2105	2164(a)(4)
Mailed to obtain information required to complete a registration form pursuant to § 2153(c)	2164(a)(1)

The quantities and costs for postage paid for mailing voter registration cards under these code sections are to be itemized on the quarterly **Voter Registration Postage Reimbursement Claim Form** and submitted to the Secretary of State by the claims deadline for that fiscal quarter.

2. Reimbursement for Mailing Voter Notification Cards (VNCs)

The Secretary of State is required to reimburse county elections offices for postage paid on voter notification cards:

REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCE	ELECTIONS CODE SECTION
Mailed to new registrants pursuant to § 2153	2164(a)(1)
Mailed per USPS Address Correction pursuant to § 2153(c)	2164(a)(1)

The quantities and costs for postage paid for mailing voter notification cards under these code sections are to be itemized on the quarterly **Voter Registration Postage Reimbursement Claim Form** and submitted to the Secretary of State by the claims deadline for that fiscal quarter.

3. Replenishment of Postage Account for Mailing Voter Registration Cards

The Secretary of State is required to replenish the local county business reply mail account for the return of county specific voter registration cards that are mailed to the county elections office.

REPLENISHMENT ALLOWANCE	ELECTIONS CODE SECTION
Mailed by voter to county pursuant to § 2157(a)(8)	2164(a)(2)

The number of forms and the cost associated with the local county business reply mail account for the return of county specific voter registration cards to the county elections office should be itemized on the quarterly **Voter Registration Postage Replenishment Claim Form** and submitted to the Secretary of State by the claims deadline for that fiscal quarter.

Voter Registration Monthly Activity Report

The Secretary of State is compiling data on monthly postage claims within each quarter. The **Voter Registration Postage Claim – Monthly Activity Report** should be completed and submitted with each claim. The Monthly Activity Report Quarter Totals must balance with the totals itemized on the Postage Reimbursement Claim and the Postage Replenishment Claim forms.

Filing of Claims

The Voter Registration Postage Reimbursement and Replenishment Claims Package can be submitted for preliminary review by email or fax; however, the claim forms cannot be processed without an original signature.

To submit these completed postage claims forms by mail or for preliminary review by fax or email, please provide to the attention of:

ATTN: Deirdre Avent
Secretary of State – Elections Division
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 657-2166
Fax: (916) 653-3214
E-Mail: Deirdre.Avent@sos.ca.gov

**SECOND QUARTER
VOTER REGISTRATION POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM FORM**

FISCAL YEAR _____

2nd Quarter (October 1- December 31)

Elections Code section 2164 requires the Secretary of State to reimburse counties postage costs for mailing voter registration and voter notification cards as referenced below.

County: _____

Prepared By: _____

Telephone No.: _____

E-Mail: _____

Not Necessary to Reimburse County at this Time.

VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS (VRCs)

	Quantity		Postage Rate/ Actual Cost		TOTALS
Mailed per Voters Request:	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
(EC § 2158(c))	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
				Sub-Total	\$ _____
Mailed per Outreach Activity:	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
(EC § 2105)	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
				Sub-Total	\$ _____
Mailed per Incomplete VRC:	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
(EC § 2153)	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
				Sub-Total	\$ _____
				TOTAL 1:	\$ _____

VOTER NOTIFICATION CARDS (VNCs)

Mailed to New Registrants:	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
(EC § 2153)	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
				Sub-Total	\$ _____
USPS Address Correction:	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
(EC § 2153(c))	_____	X	\$ _____		\$ _____
				Sub-Total	\$ _____
				TOTAL 2:	\$ _____
				GRAND TOTAL (1 & 2):	\$ _____

I certify that this record is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that documentation is on file in my office to substantiate these figures. Please make check payable to this County and direct it to:

County Name _____

County Elections Official _____

Business Address _____

Date _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

**SECOND QUARTER
VOTER REGISTRATION POSTAGE REPLENISHMENT CLAIM FORM**

FISCAL YEAR _____

2nd Quarter (October 1 – December 31)

Authority for replenishment of postal account funds
for voter registration cards mailed by voter to county
elections office:
Election Code §§ 2157(a)(8), 2164(a)(2)

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL (BRM)
PERMIT # 85814

County: _____
Prepared By: _____
Telephone No: _____
E-Mail: _____

Not necessary to Replenish Account at this Time. (Form must be completed and signed even if county is not requesting replenishment.)

Prior Quarterly Ending Balance..... \$ _____

Prior Deposits Received from Secretary of State.....\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Number of Affidavits Received through BRMA X _____

Postage Rate..... _____

New Quarterly Balance in Account.....\$ _____

Please Replenish Account with a Check in the Amount of.....\$ _____

Please Make Check Payable to:

Mailing Address:

The number of items reported above represents the actual number of affidavits received through the business reply mail account by this office.

The total cost reported above represents the amount reportedly charged to the account by your Postmaster. Please provide the last business reply mail trust account invoice received by your office. I certify that this record is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that documentation is on file in my office to substantiate these figures.

County Elections Official

Date

**SECOND QUARTER
VOTER REGISTRATION POSTAGE CLAIM - MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

FISCAL YEAR _____

2nd Quarter (October 1 - December 31)

The Monthly Activity Report Quarter Totals must balance with the totals itemized on the Postage Reimbursement Claim and the Postage Replenishment Claim forms.

County: _____

Prepared By: _____

Telephone No: _____

E-Mail: _____

Form must be completed even if county is not requesting reimbursement and/or replenishment claims for the quarter.

REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM

Voter Registration Activity	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	QUARTER TOTAL
Mailed Per Voter Request (EC § 2158 (c))				
Mailed per Outreach Activity (EC § 2105)				
Mailed per Incomplete VRC (EC § 2153)				
Voter Notification Activity	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	QUARTER TOTAL
Mailed to New Registrants (EC § 2153 & 2164(a)(1))				
USPS Address Correction (EC §§ 2225 & 2226)				

REPLENISHMENT CLAIM

Voter Registration Activity	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	QUARTER TOTAL
Number of Affidavits Received through the Business Reply Mail Permit #85814 (EC §§ 2157(a)(8) & 2164(a)(2))				

Please make sure the number of items reported matches the numbers reported on the reimbursement and/or replenishment claims for the quarter.