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# Voting Modernization Board

## Modernizing Voting Equipment in California

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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #11045

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM:

  
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RE: Voting Modernization Board: Selling Surplus Voting Equipment

Several counties have inquired about selling surplus direct recording electronic and/or touchscreen voting machines. While counties do not need explicit permission from the Voting Modernization Board to sell surplus machines, we wanted you to be aware of how the proceeds from the sale of any machines should be handled.

Consistent with the policy decisions from the September 16, 2002, Voting Modernization Board meeting set forth in item 5 (see [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/vma/pdf/vmb/documents/ccrov\\_092002.pdf](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/vma/pdf/vmb/documents/ccrov_092002.pdf)), three-quarters of the proceeds from the sale of a DRE and/or touchscreen voting machine purchased with VMB funds must be returned to the Voting Modernization Fund. The remaining one-quarter of the proceeds (the county matching portion) may be retained by the county, if county funds were used.

For example, if a voting machine was purchased for \$3,000 (a quarter of which was county matching funds), and sold for \$2,000, the county must return \$1,500 to the Voting Modernization Fund but could retain the remaining \$500.

If the county used any HAVA funds for their matching amount, please contact Kaye Kaufman at (916) 657-2376 for specific HAVA funding guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (916) 657-2423. Thank you.