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September 7, 2012

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 12273

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: *Rachelle Delucchi*
Rachelle Delucchi
Elections Counsel

RE: General Election: UOCAVA/MOVE Act Surveys and Schedules

As a result of the Consent Decree entered into by the Secretary of State (SOS) and the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ), all of California's 58 counties must respond to three surveys, which will be issued by the SOS. These surveys address absentee ballots transmitted to voters covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), of which the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act is a part.

Attached to this memorandum are drafts of the surveys, which are in the process of being approved by the USDOJ. Please review all three of the surveys now, so that prior to the transmission of the absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters you will know the questions that will be asked about those ballots and their transmission.

The SOS will officially issue each of the surveys separately, starting with the first survey that will be issued on September 12, 2012. Each of the three surveys has tight turn-around times in terms of reporting the results to our office. Please note the dates and times by which each of the surveys must be submitted to the SOS and plan accordingly.

The anticipated schedule for the issuance of the surveys is set forth below.

Survey #1:

Subject: Any anticipated issues with transmission of absentee ballots by E-45
SOS officially issues: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 (E-55)
Return to SOS: Monday, September 17, 2012 (E-50) by 12:00 noon

Survey #2:

Subject: Absentee ballot requests on or before E-45
SOS officially issues: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 (E-48)
Return to SOS: Monday, September 24, 2012 (E-43) by 12:00 noon

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Survey #3:

Subject: Absentee ballot requests between E-44 and E-30
SOS officially issues: Wednesday, October 3, 2012 (E-34)
Return to SOS: Monday, October 8, 2012 (E-29) by 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at
rachelle.delucchi@sos.ca.gov or (916) 651-6971. Thank you.

**Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)
Survey 1 in Compliance with U.S. DOJ Consent Decree
November 6, 2012, General Election**

County of: _____

**Please send responses no later than
12:00 Noon on Monday, September 17, 2012 to:
Fax: (916) 653-3214 ATTN: Jane Howell
Or via email: jane.howell@sos.ca.gov**

The UOCAVA requires absentee ballots to be transmitted to UOCAVA voters no later than E-45 (Saturday, September 22, 2012) when the absentee ballot request is received by E-45. It also requires those ballots to be transmitted by mail or electronically, according to the method designated by the UOCAVA voter.

1. For those absentee ballots to be transmitted by mail, does or will your county have a sufficient number of printed absentee ballots (this includes a printed PDF version of the actual ballot) to transmit to voters by E-45, as required by UOCAVA?

Yes _____

No _____

If No, please explain: _____

2. Does your county have the technical capability to transmit absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters by their requested method of transmission (e.g., mail or electronically)?

Yes _____

No _____

If No, please explain: _____

3. Do you anticipate any situation that would prevent your county from transmitting all requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters by their requested method of transmission by E-45?

Yes _____

If Yes, please explain what measures your county will implement to overcome any obstacles to transmitting all requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters by their requested method of transmission by E-45:

No _____

4. If your county needs additional support to ensure that it meets the E-45 deadline, please explain: _____

County contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

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**Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)
Survey 2 in Compliance with U.S. DOJ Consent Decree
November 6, 2012, General Election**

County of: _____

**Please send responses no later than
12:00 Noon on Monday, September 24, 2012 to:
Fax: (916) 653-3214 ATTN: Jane Howell
Or via email: jane.howell@sos.ca.gov**

1. Number of absentee ballot requests received by your county on or before E-45 (Saturday, September 22, 2012) from any voter entitled to vote pursuant to UOCAVA and the method of transmission requested:

Number requested to be transmitted by mail _____
Number requested to be transmitted by fax _____
Number requested to be transmitted by email _____

2. The date your county began sending the above-requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters:

By mail _____
By fax _____
By email _____

3. The date your county completed sending the above-requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters:

By mail _____
By fax _____
By email _____

4. I completed the UOCAVA training conducted by the Secretary of State's office.

I certify that the information above is correct and that all UOCAVA absentee ballots requested by E-45 were transmitted by E-45 by the requested method of transmission (where a request had been made) or by the default method (where no request had been made). If not, please explain:

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Print name: _____

County contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

**Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)
Survey 3 in Compliance with U.S. DOJ Consent Decree
November 6, 2012, General Election**

County of: _____

**Please send responses no later than
10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 8, 2012 to:
Fax: (916) 653-3214 ATTN: Jane Howell
Or via email: jane.howell@sos.ca.gov**

1. Number of absentee ballot requests received by your county between E-44 (Sunday, September 23, 2012) and E-30 (Sunday, October 7, 2012) from any voter entitled to vote pursuant to UOCAVA and the method of transmission requested:

Number requested to be transmitted by mail _____
Number requested to be transmitted by fax _____
Number requested to be transmitted by email _____

2. The UOCAVA provides that absentee ballot requests received by your county after E-45 be transmitted in a manner that expedites the transmission of the absentee ballot.

Provide the date(s) on which your county sent the above-requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters and method of transmission used:

By mail _____
By fax _____
By email _____

3. I completed the UOCAVA training conducted by the Secretary of State's office.

I certify that the information above is correct and that all UOCAVA absentee ballots requested between E-44 and E-30 were transmitted by the requested method of transmission (where a request had been made) or by the default method (where no request had been made). If not, please explain:

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Print name: _____

County contact: _____ Phone Number: _____