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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #14040

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

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

RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – February 2014

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

On October 25, 2013, the SOS issued proposed voting system regulations and there was a public hearing on December 13, 2013, in the Secretary of State's Auditorium. Based on comments at the hearing the Secretary of State extended the public comment period from December 20, 2013, through January 3, 2014. The SOS is reviewing the comments submitted. All of the rulemaking documents are located on the SOS website at www.sos.ca.gov/admin/regulations/proposed/elections/voting-systems/.

Administrative Approval Requests

California Elections Code section 19213 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 that 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.](#)"

- There are currently no administrative approval requests.

Testing and Approval by the State of California

- The Secretary of State received a completed application for the Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14 Voting System on November 13, 2013. The system is composed of the election management system, a combined ballot marking device and precinct count optical scan machine and an off-the-shelf central count scan machine. The source code review began December 2, 2013, the functional testing began, February 3, 2014, and the penetration began February 10, 2014.

Testing and Certification at the EAC

The EAC provides a [weekly update](#) of voting system testing. As of February 5, 2014, the current testing and certification status for systems relevant to California is:

Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14.B. The EAC granted certification for this system on January 7, 2014. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

ES&S Unity 3.4.1.0. Testing is complete and Wyle is finishing the Test Report. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

ES&S EVS 5.0.1.0. Testing is complete and the Test Report is being revised based upon comments received. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

ES&S EVS 5.2.0.0. Wyle is working on the draft Test Plan. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

Hart InterCivic Verity 1.0. Delivery of equipment to SLI to begin testing is now expected in late February or early March. 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 voting system hardware and software are reported to the Secretary of State. Effective January 1, 2014, Senate Bill 360 (Padilla, 2013) removed the requirement that the Secretary of State in turn provide the reports to the EAC.

In January, the Secretary of State did not receive any problem reports. For more information contact the voting system vendor, or OVSTA, or go to the EAC website, at [EAC Voting System Reports](#).

Ballot Printing Certification Requests

Ballot Manufacturers and Finishers

Ballot Manufacturers and Finishers under review:

- K&H Print Integrated Print Solutions requested certification for Hart InterCivic BallotNow ballots at its new facility, located at 2517 Port Street, West Sacramento, California, 95691

Ballot on Demand Systems under review:

- Placer County requested to be certified to be a manufacturer of Premier AccuVote-OS ballots using the Runbeck Sentio Print System.
- ES&S has requested to make modifications to its Balotar Ballot on Demand Print System.

A list of certified ballot printers can be found at www.sos.ca.gov/voting-systems/cert-and-approval/ballots.htm.