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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #14273

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

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

RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – November 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

The public review period for the Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14-A.1 with Adjudication 2.4 voting system will begin on Thursday, November 20, 2014, and continue through December 19, 2014. Additionally, a public hearing on the system is scheduled to be held on Friday, December 12, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the Secretary of State Auditorium.

CACEO's New Law Conference is being held during the week of December 8, 2014. During the New Law Conference most voting system vendors hold their annual User Group Meeting. For information regarding your User's Group Meeting, contact your vendor directly.

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 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 completed all testing for the Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14-A.1 with Adjudication 2.4 voting system (system) during the month of October. Staff and consultants are finalizing all reports. The public review period and public hearing have been scheduled. See "Upcoming and Recent Events" above.

Testing and Certification at the EAC

The EAC provides a weekly update of voting system testing, however they have not issued an update since August 26, 2014. Based upon that update, the current testing and certification status for systems relevant to California is:

Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14-D. The EAC received the draft test plan on August 26, 2014. Related documents can be found on the EAC website.

Everyone Counts. The EAC is waiting for additional information related to the system and a response from Everyone Counts on the draft Technology Testing Agreement. Related documents can be found on the EAC website.

Hart InterCivic Verity 1.0. Hart is working on design changes to its system. Testing is delayed until Hart is ready to proceed. Related documents can be found on the EAC website.

Unisyn OpenElect 1.3. NTS is conducting environmental testing. 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 problem reports during the month of October.

Ballot Printing Certification Requests

- The Secretary of State did not receive any ballot printing applications during the month of October.

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