

Mariposa County

Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

Mariposa County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$98,644.12
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$98,644.12
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$32,881.37
Total System Cost	\$131,525.50

New Equipment:

Optech Eagle III-P - Optical Scan Ballot Tabulators – 16 Units

Precinct Voting & Absentee Voting System:

Sequoia Optech Eagle (Mark Sense)

Vendor:

Sequoia Voting Systems

Acquisition Schedule:

Mariposa has secured the new vote counting equipment and this new equipment was implemented during the March 2000 Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

The new ballot counting system was fully implemented during the November 2000 General Election.

Staff Recommendation:

Mariposa County's "Project Documentation Package" meets the requirements for completeness. Mariposa County selected the new optical scan ballot tabulator equipment because it allows the county to manage the election results and reporting in an accurate and efficient way.

The county can now provide election returns much earlier using the new system's ability to modern results back to the Election Office. The purchase of the Optech Eagle equipment and software components has improved the testing and accounting of ballots, canvassing of the election, and provides a clear audit trail. The ballots are now configured front and back as opposed to multiple card ballots previously used. This new system offers the voting community an easier to read ballot and allows the voter the opportunity to correct an error at the time of voting. The introduction of this voting system was very well received through the community in Mariposa. The system appears to be user friendly and addresses the needs of the community by providing fast and accurate election night results.

Mariposa County's optical scan equipment does not fully address the new state and federal requirements for accessibility. However, they anticipate that additional federal funding will be available for purchasing additional voting equipment to meet the new requirements and they plan to acquire this new equipment at that time.

It is our recommendation to approve Mariposa County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$98,644.12.
