

# Butte County

## Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

### Summary

Butte County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$1,469,905.57
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$1,469,905.57
County Required 3:1 Matching Amount	\$489,968.52
Estimated Total System Cost	\$3,224,186.92

### **Voting System:**

#### **Hardware:**

AccuVote-TSX with AccuView Printer Module (Touch Screen) version 4.6.4 – 600 Units  
AccuVote-OS Central Count (Optical Scan) version 2.0.12 – 4 Units

#### **Software:**

GEMS Software Version 1.18.24

### **Vendor:**

Diebold Elections Systems, Inc.

### **Acquisition Schedule:**

Butte County anticipates receiving its new voting equipment by the beginning of May 2006. The county plans to begin using this equipment in the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

### **Project Completion Date:**

Butte County projects that its project completion date will be upon certification of the November 2008 General Election.

### **Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):**

The AccuVote-TSX units with the AccuView Printer component being purchased by Butte County include a voter verifiable receipt printer, which is a VVPAT component.

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Butte County's Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The Diebold AccuVote-TSX touch screen units and AccuVote-OS Central Count Optical Scan units are certified for use in California.

Butte County will be converting from the Mark-A-Vote optical scan voting system. Butte considered only Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) units for polling places and optical scan for absentee and vote-by-mail ballots. Butte County believed that it would be too complicated for the poll workers to work with two different systems; therefore, they decided to only provide the DRE units at the polling sites. The county will implement their new voting system completely during the June 6, 2006 Primary Election. The DRE units will provide access to those voters with disabilities and will also satisfy the second-chance voting requirements by not allowing over-votes and identifying under-votes to each voter, and will bring the county into compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

Butte County has begun an extensive voter outreach program to educate voters on the new voting system and to allow their voters a chance to use the system before the June 6, 2006 Primary Election. The county has attended several fairs and community meetings and has begun a media campaign to promote the benefits of the upgrade to the new DRE voting system. The county plans to augment their poll worker training on the compliance with the new HAVA regulations. The county also plans to provide its poll workers and voters with evaluation forms and surveys to get feedback on the new voting system. Based upon this feedback, the county will consider adjusting procedures to best serve its voters.

Butte indicated that they also plan to purchase the "Express Poll 4000" voter card creation devices and associated accessories. This equipment is **not yet** certified for use in California; therefore, any cost associated with this device would not be eligible for reimbursement under the Proposition 41 until this equipment is certified.

Butte County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for its certified voting equipment. Please note that the staff-proposed funding award is based upon allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41 for voting equipment hardware and software only. The support services and extended warranties line items listed in the Butte County contract with Diebold would also not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that Butte County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$1,469,905.57.