

# Mono County

## Project Documentation Package Staff Report

### Summary

Mono County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$91,998.83
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$91,998.93
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$30,666.28
Total System Cost	\$294,663.41

#### **Voting System:**

**Hardware:** AVC Edge DRE (Touch Screen) version 4.3.320 – 30 Units  
VeriVote (DRE Printers) – 40 Units

**Software:** AVC Edge Firmware version 4.2

#### **Vendor:**

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

#### **Acquisition Schedule:**

Mono County anticipates receiving their new voting equipment in August of 2005. The county plans to begin using this equipment during any local or statewide special election scheduled for November of 2005.

#### **Project Completion Date:**

Mono County projects that their project completion date will be upon certification of the June 6, 2006, Primary Election.

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

The AVC Edge DRE units being purchased by Mono County's includes the VeriVote printers, which is a VVPAT component.

#### **Staff Report:**

Mono County's Project Documentation Package meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia AVC Edge DRE units and the VeriVote printers are certified for use in California.

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Please note that the software used to run the AVC Edge units currently has a “condition” on the certification for its use, as the software cannot be used in a primary election. This condition is expected to be resolved within the next three months.

Mono County considered only Direct Recording Equipment (DRE) units for polling places and optical scan for absentee and vote by mail ballots. This consideration was made largely due to the new federal Help America Vote Act requirements and new state law requirements regarding accessibility.

The county also believed that it was preferable to have all voters casting their ballots on the same equipment in the polling place rather than offering some voters optical scan ballots while others would be instructed to use DRE equipment. Mono County will continue to use their optical scan equipment for the processing of mail and absentee ballots.

While preparing for the November 2004 election, Mono County notified all of their poll workers that the county will be changing to a new voting system. Thus far, the feedback received from their poll workers has been enthusiastic about working with a new system. The county plans to provide the poll workers and voters evaluation forms and surveys to get feedback on the new voting system. Based upon this feedback the county will adjust procedures as necessary to best serve the voters of their county.

In an effort to avoid potential problems using a brand new voting system in an already complicated primary election, Mono County plans to begin using the new DRE units during any local or statewide special election scheduled for November of 2005.

Mono County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted invoices for their voting equipment.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation to approve Mono County’s “Project Documentation Package” and issue a “Funding Award” letter in the amount of \$91,998.83.