

Santa Cruz County

Phase 2 – Project Documentation Plan - Staff Report

Summary

Phase 2	Amounts
Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$37,175.68
Phase 2: Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$37,175.68
Phase 2: Actual County Match Amount	\$52,345.69
Phase 2: County's Estimated Total System Cost	\$89,521.37
Remaining Initial Formula Allocation	
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$0
Remaining County 3:1 Match Amount	\$0

Phase 2 Voting System:

Hardware: AVC Edge II (Touch Screen) version 5.0.24 – 30 Units
VeriVote Touch Screen Printers – 60 Units

Vendor: Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Santa Cruz County secured equipment in January 2008 and this equipment was used for the first time during the June 2008 Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

Santa Cruz County has fully implemented the use of this new voting equipment.

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

The AVC Edge DRE units being purchased by Santa Cruz County include the VeriVote printers, which is a VVPAT component.

Staff Report:

Santa Cruz County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia Voting System AVC Edge II touchscreen and VeriVote touch screen printer units are certified for use in California.

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At the May 25, 2006, meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the Board approved Santa Cruz County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan and awarded funding in the amount of \$1,661,152.11. Santa Cruz County received this funding for the reimbursement of the purchase of 165 AVC Edge II touchscreen units, 165 Optec Insight optical scan precinct ballot counters, and 2 Optech 400-C central count optical scan units.

After implementing the new voting system during the November 7, 2006, General Election, Santa Cruz County determined that they would need additional AVC Edge II units in order to provide one at every voting precinct versus one unit at every polling location. Santa Cruz County was able to borrow 30 touchscreen units and 60 touchscreen printers from Monterey County to use in the 2008 elections and all elections thereafter.

Monterey County has requested that Santa Cruz County purchase the equipment that they have borrowed for the past two years. The additional equipment has been used for poll worker training purposes and has provided the county with a sufficient number of back-up equipment to be deployed on Election Day if needed.

Santa Cruz 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.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Santa Cruz County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award Letter be issued in the amount of \$37,175.68.