

# Madera County

## Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

### Summary

Madera County	Amounts
County Requested & Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$466,361.32
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$642,094.85
County 3:1 Required Matching Amount	\$155,453.77
Total System Cost	\$678,315.09
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$175,733.53
Remaining 3:1 Matching Amount	\$58,577.85

### Voting System:

**Hardware:** Hart eSlate Electronic Voting Appliance (DRE) – 100 Units  
Judge Booth Controller (JBC) – 50 Units  
Verified Ballot Option (VBO) Printers – 100 Units  
Disabled Access Unit Upgrade (DAU) – 100 Units

**Software:** 6.1 Software Version

### Vendor:

Hart InterCivic

### Acquisition Schedule:

Madera County received and used 60 eSlate units during the June 6, 2006 Primary Election and anticipates receiving the remaining 40 eSlate units during September of 2006. The county expects to deploy all of the eSlate units during the November 7, 2006 General Election.

### Project Completion Date:

Madera County anticipates that its project completion date will be upon certification of the November 7, 2006 General Election.

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

The Hart eSlate units being purchased by Madera County include the Verified Ballot Option (VBO) printers, which are a VVPAT component.

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Madera County's Project Documentation Package meets the requirements for completeness. The eSlate and corresponding components are certified for use in California.

Madera County has implemented a blended voting system. Madera County will continue to use its existing Mark-A-Vote optical scan voting equipment and will supplement the voting system with the placement of one eSlate DRE unit in every polling place. Madera County believes that the deployment of eSlate DRE units will bring the county into compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and state accessibility requirements.

Madera County will be required to conform to the Secretary of State's October 5, 2005 directive regarding requirements for voting systems. Specifically, Madera County will be allowed to use the above-stated blended independently tested and certified voting systems together to meet federal and state requirements so long as their interface is limited to the exchange of aggregated vote totals. The county plans to duplicate onto Mark-A-Vote duplicate ballots all votes cast on the e-Slate machines using the DAU print-out as the ballot image, thereby enabling all votes to be counted on a single tally system.

Madera County's principal goal while modernizing their voting equipment was to retain a paper-based system, since over 59% of their voters vote by absentee ballot. The county believes that supplementing their existing Mark-A-Vote system is cost-effective and will accommodate the growing absentee voting trend. The Hart eSlate system will allow voters who are visually impaired or blind to vote unassisted at the polls and will provide additional ballot language options.

Madera County plans to conduct expand outreach programs to educate the disabled community about the use of the eSlate DRE equipment. The county plans to distribute surveys to poll workers during the November 2006 General Election to solicit feedback on the blended systems. Madera County expects to deploy the 40 additional eSlate DRE units to their polling sites that host multiple precincts.

The "InFusion" voting software listed in Madera County's contract with Hart InterCivic has not yet gained certification in California and, therefore, is not eligible for reimbursement under Proposition 41.

Madera 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 professional services and extended warranty items listed in the Madera County contract with Hart InterCivic would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that Madera County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$466,361.32.