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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 21119

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley
Deputy Secretary of State, HAVA and Counsel

RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update –August 2021

Each month, the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment (OVSTA) provides an update on Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and Secretary of State (SOS) activities related to voting technology.

Each update provides information on:

- Voting technology related events that may be of interest.
- Administrative approval requests and denials since the prior month's update.
- Voting technology testing and approval at the SOS office.
- Defect, failure, and fault reports issued since the prior month's update.
- Ballot printing certification requests since the prior month's update.

Helpful Updates and Reminders

Change to OVSTA's Team- Congratulations to OVSTA's new IT Supervisor II, NaKasha Robinson! NaKasha has been invaluable to OVSTA for several years as our team lead and we are excited to support her in her new role as IT Supervisor II.

California Gubernatorial Recall Election-The California Gubernatorial Recall Election has been called by the Lt. Governor for September 14, 2021.

Post-Election Reporting- After every election, per the California Elections Code, the jurisdictions shall submit the following Post-Election reports:

- One Percent Manual Tally report with submission of your official canvass.
- Notification of any voting system defect, fault, or failure within 30 days of discovery.
- Remote accessible vote by mail (RAVBM) system user report within 30 calendar days of certifying the election results.
- Notification of any RAVBM defect, fault, or failure within 30 days of discovery.

- Notification of any ePollBook breach, attempted breach, defect, failure or fault within 24 hours of discovery.

Tint and Watermark Assignment Requests- Per the California Code of Regulations §20280, any jurisdiction conducting an election in California, shall request a ballot tint and watermark from the Secretary of State's Office. Jurisdictions may submit tint and watermark requests to votingsystems@sos.ca.gov.

The watermark for the September 14, 2021, California gubernatorial Recall Election is the CA State Seal. The tint for the background and watermark is Lavender PMS Purple (15-3817). More information on the tint and watermark assignment is available [here](#).

Disposal or Sale of Equipment- Regarding the disposal or sale of equipment:

- In 2012, the California Secretary of State issued guidance regarding the disposition or sale of equipment purchased with HAVA and/or VMB funding. See Secretary of State (SOS) County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12219 - Handling the Sale and Funds from the Sale of Voting Systems or Voting Equipment. The document outlines proper disposal or sale procedures of voting systems or voting equipment purchased with HAVA and/or VMB funding. The document also highlights that all equipment must be void of any software or firmware and returned to a condition of a non-functioning piece of hardware prior to its disposal or sale.
- See also the US-CERT issued Security Tip (ST18-005) outlining proper disposal procedures for electronic devices.
- **Election Record Retention-** As a reminder, pursuant to California Elections Code sections 17301-17306, the retention and preservation of election records, which includes digital ballot images is 22 months. Several voting system tabulation components are capable of producing digital ballot images. Additional information regarding how to backup, retain, and preserve the digital ballot images, and whether or not your jurisdiction's voting system has this capability, can be found in the respective Use Procedures, [here](#).

Testing and Certification at the EAC

On February 10, 2021, the EAC adopted the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0. More information on the VVSG 2.0 requirements and the EAC's implementation timeline are available [here](#).

The EAC provides [updates](#) on voting system testing. The latest update from the EAC was provided on March 19, 2021. However, based upon discussions with vendors, no systems currently undergoing testing and certification at the EAC are relevant to California.

Additional information regarding each voting system are available at: "[Voting Systems Under Test](#)" and "[Certified Voting Systems](#)".

On July 7, 2021, the EAC held a roundtable discussion regarding new data on voter turnout, methods of voting and other trends for citizens with disabilities during the 2020 general election. More information on the public meeting is available [here](#).

Voting Technology Certification and Administrative Approval Requests

OVSTA receives and reviews applications for certification and administrative approval testing from voting technology vendors on a continuous basis. The status of current applications can be found below:

Applicant	System				
KNOWiNK	Pollpad v2.5.2.01b	ePollBook	08/02/21	Admin Approval	Testing
KNOWiNK	Pollpad v2.5.3	ePollBook	03/02/21	Full Certification	Pre-Test Planning
Hart	Verity Voting 3.1.1	Voting System	05/11/21	Admin Approval	Documentation Review
Dominion	Democracy Suite 5.10A	Voting System	05/25/21	Admin Approval	Documentation Review
LA County	VSAP 2.5	Voting System	06/16/21	Admin Approval	Testing
LA County	VSAP 2.5.2	RAVBM	06/16/21	Admin Approval	Testing
LA County	VSAP 3.0	Voting System	07/07/21	Full Certification	Application Under Review
Runbeck	Sentio Lite EVS 9.2	Ballot On Demand	04/13/2021	Full Certification	Post-Testing

Voting System Certification and Approval Requests

OVSTA has received an application for modification of the Hart Verity Voting 3.1.1 voting system. The modifications include replacement of workstations, tablets and printers that are end-of-life and no longer available. The application and supporting documentation are currently under review.

OVSTA has received an application for modification of the Dominion Democracy Suite 5.10A voting system. The application includes modification of the ImageCast Precinct II paper sensor, and replacement of workstations, laptops power supplies and memory sticks that are end-of-life and no longer available. The application and supporting documentation are currently under review.

OVSTA has received an application for modification of the Los Angeles County Voting Solutions for All People 2.0 voting system. The application includes modifications to the system to support the voter's experience. The application has been reviewed and testing is underway.

OVSTA has received an application for testing and certification of Los Angeles County Voting Solutions for All People 3.0 voting system. The application is currently under review.

A list containing certified voting system vendors can be found [here](#).

Remote Accessible Vote By Mail System Certification and Approval Requests

Los Angeles County Voting Solutions for All People Interactive Sample Ballot 2.5.2 remote accessible vote by mail system. The application includes modifications to the system to support the voter's experience. The application has been reviewed and testing is underway.

A list containing certified remote accessible vote by mail system (RAVBMs) vendors can be found [here](#).

Electronic Poll Book Certification and Approval Requests

OVSTA has received an application for approval of KNOWiNK's Pollpad v2.5.3 electronic poll book system. The system is currently in the pre-testing planning phase.

OVSTA has received an application for modification to KNOWiNK's Pollpad v2.5.2.01b. The application requests the addition of iOS 14.7 and iOS 14.7.1 to the approved system. The system is currently in the testing phase.

A list containing certified electronic poll book vendors can be found [here](#).

Ballot on Demand Printing Certification and Approval Requests

OVSTA received an application in April from Runbeck Election Services, requesting certification for the Sentio Ballot Printing System version 9.2 for printing of Dominion ImageCast ballots, Election Systems & Software Electionware ballots, and Hart InterCivic Verity ballots. The application is currently in the post-testing phase.

A list of certified ballot on demand systems can be found [here](#).

Ballot Printing Certification and Approval Requests

OVSTA received an application from Toppan Merrill, requesting certification for printing of Dominion ImageCast ballots. The application is currently in the initial review phase.

OVSTA received an application from K&H Integrated Print Solutions, requesting certification for printing of ES&S Electionware ballots. Certification was approved.

A list of certified ballot printers can be found [here](#).

Defects, Failures, and Faults

No defects, faults or failures were reported in July.