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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #19013

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters
FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley
Deputy Secretary of State and Counsel
RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – February 2019

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 approvals and denials since the prior month's update.
- Administrative approval requests since the prior month's update.
- Voting technology testing and approval at the SOS office.
- Voting system testing and certification at the EAC.
- Defect, failure, and fault reports issued since the prior month's update.
- Ballot printing certification requests since the prior month's update.

Recent and Upcoming Events

Governor Brown signed AB 2125 into law, authorizing the use of risk-limiting audits in lieu of the 1% manual tally beginning with the March 3, 2020, primary election.

Additional information can be located at:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2125.

Governor Brown signed AB 1013 into law, requiring a county elections official to permit a voter with a disability, or a military or overseas voter, to cast his or her ballot using a certified RAVBM system. Additional information can be located at:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1013.

A CCROV was issued on August 29, 2018, with information about state and federal money and allocation amounts per county. Look for the contracts, which should be arriving soon via mail. Additional information can be located at:

<https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ccrov/pdf/2018/august/18206sl.pdf>.

Voting System and RAVBM Testing and Approvals

There were no voting system or RAVBM testing or approvals in January.

Application status is now available online at:

[Voting Technology Applications Status | California Secretary of State.](#)

System	Type	Applicant	Submission Date	Testing Phase
Democracy Suite 5.10	Voting System	Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.	10/24/2018	Pre-Testing (Request for Bid Proposal)
VSAP Tally Version 2.0	Voting System	Los Angeles County	11/6/2018	Pre-Testing (Request for Bid Proposal)
EVS 6.0.4.2	Voting System	ES&S	12/18/2018	Pre-Testing (Request for Bid Proposal)
ImageCast Remote 5.10	RAVBM	Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.	10/24/2018	Pre-Testing (Request for Bid Proposal)

Administrative Approval Requests and Approvals

There were no administrative approval requests or approvals in January.

Information on submitting an administrative approval request is available at: "[California Application for Approval of a Voting Technology.](#)"

Testing and Certification at the EAC

The EAC provides [updates](#) on voting system testing. The latest update from the EAC was provided on February 8, 2019. However, based upon discussions with vendors, no systems currently undergoing testing and certification at the EAC are relevant to California.

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

Defects, Failures, and Faults

There were no defects, failures, or faults in January.

Ballot Printing Certification Requests and Approvals

There were no ballot printing certification requests or approvals in January.

A list of certified ballot printers can be found at:

<http://votingsystems.cdn.sos.ca.gov/cert-and-approval/ballots/approved-vendors-2018-07.pdf>.

Ballot on Demand Printing Requests and Approvals

There were no Ballot on Demand Printing requests or approvals in January.

A list of certified ballot on demand systems and jurisdictions can be found at:
<http://votingsystems.cdn.sos.ca.gov/cert-and-approval/ballots/cert-bod-2018-04.pdf>.

Electronic Poll Book Certification Requests and Approvals

DemTech Voting Systems, Inc. has submitted an application requesting certification of their Advocate Precinct Management System 3.2.

Robis Elections submitted an administrative approval requesting to the addition of a Microsoft Surface Pro tablet to their AskED ePollbook 3.4.

Tenex Software Solutions submitted an administrative approval requesting to update their iOS on their Precinct Central ePollbook 4.1.

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Advocate Precinct Management System 3.2	ePollBook	DemTech	09/24/2018	Pre-Testing (Request for Bid Proposal)
Precinct Central ePollbook 4.1	ePollBook	Tenex Software	01/17/2019	Application Review
AskED Version 3.4.130.0	ePollBook	Robis Elections	02/23/2019	Pre-Testing (Request for Bid Proposal)

Notes and Reminders

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.
- The EAC issued [Election Assistance Commission \(EAC\) Funding Advisory Opinion FAO-08-007](#). The document outlines proper disposal or sale account procedures for original or replacement equipment acquired with HAVA funding.
- The US-CERT issued [Security Tip \(ST18-005\)](#) outlining proper disposal procedures for electronic devices.

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, on our website at: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-systems/>.