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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 20147

**TO:** All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters  
**FROM:** /s/ Susan Lapsley  
Deputy Secretary of State and Counsel  
**RE:** Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – July 2020

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.

### **Recent and Upcoming Events**

**Election Update** – On June 3, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation for the regularly scheduled November 3, 2020, General Election. The Governor's Proclamation can be viewed, [here](#).

**Election Update** – On June 30, 2020, the Secretary of State's office issued [CCROV #20135](#), which provides updated guidance on previous [CCROV # 20104](#) and [CCROV # 20106](#), to address the passage of AB 860 (Chapter 4 of the Statutes of 2020) and the adoption of emergency regulations amending Section 20136 of Chapter 3 of Division 7 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

### **Voting Technology Testing and Approvals**

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

System	Type	Applicant	Submission Date	Testing Phase
ImageCast Remote 5.10A	RAVBM	Dominion Voting Systems	6/9/2020	Pre-Testing Planning
PollPad 2.5.2	ePollBook	KNOWiNK	5/26/2020	Pre-Testing Planning
Democracy Suite 5.10A	Voting System	Dominion Voting Systems	5/8/2020	Post Testing
Voting Solutions for All People Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB) 2.5	RAVBM	Los Angeles County	3/16/2020	Pre-Testing Planning
Precinct Central 4.5.0.	ePollBook	Tenex Software Solutions, Inc.	3/9/2020	Pre-Testing Planning
Voting Solutions for All People 2.1	Voting System	Los Angeles County	2/27/2020	Functional Testing

### **Administrative Approval Requests and Approvals**

Elections Systems & Software was granted Administrative Approval for the addition of an internal system logging messages to enhance the security and performance of the EVS 6.0.4.2 voting system on June 23, 2020.

OVSTA received a request from Dominion Voting Systems Inc. for a modification to the Democracy Suite 5.10 voting system. The modification will provide additional languages and reports to the system. The modified system was named DS5.10A. Post testing activities are underway.

Information regarding administrative approval requests can be found [here](#).

### **Testing and Certification at the EAC**

On June 16, 2020, the EAC held a public hearing for their 2020 Annual Board of Advisors meeting to discuss the proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 requirements. This was the fourth public hearing held by the EAC and its focus was on questions and answers between board members regarding the VVSG program. More information on the VVSG 2.0 requirement are available, [here](#).

On July 8, 2020, the EAC will conduct a public hearing for lessons learned from the 2020 primary elections. The public hearing will include testimony from state and local election officials on how they met the challenges faced during the 2020 primary elections and their plans for managing the upcoming general elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. More information on the upcoming hearing can be found, [here](#).

The EAC provides [updates](#) on voting system testing. The latest update from the EAC was provided on June 25, 2020. 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](#)".

### **Defects, Failures, and Faults**

No defects, faults or failures were reported in June.

### **Ballot Printing Certification Requests and Approvals**

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

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 for RunBeck Election Services, requesting certification for their new facility in Phoenix, Arizona. The application is currently in the initial review phase.

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

### **Ballot on Demand Printing Requests and Approvals**

Elections Systems & Software was granted Administrative Approval for the addition of a Toshiba Tecra A50-E laptop and an OKI C711dn printer to the Balotar 3.0.5.1 ballot printing system on June 28, 2020. A list of certified ballot on demand systems and jurisdictions can be found [here](#).

## **Electronic Poll Book Certification Requests and Approvals**

OVSTA received an application from Tenex requesting approval of their new Precinct Central 4.5.0 electronic poll book system. Pre-testing activities are underway.

OVSTA received an application from KNOWiNK requesting approval of their new PollPad 2.5.2 electronic poll book system. Pre-testing activities are underway.

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

## **Notes and Reminders**

**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](#).

**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.