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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 20108

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters
FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley
Deputy Secretary of State and Counsel
RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – June 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 May 8, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order [N-64-20](#), a directive on how California will administer the November 3, 2020, General Election during the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the executive order, every registered voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot.

Election Update - On June 3, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order [N-67-20](#), providing the immediate clarity necessary for elections officials to properly prepare for the November 3, 2020, General Election.

Election Update - The Secretary of State's office issued [CCROV # 20104](#), and [CCROV # 20106](#), which provides additional guidance for elections officials to properly prepare for the November 3, 2020, General Election.

Risk-Limiting Audits- The Secretary of State has promulgated regulations related to conducting Risk-Limiting Audits, which are in effect as of March 5, 2020. These regulations establish the procedures for conducting risk-limiting audits in lieu of the 1%

manual tally. The final version of these regulations is available on the Secretary of State's website, [here](#).

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
Precinct Central 4.5.0	ePollBook	Tenex Software Solutions, Inc.	3/9/2020	Pre-Testing Planning
PollPad 4.6.0	ePollBook	KNOWiNK	5/26/2020	Pre-Testing Planning
Voting Solutions for All People 2.1	Voting System	Los Angeles County	2/27/2020	Pre-Testing Planning
Voting Solutions for All People Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB) 2.5	RAVBM	Los Angeles County	3/16/2020	Pre-Testing Planning
Democracy Suite 5.10 Modification	Voting System	Dominion Voting Systems	5/1/2020	Testing

Administrative Approval Requests and Approvals

OVSTA received a request from Elections Systems & Software for a modification to the EVS 6.0.4.2 voting system. The modification will provide an additional internal system logging message to enhance the security and performance of the system. The request is currently under review.

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. Testing activities are underway.

OVSTA received a request from Dominion Voting Systems Inc. for four modifications to the Democracy Suite 5.10 voting system to replace components that have reached End-of-Life from the manufacturer. The modifications were approved on June 2, 2020.

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

Testing and Certification at the EAC

On May 20, 2020, the EAC held a public hearing to discuss the proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 requirements as submitted by the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC). This was the third public hearing held by the EAC and its focus was on how manufacturers and current technologies utilize the VVSG program. More information on the VVSG 2.0 requirement are available, [here](#).

The EAC provides [updates](#) on voting system testing. The latest update from the EAC was provided on May 4, 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 May.

Ballot Printing Certification Requests and Approvals

No ballot printing requests were received in May. A list of certified ballot printers can be found [here](#).

Ballot on Demand Printing Requests and Approvals

No ballot on demand printing requests were received in May. 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 4.6.0 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.