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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #20061

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

As a reminder, counties are required to provide the following post-election reports to the Secretary of State:

- Voting System Incidents – California Elections Code section 19215 requires California jurisdictions to notify the Secretary of State of any defect, fault, or failure within 30 days.
- Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) – Condition 9 of the RAVBM certifications requires California jurisdictions that use a remote accessible vote by mail system to provide a report to the Secretary of State, within 30 calendar days of certifying the election results, listing the number of voters that used the system and all technical issues reported (if any) along with any mitigations.
- One Percent Manual Tally – California Elections Code section 15360(f) requires a report on the results of the 1 percent manual tally in the certification of the official canvass of the vote. This report shall identify any discrepancies between

the machine count and the manual tally and a description of how each of these discrepancies was resolved.

- Or Risk Limiting Audit – [California Elections Code section 20125](#) requires an elections official conducting an RLA to report the results of the audit in the certification of the official canvass of the vote.

Voting System and RAVBM Testing and Approvals

OVSTA received an application from the County of Los Angeles for the VSAP 2.1 voting system on February 27, 2020.

Voting technology application status is as follows:

System	Type	Applicant	Submission Date	Testing Phase
Precinct Central 4.5.0	ePollBook	Tenex Software Solutions, Inc.	3/9/2020	Application Evaluation
Voting Solutions for All People 2.1	Voting System	Los Angeles County	2/27/2020	Application Evaluation
Democracy Suite 5.10 Report Export	Voting System	Dominion Voting Systems	2/20/2020	Approved 2/28/2020
Democracy Suite 5.10 SQL Setting	Voting System	Dominion Voting Systems	2/21/2020	Approved 2/28/2020
Democracy Suite 5.10 Report Export	Voting System	Dominion Voting Systems	2/7/2020	Approved 2/18/2020
NOVUS 5.2	Ballot Duplicating System	Runbeck Election Services	10/14/2019	Approved 2/28/2020

Administrative Approval Requests and Approvals

Runbeck Election Services' NOVUS 5.2 ballot duplication system was certified on February 28, 2020.

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

Testing and Certification at the EAC

The EAC provides [updates](#) on voting system testing. The latest update from the EAC was provided on January 28, 2020. 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

No defects, faults or failures were reported in February.

Ballot Printing Certification Requests and Approvals

OVSTA received an application from K&H on February 13, 2020. They were approved to print ES&S ElectionWare ballots.

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

Ballot on Demand Printing Requests and Approvals

OVSTA received 39 jurisdictional ballot on demand applications in February. All 39 requests were approved.

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 KNOWiNK for a modification to their PollPad 2.5.0 ePollBook on January 30, 2020. The version was amended to PollPad 2.5.0.2 and approved on February 13, 2020.

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.