

Canvass Activities Summary

September 14, 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election

Auditing of the Voting Locations

Each location is responsible to complete a variety of forms at the close of the location each day of the voting period. Elections staff then audits those forms to account for all ballots issued and returned. For the September 14, 2021, there were 18 voting locations available for voters to access for in-person voting or receive a replacement ballot. Below is a list of the voting locations with the days and hours of availability. All locations were audited and where the paperwork reflected discrepancies, those discrepancies were thoroughly researched and resolved. In all cases these were poll worker errors such as transcription errors or recording information in the wrong places. The primary error was not getting the complete information needed for the Voter Information Sheet if the printer was not working. There are 20 sheets that remain where the voter is not identified. This is important for verifying Voter Participation History was given to the correct voter.

Location	Dates Open	Hours Available
Santa Cruz County Elections Office	8/16 – 9/14	M-F 8am – 5pm Sat – Sun 9am – 5pm 9/14/2021 7am – 8pm
Watsonville City Clerk Office	8/16 – 9/14	M-F 8am – 5pm Sat – Sun 9am – 5pm 9/14/2021 7am – 8pm
Resurrection Church	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Boulder Creek Fire Station	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
New Brighton Middle School	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Simpkins Family Swim Center	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Bonny Doon Elementary School	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Santa Cruz Civic Center	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm

Masonic Center	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Harvey West Scout & Club House	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Scotts Valley Middle School	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Scotts Valley High School	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Soquel High School	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Pajaro Valley Community Trust	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
La Selva Beach Clubhouse	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
Lakeview Middle School	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
UCSC Stevenson Event Center	9/11 – 9/14	9/11 & 9/12 9am – 5pm 9/13 8am – 5pm 9/14 7am – 8pm
VoteMobile	8/16 – 9/14	Times varied based on location of the mobile voting

1% Manual Tally

Per Elections Code Section 15360, 1% of precincts must be hand tallied to determine that the voting system is reading and tabulating votes correctly. For September 14, 2021 there were 85 voting precincts, which meant that only 1 precinct needed to be counted. Elections Code Section 15360 also states that all contests on the ballot need to be hand tallied. Because all of our ballots (vote by mail and in-person) were tabulated in batches, Santa Cruz County Elections Department determined that a minimum of 16 batches per tabulator would be drawn from the Election Night results and another 16 batches would be drawn after all vote by mail, same day registration and provisional ballots had been added to the count prior to certification. After making those selections, we would verify that all precincts were accounted for in those batches. If not, more batches would be drawn to fulfil the requirements.

Batches were randomly selected on Thursday, September at 10am by staff. All batches are randomly selected by pulling a slip from a bowl. All contests on the ballot would be tallied.

All votes cast in those batches were tallied including preprinted paper ballots and votes cast on the tablets. Blank ballots that were encountered (in any media) were tallied as undervotes for each contest. Spoiled, cancelled, and otherwise invalidated ballots were not tallied as they are not valid ballots.

Vote-by-mail and paper ballots used at the voting locations were tallied by audit teams of 3 auditors. Duties were divided among team members with one-member reading from the ballot, and the other two members keeping independent, simultaneous tallies. Once all the ballots for that precinct had been read, then the totals on the tally sheets were compared against each other. When more than one contest was being tallied in a precinct, each one was done individually. The results were later compared to the central tally count and if the totals did not match, then the hand tally began again.

Materials used to complete the tallies were minimal, but included specialized tally sheets, pencils and the central count reports. In total, 126 batches (11,959 ballots) were reviewed. On the following page are the batches that were drawn for the 1% tally (VBM = Vote by mail and IP = in-person):

Due to public health guidelines, not many observers were present during the canvass. However, we installed cameras in our office and in the rooms where we were conducting canvass activities that observers could utilize to observe our activities. Our office always welcome observers and fielded many calls about the status of the activities. Because the audit was conducted at central elections, no additional security measures were required above and beyond normal security precautions in place.

The 1% was conducted by new staff using our new voting system which had new printed ballots and new tabulation methods, so it took some time for the teams to get into a good rhythm and the initial contest was often recounted. In the end, all contests matched the results tallied except for four instances of voter intent (not marking the ballot correctly) where the ballot was corrected, and the results updated.

In the end, the results from the manual tally matched the machine results with 100% accuracy.

Search for Live Ballots

After searching through all the supplies and equipment that were returned from the polling sites, no live ballots were found.

Equipment Incidents

There were no incidents with the voting equipment for the September 14, 2021 election.

In Person	
Scanner	Batch
1	6
1	10
1	19
1	24
1	27
1	34
1	43
1	68
1	70
1	71

Vote By Mail	
Scanner	Batch
2	4
2	35
2	42
2	57
2	64
2	66
2	72
2	105
2	107
2	123
2	140
2	142
2	152
2	168
2	173
2	175
2	181
2	182
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2	204
2	208
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2	296
2	306
2	308
2	310
2	316
2	318
2	319

Vote By Mail	
Scanner	Batch
3	1
3	3
3	52
3	83
3	93
3	105
3	123
3	134
3	174
3	176
3	216
3	222
3	252
3	265
3	271
3	278
3	282
3	289
3	299
3	302
3	309
3	334
3	339
3	343
3	346
3	363
3	365
3	379
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3	388
3	393
3	395
3	397
3	401
3	405
3	408
3	414
3	417
3	420

Vote By Mail	
Scanner	Batch
4	6
4	8
4	51
4	109
4	131
4	133
4	148
4	174
4	205
4	209
4	214
4	232
4	244
4	250
4	256
4	331
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