

REPORT OF 1% MANUAL TALLY

[Elections Code section 15360]

County: SONOMA

Election: June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary

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Manual tally method used: ☐ One Part [section 15360(a)(1)]

☒ Two Part [section 15360(a)(2)]

Date and time notice provided (attach copy of the notice):

5/26/26, 8am

Internet website where additional information about the manual tally is posted, if applicable:

N/A

Date and time the manual tally commenced, beginning with the random selection of precincts and batches (must be after the close of the polls on Election Day):

6/9/26 at 9am

Date and time the manual tally finished:

6/15/26 at 4pm

Estimated number of members of the public who observed the process:

2

Total number of ballots counted in this election (official canvass numbers):

Polling place / vote center ballots (including provisionals)	8196
Vote-by-mail ballots	166,717

Total number of ballots manually tallied:

Polling place / vote center ballots (including provisionals)	292
Vote-by-mail ballots	1,197

Precincts in the county for this election (attach list describing all precincts with the number of ballots in each, indicating whether ballots are polling place / vote center, vote-by-mail, or provisional):

Total number of precincts in the election	333
Total number of precincts selected for the manual tally	333

Batches of vote-by-mail or provisional ballots (attach list describing each batch with the number of ballots in each, indicating whether ballots are polling place / vote center, vote-by-mail, or provisional):

Total number of batches in the election	2010
Total number of batches selected for the manual tally	12

Method used to choose precincts and batch of ballots to manually tally (include description of random selection method):

See attached pages

attach additional pages if necessary

Description of any discrepancies noted (include details about each discrepancy and how each was resolved; also include anything unusual observed during the manual tally process or anything that may improve the manual tally process):

See attached pages

attach additional pages if necessary

This report is submitted pursuant to Elections Code section 15360(e).

Submitted on this date: June 29, 2026 by:

Elections Official Name: Cathy Barrett

Signature: Cathy Barrett

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Paragraph Responses for the Manual Tally Report

Method used to select batches:

This year we decided to roll dice for the random selection of batches for the manual tally. The Program Development Manager provided an Excel spreadsheet of all the Vote Center batches and Vote by Mail batches. The Vote Center batches were listed on one sheet, and the Vote by Mail batches on another. A column was added to each sheet numbering them sequentially from one through 196, and 776, respectively. These sheets were printed and brought to the 9am random selection for the manual tally on 6/9/26.

We used three 10-sided dice. The red one represented the hundreds place, the white one for the tens place, and the blue one for the ones place. For Vote Center batches, since the hundreds place could only be a one or a zero, we counted even-number rolls as a zero, and odd-number rolls as a one.

Our Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters, Program Development Manager, two observers, and seven other staff were all present for the random selection. Most of the people present participated in rolling the dice for batches. The full-count selections were marked with a yellow highlighter pen on the printed sheets and numbered in the order they were rolled. Extra batches were rolled in case not all contests in the election were covered in the initial full-count batches. These were marked with a green highlighter and also numbered.

Description of discrepancies:

Vote by Mail Batches

Scanner 4, Batch 10 – For Lieutenant Governor, the tally team counted 8 undervotes and 10 votes for Josh Fryday, while the scanner had 9 undervotes and 9 votes for Fryday. The second round of counting produced the same numbers. The team found one ballot where the voter filled in the write-in oval and wrote “Josh Fryday” in the write-in space. Josh Fryday is an actual candidate in the box right above the write-in space on this person’s ballot. The person who adjudicated this ballot recognized that Fryday was not a qualified write-in candidate, but missed that he is an actual candidate. Management agreed that this vote should have counted. They re-adjudicated that one contest on that ballot and then ran a second report. The second report matched the manual tally results.

Scanner 3, Batch 132 – For Insurance Commissioner, the tally team counted 0 overvotes and 5 votes for Eric Thor Aarnio, while the scanner had 1 overvote and 4 votes for Aarnio. On second count, the tally team got the same as they did the first time. It was determined the vote in question was where the voter had filled in two ovals for the contest: one next to Aarnio, and the other next to Robert P Howell. The voter had lightly crossed out Howell’s name, party, and ballot designation. The team had interpreted that the voter intended to cross out that vote and vote for Aarnio. Management reviewed the ballot markings and determined it was not clear enough to determine voter intent, and left the adjudication as is. The tally team then agreed to count that vote as an overvote, and thus matched the report.

For Member, State Board of Equalization, 2nd District, the team found 0 overvotes and 76 votes for Sally J. Lieber, while the scanner counted 1 overvote and 75 for Lieber. There was one unclear vote on that contest: A voter had made a 2-millimeter diameter dot on the oval for Bill Shireman and completely filled in the oval for Sally J. Lieber. The tally team agreed that the intent was to vote for Lieber. Management also agreed. They re-adjudicated that contest and printed a new scanner report which matched the team’s count.

For County Supervisor, 4th District, the tally team counted 10 votes for Todd Lands, and 16 votes for Tom Schwedhelm, while the scanner had 11 and 15 respectively. Upon counting a second time, the team's numbers matched the scanner report. It was decided that the names Todd and Tom had likely been misread by the callers, or misheard by the talliers while recording their marks. The tally team adjusted their tally sheets to reflect the count.

Scanner 3, Batch 340 – For State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the tally team counted 35 undervotes and 11 votes for Nichelle M. Henderson, while the scanner counted 36 and 10 respectively. Upon examining the ballots a second time, the team counted the same numbers again, but they also found a ballot where the voter had marked their ovals with thin checkmarks and exes. They had used a black fine-tip pen. Some marks were on the ovals more than others, and a few were darker than others. This voter's mark for Henderson was a very thin checkmark that crossed the oval twice. Management said this ballot had gone through adjudication, but this mark had not been recognized as a vote by the adjudicator.

For County Superintendent of Schools, the team tallied 58 undervotes and 101 for Amie Carter. The scanner report showed 59 undervotes and 100 for Carter. It seemed the same ballot with thin marks was also affecting this contest. This time the voter wrote an "X" over the oval. The two black lines crossed over the oval but were very thin. Again, the mark had not been recognized by the adjudicator.

For County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor, the team counted 56 undervotes and 103 votes for Deva Marie Proto, while the scanner had 57 and 102 respectively. This time a different ballot exhibited very light black ink pen markings that barely crossed the ovals in a couple of contests. The voter's pattern of circular pen strokes barely entered Proto's oval and were more prominent just to the bottom right of the oval. It was as if the ink of the pen was just beginning to flow. The markings did cross Proto's oval twice. However, the adjudicator must not have been able to see the light marks on their screen.

The team showed the two ballots to management who agreed that all three of the light marks should have been counted in the above situations. Management re-adjudicated the two ballots and printed an updated scanner report for that batch. The new report agreed with the tally team.

Vote Center Batches

Scanner 3, Batch 33 (Clean-up batch) – The tally team counted 25 "Yes" votes for Measure C, while the scanner had 27. Undervotes, Overvotes, and "Noes" all matched. When the team separated out the ballots containing Measure C a second time, they counted 27 "Yes" votes. The team must have missed spotting two of the ballots with Measure C on them the first time tallying.

The tally team's results for all other batches and contests matched the rest of the scanner reports.

The tally process can be improved with very uniform standards on evaluating vote marks. The standard is especially critical when the employee removes the ballot from the voter's envelope. When many light vote marks or thin lines are noticed as the voter's ballot marking technique, it is better to err on the side of caution and enhance all the light marks with a blue highlighter. That way

ballots like the one with the thin checkmarks will have all of their votes counted, instead of initially only some of them.

Description of Vote Center, Vote by Mail, or Provisional Ballots:

2010 total batches in the election.

The number of ballots for each batch varied but on average were about 200. We do not separate Provisionals; they go under the category of Vote Center.

Total number of batches acquired through Election Night:

776 Vote by Mail batches + 196 Vote Center batches = 972 batches

Batches of ballots selected for the manual tally:

Vote by Mail Batches					
#	Batch	Scanner	Date Scanned	# of cards	
1	197	3	5-27-26	118	Full Count
2	103	3	5-20-26	193	Full Count
3	51	3	5-20-26	155	Full Count
4	66	5	5-27-26	135	Full Count
5	10	4	5-15-26	116	Full Count
6	271	3	5-30-26	156	Full Count
7	132	3	5-22-26	165	Full Count
8	340	3	6-1-26	159	Full Count
9	249	5	5-28-26	209	Clean-up batch, not needed
10	137	4	6-2-26	266	Clean-up batch, not needed

Vote Center Batches					
#	Batch	Scanner	Date Scanned	# of cards	
1	40, Bodega Bay Yacht Club	3	6-2-26	64	Full Count
2	7, Petaluma Community Center	6	6-2-26	209	Full Count
3	67, Piner High School	1	6-1-26	16	Clean-up batch did not have needed contests
4	35, Healdsburg Community Center	1	5-29-26	6	Clean-up batch did not have needed contests
5	33, Santa Rosa Vets Bldg	3	6-2-26	365	Clean-up batch
6	11, Graton Community	3	6-1-26	30	Clean-up batch did not have needed contests
7	6, Petaluma City Hall	4	6-2-26	34	Clean-up batch did not have needed contests
8	113, Healdsburg Community Center	12	6-2-26	177	Clean-up batch did not have needed contests

9	8, Rohnert Park Community Center	1	5-26-26	4	Clean-up batch did not have needed contests
10	91, Windsor Civic Center	1	6-2-26	49	Clean-up Batch did not have needed contests
11	77, Graton Community Center	1	6-1-26	12	Clean-up batch did not have needed contests
12	3, Casa Grande High School	5	6-2-26	177	Clean-up Batch

SONOMA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF 1% MANUAL TALLY FOR THE JUNE 2, 2026, STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

The Sonoma County Registrar of Voters Office will randomly draw batches of ballots to be hand tallied as a check of the ballot counting equipment on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 9am at the Registrar of Voters Office, 3880 Brickway Blvd, Santa Rosa.

One percent of Vote Center batches, and one percent of Vote by Mail batches, will be randomly selected. In addition, for each race not included in the initial group of randomly selected batches, an additional batch shall be counted. The tally of the additional batch shall apply only to the races not previously counted.

The manual tally will begin shortly after the drawing of the batches, and continue daily on weekdays (excluding holidays) at the same location, from 8am until 5pm, except for breaks and lunch hours, unless otherwise posted. Observers are welcome to observe the tally.



REGISTRO DE VOTANTES DEL CONDADO DE SONOMA

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AVISO PÚBLICO DEL RECUENTO MANUAL DEL 1% PARA LA ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA DIRECTA ESTATAL DEL 2 DE JUNIO DE 2026



La Oficina del Registro de Votantes del Condado de Sonoma sorteará al azar lotes de boletas para ser contadas a mano como verificación del equipo de conteo de boletas el martes, 9 de junio de 2026, a las 9am en la Oficina del Registro de Votantes, 3880 Brickway Blvd, Santa Rosa.

El uno por ciento de los lotes de centros de votación y el uno por ciento de los lotes de voto por correo se seleccionarán al azar. Además, por cada contienda no incluida en el grupo inicial de lotes seleccionados al azar, se contabilizará un lote adicional. El conteo del lote adicional se aplicará únicamente a las contiendas no contadas previamente.

El recuento manual comenzará poco después del sorteo de los lotes y continuará diariamente en días de la semana (excluyendo los días festivos) en el mismo lugar, desde las 8am hasta las 5pm, excepto durante los descansos y las horas del almuerzo, a menos que se indique lo contrario. Los observadores son bienvenidos a observar el conteo.

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