



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 21, 2025

TIME: 11:00am - 12:00pm

LOCATION: MS TEAMS

MEETING TITLE: Motor Voter Task Force

FACILITATOR: Sam Au

SCRIBE: Shawn Smith

INVITEES

SOS		DMV		Task Force	
X	Sam Au		Deanna Wida	X	John Gardner
X	Jason Heyes	X	Sam Rasmussen		Rosalind Gold
X	Jana Lean		Anthony Barrios-Lopez	X	Deanna Kitamura
X	Tom Nguyen		Brian Gilmore		Whitney Quesenbery
X	Shawn Smith		Benjamin Merritt	X	Dora Rose
X	Louise D'Amico		Bernard Soriano	X	Paul R. Spencer
			Joe Chapman	X	Brittany Stonesifer
			Matthew Christy	X	Neal Ubriani
		X	Madeline P. Duncan	X	Tricia Webber
				X	Jacqueline Wu

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item Description		Presented By
1.	Monthly Statistics	SOS
2.	AB 796 Upgrade Status	DMV
3.	EDL-44 Analysis on Option 2 & Option 3 Selections	SOS
4.	Next Meeting	SOS
5.	Action Items	DMV/SOS
6.	Questions and Comments	All

Agenda Item Notes:

Monthly Statistics

- The Secretary of State (SOS) shared the Assembly Bill (AB) 796 quarterly statistics for Q3 of 2025. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) delivered a total of 2,494,382 records, sent 324 letters, and 204 records were sent 10+ days after the legislative cutoff to the SOS.
 - Of the 204 records delivered 10+ days after acceptance:
 - Most of these are from individuals attempting to complete a name change but did not meet all of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirements to get the name change submitted. The DMV sent notification to each individual informing them of what is required.
 - Some of these occurrences were from individuals on the Safe at Home program who withdrew from the program and were in pending voter registration status due to pending requirements since leaving the Safe at Home program.
- The DMV confirms there are no indications of gender changes associated with name changes and that gender is not a required marker for Social Security Administration (SSA) validations.
- Of the records delivered by the DMV, there are three (3) system irregularities and six (6) late arrival DMV-14 forms sent to the SOS for Q3 2025 that are all related to DMV-14 forms.

AB 796 Upgrade Status

- All AB 796 implementations were completed by July 1, 2025.
- The DMV states that the kiosks used for voter registration inside DMV field offices will be re-implemented sometime before the end of December 2025.
 - Preliminary coding is completed by the DMV vendor.
 - The DMV will apply the same duplicate screening system that is used for web transactions with the kiosk re-deployment.

EDL-44 Analysis on Option 2 & Option 3 Selections

- The Secretary of State (SOS) continues to work on gathering and refining data to provide a trend analysis to the Task Force.
- The SOS will be identifying the actual voter registration changes provided by the customer to the DMV in relation to the information in the SOS Voter Registration Database (VoteCal).
- The Task Force has requested to continue the discussion of these efforts at the next and future Task Force meetings.
- The goal of the yearly trend analysis is the following:
 - If individuals are potentially confused by the option 2 question for updated registrations when completing the Electronic Driver's License or ID application (edl-44), Internet Change of Address (ICA), & Driver's License Internet Renewal (DLIR) sourced voter registration with the DMV.
 - If individuals are potentially confused by the option 3 question to opt out of the current voter registration transaction when completing the edl-44 sourced voter registration and then go and register new or updated voter registration information via another registration source.
- The SOS will include this analysis in the 2025 Motor Voter Annual Report.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams and at a physical location at the Secretary of State's office in Sacramento, Ca.

Other

- The Motor Voter analyst provided an update on current requirements under the Bagley-Keene Act.
 - These requirements include:
 - At least one member of the Task Force must be physically present at each teleconference location.
 - The public is allowed to directly address the meeting topics during the teleconferenced meeting with no prior information required to be provided.
 - The meeting notice and agenda need to showcase the physical location of teleconference meeting.
 - The public is permitted to physically attend the Task Force meeting at the location provided by the SOS.
- The Motor Voter analyst also provided changes to the Bagley-Keene Act requirements that will be implemented on January 1, 2030, per Senate Bill 470. These requirements will be applicable to the Motor Voter program if the Task Force is extended past January 1, 2030.
 - The most notable of these new requirements is that the majority of the Task Force members would need to meet in person at the physical meeting location provided by the SOS in order to meet quorum.
 - The Task Force asked if the Bagley-Keene requirements permit an additional location that can be provided to physically attend the meeting and still meet quorum. The SOS informed the Task Force that per current Bagley-Keene requirements, only one physical location can account for meeting quorum. However, the SOS & Task Force can provide an additional location for the public to view the meeting via audio or video.

Action Items

ACTION ITEMS					
	Description	Status	Open Date	Due Date	Responsible
1.	Evaluate and analyze individuals who indicated that they do not want to vote or update their voter information (Opt-Out) but then go and register or update their voter registration information via another voter registration source 1-14 days after opting out through the DMV.	OPEN	8/19/2025	06/15/2026	SOS
2.	Include all DMV Option 2 selection findings for updated registrations and DMV Option 3 selection findings for opt outs in the 2025 Annual Report.	OPEN	8/19/2025	06/15/2026	SOS