



# MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** October 22, 2024

**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		Russia Chavis
X	Jason Heyes	X	Sam Rasmussen	X	John Gardner
X	Jana Lean	X	Anthony Barrios-Lopez	X	Rosalind Gold
X	Tom Nguyen		Brian Gilmore	X	Deanna Kitamura
X	Shawn Smith		Benjamin Merritt	X	Whitney Quesenbery
X	Louise D'Amico		Bernard Soriano	X	Dora Rose
			Joe Chapman	X	Paul R. Spencer
				X	Brittany Stonesifer
				X	Neal Ubriani
				X	Tricia Webber
				X	Jacqueline Wu

AGENDA ITEMS		
	Agenda Item Description	Presented By
1.	Monthly Statistics	SOS
2.	DMV eDL44 Changes	DMV/SOS
3.	Add Race and Ethnicity to Registration Process	All
4.	AB 796 Upgrade Status	DMV
5.	Next Meeting	SOS
6.	Action Items	DMV/SOS
7.	Questions and Comments	All

## **Agenda Item Notes:**

### **Monthly Statistics**

- SOS shared the AB796 statistics for the last quarter, from July - September 2024.
  - In the last quarter, there was a total of 2.3 million DMV records delivered to the Secretary of State's (SOS) office.
  - There were 3 irregularities, the same as the prior quarter, all related to late DMV-14 forms.
  - DMV confirmed downward trends in DMV-14 irregularities. Field offices (F/O) are now scanning DMV-14 forms which is helping to decrease the number of irregularities. Errors in processing is the majority reason for DMV-14 late arrivals (small impact).
- Link to DMV Statistical Reports are available on the SOS Motor Voter website and the statistics go back as far as December 2021.

### **DMV eDL44 Changes**

- The level of effort for the eDL44 changes were estimated by DMV at around 700 hours. This proposal was under Enterprise Governance Council (EGC) review and approval.
- DMV has confirmed that they currently do not have the resources to move forward with this project. However, they will keep the eDL-44 project on their project list.
- The SOS will remove this topic from future Motor Voter Task Force Quarterly Meeting agenda, until the eDL-44 project has the available resources to be further pursued.

### **Add Race and Ethnicity to Registration Process**

- Adding Race and Ethnicity to the Motor Voter Registration is an immense workload with high costs that would require legislation and funding. To implement this proposal, the DMV will need to update all registration processes and add a third page to paper forms.
- In following up with the action item from the prior task force meeting, we met with SOS Legislative Office and inquired whether the SOS can lead recommended legislation. Per feedback from the SOS Legislation, the SOS informed the Task Force that SOS will not take on efforts to lead recommended legislation. SOS can provide the contacts to the Legislative office if the Task Force is interested in pursuing further discussion.
- SOS shared that there are no notable action items that can occur at this time until there is legislation and funding in place, this agenda item will be removed from future Motor Voter Task Force Quarterly Meeting agenda.

### **AB 796 Upgrade Status**

- DMV provided an update that they are working on ID verification for online customers to ensure that they have the correct person before sending data to SOS. This requires updating the workflows and data procedures. DMV is aiming to start testing in December 2024 for deployment in July 2025.
- The new process will be more transparent for customers utilizing a background check prior to ID verification. This would include location verification.
- Additional verification will be requested if location cannot be confidently verified. This will be done in the "background" while the customer is going through the process.

### **Next Meeting**

- The next Quarterly Task Force meeting will be held on January 21, 2025.

### **Action Items**

ACTION ITEMS					
Description		Status	Open Date	Due Date	Responsible
1.	Can the motor voter task force recommend legislation and then have the SOS lead it?	Complete	7/23/24	10/22/24	SOS

**Other**

- SOS to start working on the 2024 Annual Report early January and targeted to have draft ready for Task Force review in the next meeting in January.
- The Motor Voter Task Force is extended to January 2030, per AB 2127. There are currently eleven (11) Task Force members. All members will remain, unless SOS is notified by any task member otherwise. Anyone else who may be interested in being a Task Force member, may submit a request to the SOS Office and complete the necessary forms for consideration.
- A county raised the issue that a person received a ballot to an old address in Alameda and the person has not lived in the old address for three years. The person has since updated the address and received ballots at the new address. However, the stated that this may be an issue on the DMV's side as to why addresses are being reverted back to old addresses.
  - DMV confirmed that they do not revert addresses. DMV only populates what the customer puts in and requires they attest to the information provided. DMV also provides to customers easy access online to go and update any information they may not have entered correctly.