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July 13, 2021

Scheereen Dedman, Acting Registrar of Voters
Mono County
P.O. Box 237
Bridgeport, CA 93517

Dear Ms. Dedman,

The Secretary of State's Office has received and reviewed the Mono County Registrar of Voter's application for an election administration waiver during the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election. Your request was for a waiver of precinct consolidation requirements. You provided the necessary analysis and documentation to justify your waiver request.

After reviewing your request and documentation, the Secretary of State's Office accepts your waiver request. The Secretary of State's office has determined that your request warrants the requested relief.

Should you have any questions or need assistance during this election, please feel free to reach out to me or my staff regarding election activities and information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jana M. Lean".

Jana M. Lean
Chief of Elections
Secretary of State's Office



**CALIFORNIA GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION
 SEPTEMBER 14, 2021,
 SECTION 1604 WAIVER REQUEST FORM**

County elections officials conducting their elections pursuant to Methods #3 and #4 may seek to adjust or partially waive the minimally required number, location, and/or operational duration of their “VCA-like” consolidated polling places or their ballot drop-off locations as described in Section 1602. (Elec. Code, § 1604(a)) County elections officials conducting their elections pursuant to Method #5 may seek to partially waive the provisions regarding the maximum number of voters in a precinct as required by Section 12223. (Elec. Code, § 1604(a))

For descriptions of Methods #3, #4, and #5, [please review the guidance document](#). Additional [information and updates for the recall](#) can be found on the SOS website.

Please complete and email this Waiver Request Form with required attachments to the following address: 2021RecallWaiverRequest@sos.ca.gov. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Mike Somers at (916) 695-1563 or msomers@sos.ca.gov

Date of Request	
County Name	
Contact Name	
Contact Phone	
Contact Email	
Waiver Request Form – Select all that apply	
1) “VCA-like” consolidated polling place Number Location Operational duration 2) Ballot drop-off location Number Location Operational duration 3) Precinct consolidation Consolidation Waiver [Maximum number of voters in a precinct not to exceed 3,000]	



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Additional Information Required for Waiver Request

To complete your waiver request please fill out a separate document that addresses the questions detailed below. You need only address the questions relevant to the kind of waiver being requested.

Please add this documentation as an attachment to your Waiver Request Form.

For all waiver requests, please provide your county’s plan analyzing the impact of this waiver request on your in-person voting needs, as detailed pursuant to California Elections Code section 1604(b). Overall, this final plan must address how your proposed levels of in-person voting are designed to provide the following:

- a) Detailed efforts to secure the otherwise required number of voting locations;
- b) How you will prevent a negative disparate impact on any protected class* of voters with respect to availability of voting locations and machines as well as language accessibility, including, but not limited to, the needs of disabled voters and individuals who do not have a history of voting by mail; and
- c) That the plan will not reduce in-person voting locations below a number of locations necessary to safely and efficiently accommodate the anticipated demand for in-person voting services.

* “Protected class” means a class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group, as referenced and defined in the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

If you are requesting a waiver for the number of “VCA-like” consolidated polling places:

How many locations are you required to have?
How many locations have you secured?
For how many locations are you currently seeking a waiver?

If you are requesting a waiver for the location of “VCA-like” consolidated polling places:

Where are polling places required to be located?
Where do you want them to be located?
For how many locations are you currently seeking a waiver?

If you are requesting a waiver for the operational duration of “VCA-like” consolidated polling places:

How are you seeking to change what is required?
For what time period?

If you are requesting a waiver for the number of ballot drop-off locations:

How many locations are you required to have?
How many locations have you secured?
For how many locations are you currently seeking a waiver?



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If you are requesting a waiver for the location of ballot drop-off locations:

Where are the drop-offs required to be located?

Where do you want them to be located?

For how many drop-off locations are you currently seeking a waiver?

If you are requesting a waiver for the operational duration of ballot drop-off locations:

How are you seeking to change what is required?

For what dates?

If you are seeking a waiver for precinct consolidation:

How many precincts are you attempting to consolidate?

Thank you for your submission. The Secretary of State's office (SOS) will review the information provided and may request additional information. As part of the review, SOS staff may also contact you to offer additional assistance before making a waiver determination.

To be completed by SOS:

Waiver has been approved.

Waiver has been denied.

Waiver has been approved with the following modifications:

Date Request Received:

Date Decision Transmitted:

SOS Staff Contact Information

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Mono County Waiver Request Plan

Mono County is requesting a waiver for precinct consolidation.

Mono County has one incorporated Town, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, where the majority of voters in Mono County reside: 4,166 of our current 7,993 voters.

All five Mammoth Lakes precincts vote in one location (Mammoth Lakes High School). The request to consolidate precincts is a matter of simplifying election day logistics – two precinct tables instead of five. The goal is also to cut down the need for different ballots, as well as the number of needed poll workers.

There will be no change to the amount of voting locations, ballot drop off locations, accessibility to voters, nor create a negative impact on protected classes of voters.

If approved, I would consolidate three Mammoth precincts into one:

Before approval:

8	Mammoth Meadow	532
9	Mammoth Minaret Mammoth	1076
10	Pinecrest	789
12	Mammoth View	1097
13	Old Mammoth	672

After approval:

	Mammoth Meadow	
8	/ Pine / Old	1993
	Mammoth Minaret	
9	/ View	2173

These consolidations would also allow for enough space should we receive any voters between now and election day.

Regards,

Scheereen Dedman
Acting Registrar of Voters
Mono County