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Modernizing Voting Equipment in California

DATE: May 31, 2006

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters (06221)

FROM: _____
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SUBJECT: VMB Actions from May 25, 2006 Meeting

The following are the action items from the May 25, 2006 meeting of the Voting Modernization Board:

1. The Board adopted the March 27, 2006 Actions and Meeting Minutes.
2. The Board approved Alpine County's Project Documentation Plan and issued a Funding Award in the amount of \$8,115.19.
3. The Board approved Butte County's Project Documentation Plan and issued a Funding Award in the amount of \$1,469,905.57.
4. The Board approved Contra Costa County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan and issued a Funding Award in the amount of \$2,018,156.25.
5. The Board approved Fresno County's Project Documentation Plan and issued a Funding Award in the amount of \$3,527,333.19.
6. The Board approved San Francisco's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan and issued a Funding Award in the amount of \$2,392,695.90.
7. The Board approved Santa Cruz County's Project Documentation Plan and issued a Funding Award in the amount of \$1,661,152.11.
8. The Board approved San Diego County's change to the previously approved Project Documentation Plan and issued a new funding award, superseding the previously issued funding award, in the amount of \$16,726,146.64.

9. The Board approved Tulare County's change to the previously approved Project Documentation Plan and issued a new funding award, superseding the previously issued funding award, in the amount of \$1,407,590.89.
10. The Board requested the staff report on the 2nd County Quarterly Status be moved to the June 21, 2006 VMB meeting.
11. The Board heard a staff report from the Secretary of State's HAVA coordinator on the proposal of making available to counties the option to remit their VMB allocation for the purposes of funding their voting system equipment to include a voter verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) retrofit. The Board did not take any action on this item; however, the Board acknowledged that they would entertain a county's request to change their approved Project Documentation Plan to exercise this option on a case-by-case basis.

Staff recommend that, at a minimum, any county affected by the retrofit funding situation and requests a new funding award for their system that includes VVPAT retrofit costs, should include the following information in their submission to the Board.

1. Explanation of the reasons why the county wants to change their approved Project Documentation Plan.
2. Explanation of the impact of these changes on the use of the voting system (retrofit) in future elections.
3. Explicit statement of how much money they plan to return to the Voting Modernization Fund (VMF).
4. Statement on when the funds will be returned to the VMF and an example of how the accounting mechanisms will be achieved for auditing purposes.
5. Explicit statement of the amount of funds being requested for reallocation to the county.
6. An "amended" contract for the retrofit costs.
7. Detailed line item estimates of all project costs associated with the retrofit.
8. Request for a new funding award from the VMB to cover retrofit costs only.

These actions and a copy of the meeting minutes for this meeting will be available soon on the Prop. 41 website at: <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/vma/home.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (916) 653-5144. Thank you.