

# Project Documentation Plan – Deadline Change Options

## Current Deadline

At the July 22, 2004, meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the VMB adopted a July 1, 2005, deadline for counties to receive approval from the VMB for Project Documentation Plans. Under this adoption, counties that do not receive approval by the deadline forfeit their Approved Allocation.

Proposition 41 does not specify a deadline to allocate the fund monies; therefore, the VMB could reconsider the July 1, 2005, deadline for counties to submit their Project Documentation Plans.

## Deadline Change Options:

### **Option One:**

The VMB could move the project plan deadline to **January 1, 2006**, to be consistent with HAVA, but require each county to submit “Interim Status Reports” on their voting modernization status until they fulfill the Project Documentation Plan requirement. This option could enable the VMB to address the concerns of the counties regarding the unknown availability of certified systems to be sold in California, while giving the Board the ability to ensure that counties are moving forward in the development of their voting system modernization plans.

### **Option Two:**

The VMB could move the deadline to **March 1, 2006**, but require each county to submit “Interim Status Reports” on their voting modernization status until they fulfill the Project Documentation Plan requirement. While HAVA requires that voting equipment be accessible by January 1, 2006, the first statewide federal election in which this equipment would be used is the June 2006 Primary Election. This option would allow counties more time to submit their Project Documentation Plan before their formula allocation would be reverted to the fund for additional funding rounds.

### **Option Three:**

The VMB could leave the deadline to submit Project Documentation Plans **open ended**, but require each county to submit “Interim Status Reports” on their voting modernization status until they fulfill the Project Documentation Plan requirement. This option would allow counties an unlimited amount of time to submit their Project Documentation Plan. Additional funding rounds may not be viable with this option.