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DATE: JANUARY 10, 2007
TO: VOTING MODERNIZATION BOARD
FROM: NEVADA COUNTY
RE: EXTENSION OF MARCH 1, 2007 DEADLINE

Below is a timeline of events detailing Nevada County's progress towards meeting the objectives/mandates of the California Voting Modernization Act and the federal Help America Vote Act.

June 30, 2004 – all Nevada County software/hardware maintenance agreements with current elections vendor (ES&S) expired

July 1, 2004 – Kathleen Smith appointed to unexpired term as County Clerk-Recorder in Nevada County

October 2004 –Request For Information for Voting Modernization Project issued by Nevada County; one response rec'd from ES&S for the AutoMark, not yet certified for use in California. As evidence of accepting the concept of the ES&S proposal, Nevada County agreed

- 1) to proceed with a rental agreement for the use of Model 100 in-precinct tabulators for 11 polling places and the Model 650 scanner for absentee ballot tabulation for the March 8, 2005, special tax election to be held in the Tahoe Truckee area; and
- 2) to negotiate a purchase agreement for the Voting Modernization Project with maximum flexibility to accommodate the vendor certification requirement as well as the potential that both the VMB and HAVA deadlines may be reconsidered and revised

Nov 2, 2004 – conducted presidential general election using ES&S's 550 scanner (western county) and 150 scanner (eastern county) for central count purposes

March 8, 2005 – conducted special tax election and pilot project using ES&S's in precinct tabulators at the polls and central count scanner for absentee/mail ballot solution

August 3, 2005 - ES&S AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal certified for use in California elections

October 2005 - In anticipation of additional voting systems being certified for use in California, Nevada County issued a Request for Proposals

January 23, 2006 - one response rec'd from ES&S for the AutoMark solution Voter Assist Terminal solution

April 25, 2006 – Failing to negotiate an agreement to meet the interests of both parties, Nevada County declined to pursue a purchase agreement for deployment of the AutoMark for the June 6, 2006, election

June 6, 2006 – Nevada County's Gubernatorial Primary Election was not HAVA compliant

Sept 12, 2006 – Nevada County entered into agreement with Diebold Election Systems Inc. for equipment rental and vendor support services related to HAVA compliance and conduct of the November 7, 2006, General Election

Sept 12, 2006 – Nevada County entered into agreement with Shamrock Associates Inc for electronic voting system implementation support.

Oct 16, 2006 – RFP issued; due on December 4; system to be operational by June 30, 2007

November 7, 2006 – Nevada County conducted first HAVA-compliant election using rented Diebold equipment

Dec 19, 2006 – Selection Committee kick-off meeting

January 10, 2007 – Vendor reference checks conducted

January 12, 2007 – Selection Committee to review scored proposals

January 23 & 29, 2007 – Formal vendor presentations and public demonstrations

Remaining Steps:

- Request to Board of Supervisors for permission to enter into contract negotiations with the chosen vendor
- Contract Negotiations
- Request to Board of Supervisors to purchase new system
- Prepare and submit Project Documentation Plan to VMB
- New system tested and in place for Nevada County by July of 2007

Respectfully submitted,



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