

Mariposa County

Phase 2 – Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Phase 2	Amounts
Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$46,947.06
Phase 2 Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$46,947.06
Phase 2: Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Amount	\$15,649.01
Phase 2: County's Estimated Total System Cost	\$408,589.95

Voting System:

Hardware:

Precinct System: AVC Edge II (DRE) version 5.0.24 – 50 Units
VeriVote Printer (DRE Printers) – 66 Units

Absentee System: Optech Insight Ballot Tabulators (Optical Scan) – 2 Units

Software: WinEDS version 3.1.012

Vendor:

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Mariposa County has secured its new voting equipment and this new equipment was used for the first time during the November 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Project Completion Date:

Mariposa County fully implemented its new voting system during the November 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

The AVC Edge II DRE units purchased by Mariposa County include the VeriVote printers, which are a VVPAT component.

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Mariposa County's Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia AVC Edge II DRE, the VeriVote printers, and the Optech Insight units are certified for use in California.

At the January 15, 2003 meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the Board approved Mariposa County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan and awarded funding in the amount of \$98,644.12; the county received reimbursement for the purchase of 16 Sequoia Optech Eagle III-P precinct-based optical scan units.

Mariposa County has converted from the Sequoia Optech Eagle III-P precinct-based optical scan voting system purchased under their Phase 1 and is now fully converted to all Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) units for their polling places and optical scan units for absentee and vote-by-mail ballots. Mariposa County implemented their new AVC Edge II DRE voting units during the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Mariposa County believes that the deployment of DRE units in all polling places will bring the county into full compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), as the DRE system provides access to those voters with disabilities, and it also satisfies the second-chance voting requirements by not allowing over-votes and identifying under-votes to each voter.

The county spent considerable time conducting voter outreach and education programs about the new DRE voting system, and has received very positive responses from their voters and poll workers. Mariposa County favorably participated in the Secretary of State Parallel Monitoring Program during the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election, and the county used information garnered from that program to evaluate the success of their new DRE voting equipment.

Mariposa County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for its certified voting equipment.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Mariposa County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$46,947.06.