

# Stanislaus County

## Phase 2 – Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

### Summary

| Stanislaus County Phase 2                       | Amounts        |
|---|----------------|
| Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount | \$1,312,353.37 |
| Phase 2: Remaining VMB Allocation Amount        | \$1,312,353.37 |
| Phase 2: Remaining 3:1 Matching Amount          | Not Applicable |
| Phase 2: Total Estimated System Cost            | \$1,358,745.50 |

### **Phase 2 Voting System:**

**Hardware:** ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals (Optical Scan) – 250 Units

**Software:** UNITY Software version 2.4.3

### **Vendor:**

Elections Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S)

### **Acquisition Schedule:**

Stanislaus County began securing their Phase 2 voting equipment after the Secretary of State certified the use of the AutoMARK system in August 2005. Stanislaus County used the AutoMARK units for the first time at the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

### **Project Completion Date:**

Stanislaus County Phase 2 project completion date was upon certification of the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

### **Accessible Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (AVVPAT):**

The AVVPAT requirement does not apply to Stanislaus County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan, as the system is a paper-based optical scan voting system.

### **Staff Report:**

Stanislaus County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals are certified for use in California.

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At the June 15, 2005, meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the Board approved Stanislaus County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan and awarded funding for the reimbursement of the county's purchase of 250 ES&S Model 100 precinct-based optical scan units and 2 Model 650 high-speed central count optical scan ballot tabulators.

Stanislaus County believes that the deployment of one AutoMARK unit in every polling place will bring the county into compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the state accessibility requirements. Stanislaus County used the same voter outreach and poll worker training strategies employed during their Phase 1 plan to introduce the new AutoMARK units to county voters.

The AutoMARK unit allows voters with a variety of disabilities to vote privately and independently. The AutoMARK offers touch screen capabilities but is not a vote-recording device. The AutoMARK unit displays the voter's ballot on a tilt screen with adjustable fonts and allows the voter to vote by touching selections on the screen. A voter may choose to utilize the audio function and vote using the keypad accessory. The screen is blank when the audio functions are in use. After the voter reviews their selections, using either method, the AutoMARK will print the voter's selection on their ballot with the voter's choices clearly and cleanly marked.

Stanislaus County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for its Phase 2 certified voting equipment.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that Stanislaus County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$1,312,353.37.