



# County of Santa Cruz

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GAIL L. PELLERIN, COUNTY CLERK

January 17, 2007

John A. Perez, Chair  
Voting Modernization Board  
c/o Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office  
1500 11<sup>th</sup> St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Perez,

I am writing to express my concern with setting a January 1, 2008 deadline on the use of funds for counties who have submitted a Phased Approach Project Documentation Plan.

Santa Cruz County has \$37,176 remaining in our bond funding allocation. After conducting our first full deployment of our Help America Vote Act compliant Sequoia system in November 2006, we have found the need to purchase additional Optech Insight Scanners and AVC Edge II touch screen units. While I anticipate using these remaining funds before the 2008 elections, should other funds become available or should voting system requirements change, I would like the option of using these funds after the 2008 elections.

As for counties who have not yet submitted Project Documentation Plans, I would support working with those counties on a case-by-case basis. I would support requiring those counties to submit by March 1, 2007 a letter of intent to prepare a Project Documentation Plan by a reasonable date; however, it could be hardship for those remaining counties to submit their complete Project Documentation Plans by March 1, 2007. Therefore, I would urge your board to work with each of those counties on an individual basis and develop a workable schedule.

If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 831-454-2419.

Sincerely,

Gail L. Pellerin  
County Clerk