



# Voting Modernization Board

## Modernizing Voting Equipment in California

John A. Pérez, Chair  
Stephen Kaufman, Vice Chair

Jim Cunneen  
Tal Finney  
Michael Bustamante

### VOTING MODERNIZATION BOARD Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 15, 2003

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John A. Pérez called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Mark Kyle, Undersecretary of State, gave opening remarks, thanked Barbara Alby for serving on the Board and administered oath of office to Stephen Kaufman, the new member to the Board appointed by Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

#### II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Roll call by Debbie Parsons

Present: John A. Pérez, Tal Finney, Michael Bustamante, Stephen Kaufman

Absent: Jim Cunneen

Quorum established.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS: Adoption of Minutes

**M/S Bustamante/Finney to adopt the minutes from the December 17, 2002 meeting.**

**Ayes: Pérez, Bustamante, Finney**

**Abstention: Kaufman**

**Motion passes.**

#### V. AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION

##### A. Mariposa County

Receive Staff Report from Jana Lean. Amended application states they have purchased optical scan ballot tabulators and plan to send out a RFP for Phase 2 of their implementation. Bustamante was concerned that Mariposa's optical scan equipment does not meet federal and state accessibility requirements. Marjorie Wass from

Mariposa said it was premature commit on any specifics of a system under consideration, but agreed to abide by the new federal accessibility requirements.

**M/S Bustamante/Kaufman to approve Mariposa County’s amended application for funding consideration and Phase I Project Documentation Package to issue a funding award letter in the amount \$98,644.12.**

**Ayes – Pérez, Bustamante, Kaufman, Finney**

**No – none**

**Motion passes.**

B. Santa Barbara County

**M/S Kaufman/Bustamante to approve Santa Barbara County’s amended application for funding consideration and Phase I Project Documentation Package to issue a funding award letter in the amount \$1,080,148.00.**

**Ayes – Pérez, Bustamante, Kaufman, Finney**

**No – none**

**Motion passes.**

VI. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION:

Jana Lean presented the staff report to the Board with a recommendation that the Board allow Calaveras, San Luis Obispo, Trinity and Tulare Counties an opportunity to request their full formula allocation amount due to the new federal requirement for new voting equipment, and requested a discussion and a vote for this policy decision. Staff also recommended that the Board allow the seven counties that did not apply for Prop 41 funds to be given a last opportunity to apply for funding consideration under Round I. Finney stated he was in favor of opening up to all counties again who have not applied or have applied for less than their original formula allocation amount. Pérez recommended to allow the four counties who applied for less to apply for full amount of funding and the seven counties that did not apply to come to the Board on a case-by-case basis at the next meeting to request funding and directed staff to contact each of the seven counties to inform them of this “last chance” process.

**M/S Bustamante/Finney to allow Calaveras, San Luis Obispo, Trinity and Tulare counties two weeks to respond to request their full formula allocation amount and to submit an amended application.**

**Ayes – Pérez, Bustamante, Kaufman, Finney**

**No – none**

**Motion passes.**

Bustamante requested that the seven counties that did not apply for funding have their county representatives or registrars appear at next meeting to request funding or to give an explanation to why they do not want to apply for funding.

**M/S Bustamante/Finney to add to the next meeting agenda on February 19, 2003 that representatives from Amador, Del Norte, Mono, Sierra, Sonoma, Stanislaus and Ventura counties are invited to attend to discuss their intention on going forward with Prop 41 funding.**

**Ayes – Pérez, Bustamante, Kaufman, Finney**

**No – none**

**Motion passes.**

VII. GENERAL INFORMATION: Status of Proposition 41 Sale of Bonds

Jana Lean informed the Board that the VMB Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2003. At this meeting we anticipate receiving \$155 million for the first round of money allocation. We will disburse money to the counties that have been approved by the end of February.

Chairman Pérez opened up public comment again. No comments were received.

Bustamante recommended voting on filling the vacant vice chair position. Finney recommended Stephen Kaufman.

**M/S – Finney/Bustamante to appoint Stephen Kaufman as the new Vice Chairman of the Voting Modernization Board.**

**All in favor.**

**Motion passes.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**M/S Bustamante/Finney to adjourn meeting.**

**All in favor.**

**Motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

*Minutes submitted by Debbie Parsons*