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Voting Modernization Board

Modernizing Voting Equipment in California

VOTING MODERNIZATION BOARD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003
Secretary of State Building

I. Call to order by Chairman John A. Pérez at 10:12 am.

II. Roll Call administered by Debbie Parsons

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

III. Public Comment:

- Michael J. Smith – Concerned citizen, commented on DRE's and the paper trail. Concerned that Proposition 41 seems to be in conflict with the HAVA requirements and some counties, such as Riverside, are not complying with these requirements of having paper trails.
- John A. Pérez – Stated that all the systems the Board has funded are in full compliance with both HAVA and Prop 41 requirements.

IV. Adoption of March 19, 2003 Minutes

A motion was made by Stephen Kaufman and seconded by Carl Guardino to adopt the meeting minutes of the March 19, 2003 meeting. The minutes were approved with one correction by the Chair.

V. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION: The Board received a staff report from Jana Lean and considered approval of applications.

A. Amador County's initial formula allocation is \$335,363.98. Their current system is the Optech Eagle Optical Scan by ES&S and the voting system under consideration is touch screen technology; vendor is unknown at this time. They would like to add one DRE per polling location.

- Stephen Kaufman questioned the county if the optical scan would be used for absentee voting.

- George Allen, Amador County Representative, confirmed that they would use optical scan for absentee voters and at the precincts. The DRE's will be an additional option to voters.
- B. Del Norte County's initial formula allocation is \$164,420.41. Their current system is Datavote and the voting system under consideration is Sequoia Voting System's Edge DRE. Del Norte County is eligible for HAVA punch card buyout funds.
- C. Mono County's initial formula allocation is \$91,988.83. Their current system is Sequoia Optech Eagle, Optical Scan and the voting system under consideration is unknown at this time. Mono County is eligible for HAVA punch card buyout funds.
- Kaufman questioned if there was a timetable for potential vendors; however, there was no county representative present to address the Board.
 - Carl Guardino concerned that the county would fall short of the funding they need to purchase voting systems.
- D. Sierra County's initial formula allocation is \$43,825.14. Their current system is Datavote and the voting system under consideration is unknown at this time. The county is eligible for HAVA punch card buyout funds.
- E. Sonoma County's initial formula allocation is \$3,269,773.85 and the amount of their funding request is unknown at this time. Their current system is Mark-a-Vote, Optical Scan and the voting system under consideration is unknown at this time. They haven't applied for a specific amount because they don't know how much they need, as of now, the vendor is unknown. The county would like to put one DRE in every polling place.
- John A. Pérez questioned Janice Atkinson, the assistant registrar, what she would like the Board to do since there is no amount listed. Janice said they haven't looked around for a vendor yet but would probably need about \$1.5 million.
- F. Stanislaus County's initial formula allocation is \$2,438,812.87. Their current system is Datavote and the voting system under consideration and vendor is unknown at this time. The county is eligible for HAVA punch card buyout funds. Staff estimated that they currently have 170 polling places.
- Lee Lundrigan, the County Representative, reported that they actually have 230 polling places. Staff took out the mail ballot precincts. She asked the Board to consider upgrading her formula allocation. Chairman Pérez indicated her request for additional funding would not be available.
- G. Ventura County's initial formula allocation is \$4,576,270.14. Their current system is Datavote and the voting system under consideration is touchscreen, and the vendor is unknown at this time. The county is eligible for HAVA punch card buyout funds.
- John A. Pérez had questions for the county regarding their application, however, no representative was present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Stephen Kaufman and seconded by Carl Guardino to approve all seven counties application for their initial formula allocation. All voted Aye, motion passed.

VI. PROJECT DOCUMENTATION PACKAGE REVIEW AND FUNDING AWARD

APPROVAL: The Board received a staff report for approval of funding awards to Siskiyou County. Staff recommended a funding award in the amount of \$258,956.58 for Phase 1 of their project documentation package.

A motion was made by Stephen Kaufman and seconded by Carl Guardino to approve Siskiyou County's "Phase 1 – Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$258,956.58. All voted Aye, motion passed.

John Mott-Smith gave a summary report on HAVA, the Help America Vote Act, to the Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or public comment to come before the Board, a motion was made by Carl Guardino and seconded by Stephen Kaufman to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Parsons