

# Fresno County Phase 3 Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

## Summary

<b>Fresno County</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
Phase 3: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$1,436,475.08
Phase 3: Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$2,018,770.78
Phase 3: County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$478,825.03
Phase 3: County's Estimated Total System Cost	\$2,898,404.46
<b>Remaining Initial Formula Allocation</b>	
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$582,295.70
Remaining 3:1 Matching Amount	\$145,573.95

### Voting System:

#### **Hardware:**

ImageCast Central Scanners (6 Units)  
ImageCast X BMD Accessible (240 Units)  
ImageCast X Mobile Ballot Printing Kits (100 Units)  
ImageCast Evolution (ICE) Tabulators (60 Units)

#### **Software:**

Democracy Suite Software  
ImageCast Adjudication Software  
Mobile Printing Application License

### Vendor:

Dominion Voting Systems

### Acquisition Schedule:

Fresno County anticipates receiving its new Dominion Systems equipment in early June 2019. The county plans to begin using this equipment for the first time in their November 5, 2019, Uniform District Election (UDEL).

### Project Completion Date:

Fresno County projects that its project completion date will be upon certification of the March 3, 2020, Primary Election.

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Fresno County's Phase 3 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The ImageCast Voting System and corresponding components are certified for use in California. Fresno County will be replacing its existing optical scan voting system with an entirely new and modernized voting system from Dominion Voting Systems. This will mark its first significant change in voting technology in over twenty years. While Fresno County received Phase 1 funding in 2006 and Phase 2 funding in 2008, these funds were awarded for the augmentation of the existing Diebold Optical Scan voting system and did not change the core functions or capabilities of the existing system.

With procurement of the ImageCast Voting system, Fresno County will be able to successfully transition from a polling place model to a Vote Center model, as set forth under the Voter's Choice Act.

Fresno County began their search for a completely new voting system as a result of the significant increase in maintenance and repair costs, as well as the Secretary of State's recent decertification of voting systems not tested and certified to California Voting System Standards. As a result, the procurement of a new voting system was required, and Fresno County released a Request for Proposal (RFP) in August 2018, to vendors offering state-certified software and hardware. In early 2019, Fresno County's Voter Accessibility Committee determined that the ImageCast System provided an accessible, easy to approach and comprehensive system capable to meet the diverse needs of voters. Fresno County plans to undertake a public outreach program to introduce the new voting system to its voters and solicit feedback. The county will hold demonstrations at over 60 community events to promote the new voting system and provide opportunities for hands-on engagement.

For the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary, Fresno County will operate a minimum of 46 Voter Centers throughout the County. At each Vote Center, three ImageCast X touchscreen Ballot Marking Devices, two Mobile Ballot Printing kits, and one ImageCast on-site tabulator will be deployed to improve the in-person voting experience. These units will provide on-demand ballots for any voter in the county in addition to enhanced electronic ballot marking options. Fresno County has also purchased Election Management Software, which will improve efficiency and flexibility of ballot layout, as well as the speed of election officials to aggregate and accurately report election results. Fresno County asserts that its new adjudication software will improve the efficiency of the post-election processes and increase public transparency.

Fresno County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for its certified voting equipment. Please note that the staff-proposed funding award is based upon allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41 for voting equipment hardware and software only. The warranties, implementation support, and service charges listed in the Fresno County contract with Dominion Voting Systems are not covered as reimbursable claims under Proposition 41.

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**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that Fresno County's Phase 3 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award Letter be issued in the amount of \$1,436,475.08.