

Madera County

Phase 2 -- Project Documentation Plan Staff Report Summary

Madera County	Amounts
Phase 2: County Requested & Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$183,179.65
Phase 2: Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$183,179.65
Phase 2: County 3:1 Required Matching Amount	\$61,059.89
Phase 2: County's Estimated Total System Cost	\$834,856.70
Remaining Initial Formula Allocation	
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$0.00
Remaining 3:1 Matching Amount	\$0.00

Voting System:

Hardware: ImageCast Central Tabulator-3 Units
 ImageCast Central Imprinters-3 Units
 ImageCast X- BMD Accessible-22 Units
 ImageCast X Voting Booths-18 Units
 ImageCast X Voter Activation Systems-7 Units
 ImageCast X Pollworker Smartcards-45 Units
 ImageCast X Transportation Bag Set-22 Units

Software: Democracy Suite Software
 ImageCast Adjudication Application
 ImageCast Central Tabulator Software
 Mobile Ballot Printing Application Software
 ImageCast X-BMD Software
 ImageCast Remote Application Software

Vendor:

Dominion Voting Systems

Acquisition Schedule:

Madera County received ImageCast voting equipment on January 31, 2018 and conducted testing and training of the system in February-March of 2018. The ImageCast system was fully implemented and in use during the June 2018 Primary election.

Project Completion Date:

Madera County project completion date for their equipment was upon certification of the June 2018 Primary Election.

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Staff Report:

Madera County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Package meets the requirements for completeness. The ImageCast Voting System and corresponding components are certified for use in California.

Madera County began their search for a new voting system after the November 2016 General Election. Upon conducting an assessment of its existing system, Madera County determined that the Mark-A-Vote system had become antiquated and that significant maintenance issues became present from a lack of available repair parts in supply. In July of 2017, Madera County issued a request for proposals for a modern voting system that would fulfill the principal objectives of increased ease of use and streamlined maintenance. Ultimately, Dominion Voting Systems was selected to provide a comprehensive voting system that could encompass a wide array of functions. In September 2017, Madera County entered into an eight year agreement with Dominion Voting Systems to purchase and deploy the ImageCast Voting System.

Unlike the disparate model of the previous system, the ImageCast Voting System is an integrated suite of equipment that allows for ballot scanning, remote accessible vote-by-mail, accessible ballot marking devices, ballot adjudication, and results reporting, among other functions. Madera asserts that the comprehensive design of the system reduces staff training time and increases accuracy of ballot tabulation, providing greater efficiency in conducting an election.

Several months before the June 2018 Primary election, Madera County and Dominion Voting Systems jointly conducted a series of public demonstrations of the ImageCast Voting System to solicit feedback from various stakeholders including disabled and limited English proficiency communities. The new system provides enhanced flexibility to meet the diverse needs of the voting population in Madera County. Voters may select from different options of how to vote, including a touch screen display, or by utilizing an audio-tactile interface device. Voters also have the capability to listen to their ballot, customize the language, text size, contrast, volume, and speech speed.

The ImageCast Voting System was fully implemented in the election administration process for the June 2018 Primary and November 2018 General Election. Madera County reports that the new system was heavily utilized by walk-in voters at six vote centers in Madera County on Election Day. Poll workers and election staff received feedback from voters that the new voting system was both user-friendly and trustworthy to count their ballots accurately.

Madera 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 professional services and extended warranty items listed in the Madera County contract with Dominion Voting Systems would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Madera County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$183,179.65.