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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 August 9, 2019

10:36 A.M.

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: We are going to call the meeting of
4 the Voting Modernization Board to order. Good morning to
5 those in the room.

6 Let's start off with a role call from Staff.

7 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Good morning.

8 Stephen Kaufman, Chair?

9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Here.

10 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: June Awano Lagmay?

11 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Here.

12 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Gabriel Sandoval?

13 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Present.

14 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Teri Holoman is absent.

15 It appears we have a quorum.

16 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Thank you.

17 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Once again, we have a quorum.

18 All right.

19 Let's start with any public comment for items that
20 are not in the agenda. Anyone wishing to be heard?

21 Okay, seeing none, let's go to the next item on our
22 agenda, which is an adoption of the May 31st, 2019 action
23 items and meeting minutes from our last meeting.

24 I know that June has some technical changes and
25 corrections to the minutes and, I think, one to the action

1 items.

2 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Yes.

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Why don't we just put the action --
4 the action item one seems easy. Why don't we put that on the
5 record? And then I think the rest of them can be, if it's
6 okay with everybody, just submitted --

7 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Okay.

8 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- to Staff for correction following
9 the meeting?

10 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: On the staff report for El
11 Dorado? Oh, wait a minute. Let me just make absolutely
12 sure.

13 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Was it the action items or is it the
14 staff report?

15 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: It's the staff report. Oh.

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Oh. Well, then that --

17 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: No. No. This was just from
18 the minutes and this is from the staff report.

19 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Nothing for the action.

21 CHAIR KAUFMAN: We don't have to deal with that.

22 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Okay.

23 CHAIR KAUFMAN: All right. So we just, we have some
24 technical changes to the minutes, so those will just be
25 handed to Staff following the meeting. They are typos and --

1 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Ministerial.

2 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- ministerial-type changes.

3 Gabe, did you have any other --

4 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: I do not.

5 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- changes or corrections?

6 So with that, can we have a motion to adopt the
7 minutes, subject to changes submitted by Commissioner Lagmay?

8 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Second.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. All in favor?

11 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Aye.

12 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Aye.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. We have approval of the
15 minutes.

16 All right, next we have a number of standing items
17 that the Board had requested of Staff to be addressed at all
18 future meetings.

19 So, Arman, why don't you go ahead and start by giving
20 us the standing items?

21 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Sure. So NaKesha Robinson, our
22 OVSTA person, unfortunately, could not be here with us this
23 morning, so I will be reading her report on the status on
24 Notice of Withdrawal of Certification and Conditional
25 Approval of Voting Systems.

1 So the system is currently under review, under
2 testing, complete. There's a public hearing on September
3 4th, 2019. And the Dominion Voting System's Democracy Suite
4 5.10 is currently completing testing or have completed
5 testing.

6 The Election and Software, Inc., EVS 6.04.2 has also
7 completed testing.

8 Currently testing, the County of Los Angeles Voting
9 Solutions for All People, V-S-A-P, VSAP, Tally Version 2.0 is
10 undergoing functional testing.

11 The Hart InterCivic's Verity 3.10 is pretesting and
12 request for proposal.

13 Request for a conditional approval for extension of
14 use. Forty-six counties have or are in the process of
15 implementing a CVSS, Certified Voting System. The remaining
16 12 counties are in various stages of procuring a CVSS,
17 Certified Voting System, or have submitted a request for
18 extension.

19 Here are some upcoming key dates. On August 27th,
20 2019 the withdrawal effective is -- withdrawal is effective.
21 However, on August 27th, 2019 to February 27, 2020, elections
22 scheduled six months from August 27th, 2019 shall be affected
23 by this action therefore, and federal, state, county,
24 municipal district or school election scheduled from August
25 27, 2019 until February 27, 2020 may continue to use voting

1 systems not tested and certified to CVSS.

2 February 28th, 2020; voting systems not tested and
3 certified to CVSS may no longer be used, except for those
4 jurisdictions that have received a conditional approval for
5 extension of use of the Secretary of State.

6 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Any questions of Staff
7 regarding the status of the certification efforts?

8 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: No questions.

9 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: No questions.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: All right. Then the next standing
11 item is the status of L.A. County's implementation of their
12 voting system.

13 Do we have a further report on that?

14 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Yes, Mr. Chair. So here is the
15 status or update on VSAP for L.A. County.

16 Testing continues on Los Angeles County's VSAP Tally
17 Version 2.0. They have received the test units from their
18 manufacturing vendor and are on track to conduct a two-day
19 mock election during the weekend of September 28th and
20 September 29th. They'll have 50 vote center sites with the
21 new equipment to familiarize the public with the new process
22 and voting experience and hope to engage over 100,000 people
23 in L.A. County.

24 In addition, they will have a traveling demonstration
25 center that will travel throughout L.A. County to community

1 meetings to familiarize voters with the new system, October
2 through January.

3 And they're on track for a limited pilot to educate
4 the public on the new solution model in order to test the
5 hardware and e-Poll Book components to a live election on
6 November 5th of this year with approximately ten
7 jurisdictions participating.

8 So that concludes the update.

9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. So they appear to be on track
10 with what Mr. Logan had told us when he was here at the last
11 meeting?

12 MS. LEAN: So far.

13 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Any questions from either of
14 you regarding --

15 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: No questions.

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- that item?

17 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: No questions.

18 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Then the next standing item we
19 had was giving us an update on the status of counties making
20 requests for additional VMB funding. And I see we have a
21 chart in our book that's been prepared.

22 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

23 So on June 27th the Voting Modernization Board staff
24 sent out an email to counties who had a remaining balance in
25 their Voting Modernization Board account with a purpose of

1 reminding these counties that they are eligible to seek
2 additional reimbursement for voting equipment, as well as to
3 establish a projection of when these counties plan to appear
4 before the Board at a future meeting.

5 This email was sent out to two different groups of
6 counties which are represented in the chart provided in the
7 handout. The first group consists of nine counties who have
8 been paid for an entire voting system but may be reimbursed
9 for the purchase of voting equipment to expand their existing
10 system. The second group consists of 15 counties who have
11 not yet submitted all phases to replace their voting system
12 but may submit a new project plan to seek reimbursement for a
13 future phase to complete the replacement of their existing
14 voting system.

15 As a result of this email we sent out the Voting
16 Modernization Board staff received responses from 9 out of
17 the 24 counties, who we expect will appear at a future Voting
18 Modernization Board at either the September 25th meeting, the
19 November 13th meeting, or at a future meeting sometime in
20 2020. The staff plans to send out a follow-up survey to
21 gather responses from the counties in each group who have not
22 yet replied.

23 I'm happy to answer any questions.

24 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. So we have a number of
25 counties that haven't replied. We don't know whether they're

1 going to leave money sitting on the table or not at this
2 point; right?

3 Do we have any confirmations that any counties do not
4 intend to seek any additional funding?

5 MS. LEAN: We do not. So I anticipate with the big
6 changeover of voting systems, we will hear from all of them.
7 I think that they're in the process of procuring their
8 equipment right now and so they want to figure out, you know,
9 where the RFP stands, when they're going to get, so they can
10 figure out what they could come forward with.

11 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. So does Staff feel it would be
12 unwise for us at this point to put any kind of deadlines for
13 submission, or what have you, given that we have all these
14 changes taking place between now and February of 2020?

15 MS. LEAN: Yes. I do not think that would be a good
16 idea, sir.

17 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Yeah. Okay.

18 And I had one question on this, the list of counties
19 who have not submitted all phases to replace the voting
20 system. There was another chart, I know, that I received
21 back in, I think it was as of May AND --

22 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: I have a copy here.

23 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Yeah. Madera --

24 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: In May? It was erroneously
25 included.

1 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Oh. Madera was erroneously included
2 on the original one? Is that what happened? Because I know
3 Madera was on an earlier list and they're not on this list.

4 MS. LEAN: The reason why Madera was included is they
5 hadn't yet submitted their payment requirements.

6 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Um-hmm.

7 MS. LEAN: And we did receive that and they are in
8 the process of getting their check. I think they've already
9 gotten their check, so they've been taken off.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. All right. So that list of 16
11 is now 15. Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Any planned --

13 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Any --

14 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Yeah. Any planned follow-up
15 you have, other than sending an email to these counties, is
16 anybody tasked with following up with any particular office
17 by phone or some other way?

18 MS. LEAN: Yes, sir, we are. And we have a new staff
19 member. I think -- so I'll put this on the record.

20 This is Arman's last meeting.

21 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Oh.

22 MS. LEAN: And so he is going to go work for the --

23 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: So I'll be working for the
24 Chancellor's Office at California Community Colleges.

25 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Congratulations.

1 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Oh, thank you. And I'll be
2 working as a Legislative Liaison. So I'll be starting that
3 job in a week, so thank you.

4 MS. LEAN: So his replacement we already have. And
5 she was on staff with the Elections Division before. She was
6 our NVRA coordinator. And it's Jordan Kaku and she's here
7 today. And I'd like to --

8 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Congratulations.

9 MS. LEAN: -- introduce you to her when -- after the
10 meeting.

11 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Great.

12 MS. LEAN: But I just wanted to let you know, we do
13 have a continual staff and we have somebody to take care of
14 it. But she'll be the one who will be following up with the
15 rest --

16 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Great.

17 MS. LEAN: -- of the counties.

18 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Thank you.

19 MS. LEAN: Um-hmm.

20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Well, we will miss Arman, who's
21 wearing a couple of hats today.

22 And welcome to Jordan.

23 Okay, June, do you have any --

24 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: I only want to --

25 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- questions?

1 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: -- complement Staff that the
2 addition of the last column, anticipated date to appear
3 before the Board, is very helpful. Thank you for adding
4 that.

5 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Thank you for the update.

6 Let's go to item six on the agenda which is a staff
7 report. There's, I guess, two issues here -- well, no, just
8 one. A staff report on the -- it's an update regarding the
9 clarification of Elections Code section 19254(c)(3). This
10 was the subject of much discussion at the last meeting we
11 had. I know Robbie Anderson has been working on a legal
12 analysis to address those issues and, as I understand it, is
13 still putting together some final thinking on that before a
14 final opinion is issued.

15 So, Robbie, do you want to just speak to that for a
16 moment?

17 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah. We're still working on the
18 research and analysis for the question that the Board
19 requested a resolution to last time which is the meeting of
20 the first provision of section 19254(c)(3) which refers to
21 counties who have made previous requests for reimbursement
22 for a new voting system. So we're still working through
23 those issues and will have any subsequent conversations, if
24 need be, with Mr. Kaufman, just to ensure we're headed down
25 the path to answer the Board's question. And we'll have that

1 ready for discussion for the September 25th meeting.

2 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Yeah. The plan is to have that
3 before we have any -- at least before we decide on any of the
4 counties that may be subject to those provisions. So --

5 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

6 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- we'll expect to see that in sept.

7 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

8 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you. All right. And now for
9 the main portion of our show today, we have the funding
10 requests, the Project Documentation Plan and Funding Request
11 from El Dorado County. Alameda County is listed here on our
12 agenda but Alameda County has requested to put this over
13 again until the next meeting, as I understand it. So El
14 Dorado will be up.

15 And, Arman, you want to provide us with a staff
16 report on El Dorado County's Project Documentation Plan?

17 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 So this is El Dorado County's Phase 2 Project
19 Documentation staff report highlights.

20 Just as a note before I start reading, I had reworked
21 the table appearing on the staff report based on June's
22 feedback.

23 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: I have seen that. It's great.

24 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Yeah. Oh, thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: It makes a lot more sense,

1 logically, from a true timeline from beginning to end --

2 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Great.

3 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: -- of the money and how it has
4 been disbursed.

5 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Great. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Thank you very much.

7 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: I'm glad it's helpful. Cool.

8 So

9 El Dorado County's initial allocation amount was
10 \$1,095,674.94. Their Phase 1 funding award amount was
11 \$877,911.89 cents. However, the amount disbursed to the
12 County for their Phase 1 award was \$474,468.54, leading to a
13 remaining allocation of \$621,206.40.

14 The Phase 2 with El Dorado County that's coming
15 before the Board today. The funding award request is in the
16 amount of \$621,206.40 which, if approved, would leave the
17 remaining allocation for El Dorado at zero.

18 So El Dorado has purchased voting system hardware,
19 including the Dominion Voting Systems' ImageCast high-speed
20 central counting systems and the Dominion Voting Systems'
21 ImageCast Ballot Marking Systems, as well as Dominion Voting
22 Systems' software, including the Ballot Adjudication System
23 software and the Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail software.

24 In addition, El Dorado County has contracted with two
25 additional vendors, Runbeck and OPEX Corporation, to purchase

1 equipment to expand the current voting technology, including
2 hardware, including the Runbeck Election Services Agilis
3 Mailing Sorting System and the OPEX Corporation Envelope
4 Extractors.

5 So El Dorado County anticipates receiving it's new
6 voting equipment beginning in July 2019 through August 2019.
7 The County plans to begin using this equipment in the August
8 27th, 2019 uniform district election. El Dorado County
9 projects that its project completion date will be upon
10 certification of the March 2020 Presidential Primary
11 election.

12 El Dorado County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan
13 meets the requirements for completing this. The ImageCast
14 Voting System is certified for use in California.

15 At the March 27th, 2006 meeting the Voting
16 Modernization Board approved El Dorado County's Phase 1
17 funding award in the amount of \$877,911.89. However, El
18 Dorado only submitted invoices in the amount of \$474,468.54.
19 Therefore, a check in the amount of \$474,468.54 was mailed to
20 El Dorado County on August 17th, 2007, resulting in a
21 remaining allocation amount of \$621,206.40.

22 El Dorado County began its search for a new voting
23 system to aid in the transition from a precinct voting model
24 to a vote center model, as set forth under the Voter's Choice
25 Act of 2020. A voting system selection committee comprised

1 of the election staff, members of the public, poll workers,
2 trainers, former Board Members, and members from the League
3 of Women Voters provided guidance and assistance in the
4 selection of a new voting system.

5 Following an extensive evaluation of bidders and
6 rating of each proposed system, El Dorado County ultimately
7 purchased an array of new voting equipment from three
8 separate vendors, Runbeck Election Services, OPEX Corporation
9 and Dominion Voting Systems to achieve its goal of a
10 comprehensive and modernized system.

11 As approximately 80 percent of all voters are
12 projected to vote by mail in future elections, El Dorado
13 County has acquired two voting technology expansions to
14 enhance the processing of mailed ballots. The Agilis Mail
15 Sorting System and OPEX Envelope Extractors will both
16 streamline signature verification resulting in quicker
17 processing and reduced errors.

18 El Dorado County believes the acquisition of high-
19 speed central counting units from Dominion Voting Systems
20 will enhance -- will enable more efficient and quicker
21 tabulation of results. The new centralized tabulation
22 process will permit election staff to timely return ballots
23 before the closing of vote centers on Election Day.

24 The deployment of three ImageCast X ballot marking
25 devices at each vote center will allow voters with auditory,

1 visual or physical limitations to utilize a customizable
2 touchscreen interface to both understand their ballot and
3 cast their vote privately and independently.

4 El Dorado County has also purchased a Remote
5 Accessible Vote-by-Mail system, or RAVBM, to allow voters to
6 mark their ballot at home, further increasing accessibility
7 for voters with disabilities.

8 A Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee is
9 currently developing an extensive voting outreach program to
10 introduce the new voting system to its voters and solicit
11 feedback. The County plans to hold demonstrations of the new
12 voting equipment at community events, elderly centers, and
13 plans to involve the local media to promote the new voting
14 method.

15 El Dorado County will only receive VMB payments once
16 it has submitted detailed invoices for its certified voting
17 equipment and additional voting technology components.
18 Please note: The staff proposed funding award is based upon
19 allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41. Software
20 licenses, warranties after the first year, and training costs
21 listed in the El Dorado contract with Runbeck, OPEX
22 Corporation, and Dominion Voting Systems would not be covered
23 as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

24 So with that, it is our recommendation that El Dorado
25 County Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a

1 funding award letter be issued in the amount of \$621,206.40.

2 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you, Arman. So in summary, it
3 sounds like El Dorado's proposal here is to expand their
4 current system to, basically, facilitate quicker and more
5 accurate vote-by-mail tabulations, and to be able to address
6 the fact that El Dorado is moving to a vote center model and
7 away from precinct voting to address the changes that will be
8 in place of the 2020 election; runoff?

9 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Correct. That is our view.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Before we turn to El Dorado
11 County, do either of you have questions of Staff?

12 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: A very quick question.

13 In the closing paragraph, it is noted that certain
14 costs are not covered.

15 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Um-hmm.

16 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: I was just curious, did the
17 County ask for them to be covered and were turned down or
18 never asked because they knew they would not be covered?

19 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: We just wanted to be extra clear
20 that we did notice there were some warranties included in the
21 invoices out of the first year, that it explicitly asked for
22 reimbursement for that. But just -- we wanted to clear up
23 any confusions, we wanted to make that clear in the staff
24 report, that any warranties out of the first year would not
25 be considered reimbursable.

1 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: So they did ask and were told,
2 there are not appropriate --

3 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: I believe so.

4 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: -- to be covered and --

5 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: -- there's --

7 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: -- everybody understands that?

9 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Right.

10 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Okay.

11 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: They have an understanding of
12 that.

13 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Thank you.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. I know that Mr. O'Neill, Bill
15 O'Neill is here, the Registrar of Voters from El Dorado.

16 Do you wish to be heard and address the Board?

17 MR. O'NEILL: Sure. I never pass up an opportunity
18 to talk.

19 CHAIR KAUFMAN: There you go.

20 MR. O'NEILL: First, I want to thank the Chairman and
21 Members of the Board for being here. I know it's a lot of
22 time and travel that it takes for you to be here and thank
23 you for that.

24 I also want to thank Arman. I'm sorry that he's
25 going to be leaving but Arman and Joanna have been really

1 incredibly helpful in getting us through the process. As we
2 all know, there's a lot of intricacies to this, so they've
3 really been very helpful for this.

4 We're just really excited as a county to be moving
5 towards a vote-center model, as well as improving our ability
6 to tabulate more quickly. That's something we just never had
7 with our existing system. It didn't have a high-speed
8 central count. We were counting, manually, ballots at about
9 maybe 12 a minute, and now we're going to be able to do about
10 50 a minute per machine which is going to be very helpful,
11 especially since we're going all-mail quasi under SB 450.

12 So I just want to say thank you to the staff and
13 everyone for helping, and Jana for leading such a great team.

14 So if you have any questions, that's great.
15 Otherwise, I will stop talking.

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: I would just be curious because, you
17 know, we've had a few folks come before us as we're shifting
18 to this new vote center environment, if you can just share
19 with us a little bit your experience in identifying -- I know
20 El Dorado County is very different from, for example, L.A.
21 County -- but what your experience has been identifying
22 appropriate vote centers and what you all are --

23 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah.

24 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- doing to kind of place those vote
25 centers throughout your county?

1 MR. O'NEILL: That's a great question. And you
2 mentioned L.A. County. And I called Dean, and I know he's
3 got \$46 million or so left, I asked him if we could get half
4 of that because we want one of those remote, you know, vote-
5 mobiles to go and introduce stuff to people, but he said, no.

6 So our process in identifying vote centers, because
7 we're a rural county, we've got everyone from, like South
8 Lake Tahoe which is a very transient environment but also a
9 lot of residents there, right up through areas where there's
10 only a few thousand people that live out there, and down
11 through areas like El Dorado Hills which is very high-density
12 population. We've got folks who have no internet access and
13 we've got folks who are extremely involved in the tech world
14 that spend a lot of time in that world.

15 So we had to look at several factors. And the state
16 identifies 14 key factors, including the location near public
17 transportation, accessibility, disability groups, elderly
18 communities. So as we started looking at where we're going
19 to place these things, we started with our most populace
20 areas, and then we started looking at the least populous
21 areas and how we're going to best serve folks that live in a
22 community where there might only be 200 or 300 people, the
23 nearest voting center would be, you know, ten miles away
24 potentially.

25 And then we started to filter through. We held a lot

1 of meetings with the public to get their input on where we
2 should put these and we got a lot of great feedback.

3 In our county, we're required to have 13 total, with
4 3 of these being 11 days and the remainder being 4-day vote
5 centers.

6 So we spent a lot of time going out and visiting
7 locations. We looked at ones that we currently use, the
8 places people are used to going to, the fire houses,
9 libraries.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: As polling places?

11 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah, as polling places. Sorry. So we
12 started looking at those first and they've always been great
13 partners with us. We found some of them wouldn't work. They
14 weren't geographically located where we could serve our
15 community best. There wasn't public transportation or other
16 things that would just restrict access to it. And they
17 didn't have internet access. Under the new SB 450, we're
18 going to have direct connectivity to our voter registration
19 system.

20 So we surveyed about 20 locations to pick the 13 to
21 15 that we're going to use. And we sought a lot of public
22 input. We looked in areas. Some of the areas we looked were
23 retirement communities so that we could get the older
24 population, the folks who might have limited mobility, and
25 they were very welcoming to us.

1 We've worked with MORE (phonetic), which is a
2 disabled-access kind of community business up near us, and
3 they've provided a lot of great input.

4 So it's been a whole process. We worked with Mindy
5 Romero, who does a lot of the -- or has worked with a lot of
6 the counties that have gone to vote centers and done the
7 demographic information. We've worked our GIS folks, as well
8 as just our own knowledge and experience of our county. So
9 that's an ongoing process.

10 We're pretty close to having them all nailed down. I
11 think we, by the end of next week, we'll probably have all of
12 them identified. So it's just been this long process of
13 identifying everything that we can.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: So it sounds like some of the venues
15 are private or at least they're -- or if not that, nonprofit-
16 type organizations? I guess you mentioned there was a
17 retirement community.

18 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. There's a retirement community
19 that really wants us there.

20 The biggest issue that we find in looking for
21 locations is we're now talking 11 days or 4 days. When it
22 was one day, they were like, yeah, that's terrific. Some of
23 the locations, like the retirement community, really want us
24 there, they just can't give up their community center for
25 four days, especially over a weekend, so we're not going to

1 be able to use that one.

2 The other ones that we're using, primarily, are going
3 to be libraries, public utility district offices, our own
4 county offices, Child Support Services, which we thought was
5 a great fit because they get a lot of people coming in there
6 that need services already and we want to serve the
7 community, single mothers and single fathers who need access
8 to services.

9 So most of the locations that we're using, if not all
10 of them, are some kind of a public agency.

11 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Still public.

12 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. But they also have internet
13 access, you know, most of them, the fire stations and
14 libraries, et cetera. And many are on the county network
15 which helps secure the system as well.

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Great. Well, it sounds like a
17 challenge that you are meeting.

18 MR. O'NEILL: We'll know on March 6th if we've met
19 the challenge. But, yes, we're working really hard.

20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: We'll all know that.

21 MR. O'NEILL: But my staff, who is here, Cindi and
22 Linda, have just been amazing at making this happen.

23 So if there are other questions?

24 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Commissioner Lagmay, any questions?

25 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: I was trying to use this as an

1 opportunity to get an education for myself.

2 I don't know much about El Dorado County. What is
3 your ethnic breakdown? And are you finding the need to
4 translate into multiple languages at all or not really?

5 MR. O'NEILL: We have a Spanish requirement and a
6 Chinese requirement in a couple of precincts, but that's the
7 state requirement. We do expect that we're going to end up
8 with, out of the census, we'll probably end up with a Spanish
9 requirement. We are -- we're probably, I'm going to say,
10 around 15 percent Hispanic, is my best guess, primarily
11 Caucasian. We have some Russian community and some other.

12 It's not really geographically diverse just because
13 we're more of a farming-rural community. But there's a lot
14 of people that are moving up into what would be the western
15 part, like El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park area, so it's
16 getting more ethnically diverse.

17 We hired someone to be our Spanish outreach person.
18 We've been delivering flyers and other things to the Spanish
19 mercados and working with Lease agreement
20 La Familiar up in South Lake Tahoe to try to draw as much in
21 as we can. They tend to be more private, a more private
22 community. I think government coming in is a little
23 concerning to them, so we're doing everything we can to kind
24 of break through that and help with that, working with the
25 Catholic Church and others.

1 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Any provision being made for
2 the Russian community?

3 MR. O'NEILL: Not yet. It's still a pretty small
4 community up by us, so we haven't had a chance to really work
5 with a lot of the Russian community yet. We're finding
6 they're kind of moving out of, a little bit more, out of like
7 the Fair Oaks/Rancho Cordova area up in our area but it's
8 still very small.

9 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Okay. Very interesting. Thank
10 you for --

11 MR. O'NEILL: Sure.

12 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: -- the education.

13 MR. O'NEILL: Sure.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Commissioner Sandoval?

15 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Yeah. You asked my question.
16 It was a good question about the landscape of El Dorado.

17 But a question for you is: What is the total number
18 of registered voters in the County? What does the voter
19 turnout look like in presidential elections, given past
20 election? So I would love to hear about that.

21 MR. O'NEILL: Great question. We have roughly
22 123,000 registered voters, give or take, depending on the
23 month, 122,500 to 123,500. The turnout, our turnout, is
24 generally among the highest in the state, this state. I
25 think in the last Presidential we were the third highest

1 turnout percentage-wise, roughly, between third and fifth, so
2 our turnout is very high. We've got a lot of very active
3 voters in our community.

4 We've got a lot of service organizations, as well,
5 which is what we're looking at for vote centers, is we're
6 meeting with service organizations, like the Lions Club --

7 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Um-hmm.

8 MR. O'NEILL: -- the Rotary, Kiwanis, and those types
9 of clubs to adopt a vote center. So we're putting together a
10 program that's literally called Adopt a Vote Center. They
11 come in, they work the vote center, they make it their own
12 vote center. They make it a community event. And then the
13 money that they make goes directly to their service
14 organization, so it's a fundraiser for them as well.

15 So we have a very active voter community up by us.
16 We had, in the special District 1 election, probably the
17 lowest turnout we've ever had; it was about 30 percent, 32
18 percent.

19 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Wow.

20 MR. O'NEILL: But during the Presidential, we're -- I
21 am anticipating next year, the Presidential General, I'm
22 hoping for about 75 percent.

23 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Wow.

24 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: That's amazing.

25 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: That would be great.

1 MR. O'NEILL: I really hope so. We're doing a lot of
2 outreach to really encourage people to vote. We, Linda and
3 I, probably go to two or three, gosh, maybe up to five
4 meetings a month with different organizations, Republican
5 Central Committee, Democrat, service organizations, et
6 cetera.

7 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Thank you.

9 MR. O'NEILL: Um-hmm.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you.

11 MR. O'NEILL: Anything else? Great. Thank you very
12 much.

13 CHAIR KAUFMAN: We're good. Thank you very much.

14 Do we have any public comment related to El Dorado
15 County's submission? Okay.

16 Seeing none -- oh.

17 MS. ALEXANDER: Just a quick question. Thanks for
18 bringing these issues up.

19 One thing I was wondering about was there were no e-
20 Poll Books that were listed in the reimbursement and I just
21 wondered if that was something that was outside of the VMB
22 allocation because you hit your limit? I just wondered if
23 that was something that --

24 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah.

25 MS. ALEXANDER: -- was missing?

1 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. Thanks, Kim. Yeah.

2 We're going to -- so we didn't submit it with this
3 because, for two reasons, one, we've reached our allocation
4 limit and, two, we haven't decided on what we're going with
5 yet. We're working with DFM on their DFM Light System.

6 MS. ALEXANDER: Okay.

7 MR. O'NEILL: So we'll probably use laptops for that.

8 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you.

9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you.

10 All right, do we have a motion to approve El Dorado
11 County's Phase 2 document -- or Project Documentation Plan
12 and issue a funding award in the amount of \$621,206.40?

13 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: I so move.

14 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Second.

15 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. We have a first and a second.
16 I think we can probably just call the vote. All in favor?

17 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Aye.

18 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Aye.

20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: No opposed.

21 And
22 congratulations to El Dorado County. And, hopefully, your
23 money will be arriving soon. Okay, very good.

24 Let's see. Do we have any other business that we
25 need to address today?

1 MS. LEAN: We do not but we'd like to ask if there's
2 anything else you'd like the staff to do or any other reports
3 for the next meeting?

4 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Like we -- I think speaking for
5 everybody, or I'll take the liberty of speaking to everybody,
6 thank you for addressing the topics that we had requested. I
7 think it's helpful for us just to get the constant update on
8 those.

9 Our next meeting is scheduled for September --

10 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: 25th.

11 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: 25th.

12 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- 25th. Can we -- I guess we will
13 anticipate having the memo addressing the one legal analysis
14 that's still pending --

15 MR. ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- on the permissibility of certain
17 submissions to this Board. We will presumably have Alameda
18 County on tap.

19 And just going back to your list here, it looks like
20 we may have a couple of other counties coming before us in
21 September?

22 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: That's correct. So in the email
23 we sent out, we received responses from two counties who
24 indicated they would be interested in coming before the Board
25 at the September 25th meeting, and then as well as two

1 counties who are the fence about appearing at the September
2 meeting versus the November 13th meeting.

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay.

4 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: So we'll know more once we send
5 out the CCROV to formally announce a review deadline, so we
6 can get you updated.

7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. It sounds like we may have a
8 little lengthier time in September, so we'll plan
9 accordingly.

10 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: So possibly five counties,
11 possibly?

12 MS. LEAN: Potentially.

13 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Okay.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. That's good. Okay.

15 Anything else from either of my fellow Commissioners?

16 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: I regret that I'm ignorant on
17 the state budget cycle, but it does it operate on a fiscal
18 year? And so only because at the last meeting there was a
19 comment made about the hope that the Governor included
20 additional funds in the budget.

21 MS. LEAN: And he did --

22 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: oh.

23 MS. LEAN: -- so it was \$87 million. The contracts
24 that the voting -- that are currently under -- we --
25 they're -- okay, so at the last budget there was \$134 million

1 allocated for upgrades of voting systems. There's another
2 \$87 million that was allocated in this current budget. So
3 those contracts that we have with the counties currently are
4 being amended so that the full allocations are available to
5 the counties who are moving forward with new voting system.

6 So the \$87 million has a broader expansion of what
7 could be reimbursed. Not only can they get expansions on
8 technology, it's also earmarked a specific amount of upgrades
9 and/or replacement of election management systems.

10 So those -- that just went out. There was a CCROV,
11 it is what we call our memos to the counties, that just went
12 out a few weeks ago, so the counties know that they have even
13 more money.

14 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: That's great.

15 CHAIR KAUFMAN: That's great.

16 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: That's great.

17 CHAIR KAUFMAN: And to be clear to everybody
18 listening, this is money that's separate and apart --

19 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Um-hmm.

20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- from the bond money --

21 MR. HIROSE-AFSHARI: Right.

22 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- that we are awarded.

23 MS. LEAN: Absolutely.

24 CHAIR KAUFMAN: But it does help fill the gap between
25 what we can award and what we're not permitted to --

1 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Um-hmm.

2 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- award to counties.

3 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Do those funds cover our
4 research and development?

5 MS. LEAN: I don't believe so but let me -- I'll have
6 to get back to you on that.

7 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Okay.

8 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Great. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: No further questions.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Well, with that, can we hear a
11 motion to adjourn?

12 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: So moved.

13 CHAIR KAUFMAN: It's been moved --

14 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Second.

15 CHAIR KAUFMAN: -- and seconded. All in favor?

16 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER LAGMAY: Aye.

18 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Aye. Okay. We are adjourned for the
19 day. Thank you everybody.

20 (Thereupon, the Hearing was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.)

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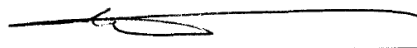
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