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PUBLIC COMMENT:

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10:06 a.m.

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3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you everybody. We're going
4 to call the meeting of the Voting Modernization Board to
5 order. It is Wednesday, May 6, 2020 and why don't we have
6 a call of the roll of the Board Members?

7 MS. KAKU: Okay, so Stephen Kaufman?

8 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Here.

9 MS. KAKU: June Lagmay?

10 MS. LAGMAY: Here.

11 MS. KAKU: Jill LaVine?

12 MS. LAVINE: Yeah, I'm here.

13 MS. KAKU: Gabriel Sandoval?

14 MR. SANDOVAL: Hi, there.

15 MS. KAKU: Okay.

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. We have a quorum and are
17 ready to proceed. I want to welcome everybody today. I'm
18 sorry that we all cannot be together in person, but under
19 these unusual circumstances I appreciate everybody either
20 hopping on the phone or hopping on the video.

21 It's great to see everybody. This seems to be
22 some of our only social contact these days, so it's nice to
23 see those faces, most of them smiling. For those of you
24 who aren't smiling, please get your smiles on and we will
25 take care of our business at a distance today. But I want

1 to thank everybody for kind of cooperating and pulling
2 together to get this meeting in order. And I appreciate
3 everybody bearing with us as we try to work our way through
4 this process online here this morning.

5 We've got a few big things on our agenda, so we
6 want to make sure we cover everything and give everything
7 the time and attention that it deserves. And appreciate
8 those of you from the County of Los Angeles and I hear some
9 other counties hopping on the phone today to facilitate
10 your appearances, so thank you for that.

11 Okay let's begin by taking any public comment for
12 matters that are not on the agenda. Do we have any folks
13 on the line or on video who wish to provide public comment
14 on any matters not on the agenda?

15 (No audible response.)

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, hearing none we will then
17 move to Item 4 on our agenda, which is the adoption of the
18 January 29, 2020, Actions & Meeting Minutes. We have the
19 action items summarized and then we have the meeting
20 minutes from the last meeting that were distributed. Do we
21 have a motion from any of my fellow Board members to
22 approve the action items and minutes and/or do we have any
23 comments about and corrections that are warranted on those?

24 MS. LAGMAY: Mr. Chair, June Lagmay here. Just
25 two tiny technical non-substantive changes, which I could

1 talk to staff about, otherwise the minutes look fine.

2 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, awesome. Sounds like June
3 is making a motion to approve the minutes subject to a
4 couple of small technical changes, correct?

5 MS. LAGMAY: Correct. I make that motion.

6 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. And do we have a second?

7 MS. LAVINE: This is Jill, Jill LaVine, and I
8 will second.

9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. And I think just because
10 we're all on the line and it makes it a little awkward we
11 should probably do a roll call vote for all our votes today
12 just so nothing gets muddled crossing the lines.

13 MS. KAKU: Okay. Stephen Kaufman?

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Aye.

15 MS. KAKU: June Lagmay?

16 MS. LAGMAY: Aye.

17 MS. KAKU: Jill LaVine?

18 MS. LAVINE: Aye.

19 MS. KAKU: Gabriel Sandoval?

20 MR. SANDOVAL: Aye.

21 MS. KAKU: Okay.

22 CHAIR KAUFMAN: All right. That takes care of
23 that piece of business.

24 All right, next let's go to Item 5 on the agenda.
25 So these are standing items that we have that the Board

1 requested a year or so ago to provide periodic updates to
2 the Board members on various matters, most of which were
3 leading up to the March election. And now that we're past
4 that we may see if we can potentially reconsider at least
5 one or two of these after we get through today's
6 presentations. But we would like to hear presentations on
7 these issues to bring us up to date on where we're at.

8 So Number 5A on the agenda is an Update on the
9 Secretary of State's Notice of Withdrawal of Certification
10 and Conditional Approval of Voting Systems. There were a
11 few counties who received waivers with respect to the March
12 election. So I guess we'd like to hear a staff update on
13 where we are with respect to what occurred in March and
14 where we are with those counties that received waivers
15 before March.

16 MS. ROBINSON: Good morning members of the Board,
17 members of the public, county officials and Secretary of
18 State staff. This is NaKeshia Robinson with the Secretary
19 of State Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessments.
20 As of February 28, 2020, voting systems not tested and
21 certified to CVSS may no longer be used except for those
22 jurisdictions that have received a conditional approval for
23 extension of use by the Secretary of State.

24 Approximately 55 counties have implemented a CVSS
25 certified voting system going into the March 2020 Primary.

1 Two counties, Lassen and Modoc, are in the final stages of
2 implementing a CVSS certified voting system prior to the
3 November general election.

4 One county, Yolo, will use a blended-system
5 configuration. The county retained the use of Legacy-
6 accessible devices in the polling place; however, the
7 county has updated its voting system for tabulation to a
8 CVSS certified voting system. That concludes my report.

9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. It sounded to me when we
10 started this meeting like we had representatives of at
11 least Lassen and maybe Modoc on the phone or on video with
12 us this morning; is that correct?

13 MS. BUSTAMANTE: Yes. Lassen is on the phone.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. I was wondering if then we
15 could call on you to comment at all on the status on your
16 efforts in Lassen County?

17 MS. BUSTAMANTE: I'm going to the Board of
18 Supervisors on Tuesday and asking them to approve a
19 contract with ES&S so that we can move forward and get
20 certified.

21 CHAIR KAUFMAN: And that would be certification
22 for November, correct?

23 MS. BUSTAMANTE: Right. Correct.

24 CHAIR KAUFMAN: And what system is the ES&S
25 system? What kind of system?

1 MS. BUSTAMANTE: I don't have the wording in
2 front of me, I'm sorry. I wasn't expecting to talk.

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Well okay, we're just seeking
4 information to see what kind of a system that was being
5 implemented in Lassen County.

6 MS. ROBINSON: Member Kaufman, well, this is
7 NaKasha. I can answer that.

8 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Go ahead.

9 MS. ROBINSON: So she is planning to implement
10 Election Systems & Software for ES&S's EVS 6.0.4.2 voting
11 system.

12 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Well, maybe you can put
13 that in language that we can understand. What kind of
14 system is it? Is it a type of --

15 MS. ROBINSON: It's a voting --

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Is it assessments? I mean, like
17 what type --

18 MS. ROBINSON: -- a voting system used to
19 tabulate --

20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Go ahead.

21 MS. ROBINSON: So it has a couple of components.
22 It has accessible units for use in a polling place, which
23 is a touchscreen-based system. It also has a tabulation
24 (indiscernible: overlapping colloquy) the central office.

25 MR. HOLTZMAN: (Indiscernible) -- our Applicant

1 Review Panel for the California Redistricting Commission,
2 (indiscernible) --

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: (Overlapping) I'm sorry, someone
4 on the line needs to mute. David Holtzman you need to mute
5 yourself.

6 MR. HOLTZMAN: This is David Adam Holtzman, "H-O-
7 L-T-Z-M-A-N."

8 CHAIR KAUFMAN: David, can you mute yourself?
9 You're not -- somebody else is talking right now. If you
10 wish to -- well, we'll call -- (indiscernible)

11 MR. HOLTZMAN: (Overlapping) I'm calling, because
12 I can't find the reports that were just provided to the
13 Board online. I was wondering if someone could go on the
14 Webcast and say how to do that.

15 CHAIR KAUFMAN: All right. Well the materials
16 are posted on the website, but let us get -- let NaKasha
17 finish her report and then we'll ask Jordan to point your
18 attention to the information on the website.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: ((indiscernible))?

20 MR. HOLTZMAN: No, no, no. I just gave you my
21 real name. But I'm trying to -- my comment, maybe you can
22 help me get through to them, is I can't find the documents
23 that said would be online right now.

24 CHAIR KAUFMAN: David Holtzman?

25 MS. KAKU: Hi, Mr. Holtzman.

1 CHAIR KAUFMAN: David Holtzman, can you please --
2 can we please --

3 MR. HOLTZMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. I just reloaded my
4 page and they're there. All right, thank you. Scrap all
5 of that. Thank you very much.

6 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Jordan, are we able to mute Dave?

7 MS. KAKU: Sorry. Yeah, I'm trying to mute him
8 on here. He doesn't have the mute ability on here.

9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: All right. Okay. NaKesha, sorry
10 for the interruption. If you can just complete what you
11 were saying. Sorry.

12 MS. ROBINSON: Yes. So as I was saying the
13 County plans to implement Election Systems & Software, or
14 ES&S's EVS 6.0.4.2 Voting System. It contains an
15 accessible unit that they use at the polling place, which
16 is touchscreen-based as well as a central tabulation system
17 to be used at headquarters to tabulate vote-by-mail ballots
18 as well as precinct ballots if they do not retain the use
19 of a precinct tabulator.

20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. All right. So it sounds
21 like Lassen is headed towards getting approval on a
22 contract for a certified system and that's being
23 implemented. And I'm sorry, and Modoc, did you comment on
24 kind of where they're -- do you know where they're at on
25 the process? NaKesha?

1 MS. ROBINSON: Modoc is also -- yes. Yes, Modoc
2 is also about in the same streamline as Lassen in terms of
3 implementing a CVSS certified voting system. There has
4 been some delays given the COVID-19 situation. But both
5 counties, as Lassen mentioned earlier and Modoc as well
6 from the last report I would see from this, are planning to
7 implement prior to the November election.

8 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Good. All right, fellow
9 Commissioners any questions of staff on this issue?

10 MS. LAGMAY: Commissioner Lagmay here. No
11 questions.

12 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Go ahead.

13 MS. LAVINE: Jill LaVine, no questions.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you. Do we have any
15 comment from members of the public an Item 5A on the
16 agenda?

17 (No audible response.)

18 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, so hearing none we'll move
19 on to -- actually, what I want to do is go to 5C, which is
20 an update from the status of communities with remaining VMB
21 Funds. And I guess I would say with respect to 5A let's
22 just keep that standing item going given that there's still
23 a couple of counties pending, so we can get the final --
24 hopefully a final report at our next Board meeting leading
25 into the November election.

1 Okay, so let's go to 5C and then we'll come back
2 to 5B. And it's an update on the VMB funding allocations
3 for the counties. And is that coming from NaKasha as well?

4 MS. KAKU: All right just one second, I'm going
5 back to sharing. Okay, so on your screen should be the
6 remaining funding allocation amounts as of this month for
7 all of the counties.

8 And so just an update, I have reached out to
9 Alameda County a few times and they have not been able to
10 give me an answer as to when they'll be able to come
11 forward.

12 El Dorado counties just submitted their payment
13 funding requests for what they were approved last year, so
14 that will be processed over those next couple of weeks when
15 we should be receiving their check.

16 We have Los Angeles with us today, so that'll
17 take out a very large chunk of what's remaining. And we
18 are still waiting for a funding request from San Luis
19 Obispo County for what they were approved last year.

20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. So it's approved, but just
21 the waiting to be funded?

22 MS. KAKU: Yes.

23 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. And are all the other ones
24 on here just waiting for some kind of submission or not?

25 MS. KAKU: Yes.

1 CHAIR KAUFMAN: So no others that are funding
2 requests that are just waiting to be paid out?

3 MS. KAKU: Correct. So what we'll be doing is
4 just another round of reaching out to all of the counties
5 with remaining funds to see when they plan to come forward
6 and if they can have a plan to come forward anytime soon.

7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Very good. Any other
8 questions fellow Commissioners?

9 MS. LAGMAY: June Lagmay here. I just noticed
10 that San Diego has a moderately large sum still waiting
11 (indiscernible) bill. Is there any indication from them?
12 Or they are not really rushed to get that money and/or any
13 reason to formally ask for it?

14 MS. KAKU: To my knowledge, no. I haven't spoken
15 with San Diego recently about funding requests, but I can
16 reach out to them specifically.

17 MS. LAGMAY: Well, not necessarily. It's just
18 they have money in the bank and yet they don't want to
19 withdraw it. I was just curious, because it's a large
20 amount. But no, that's fine. If you haven't heard
21 anything then you haven't heard anything. Thank you so
22 much.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: Hi, this is Gabriel. I don't have
24 any questions.

25 MS. KAKU: Okay.

1 MS. LEAN: Hi, this is Jana. And I did actually
2 talk with San Diego. They do plan to come forward. They
3 don't have an exact date. They are going to purchase some
4 additional equipment though for the November elections, so
5 once I get more information from Michael Vu I will let you
6 know. And hopefully we'll have some by the next meeting
7 that is scheduled.

8 MS. LAGMAY: Great, thank you.

9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, thanks. Thank you Jana.

10 Okay, let's go back to Item 5B. And the reason I
11 did that is LA County is going to be -- we want to hear
12 about LA County. And I think that'll just be a good lead-
13 in to Item 6, which will also be LA County's project
14 documentation plan and funding request.

15 So I guess we'd like to start on 5B with an
16 update on the implementation of LA County's Voting
17 Solutions for All People, VSAP system, which we've been
18 hearing updates for the better part of the last year and a
19 half on this. And we know that LA County had its first
20 election, a county-wide election, under the VSAP program,
21 so we want to hear -- I think staff has a brief report on
22 it.

23 And then I know LA County had a video
24 presentation or a PowerPoint presentation they wanted to
25 present to help supplement on this particular item. So I

1 think it would be a good lead-in for us to fully understand
2 the system before we get to Item Number 6 on the agenda.

3 So let me start with the staff here with respect
4 to the staff report. And then we can segue to Dean Logan
5 and the County.

6 MS. KAKU: Okay. So I will just take back over
7 the screen with the staff report then.

8 (Setting up the report on WebEx.)

9 MS. KAKU: All right. Okay, everybody, can you
10 see the staff report?

11 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Yeah. Isn't that the project
12 documentation staff report up there?

13 MS. KAKU: Okay.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Is there -- let's go on 5B, that
15 one.

16 MS. KAKU: Oh. Oh, you wanted to start with his
17 presentation. Okay. Sorry, I thought you meant this one.

18 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Well is there a staff report on
19 5B? Or are we just --

20 MS. KAKU: No, no. He just had a PowerPoint he
21 wanted to share.

22 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Then I guess we'll go to
23 Dean's on 5B.

24 MS. KAKU: Got it. Okay, apologies for that.
25 Hold on.

1 MR. LOGAN: All right. Good morning, everybody
2 this is Dean Logan In Los Angeles County. Can you see the
3 PowerPoint?

4 MS. KAKU: Yes.

5 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Yes, we can. And thank you Dean
6 for being here today and for preparing this presentation
7 for us to go through.

8 MR. LOGAN: Certainly, so I will do this
9 relatively briefly. As you indicated, Mr. Chair, we have
10 been providing these reports at each of the meetings I
11 think over the last year. So I think most of this is
12 fairly familiar, so I'll go through this relatively
13 quickly. And then any questions that come up during the
14 funding item we can address those there.

15 So first of all, just again a reminder that what
16 the Voting Solutions for All People Initiative or program
17 was, was holistic. It was about the entire voting
18 experience in Los Angeles County including the adoption of
19 Voter's Choice Act model, included a modern tally system,
20 the interactive sample ballot, the ballot marking device
21 for in-person voting, early voting over a 10-day period in
22 compliance with the Voter's Choice Act, that is taking
23 place at vote centers. And then utilizing electronic poll
24 books for the check-in at those locations. And then also
25 augmented by the new Vote by Mail experience.

1 So the current status of that is that that VSAP
2 2.0 was developed, certified and implemented for the March
3 3rd, 2020 Presidential Primary. It is now going through
4 system refinement improvements for, and has been submitted
5 for recertification with modifications prior to the
6 November 2020 Presidential General Election. So some of
7 those -- most of those components were things that were
8 part of the conditions of certification in the initial
9 certification. And then other things that were identified
10 during the March election and that are being refined moving
11 forward. So that application has been committed to the
12 Secretary of State's Office. The Secretary of State's
13 Office has selected a testing consultant and we are working
14 through that process now.

15 Just a little bit of history and background on
16 building the system. The VSAP Tally 2.0 was built through
17 a combination of hardware and software manufacturing,
18 software development and procurement of off-the-shelf
19 systems.

20 So there were a number of components associated
21 with that, the most significant the Ballot Marking devices
22 that are used for in-person voting. Those were developed,
23 they were designed by and with and by LA County with IDEO,
24 who has been their system design firm. And then they were
25 manufactured by Smartmatic, who was selected through a

1 competitive bid. But just a reminder that the
2 specifications for those for that equipment and the design
3 features of that are actually owned by LA County.

4 There was also the development of the Interactive
5 Sample Ballot and Remote Accessible Vote by Mail Solution.
6 And that software was developed based on our
7 specifications. Also by Smartmatic. It was part of the
8 same manufacturing contract. The Interactive Sample Ballot
9 allows a voter to, as the title implies, to interact with
10 their sample ballot ahead of the elections. They get them
11 in electronic form. They can review it, mark their
12 selections and if they so desire that creates what we refer
13 to as a poll pass that they can take with them to the vote
14 center and hand that in to the Ballot Marking Device.
15 It'll pre-populate their selection into the review process
16 before printing out and casting their ballot.

17 A variation or a similar program operates for to
18 comply with the state requirements for a remote, excuse me,
19 remote accessible Vote-by-Mail solution that's part of our
20 accessibility features.

21 The Tally software was developed by contract with
22 Digital Foundry. Again, the code belongs and is owned by
23 Los Angeles County. We procured off-the-shelf tally
24 servers and scanners. The servers were procured from
25 ePlus. And tally scanners are produced through IBML,

1 they're high-speed ballot scanners.

2 Additionally, although this isn't part of the
3 funding mechanism that you're looking at today but another
4 component, obviously an important component, is the
5 ePollbook. And we selected through a procurement process
6 the Poll Pads, which were our product from KNOWiNK. And
7 that's an off-the-shelf solution that has been tested and
8 certified and is one of the ePollbook solutions that is
9 authorized for use by the Secretary of State in California.

10 Certification, I mentioned this earlier but the
11 VSAP 2.0 voting system, which was all inclusive, that
12 includes the BMD and the Tally, received certification from
13 the State on January 24th, 2020. The Interactive Sample
14 Ballot and remote accessible Vote-by-Mail solution was
15 certified by the Secretary of State on January 29, 2020.

16 Implementation, going back a little bit we
17 implemented the Tally portion, the first version of the
18 Tally portion, VSAP Tally 1.0 and the new VSAP Vote-by-Mail
19 ballots in the November 2018 general election. And we use
20 those in all subsequent election since then leading up to
21 the March election in 2020. And voters responded well to
22 the new VBM ballot and the tally system operated with no
23 challenges.

24 We did implement the VSAP 2.0 solution in the
25 Presidential Primary in March of 2020. And that while many

1 of the components performed well there were some issues
2 with the -- some extensive issues with the vote center
3 check-in process that required analysis and review. That
4 was presented in a report back to the L.A. County Board of
5 Supervisors on April 27, 2020. And as I indicated some of
6 those issues will be addressed in the recertification of
7 the VSAP solution as I referenced before. And then others
8 will be addressed to the ePollbook procurement relationship
9 with KNOWiNK.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Dean, if you could just hold on
11 one sec. May I just ask, somebody is typing on a keyboard
12 or whatever who isn't muted. So if you can just make sure
13 to mute yourself so it doesn't interrupt the presentation
14 we'd appreciate it. Thank you.

15 Go ahead.

16 MR. LOGAN: Sure. So next steps, I just mentioned
17 it, the system refinement that we're doing right now based
18 on learning through the Presidential Primary. And to meet
19 the conditions of certification it does require some
20 further system development and recertification prior to the
21 November 2020 Presidential Election. So again, that
22 application has already been submitted attesting a
23 contractor has already been selected by the Secretary of
24 State and we are moving through that process right now.

25 Similarly, there are some modifications and

1 improvements under development for the Interactive Sample
2 Ballot and the Tally system as well as the BMD. So that's
3 the work that we're doing right now.

4 I mentioned the application for certification and
5 the new version of that system once certified by the
6 Secretary of State is what we intend to use for the
7 November 2020 Presidential Election.

8 I should mention here that we also had special
9 elections in April of this year in two municipalities in LA
10 County. We have a special Congressional District Election
11 that we're conducting right now that the election date is
12 next Tuesday. And then we also have two special elections
13 on June 2nd. All of those are being conducted using this
14 system as well.

15 And just a review as far as specific to the
16 Voting Modernization Board we've been through two rounds of
17 funding, two rounds of successful funding with your Board.
18 And those are highlighted here on the screen. Round 1 was
19 in May of 2019. That was funding for reimbursement for the
20 VSAP Tally 1.0, the Ballot on Demand equipment and
21 Peripherals.

22 Round 2 was in May 6th of this year which covered
23 extensive portion of the Ballot Marking Devices, the
24 Interactive Sample Ballot and the development of the 2.0
25 version of the Tally system.

1 And then we have the Round 3, which is before you
2 today. At the end of that, not to jump in front of the
3 staff report, but there will be a small balance remaining
4 that we will be submitting an application to you by the end
5 of this month for one final round of funding. And then you
6 will be done with us at that point. (Laughter.)

7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: He says with confidence. Thank
8 you for that, Dean. I guess I have a couple of questions
9 before we then go ahead on the actual project
10 implementation plan. You mentioned that the ePollbooks are
11 not part of today's submission. Is that basically, because
12 you had enough - basically you had enough in there that we
13 didn't even get to that. Or is there a reason that those
14 are not part of this submission?

15 MR. LOGAN: Yeah, that was just an option on our
16 part or for prioritizing the funding. And so the funding
17 available to the Voting Modernization Board was targeted
18 towards the development of the Tally system and the Ballot
19 Marking Device.

20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. And if down the road as a
21 result of the fact that we just saw that there is remaining
22 funding too that's left on the table that becomes
23 available, we could potentially see that or other stuff
24 down the road if there's more funding in the second round?

25 MR. LOGAN: Correct.

1 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay.

2 MR. LOGAN: All right.

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: And more out of curiosity than
4 anything, I know that there is some modifications taking
5 place that will require recertification. And I know on the
6 Secretary of State's original conditional certification
7 there was -- I hate to bring up past issues, but there was
8 an issue about the "MORE" button. Have whatever issues
9 about that been dealt with or are there any issues being
10 dealt with on that front at all?

11 MR. LOGAN: That particular condition requires us
12 to do an analysis and report back to the Secretary of
13 State. It was not a condition that was linked to any of
14 the provisions of the voting system standards. Nor was it
15 a provision that required recertification. It was more
16 just a recognition that that issue had been raised and
17 asking for a report back. So that said, we are doing that
18 analysis now. And it is highly likely that there will be a
19 modification presented on that issue, but it is not one of
20 the minimum requirements for us to address for
21 recertification.

22 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Oh, okay. Well a recertification
23 issue is the problem with issues.

24 MR. LOGAN: Yes.

25 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Fellow Board members do

1 you have questions of Mr. Logan regarding the
2 implementation of the VSAP system? Again putting aside,
3 we're not getting to the funding request yet but just with
4 respect to the system itself?

5 MR. SANDOVAL: This is regarding some of the
6 issues you raised. Dean Logan, thank you for being here
7 this morning. What were some of the check-in issues that
8 were identified and how is the County addressing those
9 issues or what comes in to elections in November?

10 MR. LOGAN: Yeah, probably on a more
11 comprehensive basis, Commissioner, I would refer you to the
12 report that we issued to the LA County Board of
13 Supervisors. And I can provide a link to that. But
14 essentially there were issues with the synchronization, the
15 frequency of the synchronization of the ePollbooks to the
16 County's election management system through the voter
17 registration database. And there were also issues with the
18 inventory of those devices in terms of the capacity at the
19 vote centers with the number of functional ePollbooks and
20 the training on the use of those.

21 There was also an issue in the configuration or
22 the interface on the ePollbooks that made the voter look-up
23 feature more complex and more time-consuming than what was
24 originally identified to us when we selected the product.
25 And we need to work that out as well. So in other words,

1 with a database of 5.6 million registered voters it was a
2 fairly broad look-up feature. So if you had a common name
3 it required people would have to scroll through and do a
4 number of other entries in order to find the voter. And
5 that contributed to longer periods of time for voters to
6 get checked in.

7 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you.

8 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Commissioner Lagmay, any
9 questions?

10 MS. LAGMAY: Hi, June Lagmay here. Hi Dean, how
11 are you?

12 MR. LOGAN: I'm good thanks.

13 MS. LAGMAY: So the matter that you just
14 expressed, that it took longer than you would have
15 expected, the looking-up that was not discovered during
16 like a practice run? It had to have happened during the
17 real thing, and so it did. And then that became a problem
18 to be addressed by systems, which will be improved on
19 later?

20 MR. LOGAN: That's correct.

21 MS. LAGMAY: Okay. Okay, thank you.

22 That's all I have.

23 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Commissioner LaVine.

24 MS. LAVINE: This is Jill LaVine. And no, I don't
25 have any questions. I've read the report. Thank you.

1 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Good.

2 Do we have any public comments on this item? Not
3 with respect to Item 6A the County's submission, but just
4 with respect to the presentation of the status of the
5 implementation of the VSAP program.

6 MS. KAKU: Stephen, I see that Mr. Holtzman has
7 his hand raised in the WebEx.

8 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Sorry, I missed that.

9 MS. KAKU: Yeah, there you go (overlapping
10 colloquy)

11 CHAIR KAUFMAN: David Holtzman.

12 MR. HOLTZMAN: Hello.

13 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Hi there, David.

14 MR. HOLTZMAN: Get me off -- yeah, now I'm
15 unmuted. Hi. Hello everybody. I just wanted to say hi.
16 The PBM polling situation was overall pretty cool. I went
17 to several polling places to check it out though and wanted
18 to mention a couple of things I think Mr. Logan left out of
19 his report.

20 One is where I went there was pretty consistently
21 a 20 percent mail rate of the Ballot Marking Devices, the
22 BMD (indiscernible) You know, one in five, two in ten,
23 seeing those (indiscernible) so many of them were kicked
24 out of service, because they weren't working.

25 I also noticed that some polling places the poll

1 workers were taking ballots out of the machines and putting
2 them on the tables face up. And I could read the votes of
3 some voters that way, so one might want to tighten up those
4 procedures.

5 And also to -- well I guess that's going to be
6 the next item -- but also wanted to point out Mr. Logan
7 mentioned the poll pass feature. And I just wanted to let
8 you know in case you don't already know that I wrote an
9 article that was about the poll pass feature that was
10 published on the LA City Watch site and on the LA
11 Progressive site. And I encourage you to read my article
12 before you vote to approve any more funds for anything like
13 the poll pass feature.

14 So those are my comments for this item. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Holtzman.

17 Okay, with that let us move on to Item 6A on the
18 agenda, which is the Project Documentation Plan for Los
19 Angeles County and the Funding Reward request. And this is
20 Phase 3 of the County's submission. And I just wanted to
21 note the staff report, and just for the record, that at the
22 bottom of the first page I think it says, "Phase 2," which
23 is Phase 3. But just to be clear we are in Phase 3 at this
24 point.

25 And so let's take a staff report on this

1 submission that's just something you've been waiting for
2 here for quite a long time. I know this we've
3 (indiscernible) waiting to get to this point. And we've
4 been waiting to get to this point, because it is a
5 significant chunk of money that we've been holding in
6 advance for LA County for some time. And I'm personally
7 very glad we are finally at this place.

8 So let's have the staff presentation on this.
9 And then we can ask questions of staff and we can ask the
10 counties. I know Mr. Logan is here and some other folks
11 from the County are at the meeting so they can make some
12 comment on their submission as well. But let's start with
13 the staff report.

14 MS. KAKU: Okay, thank you, Stephen.

15 So if everyone can see on their screen we have
16 the Phase 3 Project Documentation Staff Report for Los
17 Angeles County. And I will start with the table noted
18 here for their funding requests. I will note there was
19 another funding request that the County came before the
20 Board. However, it was rescinded later on so I just didn't
21 include it because there were no funds dispersed to the
22 County. However, the Los Angeles County was initially
23 allocated this \$49,636,590.28 for their Phase 1 funding.
24 Back in 2004 the County was -- this was awarded \$639,000
25 but was only disbursed \$610,353.

1 Came back for a Phase 2 last year in May. The
2 County came before the Board with a system cost of
3 \$4,697,952, however they were only awarded like
4 2,803,990.25. That was disbursed and provided to the
5 County later on.

6 And today the County comes before us with a
7 project for the second part of the VSAP. The office is
8 recommending \$46,520,245.84; out of that \$46 million,
9 \$222,246. The estimated total system cost is \$62 million
10 and upon approval of the recommended funding award amount,
11 the County would have a remaining \$170,000.06.

12 So for this third modernization phase, that
13 second phase of the Voting Solutions for All People, the
14 County has submitted payment requests in the amount for
15 some IBML Imagetrac Scanners, Ballot Marking Devices,
16 servers as well as some software as Dean had mentioned
17 earlier in his presentation.

18 The VSAP 2.0 system was conditionally certified
19 on January 24th, 2020, by the California Secretary of
20 State's Office. Los Angeles County's second phase of the
21 VSAP 2.0 system was fully implemented during the March 2020
22 Presidential Primary Election.

23 Los Angeles County Phase 3 Project Documentation
24 Plan appears the funding application requirements for
25 completeness. The VSAP 2.0 system and corresponding

1 components are certified for use by Los Angeles County.
2 The VSAP project was launched by Los Angeles County back in
3 2009 in response to growing voting system needs and unique
4 challenges as a result of the increasing voting population
5 and complexity of election administration.

6 The County asserts that the previous voting
7 system did not offer the technical and functional
8 elasticity necessary to accommodate the growing demands of
9 the electorate's diversity and size. As such, Registrar-
10 Recorder/County Clerk's Office sought to create a
11 comprehensive system that could fulfill the goals of
12 increased accuracy, transparency and security with a human-
13 centered focus.

14 Los Angeles County has adopted a multi-phased
15 approach to modernizing its voting system. Phase one
16 funding was awarded to the County for 171 AccuVote TS
17 Diebold units back in 2004. Phase 2 of the County's
18 modernization strategy was the first step in implementing
19 this VSAP system. The County was awarded funds for their
20 new Vote-by-Mail Tally system in May of 2019. This
21 included a redesigned Vote-by-Mail ballot, a modernization
22 polling system and a certified ballot-on-demand system.
23 These components were fully implemented during the November
24 2019 general election.

25 So for Phase 3 of the County's voting system

1 modernization Los Angeles County contracted with Digital
2 Foundry, Smartmatic USA Corporation, IBML and E-PLUS
3 Technologies to complete the VSAP 2.0 system. That system
4 is the "in-person voting experience" consisting of the
5 expansion of the Vote-by-Mail Tally system that was part of
6 the previous Phase 2 modernization, ePollbooks, Interactive
7 Sample Ballot and ISB Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail
8 systems and Ballot Marking Devices; again as Dean
9 highlighted earlier.

10 So Los Angeles County contracted with Digital
11 Foundry for services that included development,
12 manufacturing and testing of software which directly led to
13 the completion and acquisition of the conditionally
14 certified VSAP 2.0 system. This includes the expansion of
15 the tally system and ballot layout. The County partnered
16 with Smartmatic USA Corporation for manufacturing the BMDs
17 as well as ISB and ISB RAVBMS software solutions, the
18 sample ballot and remote accessible Vote-by-Mail ballot.
19 So the County purchased additional IBM tally centers in
20 order to expand the VSAP Tally system for which they had
21 previously been reimbursed in 2019. Finally, the County
22 purchased servers from E-Plus Technologies to accommodate
23 the VSAP system.

24 The County has established two formal advisory
25 committees to provide insight and expertise on the

1 implementation of their system. The VSAP Advisory
2 Committee continues to be an active part of the
3 implementation of the VSAP project. And is composed of 24
4 members, including community leaders from language minority
5 groups, voters with disabilities and various ethnic
6 communities to advise LA County on the creation and
7 implementation process.

8 So the County also established the VSAP Technical
9 Advisory Committee to provide oversight on the testing and
10 implementation of the new software and hardware components.
11 Los Angeles County contends that maintaining these
12 committees helps the County maintain its goals and ensure
13 in open, transparent, and data-driven process for
14 modernizing its elections.

15 The County will only receive the VMB payments
16 once they have submitted a payment request with detailed
17 invoices for its certified voting equipment and software.
18 Please note that the staff proposed funding award amount is
19 based on allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41 for a
20 certified voting equipment hardware and software. BMDs
21 for vote center lab testing as well as activities related
22 to future stewardship of the VSAP are not allowable for
23 reimbursement under Proposition 41. Please note that other
24 funding mechanisms are available to the County to seek
25 reimbursement of these items.

1 A chart of non-allowable expenses is attached
2 detailing all ineligible expenses from Los Angeles's Phase
3 3 Voting Modernizations.

4 So it is our recommendation that Los Angeles
5 County's Phase 3 Project Documentation Plan be approved,
6 and a Funding Award Letter be issued in the amount of
7 \$46,520,245.84.

8 And there is the Chart of Non-Allowable Expenses.

9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Thank you for that,
10 Jordan. I think well let's start with some just clarifying
11 questions of staff. Then we'll have Dean Logan and the
12 County comment. Then we can ask questions of them, we can
13 take public comment and then move forward with this.

14 I had a question for clarification on the non-
15 allowable expenses. Well, first of all I just wanted to
16 say I know we were provided with substantial documentation
17 from the County to support their request. And that the
18 staff did a rigorous review of all of the documentation to
19 try and sort through and determine the allowable and non-
20 allowable expenses. So I'm wondering, Jordan, if you could
21 just kind of just perhaps comment on that process and just
22 comment on the -- a little further on the non-allowable
23 expenses. And one of my questions I know it's with regard
24 to the BMDs for the vote center lab testing. I wondered,
25 and I could pose this to the County as well, but were those

1 BMDs strictly used for -- did we determine that those BMDs
2 were used strictly for testing and not for other purposes?

3 MS. KAKU: So when I reached out to the County I
4 asked if these were for certification of the system. And
5 was told that they were for internal testing and they were
6 not for certification. So we just ruled it out. However,
7 beyond that it's we don't know what they have used those
8 for. But that was what the invoice was for, was for lab
9 testing. So we just ruled it out.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, we can direct further
11 questions on that to the County. And appreciate that you
12 guys have gone through and really tried to suss out to make
13 sure that the requested amounts all fall within the scope
14 of allowable payments under the VMB's mandate.

15 Other Board members have questions of staff
16 before we turn to the County's presentation on this?

17 MR. SANDOVAL: No, I don't have. This is
18 Gabriel.

19 MS. LAGMAY: June Lagmay here. Jordan, on the
20 first page, the first table of the Phase 1, so you made a
21 differentiation that \$639,000 was awarded but only \$610,000
22 was dispersed. So that means the County has not yet
23 invoiced for like what, the \$28,000 difference, is that
24 correct?

25 MS. KAKU: Yes. What I could see was that there

1 wasn't another payment for that funding request. So it
2 just from my understanding just goes back to the Board for
3 it. And I could probably just go to staff who were here
4 back in 2004 who could remember.

5 MS. LAGMAY: I'm sorry, did you say that money
6 reverted back and so it has to be requested again from the
7 Board?

8 MS. KAKU: It just goes back into the total.

9 MS. LEAN: Yeah. This is Jana, so that's
10 correct. So it goes back into LA County's total
11 allocation. So they didn't submit invoices for the full
12 amount, so yes it is still in Los Angeles County's
13 allocation.

14 MS. LAGMAY: So the \$170,000 that's left, that
15 includes that diverted \$28,000?

16 MS. LEAN: Yes, ma'am. Yes.

17 MS. LAGMAY: Okay. Okay, and the last little
18 thing is you've got it down on the first table ending in 6
19 cents, but on the reverse table you got it ending in 24
20 cents. So I think 24 cents is the correct figure if you do
21 the subtraction. On Page 1 that \$170,000.06 should maybe
22 be .24 cents is all I'm saying.

23 MS. KAKU: .24 cents. Okay.

24 MS. LEAN: Thank you, ma'am. We will get that
25 updated.

1 MS. KAKU: Yeah.

2 MS. LAGMAY: Just a little thing. Thank you so
3 much. That's all I have.

4 CHAIR KAUFMAN: And thanks, June, for clarifying
5 the remaining funding in that carry-over amount.

6 MS. LAGMAY: Great.

7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Gabriel, do you have any
8 questions of staff before we get to the County?

9 MR. SANDOVAL: No, I mentioned that I didn't have
10 any staff questions at this time. Thank you.

11 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Sorry about that. And Jill
12 LaVine?

13 MS. LAVINE: This is Jill LaVine and actually you
14 asked my question, so I'm okay. Thank you.

15 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, then let's turn to Mr.
16 Logan and then anyone else from the County who may be part
17 of this, part of the presentation.

18 MR. LOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So this is
19 Dean Logan from Los Angeles County. I think most of what
20 was covered in the staff report was also covered in my
21 report to you.

22 The only thing that I would add is just to make
23 note of, and this was covered earlier in your agenda, that
24 what started this project it was based on the age and the
25 deficiencies with the County's Legacy voting system. But

1 over the migration of the project, the County's voting
2 system also was subject to the decertification of the
3 system the Secretary announced prior to the 2020 election
4 cycle.

5 So just so that it's on the record that there was
6 a mandated need for a new voting system in Los Angeles
7 County. And further there was an analysis conducted that
8 demonstrated that the certified and viable -- or certified
9 and available systems for use in California were not
10 scalable or viable for Los Angeles County.

11 The only other thing I would add is, and I
12 appreciate your question Mr. Chair, under the Phase 3 not-
13 allowable expenses in the staff report. While there was
14 considerable back-and-forth with the County on the future
15 stewardship backlog and we do not dispute the exclusion of
16 those expenses there was early on -- there was an inquiry
17 about the BMDs for vote center lab testing. And we
18 responded to that. And then we didn't hear back further on
19 that until we saw this report, so we would dispute the
20 exclusion of that amount.

21 While those the BMDs were delivered for test lab
22 purposes they were also associated with a deliverable in
23 the contract that very clearly shows that those are
24 production units. So they are part of the inventory about
25 marking devices that have been certified for use in

1 elections for the County. So we believe that they are
2 viable and eligible for reimbursement.

3 We're not asking you to rule on that today. We
4 will resubmit that with our -- are we well consider I
5 should say resubmitting that with our final funding request
6 of the remaining balance of the 170,000.24. And that can
7 be looked at that point. But like we'd want to at least
8 get that on the record so that if that does come back as
9 part of our future package, that there was a record that we
10 discussed that today.

11 Otherwise, I just want to thank the Board and the
12 staff at the Secretary of State's office for working so
13 diligently and closely with us. We recognize that we've
14 known for quite some time that this particular project was
15 a little bit outside the box of what was contemplated when
16 the BMD was initially constituted. And we've had to go
17 through some growing pains together on that, but I think at
18 the end of the day this represents what the voters in the
19 state intended with Prop 41 and we are pleased to finally
20 be at the point where we are near completion of the
21 funding. Thank you.

22 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Logan.

23 So I just wanted to, again, just so we're all
24 clear on the record we will put the issue of the BMDs for
25 vote center lab testing to the side today per the staff

1 report on this, on the presumption and assumption that
2 there is going to be another funding request from the
3 County.

4 But I do want to just clarify again on that issue
5 one more -- again what you said. So were those BMDs
6 actually put to use in the March election? Or are they
7 actually going to be put to use in the November election as
8 part of the County's general allocation of BMDs?

9 MR. LOGAN: Yes. Those devices are part of the
10 full inventory of certified devices that can be deployed
11 and used in any election conducted in LA County.

12 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. When will they be in
13 place?

14 MR. LOGAN: I suspect that they will be deployed
15 in November. There are some changes. November is a
16 little bit up in the air because of the COVID-19 pandemic
17 and the County's recent decision to adopt the more generic
18 provisions of the Voter's Choice Act, which include mailing
19 ballots to every registered voter in the County in
20 November.

21 So we are still evaluating and determining the
22 number of vote centers that will be used in the November
23 election. And part of that determination will be the
24 number of ballot marking devices that are deployed in each
25 of those units. But I guess to get to the broader question

1 it is our intent to have the full inventory available and
2 functional for the November election as needed.

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, so just to further clarify
4 -- and I'm sorry for beating a dead horse here -- but just
5 to further clarify while those BMDs were once let's say, an
6 advanced shipment or a segregated shipment that was being
7 used for testing, they are now part of the whole general
8 population. And they'll be treated like every other BMD
9 device in the County for use in elections?

10 MR. LOGAN: Yes, and then actually they always
11 have been. So I guess to clarify, and maybe it's a
12 semantics issue, is that the test labs, that is not the
13 testing that was done for certification. The test labs
14 were simulation exercises that the County did with election
15 center workers and setting up mock vote centers and walking
16 through the voting process. So those were the first
17 delivery of production units and they were used in those
18 test labs.

19 They were identified separately in the contract,
20 because they had an earlier deliverable date. And they
21 were associated with this deliverable for conducting those
22 simulations. But they were not the units that's brought in
23 for testing of the BMDs, they were brought in to test the
24 entire model.

25 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Thank you.

1 Gabe did you have any other questions?

2 MR. SANDOVAL: I do not.

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, June Lagmay, any questions?

4 MS. LAGMAY: No further questions, no.

5 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Jill LaVine?

6 MS. LAVINE: No further questions. No.

7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. And then --

8 MS. LAVINE: No further questions. Thank you for
9 that.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Then do we have any public
11 comment on this particular item with respect to the County,
12 Item 6A, on the County's Project Documentation Plan? I'm
13 seeing a nod of Mr. Holtzman's head. So you can unmute
14 yourself.

15 MR. HOLTZMAN: Hello?

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: So you have a couple minutes to -
17 -

18 MR. HOLTZMAN: Great. Thank you, Mr. Kaufman. I
19 don't see any other documents about the LA County Phase 3
20 online other than the staff report that I see is up on your
21 site now that you've been referring to. The staff report
22 has a detailed list of non-allowable expenses at the end.
23 But I don't think you should approve this item without a
24 similarly detailed listing, a more detailed listing, of
25 what allowed expenses would be under the grant that you are

1 considering.

2 And then I think you should give the public the
3 time to review such a listing before you approve it. So
4 maybe you should do that and put -- I think you should do
5 that and put this off for a future meeting. And that's
6 basically my main comment.

7 The only other comment has been Mr. Logan didn't
8 point out the Vote-by-Mail issue and the coronavirus
9 pandemic. I think you should consider -- I mean the County
10 should reconsider perhaps revising a budget for its
11 request, or you should look in to this into revising the
12 budget, adjusting the budget for the increased interest in
13 Vote-by-Mail now that's been prompted by the prevalence and
14 the incidence of COVID-19. Maybe a lot more money should
15 go into the Vote-by-Mail stuff and getting it out to people
16 and the County.

17 I don't know if you need much more money for
18 that, but also you may find that you don't need as much
19 money for the in-person voting equipment.

20 (Audio cuts in and out)

21 (Indiscernible) adjust the budget in reaction to
22 what's going on with voter interest, and yeah
23 (indiscernible).

24 CHAIR KAUFMAN: (Overlapping) Thank you, Mr.
25 Holtzman, for your comments.

1 MR. HOLTZMAN: Thank you. Thank you for your
2 time.

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Just to respond to one thing you
4 raised, and just so you know there were extensive
5 documentation that was submitted supporting the allowable
6 expenses, there were contracts and invoices. And per the
7 reports that were submitted I don't know whether we --
8 enough on this. I don't know exactly what was accessible
9 online. And maybe, Jordan, you can just comment on that.
10 But there was a very extensive and detailed package that
11 supported the funding requests and which we all had the
12 opportunity to review in detail in advance of this meeting.
13 So, just so --

14 MR. HOLTZMAN: (Overlapping) I don't know if you
15 were aware of that --

16 (Overlapping colloquy.)

17 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Just so you're aware of that.
18 You don't necessarily need to respond, but I would ask
19 Jordan to find out and make sure on our end what was booked
20 in, but --

21 MR. HOLTZMAN: Check your documents page. Check
22 the documents page although I didn't see much at all on
23 there.

24 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Jordan, can you just --
25 (Overlapping colloquy)

1 MS. LEAN: Yeah, this is Jana Lean. So sorry,
2 hi. We do not post the contracts online. That is not
3 anything that we have ever done as back to the Board. So
4 there is a lot of potential confidential information in the
5 contracts between the counties and the vendor, so that is
6 not anything we have done previously. What we do post
7 online is the staff report and any expenses that we would
8 like to propose as not being allowable.

9 So that is what is provided online and what has
10 been the policy of the Board. So I just wanted to make
11 sure that you understood that.

12 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. And so what was done with
13 the County of LA here is entirely consistent with what
14 we've done with every other county funding request for the
15 last what, 18 years?

16 MS. LEAN: That would be correct, sir.

17 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Thank you.

18 Okay, I guess I would turn to my fellow
19 Commissioners. Is there anything, any issue for discussion
20 with respect to the County's funding award request?

21 MS. LAGMAY: June Lagmay here, so actually I
22 think it's significant this COVID-19 situation. Maybe
23 Dean, you could expand a little bit about how that has
24 entered your thinking. And how it may affect the November
25 election in L.A. and how -- I think it's something worth

1 having a moment of discussion on.

2 MR. LOGAN: Sure I'm happy to address that. I
3 think it's important though to clarify on the record that
4 the funding package that is before you is reimbursement for
5 expenses that have already been --

6 MS. LAGMAY: -- already been spent.

7 MR. LOGAN: -- been spent and that, of course,
8 there's history on that with the Board, so I think it's
9 important to recognize that. I'm happy to address that.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: And I'm sorry, and that's not to
11 interrupt you, but I'm interrupting you. And that's a
12 mandate that we require. We can't award -- we can only
13 award funding for items that have already been spent and
14 incurred.

15 MR. LOGAN: Correct. Yeah, and so -- but I'm
16 happy to talk about that issue. I think what is clear in
17 Los Angeles County and I believe will be clear across the
18 state is that there will still be demand and expectation
19 for in-person voting. So the action that the LA County
20 Board of Supervisors took recently to move to a system
21 where we mailed everybody a Vote-by-Mail ballot will not
22 eliminate the in-person for vote (recording cuts in and
23 out) election or for any future elections beyond November.
24 So we will still have vote centers, we will still use this
25 voting equipment. It meets the accessibility and language

1 needs that are very unique and particular to Los Angeles
2 County. So I think it's important that we maintain the
3 viability and the utility of this equipment going forward.

4 We have as I mentioned earlier we have conducted
5 elections in April, and we are conducting an election right
6 now that follows that model where every registered voter
7 was mailed a Vote-by-Mail ballot. That we are -- so for
8 instance, at the March 12 or the May 12th Congressional
9 special election that's happening right now, we are in the
10 in-person early voting period right now. So we have six
11 voting locations with a unit are deployed right now and
12 functioning of access. That will continue daily for
13 Election Day.

14 So I think that some of the things that we've
15 done related to that is modified the setup of the vote
16 centers to allow for social distancing. We have required
17 all of our employees to have personal protective equipment,
18 so they wear gloves. They wear face coverings. We have
19 hand sanitizer available at the location. We spaced out
20 the queuing of the voters so that they maintain a six-foot
21 distance under the County's Public Health Order. Everyone
22 in a public setting is supposed -- that we do have
23 disposable face coverings, so if anybody does arrive to
24 vote and is without a face covering we provide that.

25 Each of the pieces of equipment that are used in

1 the voting process are sanitized and wiped down after each
2 use. And entire area is extensively cleaned every hour
3 throughout the voting process too. So those are those are
4 provisions we put in place in with the guidance and
5 direction from the County Department of Public Health. And
6 we will carry those forward. Our assumption is that we
7 will carry those forward through to the November election.

8 Again, we expect that there will be some changes
9 in the Public Health Orders as soon as this week. We also
10 expect that there is likely to be an Executive Order from
11 the Governor specifically addressing how elections might be
12 conducted in November given the ongoing issues with COVID-
13 19. So we're monitoring that closely. That may or may
14 not, we don't know yet, may or may not affect the number of
15 vote centers that will be open for November.

16 Of course, absent COVID-19 under the provisions
17 of the Voter's Choice Act there are minimum ratios for the
18 number of vote centers per registered voter for the ten-day
19 voting period and for the final four-day voting period.
20 Those are floors not ceilings. And even if you look back
21 to March under the previous ratios, LA County far exceeded
22 the minimum ratios.

23 We are in close contact with stakeholder groups
24 and advisory committees. And we're hearing loud and clear,
25 and as was done and what we saw in the March election, we

1 recognize that for November in the Presidential Election
2 with the expected turn-out that there is going to be high
3 demand for in-person voting. And for conditional voter
4 registration, which does require you -- at least for now
5 requires you to come in, do that in-person in there. So
6 while there will be modifications under the model with the
7 Vote-by-Mail ballots and the impact of COVID-19 vote
8 centers will remain a critical component of the voting
9 experience in Los Angeles County.

10 MS. LAGMAY: June Lagmay, here. Excellent
11 presentation, Dean, thank you. It sounds like you have
12 your arms around it. Thank you for informing us of the long
13 view to November. So again, thank you so much.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you, Dean.

15 MR. LOGAN: Thank you.

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: He has his arms around it, but
17 he's social distancing. So he's got his gloves on and he's
18 keeping his distance and he's got his theoretical arms
19 around it.

20 MS. LAGMAY: Okay.

21 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Do we have a motion to
22 approve LA County's Funding Award request in the amount
23 stated by the staff, \$46 -- make sure I get the amount
24 correct -- \$46,052,245.84?

25 MR. SANDOVAL: I move that --

1 MS. LAGMAY: June Lagmay here, I -- oh.

2 (Overlapping colloquy.)

3 MS. LAVINE: This is Jill LaVine. I will make
4 that motion.

5 CHAIR KAUFMAN: I think I heard Gabriel pipe up
6 and make that motion, so you and June can fight out who's
7 seconding.

8 MS. LAVINE: This is Jill. I'll second it.

9 MS. LAGMAY: Okay.

10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: All right. Jordan, do you want
11 take a roll call vote on this. Wait, I'm sorry, hold on.
12 Any further discussions?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Jordan, do you want take a
15 roll call vote on this?

16 MS. KAKU: Sure. Stephen Kaufman?

17 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Aye.

18 MS. KAKU: June Lagmay?

19 MS. LAGMAY: Aye.

20 MS. KAKU: Jill LaVine?

21 MS. LAVINE: Aye.

22 MS. KAKU: Gabriel Sandoval?

23 MR. SANDOVAL: Aye.

24 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. We have a consensus and a
25 unanimous vote to approve LA County's Funding Award

1 request. Dean, and all of you at the County,
2 congratulations. And we appreciate all of your efforts.

3 And I know this has been a slog, if not a climb
4 to get here in many ways. And there are still refinements
5 to be done. But you're to be congratulated for
6 implementing a system that goes a long way in getting us to
7 an ideal in terms of our elections. I know we still have
8 some way to go and some discoveries in the last go-round
9 that need to be worked out. But you are to be congratulated
10 in putting this system together and getting to the point
11 where you're fulfilling your vision of how elections in Los
12 Angeles County should be run.

13 And despite this current hiccup with our current
14 pandemic hopefully we can get to the point in November
15 where we all want to see our elections going and we can
16 have an election free of obstacles for people or for
17 whoever wants to vote be able to cast their ballots in
18 that, in the Presidential Election. So thank you for
19 everybody that's working to improve our system and make it
20 as close to a perfect system as we can have.

21 MR. LOGAN. Thank you. I appreciate those
22 comments. And obviously it's a group effort. It takes all
23 of us to do this. It's complicated work and it's more
24 complicated by the current environment. But I think
25 working together, California is poised to deliver in

1 November, so appreciate the work and support of this Board.

2 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Let's hope we can all be a model
3 for the rest of the country in November. Okay. And we
4 will figure out the mechanics of giving you a signed
5 Funding Documentation Letter. We'll work with staff to get
6 that to the County.

7 All right, let's talk about other business. And
8 in that context I know that Mr. Logan referenced another
9 funding request coming from the County and we know there's
10 still some others sitting out there. So we should probably
11 talk about getting another meeting on the agenda, at least
12 getting a calendar at this point, at a reasonable time in
13 advance of November to handle both another request from the
14 County of LA and anybody else that may be seeking to get
15 their matters heard in advance of the November election.

16 MS. KAKU: We do have July 29th on the schedule.
17 Did you want to make good notes of them?

18 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Not necessarily. If that still
19 works for everybody I guess we can hold to that and see
20 where we are. Sounds like a reasonable period of time.

21 MR. SANDOVAL: Hi can we -- can I make a request
22 that we get the documents a week before the meeting?

23 MS. KAKU: Yes.

24 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you.

25 MS. LAGMAY: So June Lagmay here, July 29th works

1 fine with me. And, Jordan, am I correct that there is one
2 tentatively scheduled after that on September 30th?

3 MS. KAKU: Yes, and December 16th.

4 MS. LAGMAY: Okay.

5 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Cool. Okay, we'll have --
6 (Overlapping colloquy)

7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Sorry, Jill?

8 MS. LAVINE: This is Jill LaVine. Is July 29th
9 is okay with L.A. Do they have any problem with elections
10 or anything else, because it looks like they will be the
11 ones coming back, correct? Do we have anything else on the
12 horizon that might be coming in at that time?

13 MS. KAKU: No.

14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: I think we'll probably do the
15 usual rounds with folks who may or may not come back.
16 Although you all, Jana and Jordan, I guess you said that
17 conversations were already had with Alameda. But there
18 doesn't seem to be anything as well on that?

19 MS. KAKU: Not yet.

20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Well, you'll be in touch
21 with the County of L.A., we'll see where they're at. I
22 don't want to pressure them to get it in if the date works
23 for them they will settle. As we get closer we'll see
24 where everybody's at. And if it doesn't make sense at that
25 point we'll push it off to September. And with that

1 hopefully we'll go in July.

2 MS. LAGMAY: Sounds good. Thank you.

3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Any other business we need
4 to discuss?

5 (No audible response.)

6 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, then seeing none I'll take
7 a motion for adjournment.

8 MR. SANDOVAL: I move.

9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay, we have Mr. Sandoval moved.
10 Do we have a second?

11 MS. LAGMAY: June Lagmay will second it.

12 (Overlapping colloquy.) (Laughter.)

13 CHAIR KAUFMAN: All in favor of adjourning say
14 aye, aye.

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: All opposed?

17 (No audible response.)

18 CHAIR KAUFMAN: All right. I know you all want
19 to hang on the line as long as you can, but it sounds like
20 we're good. Thanks to you all. The Voting Modernization
21 Board meeting is adjourned for the day. So thank you.

22 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned
23 at 11:21 a.m.)

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