



MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
PLACER COUNTY CLERK – RECORDER –
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jim McCauley, Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters *gm/lc*
DATE: December 8, 2009
SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Execute Agreement with State to Receive HAVA VoteCal Statewide Vote Registration System Project Funds

Recommendation

Approve resolution authorizing the County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters to execute an agreement with the State of California for \$468.00 in federal HAVA 303(a) funds for reimbursement of County participation in development and implementation of a statewide voter registration system and for any additional funds that may be provided for such purposes.

Background

On October 29, 2002, President Bush signed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). This Act provides requirements and funding – to be distributed by the States – for replacement of punch card voting machines, for development of statewide voter registration systems, for identification verification of new voters, for allowance of provisional voting, and for voting machine and polling place accessibility. An important purpose of HAVA is to assure that each state develops a single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list that contains the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in each state all disabled voters have both secret ballots and full access to the polls. In California, voter registration rolls or lists are currently maintained by counties, with some registration information verification conducted statewide.

Issue Statement/Discussion

The State has now released HAVA funding to allow counties to participate in the development and implementation of the state's VoteCal Statewide Voter Registration System Project, including attendance at informational workshops and advisory meetings for project education, transition planning, and assisting the State VoteCal project team; VoteCal System training; elections management system (EMS) training; data conversion, correction, verification and VoteCal implementation; and pilot testing and implementation in selected counties. Placer is not one of the pilot counties and thus, its share of the statewide funding for participation in the VoteCal project is currently limited to \$468.00.

Nevertheless, the State requires a Resolution to be approved by your Board to authorize the County to enter into the proposed contract for participation in the statewide VoteCal project, including execution of the agreement with the State, expenditure of associated costs and submission of reimbursement claims to the State for such costs. The attached Resolution

would authorize the Placer County Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters to execute the agreement with the State on behalf of the County in the amount of \$468.00 for County participation in the VoteCal project and to allow the Clerk-Recorder-Registrar to execute any additional agreement(s) for HAVA funding as may be allocated to the County by the State for such purposes.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of the agreement with the State will allow the County to receive \$468 in federal funds for County participation in the VoteCal project and for such additional amounts, if any, as may be allocated by the State for such purposes in the future. There is no County match requirement for this grant, although the grant does not allow for any reimbursement of related County indirect or overhead costs for county administrative support expenditures.

Before The Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACER COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER-REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPUTERIZED STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR CALIFORNIA AS PROVIDED AND FUNDED BY THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002 (HAVA)

Reso. No: _____

First Reading: _____

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held **December 8, 2009** by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2002, President Bush signed the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA); and

WHEREAS, HAVA enacted requirements and funding for replacement of punch card voting machines, for statewide voter registration systems, for identification verification of new voters, for allowance of provisional voting, and for voting machine and polling place accessibility; and

WHEREAS, an important purpose of HAVA is to assure that each state develops a single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list that contains the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in each state; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has released HAVA funding for the VoteCal Statewide Voter Registration System Project for California to assist counties in participating in the development of the System, including attendance at informational workshops and advisory meetings for

project education, transition planning, and assisting the State VoteCal project team; VoteCal System training; elections management system (EMS) training; data conversion, correction, verification and VoteCal implementation; and pilot testing and implementation in selected counties; and

WHEREAS, Placer County's share of the statewide funding for reimbursable expenditures conversion is related to attendance at informational workshops and meetings, training and data conversion is \$468.00; and

WHEREAS, the State requires a Resolution to be approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County to enter into the proposed contract for participation in the statewide VoteCal project including execution of the agreement with the State, expenditure of associated costs and submission of reimbursement claims to the State for such costs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters to execute an agreement with the State of California in the amount of \$468.00 to reimburse the County for expenditures related to implementation of the County's participation in the State's VoteCal Statewide Voter Registration System Project, and for any additional amounts as may be allocated to the County by the State for such purposes.