



**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 *Jmc*
DATE: November 5, 2013
SUBJECT: Authorization to apply for state and federal funding of voting equipment

Action Requested

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Recorder-Elections Office to take any and all actions necessary to apply for a maximum of \$520,860 under the state Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 41) and \$127,965 under the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Section 251 and 301 grants) for the purpose of funding the anticipated purchase of vote-by-mail ballot processing equipment, official ballot printing equipment and updated memory cards for current precinct ballot scanning equipment.

Background

The Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002 was approved by the voters of California to help fund county voting system upgrades and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 Section 251 and 301 grants were awarded to counties across the nation for the same reason. Counties must submit a funding application to the Voting Modernization Board and receive approval from that board to access Voting Modernization Bond Act funds; similarly, counties must submit a funding application to the California Secretary of State's Office to access Help America Vote Act grant funds. Applicants must have approval from the county Board of Supervisors to complete the application process.

The Office of Elections would like to utilize these funds to purchase the following upgrades.

- 1) A mail ballot sorter/signature verification system that will enable the office to process vote-by-mail ballots in a faster, more efficient manner, and
- 2) Official ballot printing equipment that will allow the office to produce ballots as needed, which will streamline ballot ordering, reduce excess ballot inventory and allow the office to comply with pending same-day voter registration laws, and
- 3) Upgraded replacement memory cards for the current precinct ballot scanning equipment utilized at each polling place.

Once this office receives approval from the state Voting Modernization Board and Secretary of State, we will return to your Board for a budget revision to purchase these items using the funding sources that are awarded.

Fiscal Impact

Placer County has remaining funds of \$520,860 from the Voting Modernization Bond Act and \$127,965 from the Help America Vote Act grants that can be used to acquire these items. The amount of funding that is awarded will determine the equipment purchases to be brought back to your Board for approval.

Attachment: Resolution

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

In the matter of:

Resol. No: _____

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The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on November 5, 2013 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, in 2002, President Bush signed the Help America Vote Act; and

WHEREAS, also in 2002, the people of the State of California have approved funding for the Voting Modernization Fund; and

WHEREAS, the California Secretary of State has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of Help America Vote Act funds, setting up necessary procedures for allocation of those funds; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Modernization Board has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Voting Modernization Fund, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, procedures for the Help America Vote Act established by the California Secretary of State require the County to certify by resolution the approval of allocations and contracts before submission of applications and contracts to the California Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Voting Modernization Board require the County to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the Voting Modernization Board; and

WHEREAS, the County will enter into an agreement with the Voting Modernization Board for subject projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors

1. Approves the filing of an application for assistance for the subject projects to be funded from funds provided under both the federal Help America Vote Act and the state Voting Modernization Act of 2002; and
2. Certifies the County understands the assurances and certifications in the Application(s) or Contract(s); and
3. Certifies the County has reviewed and understands the general provisions contained in the Funding Agreement shown in the Funding Application and Procedural Guide and/or the Terms of the Contract(s); and
4. Appoints the Department Head or his designee as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, contracts, agreements, payment requests and such other documentation, which may be necessary for the execution of the duties and responsibilities under the Help America Vote Act or the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002.

