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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #14066

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley
Deputy Secretary of State and Counsel

RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – March 2014

Each month, the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment (OVSTA) provides an update on Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and Secretary of State (SOS) activities related to voting systems.

Each update provides information on:

- Voting system related events that may be of interest.
- Administrative approvals and denials since the prior month's update.
- Administrative approval requests since the prior month's update.
- Voting system testing and approval at the SOS office.
- Voting system testing and certification at the EAC.
- Defect, failure and fault reports issued since the prior month's update.
- Ballot printing certification requests since the prior month's update.

Recent and Upcoming Events

On January 1, 2014, changes to California's laws regarding the voting system testing and certification process took effect. The main changes in law are:

1. Federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC) certification of a voting system is no longer required
2. Jurisdictions may conduct a pilot program under certain conditions
3. Voting Modernization Fund moneys may be used for the research and development of new voting systems.

On February 24, 2014, the Voting Modernization Board (VMB) held an informational meeting to learn about the changes in law. The VMB will hold its next meeting on April 1, 2014.

Administrative Approval Requests

California Elections Code section 19213 precludes a voting system or part of a voting system that has been approved by the Secretary of State from being changed or modified until the Secretary of State has determined that the change "does not impair its accuracy and efficiency. . . ."

Information on submitting an administrative approval request is in "Requesting Administrative Approval of a Change or Modification to an Approved Voting System."

- There are currently no administrative approval requests.

Testing and Approval by the State of California

- The Secretary of State received a completed application for the Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14 Voting System on November 13, 2013. The system is composed of the election management system, a combined ballot marking device and precinct count optical scan machine and an off-the-shelf central count scan machine. The source code review began December 2, 2013, the functional testing began February 3, 2014, and the penetration testing began February 10, 2014.

Testing and Certification at the EAC

The EAC provides a weekly update of voting system testing. As of March 4, 2014, the current testing and certification status for systems relevant to California is:

ES&S Unity 3.4.1.0. Wyle submitted the Test Report to EAC on February 6, 2014. EAC will provide comments or approval by March 6, 2014. Related documents can be found on the EAC website.

ES&S EVS 5.0.1.0. EAC issued an Initial Decision on certification for this system on February 25, 2014. Related documents can be found on the EAC website.

ES&S EVS 5.2.0.0. Wyle submitted the draft Test Plan to EAC on February 14, 2014. EAC will provide comments or approval by March 14, 2014. Related documents can be found on the EAC website**.**

Hart InterCivic Verity 1.0. Delivery of equipment to SLI to begin testing is now expected in late February or early March. Related documents can be found on the EAC website.

The EAC's "Voting Systems Under Test" and "Certified Voting Systems" pages provide more specifics on each voting system.

Defects, Failures and Faults

Defects, failures and faults (problem reports) of voting system hardware and software are reported to the Secretary of State.

In February, the Secretary of State did not receive any problem reports. For more information contact the voting system vendor, or OVSTA, or go to the EAC website, at EAC Voting System Reports.

Ballot Printing Certification Requests

Ballot Manufacturers and Finishers

Ballot Manufacturers and Finishers approved:

- K&H Print Integrated Print Solutions received certification for Hart InterCivic BallotNow ballots at its new facility, located at 2517 Port Street, West Sacramento, California, 95691.

Ballot on Demand Systems under review:

- Placer County requested to be certified to be a manufacturer of Premier AccuVote-OS ballots using the Runbeck Sentio Print System.

In addition to the new approval of K&H Print Integrated Print Solutions, a list of certified ballot printers can be found at www.sos.ca.gov/voting-systems/cert-and-approval/ballots.htm.