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Voting Modernization Board

Modernizing Voting Equipment in California

DATE: February 22, 2005

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters (05028)

FROM: _____
DEBBIE PARSONS
Executive Assistant, Voting Modernization Board

SUBJECT: **VMB Actions/Minutes from February 17, 2005 Meeting**

The following are the action items and minutes from the February 17, 2005, meeting of the Voting Modernization Board:

1. Call to order by Chairman John A. Pérez at 10:00 am. Members Pérez and Bustamante were in attendance; Members Finney, Kaufman and Guardino were conferenced in via telephone.
2. A motion was made by Tal Finney and seconded by Stephen Kaufman to approve the meeting minutes and transcript of the January 21, 2005 meeting. Motion passed.
3. Agenda Item V.(A) regarding an update on the Voting Modernization Fund Pool Money Investment Board Loan & Bond Sale status was moved to the next meeting.
4. Michael Wagaman presented an update on the status of certification of DRE's with AVVPAT component and other accessible voting equipment.
5. Staff distributed a survey of DRE Vendors and their prices of DRE voting machines. Jana Lean gave a review of the VMB policy on the \$3,000 cap for DRE voting machines and due to the new requirements and higher costs of voting systems asked the Board to make a decision on the following three options: 1) eliminate the spending cap, 2) increase the cap to \$4,000, or 3) to keep the cap at \$3,000. The Board made a decision to keep the \$3,000 cap for state contribution for DRE voting systems.

6. Jana Lean gave a staff report on the project documentation submittal deadline and asked the Board to consider changing the July 1, 2005 deadline for counties to submit their Project Documentation Plan. The Board listened to public comment and voted unanimously to change the deadline to **January 1, 2006** for counties to submit their Project Documentation to the Board.
7. Debbie Parsons presented a report on Interim Status Reports and asked the Board to consider asking the counties who have either not yet submitted their Project Documentation Plans for modernizing their voting equipment or those counties who are implementing their voting system conversion in “phases” to submit an Interim Status Report to the Board on their plans. A motion was made by Michael Bustamante and seconded by Stephen Kaufman to require all counties who have not yet submitted their Project Documentation Plans or who are implementing their voting system conversion in “phases” to submit an Interim Status Report to the Board by July 1, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.
8. At this time there are no additional funding rounds scheduled, so item VI.(c) was put over to the next meeting.
9. Other Business included a discussion on the March meeting date. Since staff has not received any project documentation packages from counties, the March meeting was canceled.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 2:00 pm.

This information is also available on the Prop 41 website at:
<http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/vma/home.html>.

Meeting transcript will be available in approximately two weeks, pending receipt from the court reporter. If you have any questions, please contact Jana Lean, Staff Consultant to the Board at (916) 653-5144 or the Executive Assistant to the Board, Debbie Parsons at (916) 653-1424.