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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021

10:00 A.M.

APPEARANCES

VMB BOARD MEMBERS:

Stephen Kaufman, Chair June Awano Lagmay Gabriel Sandoval

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE STAFF:

Jordan Kaku Jana Lean Robbie Anderson NaKesha Robinson

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brent Turner

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1 PROCEEDINGS

- 10:01 AM
- 3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. It's 10:01 AM and let's call the
- 4 meeting of the Voting Modernization Board to order. Jordan, you
- 5 want to take the roll for the record?
- 6 MS. KAKU: Oh sure. So, Stephen Kaufman.
- 7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Here.
- 8 MS. KAKU: June Awano Lagmay?
- 9 MS. LAGMAY: Here.
- MS. KAKU: And Gabriel Sandoval.
- MR. SANDOVAL: Present.
- 12 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Good morning, everybody. Good to see
- 13 everybody.
- 14 ALL: Good morning.
- 15 CHAIR KAUFMAN: It's been a year since we formally met
- 16 and a lot has passed. We've had a major election that was
- 17 completed in November of last year and continued thereafter for
- 18 a few weeks. But I know our state came through it with flying
- 19 colors. Probably a lot of stuff that happened in the background
- 20 that wasn't so easy, but compared to the rest of the country,
- 21 you all made it look easy.
- So, kudos to our staff and the Secretary of State's
- 23 Office, and to county registrars up and down the state who

- 1 managed a very difficult election and managed to come through.
- 2 I see we will get to it a little later in our agenda. But it
- 3 sounds like all voting systems in California are now kind of
- 4 conforming with the Secretary of State's requirements.
- 5 So, I think we're good on that. And lo and behold,
- 6 we're here a year later and we're going through yet another
- 7 challenging election. And I want to thank the staff in the
- 8 Secretary of State's Office for managing to get this meeting in
- 9 order and steering things in the right direction, despite having
- 10 to deal with yet another statewide election coming up here a
- 11 month now -- well, a month away.
- 12 So, thank you all for your hard work and everything
- 13 you're doing. And we will look forward to your reports. Today,
- 14 I don't think we're going to have a very lengthy meeting today,
- 15 but we have a couple of important things to talk about.
- 16 Let's see ... did we receive any request for public
- 17 comment prior to this meeting?
- MS. KAKU: No.
- 19 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay.
- MR. TURNER: I do have a public comment, Stephen.
- 21 CHAIR KAUFMAN: I see a hand up from Brent Turner. So,
- 22 just before I call on you, Jordan, do we need to just for
- 23 propriety's sake, do we need to get anything formal from Mr.

- 1 Turner other than his name and identification in making a
- 2 comment?
- MS. KAKU: I don't think so, but I'll take the-
- 4 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Mr. Turner, do you want to
- 5 identify yourself, and any affiliations prior to speaking?
- 6 MR. TURNER: Yes, thank you. Stephen, can you hear me?
- 7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: We can.
- 8 MR. TURNER: Great. Thank you. Thanks to the staff
- 9 for putting all this together and for all the great efforts.
- 10 My name is Brent Turner. I'm formerly the Director of
- 11 Communications for Open Voting Consortium, which is a group
- 12 founded right around 2000 for the purpose of developing and
- 13 providing education regarding open-source election systems.
- 14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Thank you. Please proceed.
- 15 You've got two minutes for-
- 16 MR. TURNER: Thank you very much. I just wanted to
- 17 direct the Secretary's Office toward the Little Hoover
- 18 Commission Report that was issued a few months back, basically
- 19 giving direction to Governor Newsom toward open-source election
- 20 systems.
- 21 We took pride in the report because it conforms with
- 22 what we've been advocating for the past couple of decades to
- 23 say, if you're going to use software in an election, it

- 1 shouldn't be corporate-owned software. It should be general
- 2 public license, open-source software.
- 3 So, I just wanted to give attention to that report.
- 4 And again, we're hopeful that California takes the lead for the
- 5 rest of the country toward these better election systems. We
- 6 basically, want to make a good system even better and be able to
- 7 show the losing candidates and party that they lost with great
- 8 ease and clarity.
- 9 And so, the concern with the proprietary software is
- 10 obvious, and we're looking forward to the new Secretary of State
- 11 following up on some of Debra Bowen's initial work. And
- 12 hopefully, we move into the light on this issue. So, thank you.
- 13 Thanks to all for any efforts.
- 14 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Turner.
- 15 Okay. Do we have any other public comment before
- 16 getting to the remaining items on our agenda?
- 17 Alright, seeing none and hearing none, let's proceed to
- 18 item four on our agenda, which is an adoption of the July 29th,
- 19 2020 action items and meeting minutes. And I will turn to my
- 20 fellow commissioners and ask if we have a motion to approve
- 21 those items.

- 1 And I do want to note that the minutes already have
- 2 some edits to them that were done by staff. So, anyway,
- 3 proceed, please.
- 4 Did I hear Gabriel?-
- 5 MR. SANDOVAL: ... minutes as edited by staff.
- 6 MS. LAGMAY: I second that motion.
- 7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you, Gabriel and June. Just
- 8 because we're doing this by Zoom and for clarity, Jordan, why
- 9 don't you just call the vote on this?
- MS. KAKU: Sure. Stephen Kaufman?
- 11 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Aye.
- MS. KAKU: June Awano Lagmay?
- MS. LAGMAY: Aye.
- MS. KAKU: And Gabriel Sandoval.
- MR. SANDOVAL: Aye.
- 16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. The minutes and action items
- 17 have been approved.
- Next, we have on our agenda, item five, which is a
- 19 standing item. It's a report from staff on Secretary of State
- 20 notice of withdrawal of certification and conditional approval
- 21 of voting systems.

- I made reference to this earlier. I think this may be
- 2 our final report in the standing report category. So, I will
- 3 turn to ... who's delivering this report?
- 4 MS. KAKU: That would be NaKesha.
- 5 CHAIR KAUFMAN: NaKesha Robinson. Please proceed.
- 6 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you. Good morning members of the
- 7 board, public and staff. As you see displayed here on the
- 8 screen, on February 27th of 2019, the then California Secretary
- 9 of State issued notice to California counties that the secretary
- 10 will withdraw certification and conditional approval of all
- 11 California voting systems in whole or in part, not tested and
- 12 certified to the California Voting System standards effective
- 13 August 27th, 2019.
- 14 The operative date ending that grace period and
- 15 official withdrawal of the certification for the legacy systems
- 16 was February 28th, 2020.
- I am happy to report that as of January 1st, 2021, all
- 18 counties within California have purchased or leased and
- 19 implemented a CVSS certified voting system. And that concludes
- 20 my report.
- 21 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Thank you. NaKesha. So, all
- 22 counties are now on board and up to date. And I think I can
- 23 take the liberty of saying now that we've reached that goal. We

- 1 can pretty much hand these ongoing reports to the VMB about what
- 2 the status is.
- 3 So, thank you NaKesha and thank you to all the counties
- 4 who have gotten to this point and certified their systems in
- 5 accordance with the Secretary of State's requirements.
- 6 Are there any further comments from fellow
- 7 commissioners on this item?
- 8 COMMISSIONERS: No ... thank you.
- 9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Alright. So, then let's proceed
- 10 with kind of the main order of business for today, which is item
- 11 six, final round of funding.
- 12 This is an item that I had requested that staff place
- 13 on our agenda today. As much as I enjoy being the Chair of the
- 14 Voting Modernization Board, it has been a long time, a longer
- 15 than necessary time that I've served in this capacity.
- 16 And those of my fellow commissioners were all around a
- 17 lot longer than we ever thought we would be. And staff has
- 18 presented us with a report and I've asked staff to give us some
- 19 recommendations for how we might move to the point where we
- 20 become as a board, obsolete, and go out to pasture, and also,
- 21 that we kind of use up all the money that was allocated for
- 22 counties to be able to upgrade their voting equipment, which is
- 23 almost 20 years running now.

- 1 So, we have a report from staff on the funds that
- 2 remain, kind of what the different categories of remaining
- 3 funding are. And some thoughts about how we might move that
- 4 into the future and get that money allocated, or at least
- 5 allocated or not allocated. And then get to the point where
- 6 we're disbanding this board, this commission. So, with that,
- 7 NaKesha, is this you? I'm not sure who's delivering this.
- 8 MS. KAKU: No, that would be me.
- 9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: That would be you? Okay. This is
- 10 Jordan. So, Jordan, do you want to kind of give us the lay of
- 11 the land and tell us where we're at on that?
- MS. KAKU: Sure. Yes. So, prior to today, this
- 13 meeting, I did make a phone call to all counties with remaining
- 14 funds. There were a couple that I just had to reach out via
- 15 email. They're all trying to get this election together, but
- 16 everyone has been made aware that you guys are voting on this
- 17 today. And everyone is interested in using their funds.
- 18 So, I'll just go through this for everyone who has not
- 19 read the report, it is on our website. But basically, the
- 20 purpose of this staff report was to look at the remaining
- 21 funding allocations that are under the Act still, and our SOS
- 22 (Secretary of State) plan to move forward with the final round
- 23 of the funding.

- 1 So, as you said earlier, originally, the VMB was
- 2 established to oversee the modernization of voting systems for
- 3 each California county. And we were given \$195 million. To
- 4 date, counties have a combined remaining allocation of \$14,
- 5 260,000, and that's over 21 counties.
- 6 So, of those counties with remaining funds, six have
- 7 come before the board and have been reimbursed for the
- 8 replacement of an entire voting system. Under the Act, counties
- 9 may be reimbursed for replacing each part of their voting system
- 10 once. In the staff report from November 15th of 2019, counties
- 11 that have replaced an entire system may also be reimbursed for
- 12 expansion of their voting system solution by adding components
- 13 to further modernize their system.
- 14 For those counties that have not been reimbursed for an
- 15 entire system, we did list out the parts of a voting system that
- 16 are reimbursable so long as they haven't been previously
- 17 reimbursed by the board. This includes a client workstation
- 18 server, a standalone workstation precinct scanner for
- 19 tabulation, central scanners, and election management systems
- 20 software, tabulation software, ballot marking devices,
- 21 adjudication software, ballot on demand workstation, and
- 22 printer, and other external supporting peripherals that go with
- 23 that equipment.

- 1 The components that could also be considered in
- 2 expansion as mentioned in the November 2019 staff report would
- 3 be remote accessible vote by mail systems, ballot on demand,
- 4 electronic poll books, vote by mail processing equipment, and
- 5 signature verification hardware and software.
- 6 So, if the board were to determine to set a deadline by
- 7 which counties with remaining funds must use them or they would
- 8 be reverted back to the fund for redistribution to other
- 9 counties. VMB staff would recommend setting the deadline for
- 10 project plan submission by December 20th of this year. So,
- 11 we're asking counties to have a plan for when they will come
- 12 forward to request their funds by December 20th.
- 13 So, VMB staff would send out a final notice to counties
- 14 with their remaining funds to claim them on or before that
- 15 deadline. And any funds remaining to be claimed could be
- 16 reallocated to the counties that come forward to the board with
- 17 a request for these funds to purchase additional voting
- 18 equipment and/or related components for expansion of their
- 19 existing equipment.
- The new reallocation formula of these funds could be
- 21 based on the total number of registered voters and the final
- 22 amount of the remaining funds. So, the board could also set a

- 1 timeline on requests for the reallocated funds to be done by,
- 2 we're suggesting July 29th of 2022.
- 3 So, basically, we would be willing to work with
- 4 counties to come up with the plan for when they are able to come
- 5 forward before the board to claim their funds, or basically, put
- 6 them in a pot and allow counties to come forward and request
- 7 funds for the money that the counties with that remaining
- 8 allocation wouldn't be claiming.
- 9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Thank you, Jordan. So, this report
- 10 provides kinda, I guess, a roadmap of possible items that
- 11 counties who haven't used up all their funding yet could find
- 12 some opportunities to use their funding. It's kind of there in
- 13 black and white.
- 14 I'm presuming whatever notice that we would send out to
- 15 counties between now and December 20th would essentially contain
- 16 a summary of these items for counties and provide them with a
- 17 queue in terms of how to make a claim before the window closes
- 18 in December. Right, Jordan?
- MS. KAKU: Yes.
- 20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. And you said you had preliminary
- 21 conversations with the counties before this. So, did I hear you
- 22 right? That the counties with remaining funding all intend to
- 23 make claims to use that funding?

- 1 MS. KAKU: Overall, there was general interest in
- 2 coming forward for remaining funds. And a lot of them had
- 3 already had plans to come forward. There were a few who, we'll
- 4 just probably need to speak with them a little bit more in
- 5 detail about what they can come forward for. But there's a lot
- 6 of interest.
- 7 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. And we're trying to be sensitive
- 8 to the fact that we don't want to, I don't know, sounds silly --
- 9 rush people into having to get this resolved. So, given that
- 10 it's been 20 years, I don't think anything's rush.
- 11 But we have an election in September, there doesn't
- 12 seem to be any perfect time for trying to put deadlines on
- 13 things because there always is some election and something going
- 14 on that's going to make it not as convenient as it could be.
- 15 But it seems to me, December three months after the September
- 16 election, particularly since we've already given people a heads
- 17 up, seems like a reasonable amount of time to impose a deadline.
- Jordan or Turner, do you want to just address that
- 19 issue or comment on that?
- MS. KAKU: Volume up, please.
- MS. LEAN: Hi, this Jana. Yes, absolutely. Sorry, it
- 22 took me a minute to get unmuted. After over a year and a half
- 23 and I'm still figuring out how to unmute myself.

- 1 So, we are 34 days away from the September 14th recall
- 2 election and we are all in an incredible mode right now. I'm
- 3 not going to lie, but I do see a need to set a deadline.
- 4 Without a deadline, folks don't get things done.
- 5 So, I think if we work with them and we say, "Okay,
- 6 here it is, and if you want to do it come forward, otherwise
- 7 your money's going to be reverted and go back in the pot," I
- 8 think that'll definitely motivate people to get some things
- 9 done.
- 10 I think we made a suggestion until the end of the year
- 11 to let them get through the election, let them get through
- 12 canvass, and before any redistricting starts, I think that's
- 13 what we needed to do, is to ... if we're going to do this and it's
- 14 actually going to use up the entire funds or just if folks are
- 15 not interested once we have done that reach out -- but if they
- 16 don't come forward, they don't come forward. And we either
- 17 reallocate or we just won't sell the bonds. I mean that's an
- 18 option also.
- 19 So, I do think it's a good idea to set something and I
- 20 know you're right, there's no year that's going to be great to
- 21 do. This year is absolutely crazy. But next year's going to be
- 22 even more when we have redistricting going on and then we have

- 1 the June, and then the November election. So, they just all
- 2 roll together and it's just going to be crazy.
- 3 So, let's try to get this done. And if not, then I'm
- 4 sure there's other counties that could definitely use the
- 5 allocations and move forward.
- 6 CHAIR KAUFMAN: And I would think that if there is
- 7 going to be money left over or either for the people who have
- 8 money on the table, or for others who might have projects in the
- 9 pipeline, I mean, with another statewide election next year, I
- 10 mean, it seems like this is the time folks are going to want to
- 11 implement additional programs or implement additional equipment
- 12 that could be useful in the next cycle. So, I'd like to get the
- 13 money doled out if we are going to dole it out.
- MR. SANDOVAL: Have you thought of a process that can
- 15 be used?
- 16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: (Indiscernible)
- 17 MR. SANDOVAL: Sure. If there are certain counties
- 18 that did not use the money that are currently allocated to them
- 19 and the money is reverted back, as you're suggesting that could
- 20 be a course of action taken, have you developed a process by
- 21 which other counties that could use that money can apply for
- 22 those funds that were reverted back from other counties?

- 1 CHAIR KAUFMAN: I think our decision making for today
- 2 would be kind of imposing the deadline. And then when we get to
- 3 December 20th, if we choose to use these deadlines, that when we
- 4 get to December 20th, 2021, we see how much money is left, if
- 5 any. And if there is money left, we will, as a board have to
- 6 decide at that time how we're going to reallocate that money.
- 7 And then provide that for everyone who we decide can qualify to
- 8 access that money from that point forward through July of 2022,
- 9 if that's the date that we choose to abide by.
- 10 So, there'd be a reallocation and it doesn't mean ... so,
- 11 if somebody chooses not to pursue this first round of funding by
- 12 December 20th, it doesn't necessarily mean they wouldn't have a
- 13 shot at some pot of funding again on round two, if there's money
- 14 left on the table.
- MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. I am in agreement that there
- 16 should be some deadline. I think that is a good recommendation,
- 17 as long as it's consistent with any kind of laws or any concerns
- 18 that people may have. You think that's consistent with what the
- 19 law provides?
- CHAIR KAUFMAN: If you're asking me, I mean, I can
- 21 comment, Robbie is the lawyer. He can comment on it. But I
- 22 don't think the original ... it wasn't contemplated that we'd be
- 23 here forever. And I think we always anticipated that there

- 1 would be a "round two" if there was any money left in the pot.
- 2 I just think we anticipated that happening about 12 years ago,
- 3 maybe 10.
- 4 So, I think it's, it's certainly been consistent with
- 5 the way that we've been acting. And I think it's consistent
- 6 with what was in the original bond measure, but I don't think it
- 7 was that clearly laid out.
- 8 How the money was allocated, was always a function of
- 9 the board, deciding how that money should be allocated among the
- 10 counties. So, it wasn't specified in the original measure
- 11 exactly how that would take place. But I will defer to Robbie
- 12 and Jana, who may wish to comment on that.
- MS. KAKU: Go ahead, Jana.
- MR. ANDERSON: I agree with-
- 15 MS. LEAN: I agree with Robbie and I agree with you.
- 16 Yeah, you have broad authority. So, the board itself under the
- 17 Act has very broad authority on how the funds would be
- 18 distributed.
- 19 So, originally, there was a package that was put
- 20 together for counties to apply. It's the project documentation
- 21 plan. I'm assuming if we do a second planning round, we would
- 22 do something very similar, but of course, all of that would have
- 23 to be adopted by the board in a formal adoption.

- 1 So, we would make the proposals and that's how the
- 2 process would potentially work. But yes, you definitely have
- 3 broad authority, but go ahead, Robbie.
- 4 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you, Jana. Thank you, Robbie.
- MR. ANDERSON: Oh, you guys both covered it. So, I'm
- 6 in agreement with Stephen and Jana; lots of authority there, and
- 7 this was never intended to go on forever. So, it's a reasonable
- 8 way to kind of wrap things up if we get to that point.
- 9 MS. LAGMAY: Can I ask a question? Did I understand
- 10 correctly that staff reached out to all counties who have funds
- 11 remaining and they all understand that a possible December
- 12 deadline was on the agenda, and did anybody like totally freak
- 13 out and say, there's no way we can make it? Or what kind of
- 14 feedback did you get? It was like, "Yeah, we know. And we'll
- 15 try to get our money in?"
- MS. KAKU: No, well, they did not get a December
- 17 deadline because it hasn't been decided upon.
- MS. LAGMAY: Understood, okay.
- 19 MS. KAKU: But yes, I did say I would give everyone a
- 20 call after the election to talk about next steps and everyone
- 21 seems to take it well. But it's on their brains now.
- MS. LAGMAY: Okay, okay. And the second question is,
- 23 can you tell me a little bit about San Diego? Because they've

- 1 got like 7.5 mill left and that's like about 60% of the
- 2 remaining money. What are the feelings from San Diego?
- MS. LEAN: So, I've talked to the assistant ... well now,
- 4 was the assistant registrar, now's the registrar, the acting
- 5 registrar in San Diego; they're quite aware of the funds, they
- 6 do have use for them. They do have a plan. They have updated
- 7 their voting equipment.
- 8 They are considering moving forward with the Voter's
- 9 Choice Act, which is a complete overhaul of the election system
- 10 for how ... I think as most folks know, because you're in Los
- 11 Angeles, there's a voting rights ... not the Voting Rights Act -
- 12 sorry, the voting ... I think it was VCA, Voter's Choice Act,
- 13 that's it.
- So, Voter's Choice Act allows for all of the
- 15 opportunities for a much longer period of early voting and then
- 16 anyone can vote anywhere.
- 17 So, they're looking at that model. It does cost more
- 18 money, an upfront cost, and it'll have additional costs that
- 19 they would need to get from the board for other pieces of
- 20 equipment, like an E-poll book and other equipment that they
- 21 would need at the actual vote centers.

- 1 So, I believe that's what they're working towards
- 2 according to Cynthia Paes. And I think they're going to have
- 3 use for the funds.
- I know that I talked to Michael Booth Vu several times
- 5 before then, he said he was very interested, but if we set a
- 6 deadline, they will do it. And so, I have strong feelings that
- 7 that'll happen.
- 8 MS. LAGMAY: I understand, okay.
- 9 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Any other questions of staff regarding
- 10 the proposal or the status of funds that are available?
- 11 So, then I guess I would ask my fellow commissioners,
- 12 whether there is a motion to adopt a deadline of December 20,
- 13 2021 for the submission of funding requests under the round one
- 14 funding allocations, and also whether to set a July 29th, 2022
- 15 date as a date for the deadline for our board to consider
- 16 funding requests under a reallocation formula to be determined
- 17 at the end of this year.
- MS. LAGMAY: I would make that motion, but I have one
- 19 very quick, last question. So, the December 20th, 2021 deadline
- 20 for round one, that's specifically just for the counties that
- 21 have money left in round one; use it or lose it if you don't
- 22 submit by December 20th.

- 1 The second deadline, round two, July 29th, 2022, does
- 2 that mean that any county that wanted to specifically expand or
- 3 purchase additional equipment could qualify for round two? Any
- 4 county, even if they didn't any money for round one?
- 5 CHAIR KAUFMAN: The answer is that's a possibility. We
- 6 have to make that decision in December of 2021, whether we're
- 7 going to impose any further limitation on counties that could
- 8 apply for a second round of funding.
- 9 MS. LAGMAY: Okay.
- 10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: But as of right now, it's all a
- 11 possibility.
- MS. LAGMAY: Thank you. With that, I move that we set
- 13 the deadlines as specified in the staff report. December 20th,
- 14 2021 for round one and July 29th, 2022 for round two.
- MR. SANDOVAL: I second.
- 16 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. We have a first, we have a
- 17 second. Again, Jordan, just for clarity, you want to take a
- 18 roll so we can vote on this?
- MS. KAKU: Stephen Kaufman?
- 20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Aye.
- MS. KAKU: June Awano Lagmay?
- MS. LAGMAY: Aye.
- MS. KAKU: And Gabriel Sandoval?

- 1 MR. SANDOVAL: Aye.
- 2 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. So, we have approval of the
- 3 deadlines. Staff, do you feel like there's any other direction
- 4 or anything else that we should be voting on with respect to the
- 5 conclusion of the final round of funding per the staff report?
- I mean, implicit in this is that staff is going to now,
- 7 reach out to all of those counties again, in a more formal way
- 8 to advise them of the deadline and advise them of all of the
- 9 possible components that could be purchased or voting system
- 10 pieces that they could apply for generally as laid out in the
- 11 staff memo. But is there anything else that we as a board need
- 12 to vote on to give you the authority under the staff report for
- 13 this process?
- MS. LEAN: I don't believe so, sir.
- 15 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. So, that is how it will be. And
- 16 again, I think as far as setting the December agenda, obviously,
- 17 whatever counties apply, we will consider in December and then
- 18 we will have to have an action item following that to determine,
- 19 or based on whether there will be any funding remaining and
- 20 whether we need to do a reallocation for one final round.
- 21 And I think when we do that, it would be helpful
- 22 because I know we have two newish board members. But it would
- 23 be helpful as part of the staff report to kind of give us the

- 1 benefit of what decisions were made for round one. And whether
- 2 we want to just follow lockstep what was done for round one.
- I know you alluded to it in the staff report about
- 4 basing funding allocations on registered voters and such, but to
- 5 the extent anything has changed in the considerations from when
- 6 we decided on how to allocate around one funding, that would all
- 7 be helpful to know.
- 8 MS. LEAN: Absolutely. So, once we get there, if we
- 9 get there, it was quite a few meetings, quite a long discussion
- 10 of how that allocation could be ... how the formula would work.
- 11 And the current formula is based on four different items. A lot
- 12 of it has to do with a number of precincts, a number of
- 13 precincts and turnouts, and was all based on 2002.
- So, it would definitely need to be modified in some
- 15 way. I do know that the registered voters' proposal for the
- 16 formula is pretty equal. I think it would be equitable to
- 17 counties based on their size. So, that's how we propose that,
- 18 but definitely, we'll have a much robust conversation once we
- 19 get there, if we get there.
- 20 CHAIR KAUFMAN: And Jana, you and I should probably
- 21 have a conversation prior to that at some point after September
- 22 14th.

- 1 MS. LEAN: Yeah. Perhaps late October, maybe a nice
- 2 Halloween Day.
- 3 CHAIR KAUFMAN: There you go.
- 4 MS. LEAN: We have to, we have to get through canvass,
- 5 but yes.
- 6 CHAIR KAUFMAN: We can each wear our costumes. Alright.
- 7 Well, let's plan on that so we can kind of look at what the
- 8 reality is at that point in time and what you've heard from the
- 9 counties and we can have a conversation.
- 10 Okay. Any other questions about the item six or any
- 11 other business or items of interest that we should all be
- 12 thinking about between now and December?
- MS. LAGMAY: Do we still have a tentative September
- 14 29th meeting on the calendar?
- 15 MS. KAKU: We do. It carries off until I believe it's
- 16 August 30th to submit a project documentation plan. Alameda
- 17 County was supposed to come forward back in 2019. They
- 18 submitted their project and everything, but didn't. I've spoken
- 19 with the assistant registrar and they have availability, they
- 20 just have to resubmit their documentation. I'll let you guys
- 21 know if-
- MS. LAGMAY: Absolutely. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. So, we may all get together 1 2 before December? 3 MS. KAKU: Yes. 4 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Alrighty. Anything else before 5 we sign off? 6 Okay. With that then, I will adjourn the meeting of 7 the Voting Modernization Board. All in favor of adjournment, say 8 aye. 9 (Chorus of ayes) 10 CHAIR KAUFMAN: Okay. Thank you everybody. Have a good 11 election on September 14th and we will see you soon. 12 ALL: Thank you. Bye. 13 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned

at 10:37 a.m.)

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