



**MEMORANDUM**  
**COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER-REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**  
**Clerk-Recorder Office**  
**County of Placer**

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: March 26, 2019  
FROM: Ryan Ronco, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters  
BY: Stephen Aye, Assistant Recorder-Registrar of Voters  
SUBJECT: Contract with Dominion Voting Systems to Purchase New Vote Counting Equipment and Software

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar to enter into a contract with Dominion Voting Systems in the amount of \$3,222,977.98 to purchase vote counting equipment and software, support and training in order to meet the State of California's new certification requirements.
2. Approve a budget revision in the amount of \$3,570,000 for the purchase of the Dominion Democracy Suite and estimated tax and shipping costs, funded by General Fund reserves.
3. Add applicable equipment from the Dominion Democracy Suite contract (Attachment B) to the County Master Fixed Asset list.

**BACKGROUND**

Placer County's current voting system and equipment were procured between 2002 and 2006. The technology is not only obsolete but is so far out of life that replacement parts are near impossible to purchase. Further, the California Secretary of State recently notified all counties of intent to withdraw certification and conditional approval of all California voting systems, in whole or in part, not tested and certified to the *California Voting System Standards (CVSS)*, effective August 27, 2019, pursuant to the authority granted in Elections Code Section 19232 (Attachment A). The County's current voting system cannot meet these requirements, therefore it is imperative to obtain a new system.

The new Dominion Voting Systems Democracy Suite system includes new paper ballot scanners for all polling places, ADA compliant touchscreen voting machines to assist voters with disabilities, new ballot boxes and software to generate and count ballots. It meets all system requirements set forth both by the State of California and the Election Assistance Commission. The Dominion Voting System Democracy Suite is certified by the State of California.

The Dominion Voting System Democracy Suite dramatically increases functionality, vastly improves adjudication efficiency and has security standards and auditing functions that greatly transcends our current system. Additionally, the improved functionality to assist voters with disabilities far exceeds the current voting system.

The new system will help the Placer County Elections Department ensure election integrity, safeguard the voting process and provide the best possible voting experience to its citizens.

The department foresees that the new system will require additional warehouse space, improved climate control and increased electrical needs to properly store the new equipment, ballot boxes, touchscreen

voting equipment and laptops. The logistics are being worked on by staff and would return to your board to discuss options at a future meeting.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The one-time project costs for application, operating hardware and software, support and training is \$3,300,000. This one-time cost will be offset by \$1,400,000 match of state grant money included in the Governor's FY 2018-19 budget. This \$1,400,000 is reimbursable from the state once the County has matched that amount. The \$1.4 million State reimbursement will be included in the Election Office's FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget request. The proposed contract with Dominion Voting Systems is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Annual ongoing costs for licensing, support and warranty are estimated at \$300,000 annually. Annual ongoing costs will be budgeted within the Election Office's budget.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – CCROV #19015

Attachment B – Equipment List

Attachment C - Resolution Election Equipment Purchase



ATTACHMENT A



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February 27, 2019

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #19015

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley  
Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment

RE: Notice of Withdrawal of Certification and Conditional Approval of Voting Systems -  
Effective August 27, 2019

In counties throughout the state, voting systems are at or near their life expectancy, with some voting system vendors no longer making replacement parts and/or no longer providing tech support. Meanwhile, the state budget for FY 2018/2019 includes \$134 million for purposes of upgrading or replacing aging voting systems. The Secretary of State continues to advocate for additional and ongoing funding for California election modernization and administration.

This CC/ROV serves as notice that the Secretary of State, pursuant to the authority granted in Elections Code Section 19232 withdraws certification and conditional approval of all California voting systems, in whole or in part, not tested and certified to the California Voting System Standards (CVSS), effective August 27, 2019. Elections Code section 19232 states that "the Secretary of State may decertify any voting system or part thereof, determined to be defective, obsolete, or unacceptable." The voting systems being decertified contain obsolete hardware and software components, and employ end-of-life operating systems that are no longer supported. This Notice of Withdrawal does not apply to other voting technology such as Remote Accessible Vote By Mail systems (RAVBMs) or Electronic PollBooks.

For your reference, as of February 27, 2019, the following voting systems have been tested and certified to CVSS:

- Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. - Democracy Suite 5.2 Voting System;
- County of Los Angeles - Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) Tally 1.0 System; and
- HART InterCivic, Inc. - Verity Voting 3.0.1 Voting System.

Additionally, the following voting systems are currently being reviewed and tested to CVSS:

- Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. - Democracy Suite 5.10;
- County of Los Angeles - Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) Tally Version 2.0; and
- Election Systems and Software, Inc. - EVS 6.0.4.2

#### **Public Hearing and Comment Period**

While not required by state law, the Secretary of State calls for a public hearing to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views regarding this withdrawal of certification and conditional approval of voting systems not tested and certified to CVSS. The hearing will take place on March 19, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the State Capitol, 1315 10th Street, Room 3191, Sacramento, California 95814. Anyone wishing to submit written comments can do so by delivering it in person at the hearing or via U.S. postal service, or by e-mailing it to [votingsystems@sos.ca.gov](mailto:votingsystems@sos.ca.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2019.

#### **Request for Conditional Approval for Extension of Use**

The withdrawal is effective August 27, 2019, however, pursuant to Elections Code section 19232, any election scheduled six months from August 27, 2019, shall not be affected by this action. Therefore, any federal, state, county, municipal, district or school election scheduled from August 27, 2019, until February 27, 2020, may continue to use voting systems not tested and certified to CVSS.

Additionally, the Secretary of State acknowledges that there may be circumstances that may hinder a jurisdiction from implementing a CVSS certified voting system by February 27, 2020, including, but not limited to, delays in the procurement process or a county budget. In recognition of unique challenges a county may face, a written Request for Conditional Approval for Extension of Use may be submit by a county to the Secretary of State seeking to utilize a decertified system for any election scheduled after February 27, 2020. The request must be submitted by April 5, 2019, and include the following:

1. The jurisdiction's justification for Conditional Approval for Extension of Use,
2. The jurisdiction's plan and schedule to implement a CVSS certified voting system, which shall include at a minimum:
  - a. Executive Summary
  - b. Procurement Schedule
  - c. Staff Training Schedule
  - d. Implementation Date

**Key Dates**

- February 27, 2019 to March 28, 2019 – Written public comment period.
- March 19, 2019 – Public Hearing
- April 5, 2019 - Request for Conditional Approval for Extension of Use deadline.
- August 27, 2019 – Withdrawal Effective
- August 27, 2019 to February 27, 2020 – Jurisdictions may continue to use voting systems not tested and certified to CVSS.
- February 28, 2020 – Voting systems not tested and certified to CVSS may no longer be used, except for those jurisdictions that have received a Conditional Approval for Extension of Use by the SOS.

Should you have questions regarding this memorandum, please contact OVSTA at (916) 695-1680.

## ATTACHMENT B

<b>ImageCast Central:</b> Canon DR-G1130 high speed document scanner includes: ImageCast Central Software, Dell All-in-One, iButton programmer and key, cables	6	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
<b>ImageCast Evolution (ICE):</b> Internal Battery and Modem, Printer w/Paper roll, 2x Memory Cards and iButtons	275	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 1,980,000.00
<b>Mobile Ballot Printing (MBP) Kit</b> Oki Data C712 includes: MBP printer, dell laptop, cables	3	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 17,400.00
<b>Democracy Suite EMS Standard Server Configuration - Up to 22 clients</b>	3	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 51,000.00



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

**In the matter of:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT WITH DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CLERK-RECORDER-REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO TAKE ACTIONS TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE CONTRACT AND TO SECURE ANY MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Clerk of said Board

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WHEREAS, in counties throughout the State of California, voting systems are at or near their life expectancy, with some voting system vendors no longer making replacement parts and/or no longer providing tech support;

WHEREAS, the State of California's budget includes funding to match county costs to replace obsolete voting systems;

WHEREAS, the California Secretary of State recently notified all counties of intent to withdraw certification and conditional approval of all California voting systems, in whole or in part, not tested and certified to the *California Voting System Standards (CVSS)*, effective August 27, 2019, pursuant to the authority granted in Elections Code Section 19232;

WHEREAS, the County's current voting system includes obsolete hardware and software components, employs end-of-life operating systems that are no longer supported, and does not meet the Secretary of State's requirements;

WHEREAS, the Dominion Voting Systems Democracy Suite system meets all system requirements set forth both by the State of California and the Election Assistance Commission, and is certified by the State of California;

WHEREAS, the new system will help the Placer County Elections Department ensure election integrity, safeguard the voting process and provide the best possible voting experience to its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters, or designee is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Dominion Voting Systems to purchase their Democracy Suite that includes application software, hardware, support and training to replace the county's current optical scan and touchscreen voting system with a new voting system that meets California's certification requirements, and to take necessary actions with regard to securing matching funds from the State of California, and to take such actions necessary to add the new equipment to the master fixed asset list.