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August 22, 2002

AGENDA: August 27, 2002

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Resolution to Approve Application for Voting Modernization Bond Funds

Dear Members of the Board:

Background

As was discussed with your Board at budget hearings, Proposition 41 was approved at the March 5, 2002 Primary Election and provides for a \$200 million bond measure to assist counties to modernize their voting systems. The monies will make available \$3 of State funds for every \$1 the County spends on the acquisition of equipment and software and other costs such as training and ongoing maintenance (for a limited number of years) that are incurred to move to a new voting system.

Funding

The State appointed a Voting Modernization Board that has determined a formula for distributing the funds and has asked that Applications for Funding Consideration be submitted no later than 4 p.m. September 3, 2002.

The formula indicates that Santa Cruz County may be eligible for up to \$1,698,328 in funding to upgrade our voting system.

Attached you will find the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002 Funding Application. A Procedural Guide that provides important information on project eligibility requirements, matching fund requirements, and the application process, has been placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

In addition to these state funds, federal monies could also become available to assist states move to new voting systems. HR 3295 (Help America Vote Act) and S. 595 are still working their way through Congress. If the Federal legislation is passed, it is possible that those funds in combination with Proposition 41 monies would cover most of the costs of a new system.

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The County's Current Voting System

Santa Cruz County currently uses a paper-based voting system called Mark-A-Vote. It requires voters to use a special pen or No. 2 pencil to fill in a rectangle to mark their choices on the ballot.

Since the 2000 Presidential Election and the problems that occurred with punch card systems in Florida, election officials and others have extensively reviewed and studied various voting systems.

In California, the Secretary of State took action in September 2001 to decertify both the Pollstar and Votomatic voting systems that are based on a punch card system that must be used in combination with the Sample Ballot booklet in order to vote. The Secretary of State's action affected nine California counties, representing more than half of the state's nearly 16 million registered voters. The affected counties are Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Clara, San Bernardino, Alameda, Sacramento, Solano, Mendocino, and Shasta.

While Santa Cruz County is not facing decertification of its voting system, the availability of Voting Modernization Bond funds, and the advancement of voting technology make this an ideal time to consider converting to a Digital Recording Electronic (DRE) touchscreen voting system to either replace our current system, or be used as an early voting system.

Digital Recording Electronic Touchscreen Voting System

DRE systems are the most state-of-the-art voting equipment available. The system was first certified in California in 1999, and it has the capacity to display a virtually unlimited number of candidates, contests and ballot measures on a screen, similar to an ATM screen.

DRE systems provide some significant advantages. They: 1) are ADA-friendly and allow voters with disabilities (such as blindness) to cast their ballots unassisted; 2) validate under votes (intentionally vs. accidentally skipping) and eliminate over votes (voting for more choices than allowed); 3) allow for speedy election night results; 4) store ballot information in multiple languages; and 5) provide opportunities for voting to be moved throughout the county at convenient central locations during the 29-day early voting period. As importantly, staff believes that approximately \$250,000 in ballot printing costs that are incurred for each major election would be saved. Because of these advantages, Santa Cruz County would certainly benefit from the implementation of a new DRE system integrated with an optical scan system.

Currently, five DRE systems are certified by the Secretary of State for use in California. Four of the five certified systems are touchscreen, where the voter touches the screen to vote. The fifth uses a rotary wheel optical encoder to make the voting choice. Other companies are, or soon will be, seeking certification of their systems.

DRE systems are suitable for precinct voting, but must be complemented with a paper ballot system for the voters who vote by mail either as a permanent or absentee voter (typically about 25% of the voters in our county). An optical scan system, such as our Mark-A-Vote system, is the only available solution for mail voters. There are numerous optical scan systems certified, and they fall under three categories: 1) multiple card system, like the one we have now, in which the measures and races are printed on a number of cards; 2) paper ballot optical scan, in which the races and measures are printed on one or more pieces of paper; and 3) the newly certified Opto-Mark system, that looks similar to the one card punch cards that were decertified, but the voter colors in an oval instead of punching the hole.

The question of the compatibility of our current Mark-a-Vote system with a touchscreen system would be a part of our project evaluation. If it is determined that a single card optical-scan system is preferred, the additional costs, if any, of converting to another optical-scan system would be itemized with any final project proposal.

Voting Modernization Board Application Process

The first step in the process of securing funding to modernize the County's voting systems is to submit an Application for Funding Consideration. This step requires that your Board certify by resolution the approval of the initial Application for Funding Consideration, and appoints the County Clerk or his designee as the agent to act on the County's behalf.

If the Application for Funding Consideration is approved, the next step would be to submit a Project Documentation Form, which describes the County's overall voting system modernization strategy, the expected impact of a state-funded project would have, an estimate of total project costs, project timeline and implementation dates, and the source of matching funds.

Next Steps

At this time, staff estimates that the cost to modernize the County's current voting system to a touchscreen system, combined with an optical scan system for ballots cast by mail, could be in the range of \$3 million to \$3.5 million. Elections staff will work with the County's Purchasing Division to develop a Request for Proposal or similar vehicle to various vendors to gain a more exact understanding of the County's equipment needs and projected costs. Should the Voting Modernization Board determine that the County is eligible for an approximate \$1.7 million grant, funds would have to be identified for the difference, and the match of \$1 for every \$3 of grant funds.

Staff is certainly aware of the financial constraints facing the County at this time, and many questions remain regarding the availability of federal funds, and other funds which could be used to finance the modernization of County voting systems, and costs associated with the County's voting system that would be forgone by modernization. Prior to submitting the Project Documentation Form, which would describe the County's overall strategy, my office would return to your Board with a financing strategy for your consideration. At this time, we are not asking for a commitment of local funding, but the authorization to submit documents to access possible federal and state funds. I do believe, however, that it is prudent to submit the Application for Funding Consideration,

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as a necessary first step to determine the County's eligibility for Proposition **41** funds, by the September 3, 2002 deadline.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

- 1) Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Application for Funding Consideration to the Voting Modernization Board for funds made available by the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition **41**);
- 2) Authorize the County Clerk or his designee, to act as the County's agent in this matter, with the authority to submit and implement any subsequent applications, agreements or other documents necessary to secure state and federal grant funds; and
- 3) Request that the County Clerk, working in collaboration with the Auditor Controller and the County Administrative Officer, return at or before budget hearings to the Board with an update on this effort and recommendations on the feasibility of implementing a voting modernization strategy including financing options for your Board's consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Bedal
County Clerk

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
Duly seconded by Supervisor
The following Resolution is adopted:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS
UNDER THE VOTING MODERNIZATION BOND ACT OF 2002
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
DIGITAL RECORDING ELECTRONIC TOUCHSCREEN VOTING SYSTEM
MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have approved funding for the Voting Modernization Fund; 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, said procedures established by the Voting Modernization Board require the County to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the Voting Modernization Board; and

WHEREAS, the County will enter into an agreement with the Voting Modernization Board for converting to a Digital Recording Electronic (DRE) touchscreen voting system, should funding be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California:

1. Approves the filing of an application for assistance for the Digital Recording Electronic (DRE) Touchscreen Voting System Modernization Project to be funded from the Voting Modernization Act of 2002; and
2. Certifies that the project for which funds are being sought will comply with the Project Eligibility Requirements as set forth in the Voting Modernization Board Funding Application and Procedural Guide; and
3. Certifies the County has reviewed and understands the Funding Application and Procedural Guide; and
4. Appoints the County Clerk or his designee as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 27th day of August 2002, by the following vote:

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AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JANE M. SCOTT, Assistant County Counsel

Voting Modernization Act of 2002

Funding Application and Procedural Guide

Voting Modernization Board

July 17, 2002

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I. VOTING MODERNIZATION FUND PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Voting Modernization Board (VMB) administers a program to fund the acquisition of modern voting systems under the Voting Modernization Act of 2002.

Eligible Entities: California counties*.

Eligible Projects: Purchase of modern voting equipment system hardware, including the software necessary to operate that hardware, in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Modernization Act of 2002. Project eligibility requirements are specified in Section III. "Voting system" is defined as "any voting machine, voting device, or vote tabulating device that does not utilize prescored punch card ballots."

Funds Available: The proceeds from the sale of up to \$200,000,000 in State General Obligation Bonds.

Allocation Amount: Funds will be allocated by the VMB in accordance with the formula specified in Section VI.

County Match Amount: One dollar for every three dollars of fund moneys.

County Match Type: Match is limited to moneys spent for the purchase of modern voting equipment system hardware and the software necessary to operate that hardware.

Application Submittal Deadline: Initial Applications for Funding Consideration must be received by the VMB by 4:00 p.m. on September 3, 2002.

Number of Applications that may be submitted: Each county may submit one initial application and, if necessary, one revision of that application. Applications for expansion of an existing system or components related to a previously approved application will be accepted for review by the VMB.

Agreement: Successful applicants must enter into an Agreement with the VMB. No funds shall be disbursed until there is a fully executed Agreement between the VMB and the County (see Appendix D).

Voting Modernization Board Staff Support

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*For the purpose of this document the term "county" includes "city and county".

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II. INTRODUCTION

The Voting Modernization Board (VMB) is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$200,000,000 in funding as specified in the Voting Modernization Act of 2002. Funds will be appropriated to the Voting Modernization Fund and awarded by the VMB.

III. VOTING MODERNIZATION FUND PROGRAM

Purpose

The purpose of the fund is to provide assistance to counties in the purchase of modern voting systems.

Eligible Entities

All California counties are eligible to apply for VMB funds.

Project Eligibility Requirements

A county is eligible to receive fund money if it meets all of the following requirements:

1. The county has purchased new voting equipment system hardware after January 1, 1999, and is continuing to make payments on that system on March 6, 2002
2. The county matches fund moneys at a ratio of one dollar of county moneys for every three dollars of fund moneys
3. The county has not previously requested fund money for the purchase of a new voting system. Applications for expansion of an existing system or components related to a previously approved application shall be accepted for review by the Board
4. The fund moneys shall be used to purchase modern voting systems certified by the Secretary of State, pursuant to Division 19 of the California Elections Code
5. The fund moneys shall not be used to purchase a voting system that utilizes pre-scored punch card ballots
6. Any voting system purchased using bond funds that does not require a voter to directly mark on the ballot must produce, at the time the voter votes his or her ballot or at the time the polls are closed, a paper version or representation of the voted ballot or of all the ballots cast on a unit of the voting system. (The paper version shall not be provided to the voter but shall be retained by elections officials for use during the one percent manual recount or other recount or contest.)

Funds Available

The total amount of funds available is the proceeds from the sale of \$200,000,000 in State General Obligation Bonds. The Voting Modernization Board will determine the amount of individual awards as specified in Section VI.

In the event not all available funds are allocated, the VMB may at its discretion schedule one or more subsequent funding rounds.

Matching Funds Requirement

A County must contribute one dollar for every three dollars as specified in the Act. Match is limited to moneys spent for the purchase of modern voting equipment system hardware and the software to operate that hardware. The County shall certify to the VMB the source and amount of match funding.

IV. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Application for Funding Consideration

All applicants, regardless of where they are in the process of purchasing a voting system, must complete and sign the **Application for Funding Consideration** certifying that the voting system will comply with the Project Eligibility Requirements as set forth in Section III of this Funding Application and Procedural Guide (see Appendix A). An authorizing resolution or other document from the County's governing body must accompany the Application for Funding Consideration (see Appendix B).

Project Documentation Package

At the time all required project information is available, but no later than a date to be specified by the Board, applicants with an accepted Application for Funding Consideration on file with the VMB must submit the **Project Documentation Package** to be eligible for funding in accordance with the Fund Allocation Process (see Appendix C).

If a county has completed its detailed Project planning, the Application for Funding Consideration and the Project Documentation Package may be submitted concurrently.

The Project Documentation Package shall include the following:

1. Project Documentation Form signed by the person authorized in the authorizing resolution or other document from the governing body
2. One-page Executive Summary of the Project

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3. Summary of the County's overall voting system modernization strategy and the expected impact of the Project on that strategy (maximum 5 pages)
 4. Summary of the Project plan including project objectives, phases, resources, controls, and system implementation activities
 5. Project schedule including key milestones and expected voting equipment system hardware acquisition and installation dates
 6. A detailed line item estimate of all Project costs
 7. A statement of the amount and source of match funds to be provided by the County
 8. A signed vendor agreement detailing the specific costs for the voting equipment system hardware proposed for funding assistance
 9. If a County is under court order to convert to a new voting system prior to March 1, 2004, the Project Documentation Package must include a description of how the proposed voting system meets that requirement. Additionally, the Project Documentation Package must include a contingency plan in the event the plan proposed is not implemented in time for that election
 10. If at the time the Project Documentation Package is submitted to the VMB Federal voting reform legislation has passed, a brief description of how the proposed voting system will meet the requirements of federal law (maximum 3 pages)

The VMB will make final decisions on all applications. Applicants whose applications are denied will be notified by mail as to the reasons for the denial.

Application Submittal Deadlines

The Application for Funding Consideration and the Authorizing Resolution must be received by the VMB not later than 4:00 p.m. on September 3, 2002.

The Project Documentation Package and all required attachments must be received by 4:00 p.m. by a date to be specified by the Board.

Both the Application for Funding Consideration and the Project Documentation Package must be delivered to the following location.

Secretary of State
Division of Elections, 5th Floor
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, Ca 95814
Attention: Debbie Parsons

Proposition 41 Funding Allocations

Enacted by the Voting Modernization Board at the July 17, 2002 Meeting

Counties	25% of Allocation Per Registered Voter (A)	25% of Allocation Per Last 4 Election Cycle Formula (B)	25% of Allocation Per Polling Place Formula (C)	25% of Allocation Per Eligible Voter Formula (D)	Allocation Amount under VMB Combined Allocation Formula	Percentage of Allocated Funds Related to \$195 Million
Alameda ¹	\$ 2,161,944.99	\$ 2,187,970.38	\$ 2,275,524.28	\$ 2,153,921.22	\$ 8,779,360.86	4.502%
Alpine	\$ 2,628.79	\$ 3,355.74	\$ -	\$ 2,130.66	\$ 8,115.19	0.004%
Amador	\$ 60,427.02	\$ 78,164.80	\$ 142,061.72	\$ 54,710.44	\$ 335,363.98	0.172%
Butte	\$ 363,991.39	\$ 394,077.58	\$ 370,375.19	\$ 341,461.41	\$ 1,469,905.57	0.754%
Calaveras	\$ 77,348.25	\$ 94,657.78	\$ 76,104.49	\$ 71,438.41	\$ 319,548.93	0.164%
Colusa	\$ 24,163.15	\$ 29,519.22	\$ 43,125.88	\$ 24,484.49	\$ 121,292.74	0.062%
Contra Costa	\$ 1,527,357.55	\$ 1,709,362.91	\$ 2,014,232.19	\$ 1,485,437.04	\$ 6,736,389.70	3.455%
Del Norte	\$ 37,798.39	\$ 42,582.46	\$ 45,662.69	\$ 38,376.87	\$ 164,420.41	0.084%
El Dorado	\$ 287,293.95	\$ 343,470.66	\$ 202,945.31	\$ 261,965.02	\$ 1,095,674.94	0.562%
Fresno	\$ 1,025,383.52	\$ 1,017,122.28	\$ 1,151,714.63	\$ 1,071,857.22	\$ 4,266,077.65	2.188%
Glenn	\$ 37,016.78	\$ 43,017.65	\$ 63,420.41	\$ 37,513.27	\$ 180,968.11	0.093%
Humboldt	\$ 234,016.34	\$ 267,535.13	\$ 266,365.72	\$ 218,127.76	\$ 986,044.95	0.506%
Imperial	\$ 154,202.01	\$ 148,020.93	\$ 180,113.96	\$ 170,881.44	\$ 653,218.33	0.335%
Inyo	\$ 32,668.43	\$ 39,996.45	\$ 55,809.96	\$ 29,913.15	\$ 158,387.99	0.081%
Kern	\$ 793,220.73	\$ 840,912.88	\$ 867,591.20	\$ 900,141.65	\$ 3,401,866.46	1.745%
Kings	\$ 139,561.83	\$ 130,315.61	\$ 147,135.35	\$ 163,995.32	\$ 581,008.11	0.298%
Lake	\$ 98,955.99	\$ 104,300.16	\$ 114,156.74	\$ 99,907.69	\$ 417,320.58	0.214%
Lassen	\$ 45,710.28	\$ 52,497.20	\$ 68,494.04	\$ 41,094.60	\$ 207,796.11	0.107%
Los Angeles ¹	\$ 13,210,104.79	\$ 11,450,640.08	\$ 12,290,875.27	\$ 12,684,970.14	\$ 49,636,590.28	25.455%
Madera	\$ 130,166.46	\$ 157,353.93	\$ 180,113.96	\$ 174,460.50	\$ 642,094.85	0.329%
Marin	\$ 441,285.40	\$ 563,340.15	\$ 466,774.21	\$ 408,187.43	\$ 1,879,587.19	0.964%
Mariposa	\$ 35,262.12	\$ 42,059.93	\$ 38,052.25	\$ 30,216.88	\$ 145,591.18	0.075%
Mendocino ¹	\$ 146,759.09	\$ 168,266.36	\$ 164,893.06	\$ 140,526.29	\$ 620,444.80	0.318%
Merced	\$ 279,854.23	\$ 240,889.08	\$ 258,755.27	\$ 276,795.79	\$ 1,056,294.37	0.542%
Modoc	\$ 15,820.58	\$ 21,730.12	\$ 22,831.35	\$ 15,932.37	\$ 76,314.42	0.039%
Mono	\$ 18,388.75	\$ 20,748.72	\$ 30,441.80	\$ 22,419.56	\$ 91,998.83	0.047%
Monterey	\$ 481,294.66	\$ 527,497.28	\$ 476,921.48	\$ 505,311.66	\$ 1,991,025.08	1.021%
Napa	\$ 198,888.21	\$ 241,886.78	\$ 248,608.00	\$ 201,728.45	\$ 891,111.44	0.457%
Nevada	\$ 186,025.01	\$ 231,625.66	\$ 284,123.43	\$ 164,657.18	\$ 866,431.28	0.444%
Orange	\$ 4,104,730.75	\$ 4,377,604.56	\$ 4,353,176.87	\$ 3,946,865.07	\$ 16,782,377.26	8.606%

¹ Indicates the 9 counties in which their voting systems were decertified.

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Placer	\$ 475,115.09	\$ 544,207.87	\$ 563,173.23	\$ 433,374.59	\$ 2,015,870.78	1.034%
Plumas	\$ 39,154.26	\$ 52,079.77	\$ 48,199.51	\$ 36,706.34	\$ 176,139.87	0.090%
Riverside	\$ 1,970,601.78	\$ 1,935,545.68	\$ 1,347,049.49	\$ 2,256,281.45	\$ 7,509,478.39	3.851%
Sacramento ¹	\$ 1,908,653.00	\$ 2,039,693.37	\$ 1,874,707.29	\$ 1,898,581.66	\$ 7,721,635.32	3.960%
San Benito	\$ 84,089.30	\$ 77,328.45	\$ 65,957.23	\$ 75,847.07	\$ 303,222.05	0.155%
San Bernardino ¹	\$ 1,981,621.00	\$ 1,927,954.94	\$ 1,671,761.98	\$ 2,413,689.84	\$ 7,995,027.76	4.100%
San Diego ¹	\$ 4,347,903.18	\$ 4,284,310.09	\$ 3,802,687.72	\$ 4,291,245.94	\$ 16,726,146.94	8.578%
San Francisco	\$ 1,403,772.63	\$ 1,384,374.70	\$ 1,646,393.82	\$ 1,307,798.68	\$ 5,742,339.82	2.945%
San Joaquin	\$ 751,855.61	\$ 758,476.07	\$ 966,527.03	\$ 802,548.22	\$ 3,279,406.93	1.682%
San Luis Obispo	\$ 432,205.88	\$ 504,507.46	\$ 334,859.76	\$ 418,616.35	\$ 1,690,189.44	0.867%
San Mateo	\$ 1,060,310.67	\$ 1,146,351.38	\$ 1,288,702.71	\$ 1,074,577.22	\$ 4,569,941.98	2.344%
Santa Barbara	\$ 665,335.32	\$ 696,129.26	\$ 783,876.26	\$ 604,453.23	\$ 2,749,794.06	1.410%
Santa Clara ¹	\$ 2,338,746.91	\$ 2,407,043.48	\$ 2,379,533.75	\$ 2,378,071.50	\$ 9,503,395.64	4.874%
Santa Cruz	\$ 407,025.02	\$ 500,270.98	\$ 385,596.09	\$ 405,435.70	\$ 1,698,327.79	0.871%
Shasta ¹	\$ 264,429.24	\$ 316,177.75	\$ 301,881.15	\$ 274,068.99	\$ 1,156,557.13	0.593%
Sierra	\$ 7,334.45	\$ 10,144.18	\$ 20,294.53	\$ 6,051.99	\$ 43,825.14	0.022%
Siskiyou	\$ 78,391.47	\$ 96,808.59	\$ 119,230.37	\$ 73,816.14	\$ 368,246.57	0.189%
Solano ¹	\$ 547,754.49	\$ 578,595.64	\$ 583,467.76	\$ 587,496.32	\$ 2,297,314.22	1.178%
Sonoma	\$ 738,852.05	\$ 942,452.36	\$ 854,907.11	\$ 733,562.34	\$ 3,269,773.85	1.677%
Stanislaus	\$ 631,215.31	\$ 592,142.92	\$ 545,415.52	\$ 670,039.11	\$ 2,438,812.87	1.251%
Sutter	\$ 117,781.81	\$ 126,711.20	\$ 134,451.27	\$ 118,133.93	\$ 497,078.20	0.255%
Tehama	\$ 84,041.45	\$ 105,676.79	\$ 106,546.29	\$ 90,142.91	\$ 386,407.44	0.198%
Trinity	\$ 24,195.06	\$ 30,601.28	\$ 40,589.06	\$ 22,439.96	\$ 117,825.36	0.060%
Tulare	\$ 391,517.09	\$ 413,449.66	\$ 484,531.92	\$ 478,705.58	\$ 1,768,204.25	0.907%
Tuolumne	\$ 97,214.10	\$ 116,275.41	\$ 114,156.74	\$ 83,079.99	\$ 410,726.23	0.211%
Ventura	\$ 1,228,703.02	\$ 1,220,182.00	\$ 1,009,652.91	\$ 1,117,732.21	\$ 4,576,270.14	2.347%
Yolo	\$ 245,590.66	\$ 293,399.60	\$ 276,512.98	\$ 270,378.87	\$ 1,085,882.12	0.557%
Yuba	\$ 74,320.68	\$ 78,586.67	\$ 98,935.84	\$ 87,694.92	\$ 339,538.10	0.174%
					\$ 195,000,000.00	100.000%

¹ Indicates the 9 counties in which their voting systems were decertified.

APPENDIX A – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION

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Voting Modernization Board

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION

County name and address (including zip code) SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ELECTIONS 701 OCEAN ST RM 210 SANTA CRUZ CA 95060		VMB Use Only: Date Received: _____ Date Reviewed: _____ Board Agenda date: _____
Formula Allocation \$ <u>1,698,328</u> Amount of Funding Request \$ <u>2,250,000</u> Amount of Matching Funds \$ <u>750,000</u> Total Project Cost \$ <u>3,000,000</u>	County Elections Official or other Contact Name <u>Gail L. Pellerin</u> Title <u>Elections Manager</u> Telephone <u>831-454-2419</u> FAX <u>831-454-2445</u> E-mail <u>gail.pellerin@co.santa-cruz.ca.</u> s	
Describe the voting system under consideration (if known) and the anticipated acquisition schedule. <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached</div>		
Attach an Accessibility Plan, describing how your county will use voting equipment purchased with Proposition 41 moneys to provide meaningful voting opportunities for persons with disabilities. <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached</div>		
If at the time this application is signed Federal voting reform legislation has passed, attach a description of how the proposed voting system will meet the requirements of federal law. <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</div>		
If your county is required by federal court order to convert to a new voting system not later than March 1, 2004, describe how the proposed voting system will meet this requirement, and provide a detailed explanation of your back up plan should the conversion process be delayed. <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</div>		
I certify that the Project for which funds are being sought will comply with the Project Eligibility Requirements as set forth in the VMB Funding Application and Procedural Guide. Signed <u>Gail L. Pellerin</u> Date <u>8-19-02</u> County Representative		
Acceptance of an application for review by the VMB in no way obligates the VMB to provide the funds requested in the application.		

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT
Attachment to the Application for Funding Consideration

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Santa Cruz County is looking at the various Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) touchscreen voting systems on the market. Our goal is to provide touchscreen voting for all voters at the polling place, and continue with either our existing Mark-a-Vote optical scan system for our mail ballots, or convert to a different optical scan system that may be more compatible with the touchscreen system. The tentative acquisition date is November 2004.

Accessibility Plan to provide meaningful voting opportunities for persons with disabilities.

The touchscreen voting systems are the only voting systems on the market where a visually impaired voter can vote unassisted. The systems provide headphones for voters to wear that reads the ballot aloud. The headphone system can also support multiple languages.

Touchscreen voting units can be placed on top of a disabled voter voting booth that allows voters who use wheel chairs to easily access the system. Some units also have various devices to assist voters who have physical impairments that do not allow them to control their touchpoints on the screen.

For these reasons, touchscreen voting systems meet the ADA and Secretary of State's standards on disabled voter accessibility.