DEPARTMENT: County Clerk / Elections

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a resolution and authorize the chairman to sign a Standard Agreement with the California Secretary of State’s office, for the reimbursement of $58,984.36 towards the purchase of a new mandated Election Management System and related hardware.

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires each State to create and maintain a centralized voter registration list. The State struggled with a solution to meet the January 1, 2006 deadline. This upgrade represents an agreement between the Secretary of State’s office and the Department of Justice for an interim solution. Our current system will not perform to the new standards and without this agreement we would not be able to coordinate our Voter Registration database with the State under the new HAVA requirements.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has previously approved mandated purchases and upgrades.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Deny the request and conduct the June 6, 2006 Primary with a non-certified and substandard Election Management System risking lawsuit from the State of California, Department of Justice, and citizen groups.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes  (X) No  Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes  ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $
Additional Funding Needed: $
Source: Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue  (X)  4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds  4/5’s vote
Contingency  4/5’s vote
( ) General  ( ) Other

County Administrative Officer:
Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments:

Clerk's Use Only:
Res. No. 303  Ord. No. 
Vote - Ayes 5  Noes: 
Absent: 
Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: 
Deputy

Revised Dec. 2002