DEPARTMENT: County Clerk / Elections

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a resolution and authorize the chairman to sign an Agreement with DFM Associates, in the amount of $58,984.36 for the purchase of a new State 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? [X] Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $3,000
Budgeted In Current FY? ( Y ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $3,000
Additional Funding Needed: $ ( )
Source:
Internal Transfer ( X )
Unanticipated Revenue ___ 4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds ___ 4/5’s vote
Contingency ___ 4/5’s vote
( ) General ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Agreement
Budget Action Form

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No. ___ Ord. No. ___
Vote – Ayes: ___ 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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
[X] Requested Action Recommended
___ No Opinion
Comments: ___

CAO: ___

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