



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Clerk-Recorder-Assessor
Department No.: 062
For Agenda Of: April 21, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Joseph E. Holland, County Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Amendment to the California Voting System Replacement Contract 2018

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a resolution approving, ratifying, and authorizing the County Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor to enter into a Standard Agreement Amendment with the California Secretary of State pursuant to California Elections Code Section 19402 for reimbursement of funds used for voting system and election management system replacement and modernization for the period of April 29, 2015 through June 30, 2022 (Attachment A), in the maximum amount of \$2,232,821.70; and
- b) Determine pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review because the action consists of organizational and administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

Through AB 1824 Voting System Replacement Contract 2018, the California Secretary of State (SOS) allocated \$1,357,500 in funding to the County of Santa Barbara. The Budget Act of 2019 provided additional one-time funding for the replacement and modernization of voting systems and election management systems (EMS). The SOS has allocated an additional \$678,750 for voting system replacements and \$196,571.70 for election management system replacement and modernization to the

County of Santa Barbara. The adoption of this resolution gives the County Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor the authority to enter into an amendment to the reimbursement agreement (Attachment B) with the SOS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 19402 (Attachment C).

Background:

On May 21, 2019, the County Board of Supervisors authorized the County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor to execute an agreement with the California Secretary of State to receive voting system replacement funds in the amount of \$1,357,500 pursuant to Resolution No. 19-148.

The Budget Act of 2019, approved by the Governor on June 27, 2019, provided additional funding, modified the match requirement, and allocated funding for election management system (EMS) replacement. For counties with fifty-one (51) or more precincts, the funding match requirement was modified so that the SOS shall reimburse the county by matching county funds spent on voting system replacement activities on a three-to-one basis as opposed to the original dollar-for-dollar match. Santa Barbara County falls into this category. The amendment increases the funds in the amount of \$678,750 for Voting System replacement and \$196,571.70 for Election Management System replacement. The amendment also extends the contract ending date to June 30, 2022.

Matching funds will come from existing Clerk-Recorder-Assessor General Fund Contribution, Committed Elections Voting Equipment fund balance, and/or federal HAVA Grant funds with the goal of minimizing any General Fund impact.

Performance Measure:N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			\$ 875,321.70
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 875,321.70

Narrative: The Secretary of State is required to match county funds on eligible purchases on a three-to-one basis. County funds will come from existing Clerk-Recorder-Assessor General Fund Contribution, Committed Elections Voting Equipment fund balance, and/or federal HAVA Grant funds.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the minute order and fully executed Resolution to the Santa Barbara County Elections Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Approving, Ratifying, and Authorizing the County Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor to Enter into a Standard Agreement Amendment with the Secretary of State, Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 19402, for Reimbursement of Funds Used for Voting System and Election Management System Replacement and Modernization

Attachment B: Standard Agreement Amendment

Attachment C: Elections Code Section 19402

Attachment D: Resolution No. 19-148

Attachment E: Voting System Replacement Agreement

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