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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: John Tuteur - Registrar of Voters
Elections
REPORT BY: John Tuteur, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, 253-4459
SUBJECT: Assessor-Recorder -County Clerk Requests Approval of Voting System Reimbursement
Resolution and Contract with the California Secretary of State

RECOMMENDATION

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests the following:

1. Adoption of a resolution approving an application for funds under the Help America Vote Act of 2002; and
2. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with the California Secretary of State for a maximum of \$891,112 for the term December 19, 2005 through June 30, 2007 for reimbursement of county funds used for the purchase of Help America Vote Act of 2002 compliant voting system.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Napa County Elections Division purchased and implemented a new Help America Voting Act (HAVA) of 2002 compliant voting system with the initial pilot project in March and November 2002. Full implementation at all polling places occurred in March 2004. The cost of the system to date is \$1,715,261. Napa County has received \$891,111 from California Voting Modernization Bond Act funds and \$360,721 in HAVA Title I punch card buyout funds. This resolution authorizes the filing and execution of applications and contracts for reimbursement of the \$463,429 of County funds committed to date from our HAVA voting system compliance \$891,111.44 allocation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	\$84,000 of the requested amount of \$463,429 is budgeted in the Elections' budget. \$84,000 represents this fiscal year debt payment. Revenues will be adjusted to show receipt of entire amount.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Receipt of reimbursement of \$463,429 will repay the General Fund for county funds committed for voting modernization.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County will not receive available Federal funds to reimburse county funds already obligated and spent.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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Napa County still has to purchase a voter-verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) system to comply with California requirements. At a future date we hope to receive almost full reimbursement for these VVPAT costs from federal funds that will be available after the entire State of California is HAVA compliant. The cost of the VVPAT should be less than the balance of our HAVA allocation of \$427,682.44 which is not available at this time for VVPAT reimbursement pending California achievement of full HAVA compliance.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . HAVA Resolution
- B . Exhibit A-Contract

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman