



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: Registrar of Voters requests approval of agreement for voter registration database upgrade

RECOMMENDATION

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Tehama and Inyo Counties to provide upgrades to each county's voter registration databases to link with the official, uniform statewide voter registration database as mandated by the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) mandates that all states have an official, uniform statewide voter registration database. California has chosen to upgrade the existing county voter registration databases to link to the new statewide database. Napa, Inyo and Tehama Counties use Sequoia Voting Systems as their voter registration/election management vendor.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	All costs will be covered by Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds passed through the Secretary of State to Tehama County on behalf of Tehama, Napa and Inyo Counties.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Once upgraded, there should not be any future fiscal impact as our regular maintenance contract with the vendor will cover ongoing adjustments to the voter registration database if required.

Consequences if not approved: Napa County and the State of California will not be in compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) which could result in punitive Federal enforcement action and potential disruption of ongoing county election activities with resultant high costs to the county and the State.

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

Tehama is the lead county to receive state funding for the upgrades to the three local databases. This agreement authorizes Tehama to act on behalf of Napa and Inyo in carrying out the terms of the master contract with the State of California. The deadline for implementation of the upgraded system is January 1, 2006.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Lynn Perez