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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 ex officio Registrar of Voters Requests Approval of Three Resolutions authorizing Revenue Agreements with the California Secretary of State.

RECOMMENDATION

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk ex-officio Registrar of Voters requests adoption of the following resolutions providing approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign revenue agreements with the California Secretary of State for the term of February 26, 2019 through June 30, 2021:

1. A resolution approving a revenue agreement in the amount of \$499,500 for voting system replacement reimbursement as appropriated by Assembly Bill 1824, Chapter 38 (Stats. 2018) pursuant to California Elections Code sections 19400 and 19402;
2. A resolution approving a revenue agreement in the amount of \$25,000 to use federal funds under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) for improved voter accessibility; and
3. A resolution approving a revenue agreement in the amount of \$25,000 for the use of federal funds as approved by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to improve cyber security and infrastructure related to the statewide voter registration system (VoteCal).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County is eligible to enter into three revenue agreements with the California Secretary of State related to voting system replacement in the amount of \$499,500; improving cyber security and infrastructure improvement related to VoteCal (the statewide voter registration system) in the amount of \$25,000 and improving vote center accessibility in the amount of \$25,000. Each agreement requires a resolution authorizing the application for the funds.

One half of our cost of leasing the Dominion Imagecast Voting System in September 2015 is eligible for reimbursement under the first agreement.

The Election Division and Information Technology Services will use the cybersecurity and infrastructure agreement to upgrade our current election servers and improve connectivity to the statewide voter registration system (VOTECAL).

The Election Division will use the accessibility funding to offset staff salaries for attending a required workshop and for purchasing accessible voting booths and other materials.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The \$549,500 provided by the three agreements will reimburse the county for funds either already expended for lease of an upgraded voting system or budgeted in the 2018-2019 budget.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The Board of Supervisors approved the lease of an upgraded voting system in September 2015. The funds from one of these contracts will reimburse one-half of the lifetime expense of that leased system. The cyber security, infrastructure and accessibility funds will be used to offset county expenditures required to maintain cyber security, connectivity with the statewide voter registration system and the accessibility of our vote centers.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	There is no commitment for additional programs beyond the grant funding.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County will not receive reimbursement for costs of upgrading our voting system, increasing cyber security and connectivity and meeting mandates for accessible vote centers.
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Napa County is eligible to enter into three revenue agreements with the California Secretary of State related to voting system replacement in the amount of \$499,500; improving cyber security and infrastructure improvement related to VoteCal (the statewide voter registration system) in the amount of \$25,000 and improving vote center accessibility in the amount of \$25,000, for a total of \$549,500. Each agreement requires a resolution authorizing the application for the funds which provide the following:

1. One half of our cost of leasing the Dominion Imagecast Voting System in September 2015 which is eligible for reimbursement under the first agreement;
2. The Election Division and Information Technology Services will use the cybersecurity and infrastructure agreement to upgrade our current election servers and improve connectivity with the statewide voter registration system (VOTECAL); and
3. The Election Division will use the accessibility funding to offset staff salaries for attending a required workshop and for purchasing accessible voting booths and other materials.

The voting system replacement legislation which included funds in the budget was Governor Brown's answer to a request for a bond issue to meet the crisis in aging voting systems. Napa County had been active in the bond issue process and also made sure that certified systems purchased after April 29, 2015 were eligible for the funding. The Dominion Imagecast system was upgraded in September 2015 and further enhanced in 2017 to accommodate our Voter's Choice Act implementation. The system is extremely secure, accurate, accessible and voter friendly.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Voter System Replacement Resolution
- B . Voter System Replacement Contract
- C . Accessibility Resolution
- D . Accessibility Contract
- E . Cybersecurity Resolution
- F . Cyber Security Contract

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi