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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** BELLE ALTMAN for John Tuteur - Registrar of Voters  
Elections  
**REPORT BY:** John Tuteur, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, 253-4459  
**SUBJECT:** Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests approval for the Chair to sign a purchase agreement with Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc. for purchasing election hardware

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a purchase agreement with Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc. for a maximum of \$405,938 for purchasing election hardware to meet the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) requirement under California election law.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Today's action approves a purchase agreement with the Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc. for purchasing election hardware to meet the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) requirement under the California election law. Napa County has an allocated amount of Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds which may be available to reimburse the initial cost of this system within the next 18 to 24 months. For this Fiscal Year, funding for this contract will need to come from the County General Fund of which \$375,000 is budgeted.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Primary-General Elections budgeted \$375,000 which covers the majority of the initial cost of the system which is \$405,937.50. Napa County has an allocated amount of Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds which may be available to reimburse the initial cost of this system within the next 18 to 24 months. For this Fiscal Year, funding of approximately \$31,000 not yet budgeted for this contract will need to come from the County General Fund.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory

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Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	This contract is a onetime purchase of the VVPAT. There is a good chance that the initial outlay for the VVPAT may be reimbursed from Federal HAVA funds allocated for use by Napa County. These funds are already held by the Secretary of State but not yet authorized for disbursement for this purpose pending full Federal certification of all voting systems in use in California.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County will be in violation of California election law requiring a VVPAT for all elections using touchscreen equipment after January 1, 2006.
Additional Information:	None

### **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**

California election law requires a Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) for all touchscreen voting systems effective January 1, 2006. The vendor for our touchscreen system, Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc., has a Federal and State certified VVPAT hardware available as an upgrade to the existing Sequoia touchscreen voting system. The VVPAT equipment will be installed, tested and ready for use at our early voting locations beginning May 8, 2006 and at our 99 polling places for the June 6, 2006 Statewide Primary Election. This VVPAT is currently installed in a number of California counties and throughout the State of Nevada.

There will be no additional cost to the software upgrade since that is already covered by the existing contract with Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc. (Agreement No. 6017) for the touchscreen system. The purchase cost includes installation of the equipment at County's delivery site, training of County personnel on the operation, and warranty of one year from the date of acceptance of the equipment. The County has an option to purchase an extended warranty at an additional cost but the Staff will come back to the Board with an amendment to the contract if such purchase is necessary.

The total purchase cost of \$405,937.50 includes \$375,000 for the equipment, \$29,062.50 for the 7.75% sales tax and \$1,875 for the freight charge.

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### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman