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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 Amendment to Voting System
Reimbursement Contract with Secretary of State

RECOMMENDATION

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Revenue Agreement No. 6585 with California Secretary of State amending the Scope of Work to include the following:

1. Use of funds for the reasonable cost of storage and warehousing, cell phones, forklifts, and/or retrofitting a voting system with an accessible voter-verified paper audit trail, up to maximum of \$52,996; and
2. Use of funds for the reasonable cost of absentee voting system equipment upgrades and the reasonable cost of services, training and initial implementation of any new absentee voting system process or procedural changes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6585 with California Secretary of State for reimbursement of Napa County expenditures to comply with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The Secretary of State has released additional funds of \$52,995.10, which augment the \$463,429 that was already released, of the County's \$891,111.44 allocation of Federal HAVA 301 funds which can be applied to our recent purchase of Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) for our touchscreen machines.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? No

What is the revenue source?	Help America Vote Act (HAVA) discretionary funds
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	These funds will reduce the already budgeted outlay of County general funds for the purchase of state-mandated voter-verified paper audit trails for our HAVA compliant touchscreen voting system.
Consequences if not approved:	These Federal funds will not be available to reimburse the general fund for expenditures already budgeted.
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

On January 31, 2006 the Board approved Agreement 6585 with the California Secretary of State to enable Napa County to apply for Federal funds to reimburse the county share of purchasing and deploying a HAVA compliant voting system for Napa County voters. At that time, the County applied for the reimbursement of \$463,429 of the County's \$891,111.44 allocation of Federal HAVA 301 funds.

The Secretary of State has worked with the Federal Elections Administration Commission (EAC) to release additional discretionary funds in the amount of \$52,995.10 for purposes related to the deployment of a HAVA compliant voting system. Today's action will amend the Scope of Work so that these funds may be used to reduce the county share of the acquisition of VVPAT which is currently 100%.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman