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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 and authorization for Chair to sign agreements for voter registration database upgrade

RECOMMENDATION

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements:

1. Agreement with Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc. for a maximum of \$84,975 for the term July 25, 2006 through December 31, 2006 for enhancements to the Integrity Voter Registration Systems for Napa, Tehama and Inyo Counties to link with the official, uniform statewide voter registration database as mandated by the Federal Help America Vote Act Section 303 (HAVA 303); and
2. Agreement with Tehama and Inyo Counties for the term August 15, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for joint participation in the implementation of the enhancements to the Integrity Voter Registration Systems.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 section 303 (HAVA 303) required each state to have a statewide voter registration database and provided funds for states and local entities to implement these databases. The Board on June 13, 2006 authorized the Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk as ex-officio Registrar of Voters to enter into contract no. 05GR303017 with the Secretary of State to receive \$84,975 for upgrades to the Integrity voter registration system used by Napa, Tehama and Inyo counties to integrate with the new statewide voter registration database. The Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk is now asking the Board to approve and authorize the chairman to sign a) an agreement with Sequoia Voting Systems to perform the needed enhancements for a cost not to exceed \$84,975 and b) a cooperative agreement with Tehama and Inyo Counties for joint implementation of the enhancements.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	Help America Vote Act of 2002 section 303 funding for implementation of a statewide voter registration database. Adjustment will have to be made to the Primary General Election's FY 06-07 budget increasing the appropriation by \$84,975 with an offsetting increase to the revenue from the State. There will be no increase to the net county cost.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	These enhancements will fully integrate Napa County's voter registration system (as well as Tehama and Inyo who share the same vendor) with the Federally mandated statewide voter registration database. These are one time expenditures offset by one-time revenues to achieve integration.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County, Tehama County and Inyo 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

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The cooperative agreement authorizes the Napa County, as the the "Lead County," to receive and expend funds with Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc. who supports the voter registration systems for all three counties. The three counties will share in the benefits of the development, installation and use of the system upgrades performed under the Statewide Voter Registration Compliance Contract. Tehama and Inyo County Boards of Supervisors will execute the agreement after Napa.

Adjustment to the Primary General Election's Fiscal Year 2006-07 budget will be made at a later date increasing the appropriation by \$84,975 to pay for the contract with Sequoia Voting System, Inc. with an offsetting revenue from

the State from the HAVA 303 fund. There will be no increase to the net county cost.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman