



**Registrar of Voters
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER
District One
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District Two
AMY SHUKLIAN
District Three
EDDIE VALERO
District Four
DENNIS TOWNSEND
District Five

AGENDA DATE: May 7, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Stephanie Hill		PHONE: 559-624-7307		

SUBJECT: Agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Waive the formal competitive bidding process for the sole-source purchase of a new voting system.
2. Approve an agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,049,012 for the purchase of the Democracy Suite 5.2 Voting System.
3. Approve shipping costs in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.
4. Authorize the Chairman to sign four copies of the Agreement.
5. Approve the budget adjustment in the amount of \$106,012 per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

SUMMARY:

The Secretary of State has been advocating for additional and ongoing funding for California election modernization and administration. On January 29, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the State of California, Secretary of State in the amount of \$958,000 for the reimbursement of funds for the replacement of a new voting system with a dollar-for-dollar County match. The total cost of the voting system including equipment, licenses, warranties, shipping and sales tax is \$1,064,012. Therefore, we are requesting approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$106,012 to cover the additional cost.

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Some older voting systems are at or near their life expectancy, with some voting system vendors no longer providing replacement parts or tech support. For that reason, on February 27, 2019 the California Secretary of State released a Memorandum withdrawing the certification and conditional approval of all voting systems not tested and certified to the California Voting System Standards. Additionally, the Memorandum stated that after February 28, 2020, the voting system we are currently using may no longer be used, except for those jurisdictions that have received a Conditional Approval for Extension of Use by the Secretary of State.

The Registrar of Voter's Department is requesting the Board to waive the competitive bid process and authorize the sole-source purchase of the Democracy Suite 5.2 Voting System from Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. Currently, there are only two (2) voting systems that have been tested and certified to the California Voting System Standards by the California Secretary of State. Over the past 13 years, Tulare County has worked with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. and their customer service and dedication has proven to be unparalleled. In addition, thirty-one (31) of the fifty-eight (58) counties in California are under contract with Dominion.

As the Secretary of State continues to strongly encourage counties to adopt the Vote Center Model, the Dominion Democracy Suite 5.2 Voting System will allow us the flexibility to easily transition when the time comes. The Democracy Suite 5.2 Voting System also increases functionality, system security and greatly improves the efficiency of adjudication and tabulation.

The adjudication process is one of the more time consuming tasks during the canvass period of an election. Dominion's ImageCast adjudication function will help to alleviate this process by enabling easy, on-screen adjudication of voter intent issues. The Dominion ImageCast adjudication application examines such voter exceptions as overvotes, undervotes, blank contests, blank ballots, write-in selections, and marginal marks. ImageCast's AuditMark technology offers next level transparency by producing a transparent, easy to read chain of custody and activity log for all adjudication decisions.

Dominion's 821D HiPro scanner has the ability to scan approximately 12,000 ballots per hour. It is equipped with two input/output trays, which allows the operator to continually load and tabulate ballots. The scanner is designed to detect a double feed ballot error, which will divert ballots to a separate output tray so they can be processed at a later time while still allowing the operator to continue tabulation without interruption.

The OKI C931e Mobile Ballot Printers will enable printing precinct specific ballots on demand. They print at a speed of approximately 1,500 ballots per hour. The printers have been designed for high quality, duplex printing.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Tulare County approved an agreement with the Secretary of State for reimbursement funding in the amount of \$958,000 to be used for replacing our current voting system. Use of this funding does require a dollar-for-dollar County match. The attached AUD 308 will cover the remaining costs related to the cost of the equipment, licenses, warranties, shipping and sales tax in an amount not to exceed \$106,012. Money is available in the Elections Fund to meet the required County Match. There will be no net County cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Five-year Strategic Plan includes the Organization Performance Initiative to provide state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure to support better service delivery. Approving the request to purchase the Dominion Democracy Suite 5.2 Voting System helps fulfill this initiative by ensuring that we are improving the functionality, system security and efficiency of conducting elections.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Michelle Baldwin
Registrar of Voters

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement
AUD 308

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)
WITH DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS, INC.) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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AUD-308 - Budget Adjustment Form

8:53 AM

04/25/19				10/19		2018	
Date		Document ID Number		Accounting Period		Budget Fiscal Year	
				Registrar of Voters		Chantele Tactacan	
				Agency Name		624-7310	
				Contact Person		Phone	
						Extension	

Action** A,C,D	Fund	Dept	Appr #				LEVEL 1 Finish Here	Current Amount	Revised Amount	Inc / Dec Amt
A	001	088	088CAP						1,064,012	1,064,012
C	001	008	088SSUP					1,889,198	1,026,198	(863,000)
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Appropriations Total							<i>Need Not Equal Zero</i>	1,889,198	2,090,210	201,012

Action** A,C,D	Fund	Dept	Appr #	Unit	Object	Rev	LEVEL 2 Start Here	Current Amt	Revised Amount	Inc / Dec Amt
C	001	088	088SSUP	2550	7088			1,013,000	55,000	(958,000)
A	001	088	088CAP	2550	8306				1,064,012	1,064,012
C	001	088		2550		9200			106,012	(106,012)
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Line Total							<i>Must Equal Zero</i>	\$ 1,013,000	\$ 1,225,024	\$ -

Reason for Adjustment (To Avoid Correspondence, State Reason in Detail)

For the purchase of new voting equipment. \$106,012 will be transferred from the Election Fund (533) to cover expenses.

Michelle Baldwin
Affected Dept Head Signature

Other Affected Dept Head Signature

Checked By: _____
 County Executive Office Action: No. _____ Date: _____
 () Approved () Disapproved

By: _____
 Board of Supervisors Action: No. _____ Date: _____

Entered By: _____
 Date: _____
 Distribution: 1: BOS/CAO/Auditor

** Action Codes: A=Add, C=Change, D=Deactivate
 * Whenever a 93XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 94XX account budget must be adjusted in the billing agency, except for ISFs
 * Whenever a 95XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 96XX account budget must be adjusted in the billing agency, and vice versa
 * Whenever a 97XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 98XX account budget must be adjusted in the billing agency, and vice versa