



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

AGENDA DATE: September 15, 2020 - **REVISED**

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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" 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: Michelle Baldwin PHONE: 624-7300				

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with the State of California, Secretary of State.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the State of California, Secretary of State, for reimbursement of costs associated with the November 3, 2020 General Election related to COVID-19 Pandemic in an amount not to exceed \$687,105, retroactive from August 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This agreement is retroactive due to the delay in receiving a written agreement from the Secretary of State.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of August 15, 2020 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign four (4) copies of the Agreement.

SUMMARY:

The State of California, Secretary of State has allocated state and federal funding to each County with state requirements put in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19 for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Tulare County will receive funding in the amount of \$687,105. There is no County match required to receive the funding.

The Secretary of State has issued guidelines that incorporate the passage of legislation to ensure that the November 3, 2020 General Election is secure and safe for voters and election workers. As a result, we will experience increased costs related to all aspects of voting by mail, equipment needs, processing increased vote

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by mail ballots and meeting in-person voting requirements, and various other expenses as needed.

A portion of the funding in the amount of \$106,340 is allocated for outreach and communication. A flyer with information regarding changes for the upcoming November 3, 2020 General Election has been prepared and is scheduled to be sent out in the mail on Wednesday, September 2nd to each registered voter.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate. First, the contract require the County unilaterally indemnify the state. Second, the contract require the County to continue performing its responsibilities under the contract even if the County has a dispute with the state about the contract.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Tulare County was notified by the Secretary of State on July 27, 2020 that we have been allocated \$687,105 in COVID-19 funding, and use of this funding does not require a County match. There will be no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Five-year Strategic Plan includes the Organization Performance Initiative to continuously improve organizational effectiveness and fiscal stability. Approving an agreement with the Secretary of State to accept grant funding helps fulfill this initiative by ensuring that we are able to conduct the November 2020 election in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, which can include increased costs related to all aspects of voting by mail, equipment needs for processing increased vote-by-mail ballots and meeting the in-person voting requirements, permanent and temporary staffing, additional security, specialized training of staff and election workers, cleaning and disinfection, personal protective equipment, and polling locations and election facilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Michelle Baldwin
Registrar of Voters

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE)
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE) Resolution No. _____
OF CALIFORNIA, SECRETARY OF) Agreement No. _____
STATE)

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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