

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder - Elections

BOARD AGENDA # *B-1

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE November 15, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Negotiate an Agreement with the California Secretary of State to Comply with the Requirements of Section 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 by Extending Federal Grant Funding through 2015

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve entering into an agreement with the California Secretary of State to extend reimbursement to the County through 2015 for the expenses associated with complying with the requirements of Section 301 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue in the amount of \$1,364,884.47 as detailed in the Budget Journal Form.
3. Approve the Registrar of Voters to negotiate, award and execute all corresponding contracts in connection with HAVA related activity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The original Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, Section 301 Grant enabled California counties to purchase, lease, or rent and maintain certified voting systems or components of voting systems, provide voter education and poll worker training as well as fund salaries, wages, cost and benefits for staff, consultants, and contractors involved in the process.

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-701

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, De Martini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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FISCAL IMPACT Continued:

The original \$2,438,813 in Federal Grant funding provided for the purchase of voting equipment and election support on a cost reimbursement basis. An unutilized \$1,364,884.47 reflects Stanislaus County's remaining balance from the original grant funding. Payments for purchases under this grant will be received on a cost reimbursement basis. There is no additional contribution required from the General Fund as a condition of approving the continued use of this grant funding.

DISCUSSION:

On October 29, 2002, then President Bush signed the "Help America Vote Act of 2002" (HAVA) into law. The legislation is designed to improve the administration of elections in the United States.

On January 10, 2006, the Board authorized the Registrar of Voters to utilize resources received from a HAVA grant in the amount of \$2,438,813. This grant provides Federal funding to help counties maintain compliance with the requirements of Section 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. That contract was set to end on June 30, 2007.

On October 25, 2007, Stanislaus County entered into a contract with the California Secretary of State extending the use of the HAVA Section 301 funding through December 31, 2010. This contract was again extended through December 31, 2011.

The extended Federal HAVA Section 301 grant will enable counties to utilize unused original grant funds to further purchase, lease or rent additional certified voting systems or components of voting systems, and maintain current equipment through 2015.

In recognition of the lack of new product choices from vendors, the Office of the Secretary of State announced it would enter into new contracts with counties with a new extended deadline of December 31, 2015. That contract reflects Stanislaus County's remaining balance of \$1,364,884.47 from the original grant funding. The approval to expend HAVA Section 301 grant funds will help Stanislaus maintain compliance with the requirements for Section 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of the recommendations is intended to meet the Board's priority of the Efficient Delivery of Public Services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

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