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

DEPT: Elections

BOARD AGENDA: 5.B.7
AGENDA DATE: November 3, 2026

SUBJECT:
Approval of State of California Budgetary Allocation to Counties to Improve Election Efficiencies

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0578**

On motion of Supervisor Grewal **Seconded by Supervisor** C. Condit
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa
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:

ATTEST: **MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**

File No.

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CONSENT: ☑

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: YES

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the Registrar of Voters to expend $541,000 of funding allocated from the State of California through the Budget Act of 2026 to improve election efficiencies.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase estimated revenue and appropriations by $541,000 in the Clerk Recorder – Elections budget, as detailed in the attached budget journal.

DISCUSSION:

In the Budget Act of 2026 (Senate Bill 111), enacted on June 29, 2026, the State of California awarded a cumulative total of $34 million to the 58 counties in California to support local election administration. The funding may be used to increase staffing for ballot tabulation, purchase equipment or technology upgrades, acquire space needed to accommodate staff or equipment that expedites vote counting, and conduct voter education and outreach. Of the total amount, $5 million is specifically designated for voter outreach and education.

Stanislaus County received an allocation of $541,000, of which $461,441 is designated for improving election efficiencies and $79,559 is designated for voter outreach and education. The County received these funds on August 28, 2026, and assigned them to the Clerk Recorder – Elections budget unit. To operationalize these funds, the Registrar of Voters plans to increase the use of extra-help staff, improve the vote by mail process, address spacing limitations at the elections warehouse, and schedule additional outreach events.

POLICY ISSUE:

Board of Supervisors' approval is necessary to authorize the Registrar of Voters to use this allocation for election efficiency purposes and voter outreach and education. In addition, California Government Code Section 29125 states that transfers and revisions to the adopted appropriations must be formally adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a regular or special meeting by a four-fifths vote.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Budget Act of 2026 allocation totals $541,000, including $461,441 to expedite the vote-counting process and $79,559 for voter outreach and education. The Registrar of Voters plans to increase the extra help budget, improve the vote-by-mail process, address spacing limitations at the elections warehouse, and schedule additional outreach events. The attached recommended budget journal will increase both estimated revenue and appropriations by $541,000 in the Clerk Recorder – Elections budget. There are no matching requirements or reimbursement process, as the funds have already been allocated and received by the County.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board's priority of *Delivering Efficient Public Services* by addressing election efficiencies and continuing voter outreach and education.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff within the Clerk-Recorder will complete the necessary responsibilities associated with the expenditure of this allocation.

CONTACT PERSON:

Donna Linder, County Registrar of Voters
Telephone: 209-525-5211

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Budget Journal

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Budget Adjustment Template

Budget Entry Identifier (For department tracking only)	

*SC_FUND[..] (4 char)	*SC_COST CENTER[..] (7 char)	*SC_ACCOUNT[..] (5 char)	*SC_PROJECT[..] (7 char)	*SC_LOCATION[..] (6 char)	*SC_MISC[..] (6 char)	*SC_INTERFUND[..] (4 char)	*SC_FUTURE[..] (5 char)	Increase to Expense, Decrease to Revenue	Decrease to Expense, Increase to Revenue	Net Increase/(Decrease)	Comment
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0100	0020200	66951	0000000	000000	000000	0000	00000	61,441		61,441	Inc. Election Expenses
0100	0020200	65660	0000000	000000	000000	0000	00000	79,559		79,559	Inc. Special Dept. Expense
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Total								541,000	541,000	1,082,000	

Explanation: Increase appropriations and estimated revenue to expend the state budget allocation to counties to improve election efficiency and voter outreach and education included in the 2026 Budget Act.

Requesting Department	CEO	Auditor-Controller's Office
Jeremy Howell	Patrick Cavanah	Thalia Valdivia
Prepared by	Approved By	Approved By
9/29/2026	10/8/2026	10/12/2026
Date	Date	Date