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VSAP Quarterly Report – 2nd Quarter, 2017

The following is the second quarterly update of 2017, detailing project activities and accomplishments during the period of March 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017. This report is provided to inform your Board and the public on the progress of the Voting Systems Assessment Project (VSAP). This report is prepared in response to the motion adopted by your Board on September 7, 2010.

During this quarter, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (Department) continued preparations for the manufacturing and implementation of the future voting experience. The Department intends to pilot the new voting experience in 2018, leading to the full implementation during the 2020 election cycle. The new voting experience includes newly designed Vote by Mail ballots, a new Ballot Marking Device for in person voting, an Interactive Sample Ballot, and a new tally system.

VSAP Request for Information (RFI)

The Department issued a Request for Information (RFI) to identify vendors that may be interested in assisting the County in bringing the VSAP vision to fruition. In addition, the RFI encouraged vendors to provide their input on partnership models that would allow for a successful development and implementation. The RFI was issued on April 24, 2017 and closed on May 26, 2017. In total, 13 responses were received. These responses will be reviewed in preparation for the Request for Proposals (RFP) expected to be released later this year.

RFI Vendor Day

To support the RFI, the Department hosted a Vendor Day on May 10, 2017 at Liberty Community Plaza in Whittier, CA. There were approximately 40 attendees representing more than 20 organizations. Potential RFI respondents were given an opportunity to interact with the ballot marking device and tally system prototypes. Vendors also had the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session

about the vision of the project and expectations of the future voting system. Q&A's are available on the VSAP website.¹

Public Engagement

During this reporting period, the VSAP met with communities, organizations and key stakeholders to present the prototype as well as provide information about the project.

March 3, 2017 - CSUN Assistive Technology Conference

Registrar-Recorder County Clerk, Dean Logan, attended the 32nd Assistive Technology Conference in San Diego, CA, and gave an overview presentation about the project. Conference attendees had the opportunity to interact with the VSAP Ballot Marking Device (BMD) prototype. The event encourages cutting-edge technology for people with disabilities in various settings. It was sponsored by The Center on Disabilities (COD) from California State University, Northridge.

March 29, 2017 – Board of Supervisors

The VSAP team continues to meet with members of the Board of Supervisors at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration to present the prototype and continue to maintain Supervisors and their staff updated on project developments. This quarter we met with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Supervisor Kathryn Barger. We will continue to meet with you and your staff to share project activities and milestones.

May 18, 2017 - The Global Election Technology (GET) Summit

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Dean Logan along with some of the VSAP project staff, attended the GET Summit in San Francisco, CA. Dean presented on two panels and demonstrations of the prototypes were provided to attendees at the multi-day election technology conference.

Recognition

On May 17, 2017, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan and VSAP Administrative Project Manager Monica Flores traveled to Massachusetts to present to the Innovations in American Government Awards National Selection Committee at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Dean and Monica delivered a short presentation on the project and responded to questions from the selection committee. This was the final step in the comprehensive evaluation process, which included an extensive application and a site visit. VSAP is identified as one of four finalists for recognition in innovation and public engagement. In connection with the finalist designation, the project has been awarded a \$10,000 grant.

Media Coverage

May 2, 2017 – County Registrar Named Finalist in Public Engagement Award

<http://scvnews.com/2017/05/02/county-registrar-named-finalist-in-public-engagement-award/>

VSAP Newsletter

Attached to this report is the latest issue of the quarterly newsletter, which is produced to keep the VSAP Advisory Committee, VSAP Technical Advisory Committee and the general public informed on activities and developments in the project.

¹ <http://vsap.lavote.net/request-for-information/>