



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: County Clerk/Elections

Subject: Approve Third Amendment to Dominion Voting Systems, Inc

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

Formal Title: Approve third amendment to agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., increasing the amount by \$93,474.32 for a new total amount of \$2,625,884.79, for upgrades to improve the administration of elections, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Approve amendment No. 3 to the expenditure agreement with Dominion Voting Systems Inc., increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$2,625,884.79 for the enhancement of election technology and to make election security improvements; and
2. Authorize the County Clerk to execute the amendment.

Executive Summary

The County Clerk seeks approval to amend contract No. C4393 with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. (Dominion) to implement upgrades focused on election security.

Discussion

In 2019, the Board approved the original agreement with Dominion for the lease of an auditable, secure paper-based voting system with accessible units that are used at vote centers, satellite offices, and the elections office. The voting system also includes the tabulation equipment and the remote accessible vote-by-mail program used by military and overseas voters, as well as voters with disabilities who wish to vote by mail. Leasing the equipment allows for easier changes in the voting environment such as upgrading, adding, or eliminating equipment if needed.

The County Clerk currently leases a total of 30 mobile ballot printing (MBP) units which allows Santa Cruz County to resource and make available vote centers in numbers above those required by the State. It also allows us to have additional MBPs to address equipment issues without service interruption and be compliant with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and state standards for voting systems.

This agreement is included as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Continuing Agreements List (CAL). The Board has approved two prior amendments to this agreement, which have expanded the number of leased mobile ballot printer units and extended the term of the agreement.

This third amendment includes software upgrades and the replacement of hardware servers and workstations as required by the Secretary of State. The required upgrade will address several critical needs such as additional encryption, enhanced efficiency, improved accuracy, increased accessibility, regulatory compliance and robust election security.

Financial Impact

Software upgrades are included in the current license agreement. The hardware

replacements to our election systems qualify as a reimbursable election cost under grant agreement No. 23G27144. As such, the increase in expenditures of \$93,474.32 between GL keys 214000/74234, 214000/74424, 214000/62381, and 214000/62500 through this contract amendment does not have a financial impact on the General Fund.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Operational Excellence

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.