

The County Of Nevada



CLERK RECORDER-REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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Honorable Board of Supervisors
Eric Rood Administrative Center
950 Maidu Avenue
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DATE OF MEETING: September 27, 2016

SUBJECT: The Clerk-Recorder/Registrar wishes to purchase a Mail Ballot Signature Verification Machine known as (MBV1000) and requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize execution of a contract with Election Systems & Software (ES&S) for the purchase of a MBV 1000.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding, Prop 41 is a 3 to 1 match Grant. Nevada County Election's required 1/4th match is budgeted for fiscal year 16/17. No additional general fund money required.

BACKGROUND: Nevada County Elections office purchased a signature verification machine known as Vote Remote in 2007. Vote Remote is no longer technically supported and is technologically obsolete. The Nevada County Elections desires to purchase a new signature verification system, specifically a MBV 1000 signature verification machine. By purchasing this new system the Elections Office will save approximately 500 staff hours during each election cycle. Pending legislation would require the Elections Office to mail all voters a vote-by-mail ballot, and potentially increase the need for the requested system.

The Mail Ballot Signature Verification System, known as MBV 1000, will cost a total of \$69,969.00. This expense would be funded by one dollar of County funds for every three dollars of Proposition 41 Voting Modernization Board fund money. ES&S will provide a \$7500 credit for trading in the obsolete Vote Remote system. Our Elections Department requests Board of Supervisors' authorization to proceed with this purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Diaz
Nevada County Clerk-Recorder