

Placer County Election Report

June 18, 2019 Town of Loomis Special Election

Election preparation

The election held on June 18, 2019 was a special election for the Town of Loomis.

A total of 1 polling place was established in the Town of Loomis. The Elections Office used staff to cover the staffing needs for the election, a total of 6 poll workers were placed.

Precincts and poll workers

California Elections Code section 12304 establishes a minimum number of poll workers needed to run a precinct at three: one inspector and two clerks. However, Placer County has traditionally set the minimum at a higher threshold than required by law. In Placer County, precinct boards are made up of one Inspector (I), one Judge (J), and three or four Clerks (C), four being required at precincts where there is a large number of registered voters. Therefore, the minimum number of poll workers required to operate this election in Placer County was 5, which is the result of having the minimum of 3 clerks at the precinct (J+I+3C).

Voting equipment

The County deployed one AccuVote OS (optical scan) and one AccuVote TSX (touch screen) voting unit the precinct poll location for the June 18, 2019, Special Election as permitted by the Conditional Recertification for Diebold Election Systems (Premier Elections Solutions, Inc.), now Dominion Voting Systems. As utilized by Placer County, the AccuVote TSX machines are intended for use only by voters with specific needs and supplement the County's main AccuVote OS voting system, which continues to be used as the general precinct and vote by mail voting system in the County.

A portion of the County's previously purchased AccuVote TSX's were prepared for the election in accordance with approved guidelines and requirements, including reinstallation of software and pre-election diagnostic testing, memory card creation and installation, security seal logging and installation, and post-election diagnostics if needed. These same procedures and requirements were also followed for the County's AccuVote OS machines, and in addition, the County's ballot counting (GEMS) servers had all software reinstalled prior to the Election from the approved source media.

Security procedures

The County followed the security procedures set forth in the Secretary of State's Conditional Recertification Requirements, approved guidelines and procedures issued by Premier Election Solutions, Inc., the County's September 28, 2007 Response to the Conditional Recertification, Dominion Voting System's State of California Use Procedures for Premier branded products (submitted October 23, 2008), and the Secretary of State's procedures related to tabulating precinct votes issued. Specifically:

- No additional software developed by Diebold/Premier/ES&S, or other systems modifications, other than that specifically listed in the voting system vendor's certificate, plus Adobe Acrobat software used for ballot layout development, were installed on the County's GEMS servers running GEMS v. 1.18.24.

seal logs by County staff has been completed, and in cases where the integrity of the seal was questioned the Elections Office has recounted the ballot box.

- If it was detected that a seal had been broken prior to unlocking the TSX compartment or OS unit, or if there was a discrepancy between the log and the serial number, the discrepancy was confirmed by one or more of the remaining members of the precinct board, documented, and immediately reported to the County.
- Each AccuVote OS and TSX machine was checked Election Night by Elections staff when received back at the Elections Office in Auburn for intact seals and confirmation of security seal and serial numbers. There were no OS units that had a memory card failure; however, there were two precincts that were recounted by Elections staff as a precaution because of broken seals.
- AccuVote OS and TSX results were not transmitted from poll locations or regional receiving centers by modem per direction from the Secretary of State's Conditional Recertification; instead all voting equipment was brought to the County's Auburn election facility for checking of security seals and central vote tabulation.
- The required minimum one percent (of voting precincts) random manual tally was conducted in accordance with Election Code Section 15360(e). The results of these tallies are included in the Statement of Vote, which this report accompanies.
- Poll workers did not participate in any audits or recounts involving AccuVote TSX AVPM or AccuVote OS audit records for any precinct(s) for which they served as poll workers.
- Any significant, adverse issues relating to voting equipment would have been reported to the Secretary of State's Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment on Election Day, including a complete description of the problem and information on how the issue would have been resolved.
- Each memory card from the precinct AccuVote OS voting equipment used was loaded into GEMS tabulation server, with verification of each card's upload before the next card was loaded.

Vote By Mail ballots

Placer County has historically had a high number of voters choosing to participate via the mail rather than at the polls. For this election, 38.14% of the registered and active voters in the district were part of the Permanent Vote by Mail (PVBM) program. In addition to voters who registered for the PVBM program, the County had 2 Mail Ballot (MB) precincts for this election, which accounted for 339 registered voters who were not assigned a poll location.

Ballots, for both PVBM and MB voters, were sent out on May 20, (E-29) directly from the vendor's printing facility to the West Sacramento Regional Mail Distribution facility; this order accounted for 3,100 ballots. Subsequent requests, of over 100 were mailed directly from our vendors printing facility. Requests of fewer than 100 derived from registration, re-registration, or requests for replacement ballots were handled in-house by printing, assembling, and dispatching ballots on a daily basis.

Placer County issued 3,336 vote by mail ballots, of which 54 returned to the Elections Office, either because the voter mailed it back or because the post office was unable to find the voter

had arrived. In the same process, all seals of the AccuVote unit were verified against the log created prior to dispatching them to ensure integrity of the unit.

Canvassing

A total of 96 ballots were provisionally cast in Placer County; more than 69% of them were qualified to be counted once they were reviewed by the Elections Office. Finally, ballots that were not counted were cast by voters who were determined as not qualified to vote.

Official canvass

The manual-count to machine-count comparison of a randomly-selected one percent of the AccuVote Optical Scan units deployed on Election Day. With 1 polling place precinct and 2 mail ballot precincts, Placer County would need to randomly select 1 precinct to comply with Elections Code Section 15360(e). Using the EIMS One Percent Random Sample Report six sets of precincts were selected. A six-sided die was then used to select the following precinct number on June 20, 2019: 6360401.

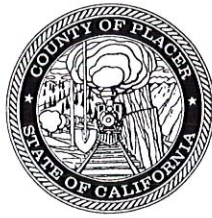
Two pieces of legislation, Assembly Bill 840 and Senate Bill 759, along with a Memorandum from the Secretary of State dated November 13, 2018, mandated a cure period for vote by mail voters who had either failed to sign their vote by mail return envelopes or who had a signature that did not compare with their signature on file with our office. 5 ballots were challenged for having a mismatched or missing signature and the Placer County Elections Office reached out to voters by email, phone and/or mail in order to cure 4 of those, accounting for a greater than 80% cure rate.

Final results were uploaded to our website on July 1, 2019, after all provisional voting envelopes had been reviewed and all qualified ballots were processed.

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COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER-REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF PLACER } ss.

Pursuant to the statewide voter registration list requirements set forth in the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) (Pub. L. No. 107-252 (2002) 116 Stat. 1666, 42 U.S.C. § 15483), I, Ryan Ronco, Registrar of Voters for the County of Placer, State of California, hereby certify that I complied with all provisions of Chapter 2 of Division 7 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations for the state election held on the 18th day of June, 2019 in the County of Placer, State of California.

I hereby set my hand and official seal this **1st day of July, 2019** at the County of Placer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Ronco", is written over a horizontal line.

RYAN RONCO
PLACER COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER-
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CERTIFICATE OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST

I, RYAN RONCO, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters, County of Placer, State of California, do hereby certify that on **June 11, 2019** a Logic and Accuracy test was completed in conjunction with the **June 18, 2019 Special Municipal Election** and the results were satisfactory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal on this **1st day of July, 2019**, in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ronco", is written over a horizontal line.

RYAN RONCO
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CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS OF VOTE

I, RYAN RONCO, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters, County of Placer, State of California, do hereby certify that in pursuance to the provision of Elections Code Section 15300, et seq., I did canvass the results of the votes cast in the **Special Municipal Election** held in said County on **June 18, 2019**, for measures and contests that were submitted to the vote of the voters, and that the Statement of Votes Cast to which this certificate is attached, is full, true and correct.

(See Attached)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and affixed my official seal on this **1st day of July, 2019** in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ronco", is written over a horizontal line.

RYAN RONCO
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Report of 1 percent manual tally count of random precincts per California Election Code Section 15360(e)

I, Ryan Ronco, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters, County of Placer, State of California, do hereby certify that on June 21, 2019, a one percent manual tally was conducted and completed in conjunction with the June 18, 2019 Senate District 1 Special General Election.

The California Elections Code requires each local election official to conduct a manual count of all contests on ballots cast in a randomly-selected one percent of the Election Day voting precincts in order to verify the accuracy of the machine count. This manual tally occurs during the 30-day vote-canvassing period prior to official certification of election results and augments extensive pre-election testing activities to demonstrate the integrity of the vote tabulation system.

This report addresses the manual-count to machine-count comparison of a randomly-selected one percent of the AccuVote Optical Scan units deployed on Election Day. With 1 polling place precinct, Placer County would need to randomly select 1 (one) precinct to comply with Elections Code Section 15360(e). Using the EIMS One Percent Random Sample Report six sets of precincts were selected. A six-sided die was then used to select the following precinct number on June 20, 2019: 6360401.

All of the selected precincts/races showed exact matching tallies between the manual tally and the election summary report.

The entire manual tally was conducted in public view by hand without the use of electronic equipment, no individuals who performed the manual tally at any time during the manual tally process were informed of the corresponding machine tally results, and no poll workers were assigned to participate in the manual tally. Further, tally logs of the manual tally process were kept and have been made available to the public.

An election notice was published in the legal section of the newspaper to comply with the notice requirements. Lastly, the entire manual tally process was completed prior to certification of the General Election.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and affixed my official seal on this 1st day of July, 2019, in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Ronco", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Ryan Ronco
Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters
State of California