MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING:	May 17, 2011 – Consent	Agenda Item:	30
SUBJECT:	Authorize the Registrar of Voters to execute Agreement Number 10G26103 with the Secretary of State's office to receive federal grant funds in the amount of		
	\$245,004 for Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE).		
DEPARTME	NT: Elections		

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Registrar of Voters to execute Agreement Number 10G26103 with the Secretary of State's office to receive federal grant funds in the amount of \$245,004 for Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE).

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

Agreement Number 10G26103 permits the County to be reimbursed in the amount of \$245,004 for expenses incurred to improve access to and participation in the elections process for voters with a full range of disabilities. Funds may be expended in four categories: Assessing Accessibility, Equipment and Activities to Improve Access, Training Materials and Programs (for elections officials, poll workers and volunteers), and Educational and Informational Materials for voters.

The Elections Department plans to expend funds in all four categories, investing more than 900 staff hours assessing the Counties polling places and utilizing mitigation equipment where necessary; production of poll worker video training materials; and developing and implementing an accessible web site.

Copies of the Agreement are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The requested Agreement has been reviewed by County Counsel as to form.

FINANCING:

Increased appropriations and expected revenue are incorporated in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Recommended Budget. It is anticipated that reimbursements by the Secretary of State's Office will be available within approximately 45 days of receiving a County invoice and documentation. There will be no additional cost to the County General Fund associated with this recommendation.

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