



November 3, 2020 General Election Administration Plan under COVID-19

MONTEREY COUNTY ELECTIONS



Background

**April 9,
2020**

Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopts a resolution recommending modification of voting procedures for the 11/3/2020 General Election and approves a letter to the Governor requesting a State Executive Order to conduct the November Election by mail

**May 8,
2020**

Governor Newsom signs Executive Order N-64-20 expanding the use of vote by mail voting to all active voters regardless of vote by mail status

**June 3,
2020**

Governor Newsom signs Executive Order N-67-20 establishing the parameters by which local election officials may provide in-person voting opportunities and ballot tracking requirements

**June 18,
2020**

Assembly Bill 860 is chaptered, codifying the mailing of ballots to all active voters and expanding the time to process and receive vote by mail ballots

**August
6, 2020**

Senate Bill 423 is chaptered, codifying alternative procedures for in-person voting



In-person Voting Options (SB 423)

OPTION 1 POLLING PLACES

84 locations/138 polling place precincts

Ratio: 1 location for every 1,000

- Less permanent vote by mails
- Does not include areas where registration is less than 250 voters

Open Election Day

OPTION 2 SUPER CONSOLIDATIONS

20 locations

Ratio: 1 location for every 10,000

Open October 31 through Election Day

Imposes additional ballot return location requirements and technological requirements



Decision Making Points

Safety

Equitable
Access

Security

Fiscal
Responsibility



November 3, 2020 In-person Voting

Early Voting Centers

October 5 to November 3

- Monterey County Elections office at 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas
- Embassy Suites at 1441 Canyon Del Rey, Seaside

Polling Places

7am to 8pm on November 3, 2020

- Locations across the County

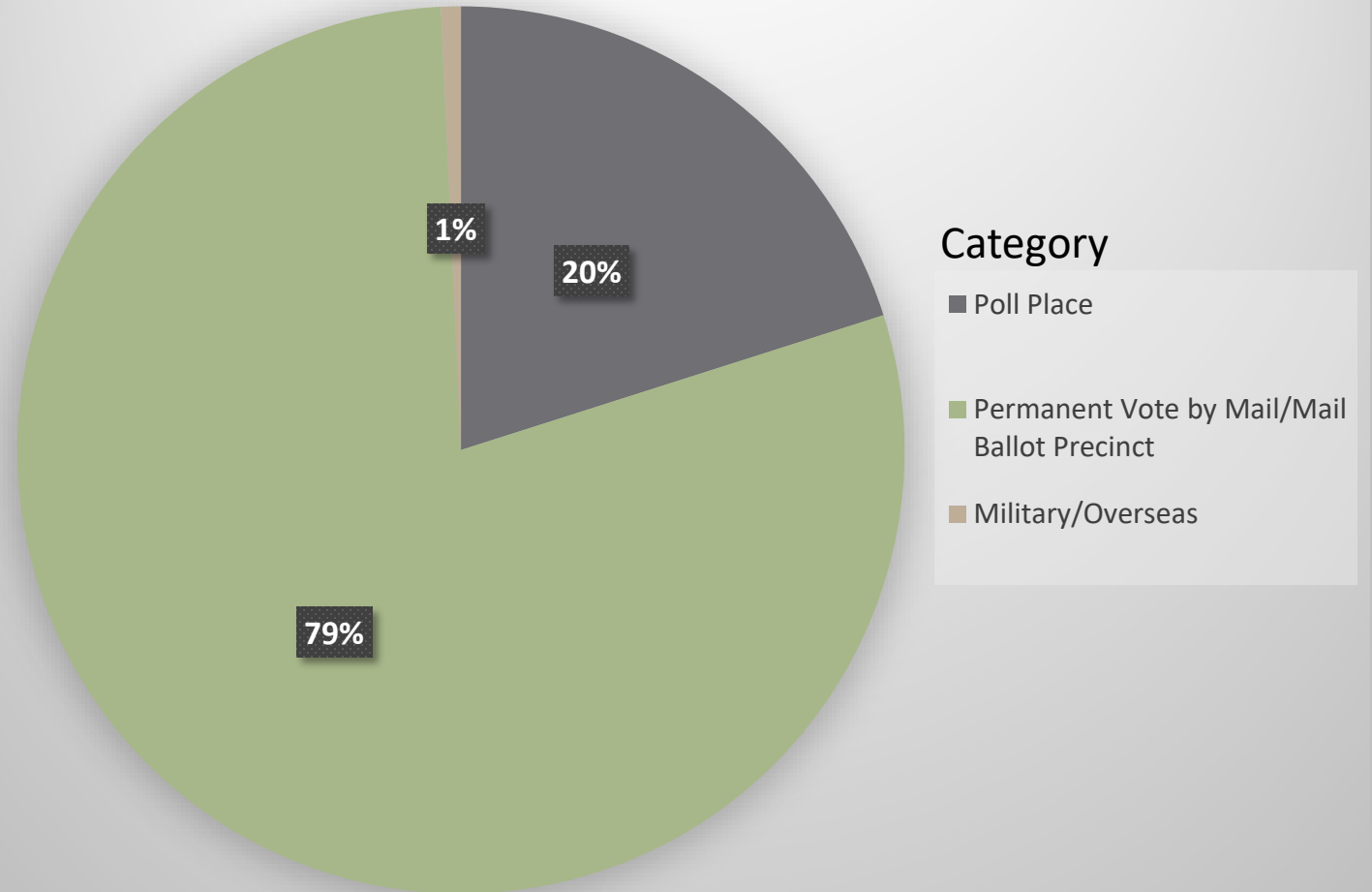


Vote by Mail Voting

Background

- Decades ago, California eliminated the requirement of an approved excuse to vote absentee
- AB 1243 Chaptered 2007 standardized naming convention from absent/absentee to vote by mail

%Registered Voters by Category
199,979 Registered Voters





November 3, 2020 Vote by Mail Plan

All active voters will receive a ballot in the mail

- Ballots will be mailed by October 5, 2020
- Voters should check their status at VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov or call MCE (831) 796-1499
- Voters should register at RegistertoVote.ca.gov if they have had a name/address/signature change

Ballot return options

- Vote by mail packet will include return options
- USPS/postage is paid
- 5 exterior ballot drop off boxes throughout the county
- Expanded access to include select public libraries in Monterey County
- Monterey County Elections office and Embassy Suites, Seaside
- Any voting center, polling place, ballot return box, elections office in the State of California



Potential for USPS Delays in Mailing

- USPS
 - Commitment to prioritizing the processing of vote by mail ballots.
 - Plan in place to ensure proper allocation of resources, based on assessment of historical averages for 2016 and 2018 election mail and projected numbers for 2020.
- Printing and Mailing Vendor
 - Plan in place to receive data extracts early and taper mailing beginning in advance of October 5th
- MCE
 - Provide data extracts earlier, complete ballot production ahead of schedule, mail ballots earlier than October 5th
 - Expand in-person ballot return options between October 5th – November 3rd
 - All polling places open on November 3rd for return services
- Legislation
 - Extends the deadline to receive a ballot postmarked by Election Day from 3 days after the election to 17 days after the election
 - Allows vote by mail ballots to be returned to any vote center/polling place/elections office/ballot return box in the State of California.



Administration

Vote by mail

- Capacity in place to absorb increase in vote by mail ballots
- Extended receipt date via USPS with November 3rd postmark and received by the 20th of November
- Challenges:
 - COVID-19 challenges may necessitate full use of canvass period
 - Safe handling and processing of envelopes and ballots

Polling places

- Challenges:
 - Procurement of locations
 - Pre-and post-election sanitizing requirements
 - Recruitment of poll workers
 - Potential need for emergency relief workers

Funding - State allocation for Monterey County Elections

- General COVID-19 funding: \$619,335
- Outreach and Communication funding: \$113,402



Bilingual public
information and
voter education
campaign

- Broadcast and Cable TV
- Radio Stations
- Print media
- Social media
- Direct mailings



What voters should know

Vote Safe – Vote by Mail

- Check your registration address and status voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Track your ballot wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov
- Multiple ballot return options

In-person assistance

- Begins October 5 through November 3
- Bring your vote by mail ballot
- Please wear a mask and practice social distancing
- Vote curbside



"...I am reaching out to you in hopes of becoming a poll worker. I am aware that the majority of poll workers are those most affected by COVID-19 and I would like to assist in our great country's democracy and keep our elderly in good health."

EMAIL FROM NEW ELECTION VOLUNTEER— MCEPOLLWORKER@CO.MONTEREY.CA.US