



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: 13-0092, **Version:** 1

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- b. Authorize the Registrar of Voters to take any other action necessary to implement the Memorandum of Understanding and the FVAP grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

MOU Agreement 632-M1211 permits the County to be a part of a program to be used in support of the acquisition and implementation of an on-line (via website) system for delivery of unvoted ballots to military and overseas citizens. This is not a voting system, and it cannot be used to return voted ballots, but it is designed to facilitate receipt of materials by these voters.

Pursuant to the MOU, El Dorado County will pay \$150,000 on behalf of Monterey County for a subscription and set up fee from 2012 to 2016 for access to Democracy Live, a LiveBallot Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) eBallotting System including training and support. Additionally \$7,189 would be granted directly to Monterey County for outreach and public awareness regarding the program including brochures, flyers, posters and web banners.

Participation in the Grant program will allow Monterey County to use technology to help effectively deliver overseas ballots and potentially reduce the number of errors, duplication and damaged ballots received. The Monterey County Election Department continues to research ways to encourage voting by using technology as recommend by the Grand Jury.

County employees will be asked to collect data and track UOCAVA ballots, duplications, absentee ballots, and online voter registration.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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

FINANCING:

There will be no impact to the County General Fund associated with this recommendation.

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Approved by: Linda Tulett, Registrar of Voters, 1499

Attachments:

MOU Agreement #632-M1211 -County Of El Dorado

Grant Award - H98210-12-1-0001

Democracy Live, Inc & El Dorado County Contract