



# **Solano County Registrar of Voters Office**

## Purpose:

Update on November 2020 Election Planning

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# November 3, 2020 – Update from ROV

- Finalized Election Plan for conducting the election
- Final ballot status and contents
- Hiring Progress/Projections
- Safety/Security of Ballots
- Contingency Planning
  
- ROV Recommendation:
  - Approve Request for Consolidation of Election
  - Approve Contract for COVID Grant
  - Approve ROV Expenditure Increase for FY20/21 for COVID expenses.

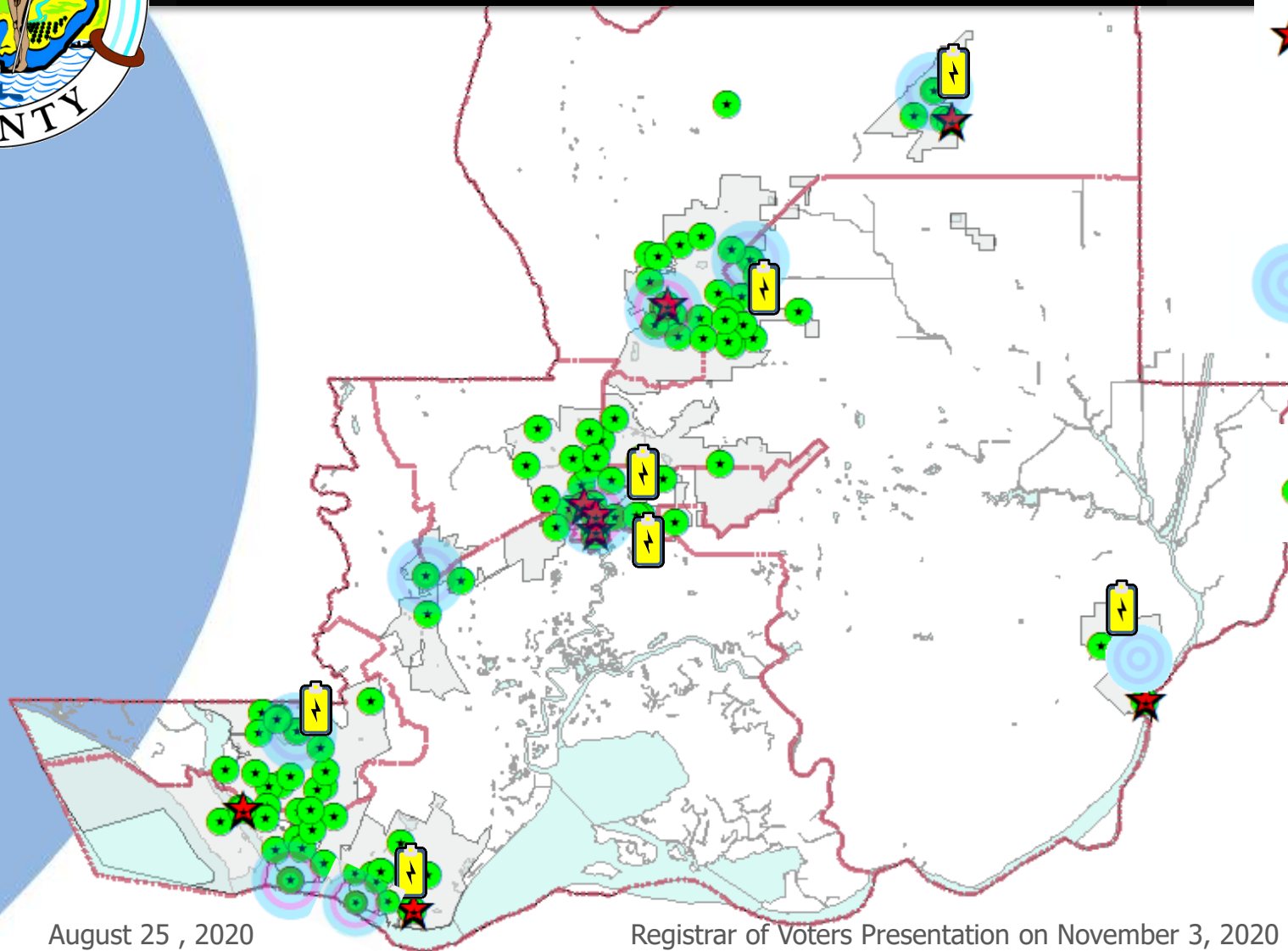


# November 3, 2020 – ROV Plan

- No Contact Voting:
  - 100% of voters will receive vote-by-mail ballots;
- Limited Contact Voting:
  - 15 locations for 30-day ballot drop-off
    - Up from 8 locations in March.
  - 10 locations for 5-day curbside drop-off;
    - Up from 3 locations in March.
- Traditional In-Person Voting:
  - 100 in-person Election Day polling places;
    - Up from 92 locations in March.



# November 3, 2020 – ROV Current Plan



★ 30-day drop off locations  
(3x Fairfield, Vallejo, Vacaville;  
1x Benicia, Dixon, Rio Vista,  
Suisun, Travis, ROV Office )

🎯 5-day drop curbside drop off  
(2x Fairfield, Vallejo, Vacaville;  
1x Benicia, Dixon, Rio Vista,  
Suisun)

● Election Day Poll Places  
6 - Benicia;  
4 - Dixon;  
2 - Rio Vista;  
22 - Fairfield;  
5 - Suisun;  
28 - Vacaville;  
33 - Vallejo



# November 3, 2020 – Ballot Status

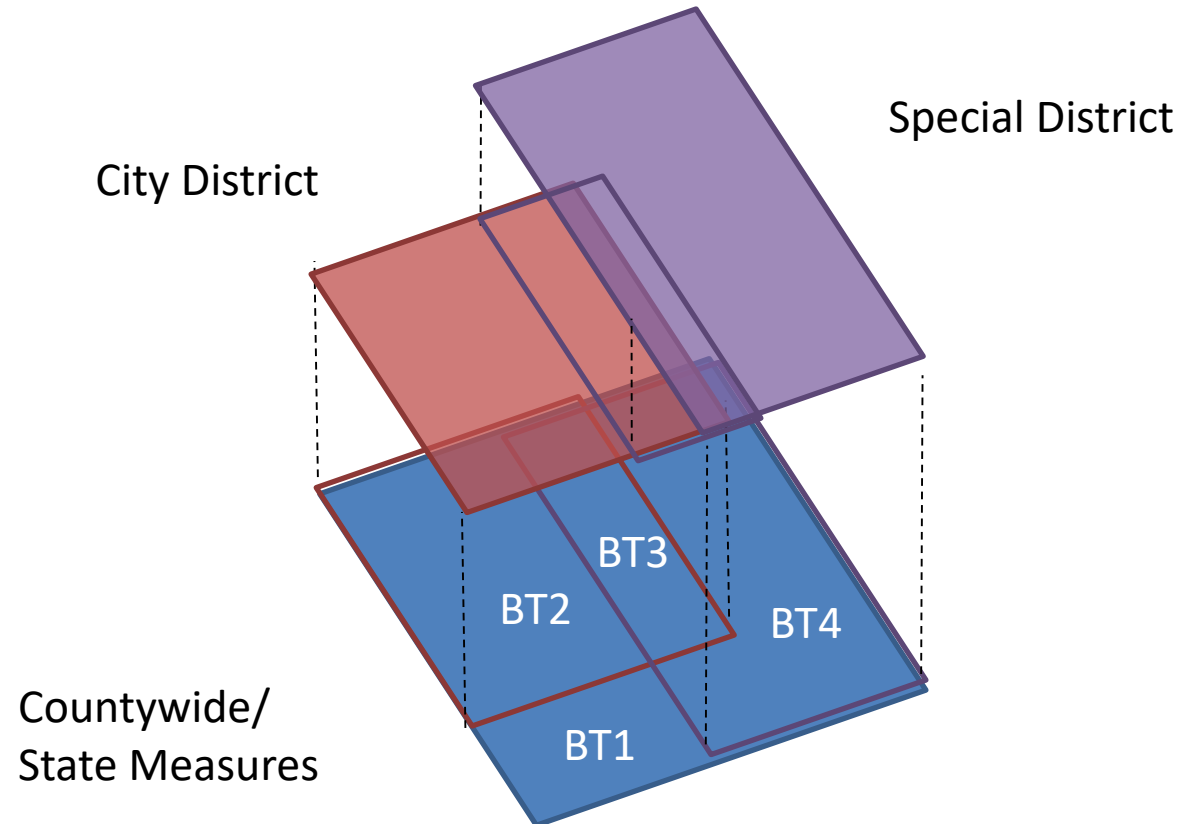
- Recommending consolidation of Districts in Election
- 195 unique ballot types due to local election variation
- 12 Statewide measures on all ballots

	Local Measures/Races	# of Ballot Types
Benicia	Meas. D/ Mayor, Council, Clerk, Treas.	1
Dixon	Meas. S,T/Mayor, Council, Treas.	21
Fairfield (new districts)	Meas. C/Mayor, Council, Clerk, Treas.	53
Rio Vista	Meas. O/ Mayor, Council	4
Suisun City	Meas. Q,R/Council, Clerk, Treas.	8
Vacaville (new districts)	Meas. V/Council/Clerk, Treas.	57
Vallejo (new districts)	Meas. G/Mayor, Council	51
Special Districts	Meas. J,K,W/College, Schools, Water, Fire.	156



# November 3, 2020 – Ballot Status

- Overlay of Districts causes multiple ballot types.





# November 3, 2020 – Hiring Status

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- Office Full-Time Staff
  - One Vacancy
- Office Extra Help Staff
  - Inventory Clerk – Fully Staffed
  - Election Tech – 85% Staffed (expect 100% by Sept. 5)
- Pollworkers (as of July 30)
  - 35 - “Adopted Locations” – Fully Staffed
  - 32 – Non-Adopted Locations – Fully Staffed
  - 33 – Non-Adopted Locations – Partially Staffed
  - Expect 100% staffed by Aug. 29 (1100 pollworkers)





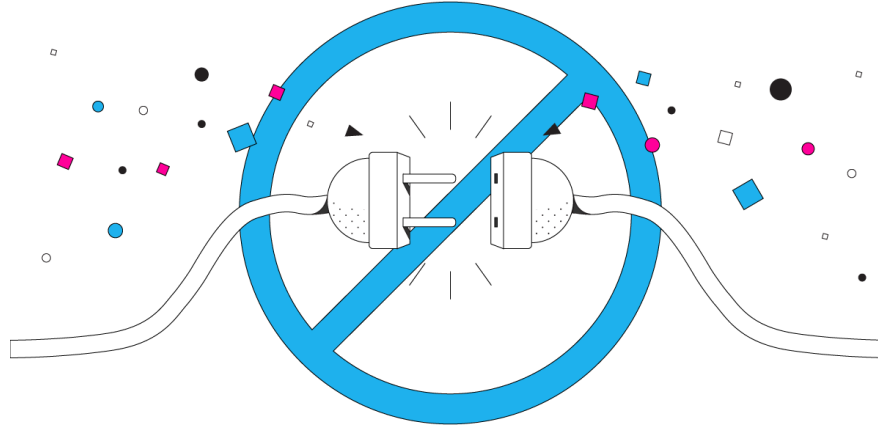
# November 3, 2020 – Contingency Planning

- COVID-19 Polling Site Contingencies
  - Pre-planned locations to move to should any polling place need to close without warning
  - Added new polling sites in case we experience COVID related last minute closures
- PSPS Contingencies
  - 7 with generated power in case of a PSPS even on Nov 3rd
    - **Vallejo** - Solano County Fairground     **Benicia** - Senior Center
    - **Fairfield** - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel     **Dixon** - Moose Lodge
    - **Suisun City** - Kroc Center     **Rio Vista** – Trilogy Club House
    - **Vacaville** - Mission Church
- Backup tabulation site with generated power in case of PSPS





# November 3, 2020 – Election day security

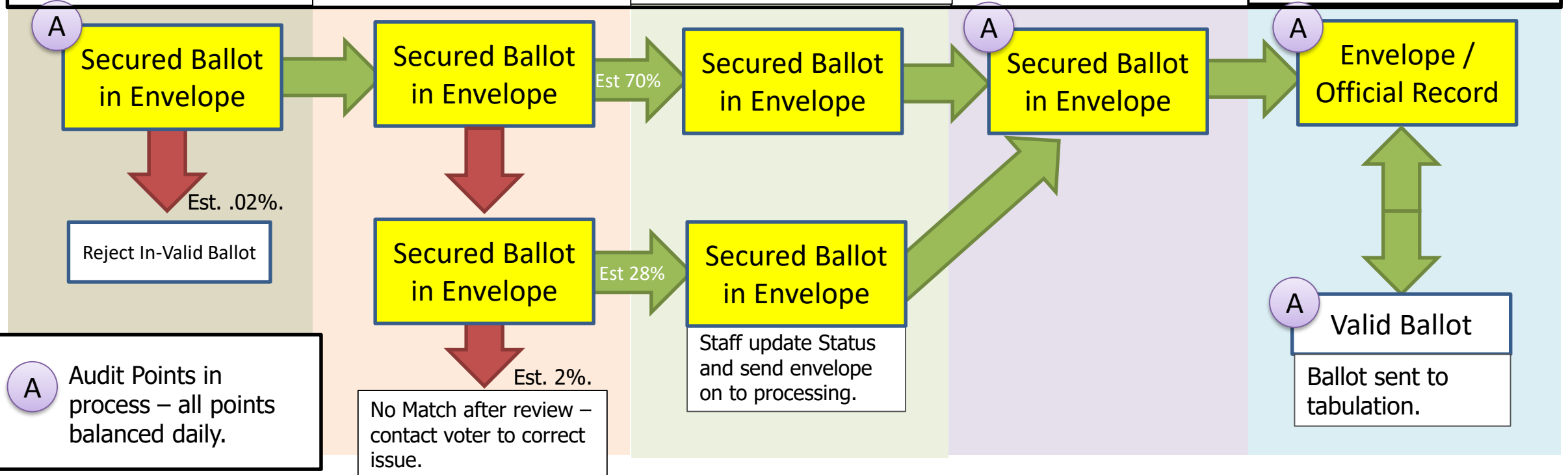


- You must be an active registered voter to vote without producing ID – inactive voters do not receive ballots
- Tabulation computers and polling place equipment not connected to the internet
- Ballot preparation room secured from tabulation room
- Polling place poll books pre-loaded with register – no updates to centralized system until after the election



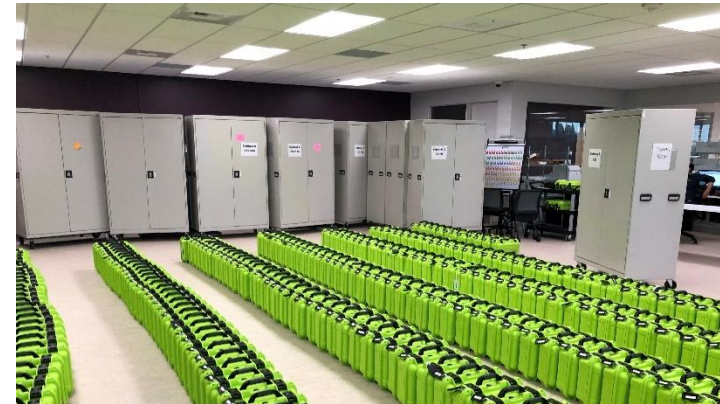
# November 3, 2020 – Ballot security

- Incoming Vote by Mail Ballot Handling Checkpoints:
  - Stage 1 – Valid Envelope - Correct Election, Valid Voter for the election
  - Stage 2 – Valid Signature - Voter Signature must match registration record
  - Stage 3 – Voter Eligibility - Envelope compared to current voter status – voter hasn't moved, hasn't voted in the state, hasn't been issued other ballots.
  - Stage 4 - Valid Envelope contents - one valid ballot submitted per envelope
  - Stage 5 – Final Balance/Tabulate Ballot - Quantity of Envelopes Received/approved balanced to ballots counted.
- Recent history of Invalid Ballots
  - Anticipate return of ~198,000 Vote by Mail Ballots out of ~246,000 eligible
  - March 2020 – 111,578 ballots cast – 4 deemed invalid/not processed
  - Last Presidential election 170,628 cast – 11 deemed invalid/not processed





# November 3, 2020 – Ballot Safety/Security







# November 3, 2020 – Ballot Safety/Security

- Ballot Status Alerts



Tracking your  
ballot - when it is  
mailed, received,  
and counted - has  
never been easier.

**[WHERESMYBALLOT.SOS.CA.GOV](https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov)**



# November 3, 2020 – ROV Plan

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- ROV COVID Grant awarded \$897,948.
- Reimbursable expenses will include:
  - All Pollworkers: face shields/masks/gloves
  - Poll Place Check-in Stations: Additional Sneeze Guards
  - Sanitizing and Cleaning between voters
  - Disposable items (pens, ballot secrecy sleeves, etc.)
  - VBM processing modifications for social distancing
  - Equipment for Staff sanitizing stations
  - Extra Staff/Pollworker hours/quantities.



# Concluding – Board action

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## **Key election metrics:**

- September 28-30 – ballots mailed to active registered voters
- October 20 – first permitted date to process ballots – tabulation results secured until Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Ballots postmarked by November 3<sup>rd</sup> or dropped off before 8pm November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be processed
- Polling Places open from 7am – 8pm

## **Approve ROV recommendation:**

- Approve Request for Consolidation of Election
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- Approve ROV Expenditure Increase for FY20/21 for COVID expenses.





# Questions?

[www.solanocounty.com/elections](http://www.solanocounty.com/elections)

## ROV Website:

- Register to vote
- Verify registration
- Find your polling Place;
- Election details;
- Sample Ballots;
- Maps;
- Candidate information

## Registrar Of Voters

Registered Voters as of 7/27/2020 (updated weekly)

Democrat: 118,456 Republican: 55,578 Other: 72,371 | Total: 246,405 ↑

Voters Requesting to Vote by Mail: 188,038 | 76.31% ↑

REGISTER  
TO VOTE

VERIFY VOTER  
REGISTRATION

MILITARY  
AND OVERSEAS  
CITIZENS

REQUEST TO  
VOTE BY MAIL

DISTRICT  
LOOKUP

LOOK UP  
VOTE BY MAIL  
BALLOT STATUS

SIGN UP  
FOR  
TEXT ALERTS

POLL  
WORKERS

[Did you receive a text or e-mail from "Ballot Trax"?](#)

Our office lobby is currently closed. All of our services are available by phone or email:

(707) 784-6675; or [Elections@solanocounty.com](mailto:Elections@solanocounty.com)

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**November 3, 2020 - Presidential General Election**

[Voting Options for November](#)