

VOTER'S CHOICE ACT & VOTING LANGUAGE & ACCESSIBILITY WORKSHOP



More Days More Ways



Calaveras County
Registrar of Voters

What is the Voter's Choice Act?

Every registered voter will be mailed a ballot on October 5th. Voters have three options to return their mail ballot:

- By mail, **postmarked** no later than Election Day & received within 17 days (for the November, 2020 Election)
- By any ballot drop boxes located in the County, or
- Vote in person at any vote center in the County

About Vote Centers

At a vote center, you can drop off your ballot, vote in person, or request a replacement ballot. You may also register to vote and cast a ballot the same day at any vote center in the county.

Vote centers will have staff who will be trained to support all voters, including those with disabilities and those who may need language assistance.

All vote centers are open the Saturday before Election Day through Election Day at 8 p.m.



Why the Change?





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- More Options
 - Vote centers are open multiple days
 - Return postage paid
 - More locations available for returning ballots directly to the Elections Office
- SB 72 passed requiring Same Day Registration at all voting location
- Power Outages of 2019 impacted many counties ability to get a ballot to all of their voters
- More manageable for a small County
 - Increased security
 - Increased services provided
- Reducing number of individuals working at voting locations allows for better training quality
- Long term - more cost effective



Permanent Vote by Mail Stats

More Voters choosing Permanent Vote by Mail(PVBM)

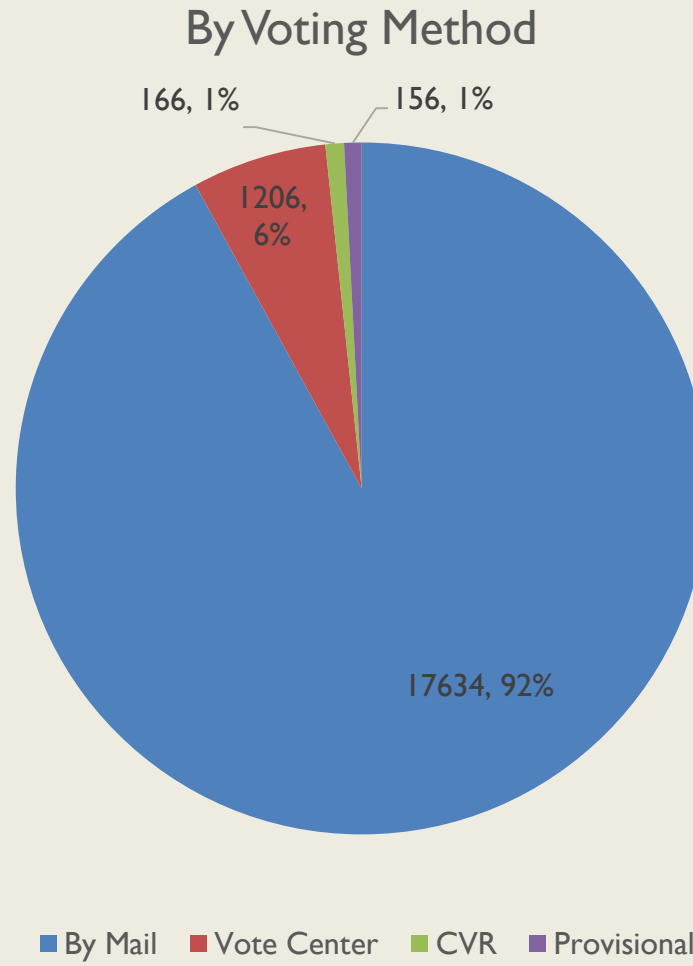
- 11/2008 50% PVBM registration
- 11/2018 74% PVBM registration
- 3/2020 78% PVBM registration



Voting by mail is a growing trend in Calaveras County. In the March 2020 Primary over 92% of ballots cast were vote by mail ballots.



Vote History Breakdown



Ballot Drop-Off Locations

Ballot Drop Box Locations (Open October 5th through November 3rd)

Calaveras County Government Center – 891 Mountain Ranch Road,
San Andreas

Save Mart Supermarket – 260 S. Main Street, Angels Camp

Sender's Market – 72 S. Hwy 26, Valley Springs

Payless Market – 3505 Spangler Lane, Copperopolis

West Point Lumber – 22471 Hwy 26, West Point

Big Trees Market – 2182 Hwy 4, Arnold



Vote By Mail Options

Mail It

Voters can return their voted ballot by mail as long as it is postmarked by Election Day and received within 17 days

Drop Box

Voters can drop their ballot at any ballot drop box, until 8pm on Election Day

Vote Center

Voters may drop their voted ballot at one of the vote centers open the three days before Election Day through 8pm on Election Day



Vote Centers



Three vote centers, located in Calaveras County, replaced 15 traditional polling locations. Unlike polling locations, vote centers will be open multiple days, offer more services and can serve any Calaveras County Voter.



Vote Center Services



Accessible voting machines have been replaced with state-of-the-art ballot marking devices.

- Vote in-person
- Drop off your ballot
- Get a replacement ballot
- Vote using an accessible voting machine
- Get help and a ballot in the Spanish language










Remote Accessible Vote By Mail(RAVBM)

Voters with disabilities, military, and overseas voters can access the Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) system. The RAVBM system allows voters with disabilities, military, and overseas voters to download and mark their correct ballot privately and independently using their own assistive technology, print their marked ballot, and mail it to the Elections Office to be counted.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, Assembly Bill 860 has allowed **all eligible registered voters** in Calaveras County to use this system for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election.

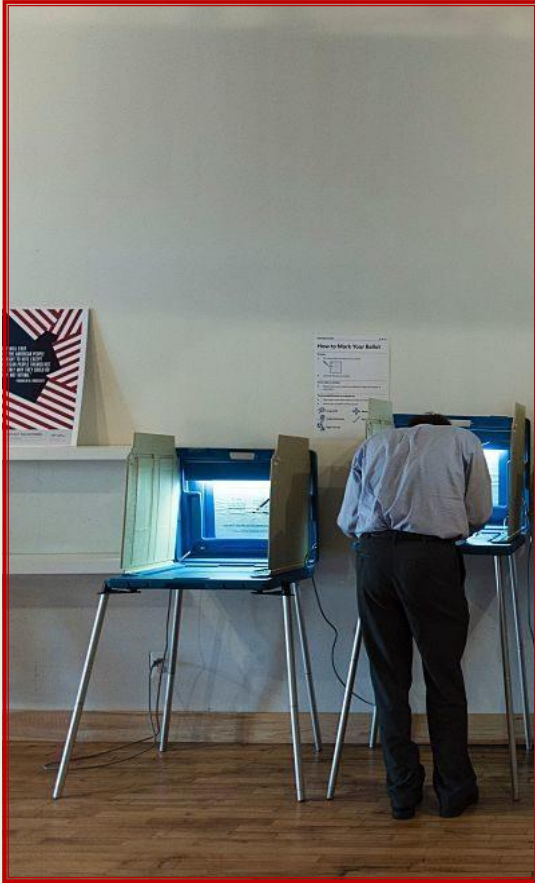
Go to <https://sites.omniballot.us/06009/app/home> to access the RAVBM system.

Polling Places vs Vote Centers

Services Offered	Polling Place	Vote Center
Accessible Voting Devices		
Drop Off ballot at any site		
Vote At Any Location		
Multi Day Voting		
Ballot On Demand (all ballot types)		
Electronic/Secure Check-in		
Reduced Use of Provisional Ballots		



Vote Centers-Open 4 Days



- October 31, 2020 (E-4) vote centers will open from 8am to 4pm for the 3 days before Election Day and from 7am to 8pm on Election Day.
- Calaveras County Voters may chose to vote in person at any vote center, regardless of where they live.



4 Day Vote Centers

Days/Hours of Operation:

October 31 – November 2nd 8am – 4pm

Election Day: November 3rd 7am – 8pm

- **Calaveras County Government Center** – 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas (Monday-Friday only)
- **Jenny Lind Veterans Memorial Hall** – 300 Daphne Street, Valley Springs
- **Mokelumne Hill Town Hall** – 8283 Main Street, Mokelumne Hill
- **Bret Harte Theater** – 323 S. Main Street, Angels Camp



Pop-Up Voting Locations

At pop-up voting locations voters can register to vote, receive a ballot, vote using an accessible voting device, or drop off their vote by mail ballot at the pop-up voting locations.

The Saturday and Sunday before Election Day, one of the below sites will be open from 10 am to 2 pm.

Saturday, October 31st:

- Arnold Independence Hall, 1445 Blagen Rd, open 10am-2pm
- Copperopolis Library, 3505 Spangler Ln, open 10am-2pm

Sunday, November 1st :

- West Point VFW, 202 Spink Rd, open 10am-2pm

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it too late to register to vote? You can register to vote through Election Day. If you register after October 19th, you will need to go in person to a vote center, or the Registrar of Voters Office to pick up a ballot.

Are vote by mail ballots really counted? Yes, vote by mails received by 5 pm on Election Day at the Registrar of Voters office are the first results that are issued at 8 pm on Election Night.

How can I verify my vote by mail ballot was counted? You can verify your ballot was counted by using our vote by mail ballot status lookup <https://electools.calaverasgov.us/BallotStatusLookup> .

How will I know if a voting location is accessible? All voting locations in the County are found on the back of your *County Voter Information Pamphlet* accessible locations are indicated with the word YES under the access symbol. You may request that a paper ballot be brought to you outside the polling place. The poll worker will bring you a ballot and deposit it in the ballot box after you have voted.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I haven't gotten my ballot? Ballots were mailed on October 5th, we expect voters to receive them by October 12th. You can also sign up to track your ballot at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov . If you haven't received your ballot by October 12th call the Elections Office (209)754-6376 to request a second ballot be mailed to you.

What precautions has the County put in place for COVID-19? The County has adopted the Secretary of State's(SOS) [Election Administration Guidance under COVID-19](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2020-general/election-admin-guidance.pdf) which can be found at <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2020-general/election-admin-guidance.pdf>. In addition to the SOS guidelines, the County also established a COVID-19 Policy for Poll Workers to follow.



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