

Orange County Registrar of Voters





VoteCal Overview

- **Replacement for CalVoter**
- **Moves from batch processing system to centralized statewide database**
- **Only includes voter registration records**
- **Project scale is massive**



VoteCal - Timeline

- **“Go Live” and training scheduled for pilot counties, including Orange County, for July 2015**
- **Other counties will “Go Live” in waves, concluding in March 2016**
- **Becomes official voter records in June 2016**



VoteCal – Current Status

- **Currently reviewing user acceptance testing scenarios**
- **An example is testing how the system handles a voter registered in multiple counties**
- **User acceptance testing scheduled to begin in March 2016**



VoteCal – Pilot County

- **Pilot county includes coordination and communication with vendor, DFM (or DIMS)**
- **Includes user acceptance testing, early deployment, working through issues**
- **Interface and screen representation**



VoteCal – Pilot County

- **Some things are being withheld to maintain control**
- **In Orange County we recently upgraded / replaced our servers**
- **Business Process Committee is critical (and is handling the details in the “weeds”)**



VoteCal – Pilot County

- **Will face issues other counties do not have to face – they will be corrected before the other roll outs**
- **We need to take time to perform the testing – must be very attentive to the process**
- **We will not have any lessons learned when we do the pilot**



VoteCal – Change in Data Exchange

- **Currently, data is exchanged through batch files**
- **Data will be exchanged with a direct connection to SOS on a “real time” basis**
- **As a pilot county, the connectivity will be tested in our county**



VoteCal – Data Matching

- **Confident matches vs. matches that require further review by operators**
- **Currently, most voter matching must be verified by operators**
- **Under VoteCal matching voters to Change of Address, etc. will be done electronically**
- **Some will not need to be performed manually**



VoteCal Updates Between Counties

- **Updates made by one county will affect other counties immediately**
- **Affected counties will be notified right away**
- **Gives counties less control of when records are processed during registration closes for special elections, etc.**



VoteCal – Statewide Voter Data

- **Counties will have ability to search voter records across the State**
- **Will require us to change processes when researching voters, finding duplicates, etc.**



VoteCal – Statewide Voter Data

- **Voter history stays with a voter within California**
- **Currently, the voter loses their voted/registration history after relocating to another county**



VoteCal – Business Processes

- **VoteCal requires counties to establish consistent business processes**
- **For example, close of registration is handled at different times across counties**
- **Specific data elements must be standardized across counties**
- **For example, birthplace must be understood by all counties**