Vote by Mail in Sacramento County

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VBM in Sacramento County

[Graph showing line trends for In-person and Mail Ballots from Nov '00 to Mar '20]
VBM: March 2020

VBM Return Method

- Drop Box
- Mail
- Vote Center
VBM Processing

1. Envelopes are put through the mail sorter to take picture of return envelope (signature) and sort (precinct, district, ballot style, etc.)

2. Signature Verification
   - If challenged, supervisor review and initiate voter contact

3. Extraction of “good” ballots

4. Process ballots (voter intent, damaged)

5. Tabulation
VBM Outreach

- Community Input
  - Envelope re-design
  - Concerns about mail ballots
- Privacy
- Accessibility
  - Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)
  - What is required to complete on the envelope?
- Tracking
  - BallotTrax, voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Security – multiple steps
  - Signature Verification
  - Chain of Custody
  - Voter Contact
  - Manual Tally/Risk Limiting Audits
  - Observation
  - “Ballot Harvesting”