

**Sacramento County
Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Recap**

February 27, 2018

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office (VRE)
7000 65th St., Suite A, Training Room
Sacramento

Handouts Provided:

Meeting Agenda; 1/30/18 Meeting Summary, Community Voter Education Workshop Dates, Utility Bill Insert Sample

Call to Order:

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Courtney Bailey, Co-Chair Margaret Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Charlene Jones, Richard Stanley, Carol Moss, Don Tuttle, Nick Bloise, Russell Rawlings, and Irene Capps.

Committee Members Not Present: Marianne Knoy, Terry Shanz, Theresa Riviera

Review of Previous Meeting's Recap and Action Items Results:

- No changes requested for the January 30th notes.
- Update on Isleton- Russell is working with Supervisor Don Notolli

Agenda Items, Updates and Discussion Comments:

- There are currently 8 Vote Center sites that are not served by Paratransit. The sites are located in Wilton, Isleton, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Murieta, and Herald. It was noted that Paratransit will work with light rail.
- The Outreach team has contacted approximately 143 senior facilities. They have 21 Voter's Choice Act presentations scheduled and are delivering VCA materials to all that want sites that want them.
- Community Voter Education Workshops are scheduled for March 20st at the South Natomas Library and March 21st at the Sacramento County Admin Building. Both are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will include a demonstration of the Accessible Vote by Mail System (AVBMS).
- California Endowment is purchasing \$100k in advertising with Regional Transit using the tagline "Vote more days more ways".
- March 5th will be the Public Demonstrations from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the VRE office. The media will have a morning demonstration from 8:30 a.m. to noon.
- Next meeting agenda will include a demonstration of the ICX.
- Nick suggested listing the Vote Centers by area; i.e., Arden/Arcade.
- A sample of the Utility bill insert was provided.

- Democracy Live Presentation of the Accessible Vote by Mail System where voters can download their specific ballot type and use their own assistive devices to mark their ballot.
 - Voters can request to use the AVBMS by calling or emailing the office or by returning the postage paid postcard on the back of the County Voter Information Guide.
 - Voters will access the link to the AVBMS after logging on through Voter Look Up on the VRE website. They will enter identity confirming information (name and birthdate) and affirm that they have a disability and require the use of the AVBMS.
 - On the welcome screen you can access your ballot or view your County Voter Information Guide.
 - When you choose to access the ballot, there will be 2 links: 1. “Return Package” which will have instructions on how to return their ballot (Voters are encouraged to use the pink envelope mailed with their ballot, however, there will be an origami envelope to use if needed. Replacement envelopes will also be available at Ballot Drop Boxes and Votes Centers), and 2.”Open Secure Select Ballot” which will open up your ballot for making electronically and printing.
 - The printed ballot is an 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper which contains a 2D barcode containing all the information on the marked ballot and a readable list of voted choices, precinct # and ballot type.
 - The voter confirms they are done and the ballot is no longer available. If changes are needed the voter must log back in and mark a new ballot.
 - Marked ballot information does not upload to the internet. It is a one way download of the ballot type requested that sits on the voter’s computer for marking and then is deleted when they confirm they are finished.
 - Committee member suggestions include: Make documents in the “Return Package” screen reader friendly. PDF’s can create issues; move link for “Return Package” and “Open Secure Select Ballot” under the verbiage of each numbered step; change the phrase “Open Secure Select Ballot” to just “Open Ballot”; when navigating through contests, make it clear that they can make a change or they can “leave as is” (Note: this would be something that would be have to go through the state certification process); give an explanation in the “Return Packet” of how the ballot download is handled through the browser and nothing is permanently installed or uploads to the internet; and if possible to be able to print a ballot with only the barcode. This would give voters who need assistance in placing the ballot in an envelope the complete ability to vote privately because there would be no readable content.
 - A “Write-in’s” drop down will not be available because the official list from the SOS comes out too late.

Action Items:

- It was asked if we could video tape the Community Workshop and post it on our website or YouTube for those who are unable to attend.

- Courtney to send out screen shots of AVBM screens for feedback.
- Can Committee review the draft of the Vote Center Tour video?