



# **COUNTY OF SUTTER** . . . ESTABLISHED 1850

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May 12, 2008

## OBSERVATION SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 3, 2008 DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION PROCESSES

### DRE Touch Screen Voting Machine Preparation/Testing

This is comprehensive election logic and accuracy testing that ensures that the system has been coded correctly for the upcoming election; and that the system devices, such as ballots and programmable memory devices have been prepared properly. This testing is comprised of sequential steps to ensure the integrity of the vote counting on Election Day. Testing will occur on May 23, 2008. Testing schedule is subject to change. If you wish to observe this process, call Chris Goforth at (530) 822-7122 to confirm the time and date.

### Vote by Mail Optical Scan Pre-LAT (Logic and Accuracy Testing)

The Vote by Mail optical scan system is tested prior to each election by using a pre-marked set of ballots that the results have been determined to be accurate and verified. The testing must follow the procedures in the Use Procedures for the Sequoia 400-C Optical Scan Machines as certified by the Secretary of State. These ballots test the computer system's ability to prevent over votes and invalid votes. All voting system components will be demonstrated during the public test at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2008.

### Returned Vote by Mail Ballot Process

The Registrar of Voters (ROV) has begun verifying signatures on the sealed, returned Vote by Mail Ballot Envelopes. Sutter County will start to open and prepare the Vote by Mail ballots on May 31, 2008; three days prior to the election. No vote will be accessed or released until the close of the polls on June 3, 2008

The last mail pick-up from the post office is at 8:00 p.m. election night. All ballots received by 8:00 p.m. in our office from the post office will be counted as soon as possible.

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## Election Night Ballot Receipt and Counting

The first election results are the Vote By Mail Ballots at approximately 8:00 p.m. followed by the results of votes cast at the polling places, as they arrive after the polls close (8:00 p.m.) on election night.

Election results will be uploaded periodically during the night to the Sutter County website at [www.co.sutter.ca.us/elections](http://www.co.sutter.ca.us/elections) or [www.suttercounty.org/elections](http://www.suttercounty.org/elections). At the end of the night, the Semi-Official Election Results will be generated.

To observe this process, you should arrive at the Registrar of Voters office between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. on Election Night.

## Post-Election Logic and Accuracy Testing and Official Canvass

The canvass process begins June 10, 2008 and continues until completed but no later than 28 days after the election. After completing the Official Canvass the election results are then certified by the Registrar of Voters and made public.

This process includes inspection of all materials and supplies returned by the election officers, reconciling the number of signatures on rosters with the number of ballots recorded on the ballot statement; processing and counting valid Vote By Mail and Provisional ballots; counting valid write-in votes, and the 1% manual recount and 100% manual tally.

If you wish to observe this process, please contact Donna Johnston or Chris Goforth at (530) 822-7122 or email [djohnston@co.sutter.ca.us](mailto:djohnston@co.sutter.ca.us) or [cgoforth@co.sutter.ca.us](mailto:cgoforth@co.sutter.ca.us).

Sincerely,

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