

# County of Tulare

## Election Observer Panel Plan

### I. County and System Information

1. Name of County: Tulare
2. Name of Contact: Ann Turner
3. Contact's Phone: 559.624.7300
4. Vendor and Voting Systems Used by County:  
Sequoia Voting Systems – Optech 400C, Optech Insight, and AVC Edge II
5. Revised Date: May 28, 2010

### II. Purpose

The purpose of the Election Observer Panel is to:

1. Educate the interested persons about the election process.
2. Assist in ensuring the integrity of the election process.
3. Encourage participation and build voter confidence in the election process.

### III. Invite

The following will receive letters of invitation, sample attached, to observe the conduct of the election:

1. County Grand Jury
2. Political Party representatives
3. Representatives from jurisdictions on the ballot
4. League of Women Voters
5. Media
6. Other groups or individuals who have expressed an interest in observing the vote tallying and other election processes

### IV. General Rules for Observers:

Site and function specific rules will be given out at each location.

### V. Mechanism for Feedback

All verbal and written feedback, is welcome

May 28, 2010

This is to notify you of the dates, times and place where vote by mail ballots cast for the **June 8, 2010 Direct Statewide Primary** Election will be opened, processed and counted, as well as the date, time, and place where the random selection of precincts to be included in the 1% manual tally will occur.

The opening, processing and counting of vote by mail ballots both prior to and after the election shall be open to public observation on **Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 2:00 PM**. Additionally, all election night activities are open to observation.

Attached is a copy of the "Notice of Central Count Accumulation and Commencement of Absentee Ballot Processing". Observers will be required to sign in whenever they enter the office but will be allowed close enough access to observe any part of the process.

Your organization is invited to appoint an observer to watch all or any part of the process. Please call Ann Turner or Irene Zacarias at (559) 624-7300 to give the name and phone number of your appointed observer.

Sincerely,  
RITA WOODARD  
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS