

ELECTION OBSERVER PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUSA
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Background

Colusa County has 18 voting precincts for this election. Breakdown as follows:

12 are **Polling Place** Precincts - 6 are **Mail Ballot** Precincts.

Voting System: Election Systems & Software In-Precinct Optical Scanners – Model 100 with Election Systems & Software AutoMark Accessibility component.

There are 7,769 registered voters as of 10/10/2008. Of this total approximately 30% are Permanent Vote by Mail Voters.

Vote by Mail Ballots are processed at the elections office with the same equipment used at the polling places (E S & S Model 100). Official Observers, as well as members of the public are invited to observe the process.

In effect since 1985, the County of Colusa's Election Observer Panel Plan calls upon representatives of following entities to assist in ensuring the integrity of the election process and to encourage participation and public input into the election process:

1. The Colusa County Grand Jury.
2. County Central Committees.
3. Member of the media serving the population of Colusa County.
4. The Colusa County Bar Association.

Letters of invitation are mailed to the above groups requesting the names of the representatives serving as Observers for the Election. Upon receipt of response, letters of introduction will be issued to Panel Members visiting polls on Election Day. Observers will also receive "Code of Conduct for Election Observers".

Other groups or individuals expressing interest in observing election day activities may be included in the observer panel by contacting the Elections Office at 530-458-0500.