

Clerk-Recorder-Assessor

The mission of the County Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor is to honor the public's trust by assuring honest and open elections; recording, maintaining and preserving official and vital records; setting fair and impartial values for assessment purposes; and providing courteous and professional services at a reasonable cost.

The Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor's goal is to accomplish the department's mission by continuously improving its business functions, complying with law, and blending automation solutions through process improvements and program redesign. The Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor focuses on obtaining its goals efficiently and effectively through continuous monitoring of its business processes and department needs.

The Capital Improvement Program identifies the projects necessary at this time to carry out the goal of the Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor in support of the department's mission. The proposed purchase of new optical scan voting machines would replace the outdated current fleet of optical scan voting machines with new generation optical scans that have been developed and expected to be State certified in 2008. The new generation system has greater operating and security enhancements and is capable of integration with the County's ADA compliant voting system (the AutoMarks). Purchase of the new system would be funded through election designated funds and with monies still available from the HAVA Federal Grant.

All of the proposed capital projects seek solutions that are cost effective to the County, and thus to the citizens of our county.

For more information about the department you may access our website at www.sbcassessor.com

Integrated HAVA Compliant Voting System

Function: Support Services

Department: Clerk-Recorder-Assessor

StartDate: 3/1/2009

EndDate: 6/30/2009

Description

The precinct level optical scan voting equipment for Santa Barbara County was purchased in 1999 with an average life span of seven years. These machines are past their average life expectancy and as such are beginning to experience a higher rate of malfunctions that require higher levels of maintenance. In addition, the current system requires that additional procedures be in place in order for the current system to meet the State certification requirements. A new generation of optical scan equipment has been developed with greater operating and security enhancements. The new generation of optical scan equipment also allows for integration with our ADA compliant voting systems (AutoMarks), creating greater efficiencies in the maintenance and operation of the two systems.



Status

Currently, the voting system is pending certification by the Secretary of State. It is expected that the system will not be certified until after the 2008 February Election. After its' certification, we would make the decision to purchase and implement the system.

Net Impact on Operating Budget

There will be no impact on the operating budget as this one-time expenditure will be purchased with grant monies and designated funds. On-going operating costs are not expected to increase as it is expected that this system will create greater operating efficiencies.

Estimated Project Costs

Construction Costs		Annual O & M Costs	
Preliminary	0	Utilities	0
Design	0	Maintenance	0
Acquisition	4,049	Personnel	0
Construction	0	Other	0
Other	0		
Total Cost	4,049	Total Cost	0

Source of Funds	Fund	Prior Year(s) Expense	Est Act 2007-08	Proposed 2008-09			Projected Requirements					Five Year Total	Future Years	Project Total
				Carry Forward	New Funding	Year 1 Total	Year 2 2009-10	Year 3 2010-11	Year 4 2011-12	Year 5 2012-13				
Designation-Elections	0001						1,800					1,800		1,800
HAVA Federal Funding	0001						2,249					2,249		2,249
Totals							4,049					4,049		4,049

Operating & Maintenance Costs for Fund 0001		Year 1 Impact:							
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