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Yuba County Elections
Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)
Friday June 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

I. Welcome

Attendees: Karie Lew, Christy Bosanek & Tina Belding

II. Meeting Dates

Recommendation: proposed meeting dates:

2025 Meeting Dates:

December 12, 2025 10:00 am

2026 Meeting Dates:

Quarterly meetings TBD

III. Introduction of new Election's Manager – Tina Belding

IV. Post Election Discussion

- Site Surveys
 - Site under consideration:
 - Veterans of Foreign War
 - Loyal Order of Moose – under renovation
 - Yuba County Health and Human Services
 - Linda Fire District Station 1 & 3
- Website update on Accessible Voting page
 - Karie made several suggestions for website
 - Create separate page for VAAC meetings\minutes
 - Reword and add information to top of website where it says, "It is your right to vote privately and independently" add "if you are having trouble voting contact us."
 - Vote by Mail section combine with Marking Your Ballot at Home
 - RAVBM – anyone can use but highlight useful for disabled voters
 - Clarify ballot *must* be printed to complete the process and can be returned in person, by mail, or drop box
 - Clarify compatibility with assistive technology, but not necessary
 - Voting by Mail that holes are there for help blind sign name

- Explain how to sign with witness
- Explain how to cure VBM envelope signature (non-matching/no signature) and add links to form
 - EC 3019 require providing way to return by mail, email & fax on website
- VBM section of VIG, remove cassette and consolidate
- Put info regarding CVIG – large print options, CD (and check if can send audio).
- Under Accessible Voting put photo of machines
- Change heading to Accessible Voting machines and image of ICX
- Under Assistance at the voting location change “someone” to voters can have up to 2 people help with the voting process
- Add Curbside Voting info to website with picture of sign and what it is, how it works
- Under Language Assistance put link or text to phone line

V. Open Discussion

- a. *Karie requested Elections continue to keep ASL on agenda. Elections needs to review the 2 pg. recommendations for discussion next VAAC mtg.*
- b. *VRI – investigate how we can incorporate it into next election at poll sites – maybe one site that has good internet connection.*
- c. *Some resources Kari mentioned.*
 - i. *Inclusion Solutions has VRI*
 - ii. *Merced, Napa and San Benito use VRI*
 - iii. *Norcal Services - may have some solutions*
 - iv. *Would like update by next meeting on if we can use*
- d. *Other Information*
 - i. *Collaborate with Norcal for making of video with ASL*
 - ii. *Examples of Videos with ASL*
 1. *Washinton’s Video Voters Guide*
 2. *South Carolina’s “How to Vote: Accessibility” video*
 - iii. *Collab with Dominion to see if they have ICX videos already made*
 - iv. *SOS may have videos*

VI. Follow-Up

- a. *ASL for voters – Staff will continue to research resources available.*
- b. *Check if we can send large print VIG by CD*
- c. *Add questions to Poll Worker Survey regarding any accessibility issues/incidences during election functions. How many accessible voters came to polling site.*

VII. Adjourned at 11:20 am

