

SOS-CACEO Conference Call
Monday, August 18, 2008
11: 00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

CACEO President Becky Martinez called the meeting to order.

CACEO Secretary Neal Kelley took roll.

Alameda	Los Angeles	San Diego
Alpine	Madera	San Francisco
Amador	Marin	San Luis Obispo
Butte	Mariposa	San Mateo
Colusa	Mendocino	Santa Barbara
Contra Costa	Monterey	Santa Clara
Del Norte	Napa	Santa Cruz
El Dorado	Orange	Shasta
Fresno	Placer	Solano
Glenn	Plumas	Stanislaus
Humboldt	Riverside	Sutter
Inyo	Sacramento	Tehama
Kern	San Benito	Tuolumne
Lassen	San Bernardino	Yuba

Evan Goldberg, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State and Cathy Mitchell, Chief, Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office were present to facilitate the meeting as Secretary Debra Bowen was called away for a family medical emergency.

Item 1, November Ballot – Evan Goldberg reported that the Assembly met last night. The issue is: what is the real deadline? Secretary Bowen never said there was a deadline. She said if you want to do an eight-day public display you need to act by Saturday the 16th. The lawmakers read between the lines and decided to go with zero public display and their belief is that they think they can go to the 24th to add measures to the ballot.

Gail Pellerin said she is hitting the panic button because they are starting to lay out their ballots and they are locked into size.

Dean Logan noted that Gail's comments are critical and thinks there needs to be some public and political pressure.

Evan stated that there has been an e-minus 66 and an e-minus 59 Legislation passed. In 1990 they passed Legislation at e-minus 59 to add measures to the ballot.

Cathy Mitchell said she understands everyone would be greatly impacted. In the past measures have come in on Labor Day weekend. In November, 1998 it was 68 days before an Election, in November 94, it was 68 days, and in November 90, it was e-minus 66 days. The person that is facing the biggest problem is the State printer who needs to start printing Proposition 1.

Dean from LA told Becky that they should consider putting out a statement from the association, a statewide leadership voice that any change to the ballot at this point will put the Presidential election in jeopardy.

Becky Martinez said they could send a letter from the association with the drop-dead date of August 16th. She would consult with the officers today.

Jill Lavine suggested that they move to the second item

Item 2, Website Update – On the election page the SOS has the CCROV posting advisories sent to County Election officials up for review. They are working on some bugs for the search function. By mid September they will add the RSS where you can subscribe to the update log. They are planning on going back to January 2007 to archive.

Item 3, Poll Worker Recruitment – Evan asked if there are ways the Secretary Of State's office can help, beyond items that were done prior to June. On the Cal Volunteer website citizens can go on and type in their city or zip code and all volunteer opportunities will come up. This week they are getting new information on how you can post to that site.

Item 4, Sequoia Voting Systems - Sequoia's IRV system has been received and testing has begun. There will be a public hearing in late September and further action in early October.

Item 5, Questions -The SOS noted that the State pamphlet was late. SOS inquired as to an order for how the pamphlet is sent out. SOS starts sending it out at E-minus 45 and sends it out in bulk. They are sent out by County order, but not alphabetically. The mailing is completed by E-minus 21.

Monterey County if SOS would consider a way of notifying the counties when these are mailed so that they can inform the public.

Next call will be on the third Wednesday of each month, the next call will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m.

CACEO President Rebecca Martinez adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal Kelley, CACEO Secretary