

Election Technology, Security, and Observers

January 16, 2024

Part 2

Election Education Series

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March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

February 5, 2024: Ballots are mailed to every registered voter

February 6, 2024: Ballot drop boxes are opened throughout the State of California

March 5, 2024: Election Day (Polls Open 7 AM - 8 PM)

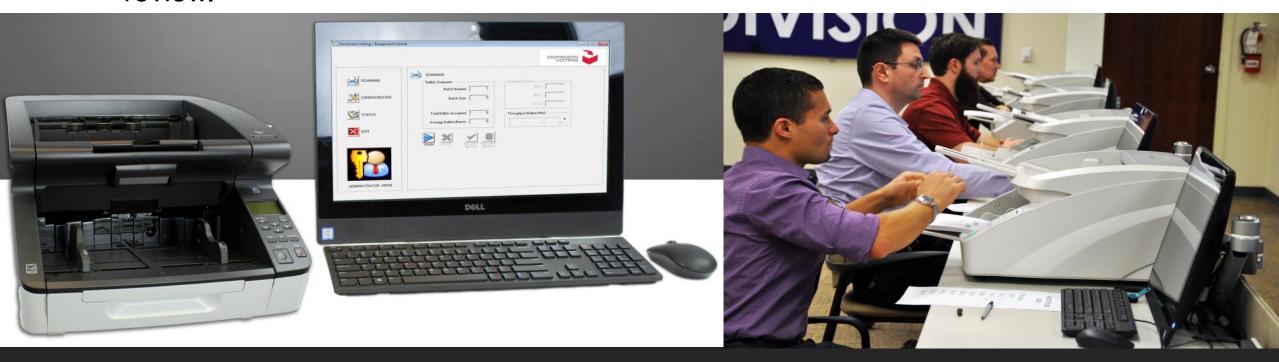
March 22, 2024: Registrar of Voters to certify election results



Election Technology

Central Count Ballot Scanner / Tabulator

- Ballots, scanned in batches, are processed based on jurisdictional requirements and preferences.
- Once scanned, ballots meeting certain conditions (e.g. write-in candidate, over vote, etc.) are automatically sent to the Adjudication application for digital ballot review.



Election Technology

Electronic voter check-in and verification

Replaced paper rosters of voters

Touch Screen Ballot Marking Device

Scans, records, and interprets each cast ballot



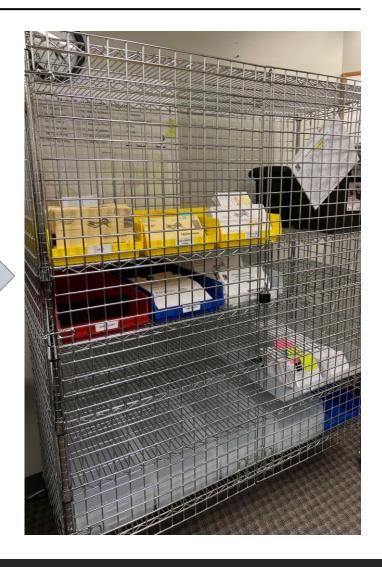


- Six secure drop boxes located throughout Mono County.
- Ballot Transport Teams of two collect ballots from all drop boxes on a regular basis up to Election Day.
- On Election Day, Poll workers collect ballots from drop boxes at 8:00 PM and lock the slot door.

Ballots received

Ballot check-in / Signature verification

Ballot Sorting / Storage





After Polls have closed at 8:00 PM on Election Day:

- County IT / Elections Staff shut down voting machines.
- Ballots and CompactFlash memory cards are collected from each voting machine.
- Ballot Transport Teams of two transport Ballots and CompactFlash memory cards from each polling location to the Election Office in Bridgeport.

It is a felony for any person to possess a firearm at a voting location or in the immediate vicinity of a voting location. Similarly, it is illegal for any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel from being stationed at or in the immediate vicinity of a voting location. (Elec. Code, § 18544.)

We contact our local law enforcement agencies to inform them of polling and drop box locations in the event there is a situation where law enforcement is needed.

Mono County IT and Elections take cybersecurity very seriously. We follow industry best practices for securing election systems.

- Software and patch management
- Log management
- Network segmentation
- Credential management
- Organization-wide IT guidance and policies
- Security Incident Response Plan

Election Observers

Elections are a public process, and transparency is an important part of ensuring voters have confidence in the accuracy and integrity of the election results.

Below are some of the aspects of elections activities that are open for the public to observe.

- Touch Screen Ballot Marking Device Preparation and Testing
- Central Count Ballot Scanner/Tabulator Preparation and Testing
- Returned Vote by Mail Ballot Processing
- Polling Place Locations
- Election Night Ballot Receipt and Counting
- Official Canvass



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