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VoteCal Reaches Key Milestone

More than half of California counties have deployed new voter registration database

SACRAMENTO – Thirty one California counties have now successfully deployed VoteCal, the voter registration database that will ultimately serve the entire state. VoteCal will replace the existing 58 county voter registration databases throughout the state.

"We are more than half way there. I am pleased to report that a majority of California counties have now deployed VoteCal." Secretary of State Alex Padilla said.

"Successful deployment of VoteCal is an essential step in upgrading the election experience for California voters. This new system will allow citizens to easily check the status of their voter registration and the status of their ballot. VoteCal will help county elections officials efficiently and accurately maintain voter rolls."

VoteCal will have many functions that will improve service to the voters of California by:

- Providing a publicly available website which will allow voters to register online, check the status of their ballot, and find their polling place.
- Connecting all 58 county elections offices to the Secretary of State's database to improve the voter registration process.
- Giving voters the ability to see if their vote-by-mail or provisional ballot was counted by their county elections official and, if it was not, why not.
- Providing a single, official statewide database of voter registration information.

The remaining 27 counties have been grouped into a series of "waves" to begin adopting VoteCal. After VoteCal is deployed in all counties and the Secretary of State has validated that VoteCal is working properly, VoteCal will be declared the official system of record for voter registration in California. This is expected to occur in June 2016.

[VoteCal Deployment Status and Schedule](#)

[VoteCal News and Background on the Secretary of State's website](#)

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