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## **Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Creates Special Task Force to Review Paper Trails and New Electronic Voting Systems**

*Says Voter Confidence will Ultimately Determine the Future of the Electoral System*

SACRAMENTO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today announced the formation of a special task force to study and establish recommendations relating to the internal production of paper ballots by new electronic voting systems that could be used in the event of a recount.

“It is important to build a consensus that our voting systems are secure,” said Secretary Shelley. “Voters must have complete confidence their votes are accurately counted.”

The Ad Hoc Touch Screen Task Force will be comprised of members from the scientific community, election professionals, and the general public. The Undersecretary of State will serve as the Chair of the Task Force.

“This new task force, comprised of election experts, scientists and the public, will help determine what should be required from new voting technology in terms of their capability to produce paper copies of electronic ballots. Voter confidence – not technology – will ultimately determine the future of our electoral system.”

Members of The Ad Hoc Touch Screen Task Force are:

Mark Kyle	Undersecretary of State
Mischelle Townsend	Registrar of Voters, Riverside County
David Dill	Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University
David Jefferson	Computer Scientist, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
Kim Alexander	President, California Voter Foundation
Jim Wisley	A Chief Consultant to Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson
Charlie Wallis	Departmental IT Coordinator, San Diego Registrar’s Office
Robert Naegele	President, Granite Creek Technology, Inc.
Shawn Casey O’Brien	Executive Director, Unique People’s Voting Project