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VoteCal Now Deployed in All 58 California Counties

New Centralized Statewide Database Will Serve All Counties

SACRAMENTO – All of California’s 58 counties have now successfully integrated with VoteCal, California’s statewide, centralized voter registration database. Stanislaus and Monterey counties were the final two counties to connect to VoteCal. The Secretary of State is now working with all counties to validate the functionality of VoteCal. Exercises and testing include a security audit and a performance audit of the system in simulated-election environments. Once testing has concluded, VoteCal will be declared the official system of record for voter registration in California. This is expected to occur in June 2016, sometime after the June 7 Presidential Primary Election.

“This is a big moment. VoteCal will modernize California elections. Through VoteCal, California citizens will have access to an easy-to-use online portal to check the status of their voter registration and ballot. VoteCal will also allow for innovations such as Election Day voter registration,” said Secretary of State Alex Padilla.

“My staff is working with county elections officials up and down the state to ensure that the security and performance of VoteCal is working as designed. Robust testing will take place as we prepare to certify the system in June. By the November 8, 2016 General Election, VoteCal will provide California voters useful tools and help elections officials accurately and efficiently maintain voter rolls,” Padilla added.

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.

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

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