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VoteCal Overview

- Replacement for CalVoter
- Moves from batch processing system to centralized statewide database
- Only includes voter registration records
- Project scale is massive
VoteCal - Timeline

- “Go Live” and training scheduled for pilot counties, including Orange County, for July 2015
- Other counties will “Go Live” in waves, concluding in March 2016
- Becomes official voter records in June 2016

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VoteCal – Current Status

• Currently reviewing user acceptance testing scenarios

• An example is testing how the system handles a voter registered in multiple counties

• User acceptance testing scheduled to begin in March 2016

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VoteCal – Pilot County

• Pilot county includes coordination and communication with vendor, DFM (or DIMS)

• Includes user acceptance testing, early deployment, working through issues

• Interface and screen representation

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VoteCal – Pilot County

- Some things are being withheld to maintain control
- In Orange County we recently upgraded / replaced our servers
- Business Process Committee is critical (and is handling the details in the “weeds”)
VoteCal – Pilot County

- Will face issues other counties do not have to face – they will be corrected before the other roll outs
- We need to take time to perform the testing – must be very attentive to the process
- We will not have any lessons learned when we do the pilot

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VoteCal – Change in Data Exchange

• Currently, data is exchanged through batch files

• Data will be exchanged with a direct connection to SOS on a “real time” basis

• As a pilot county, the connectivity will be tested in our county

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VoteCal – Data Matching

- Confident matches vs. matches that require further review by operators
- Currently, most voter matching must be verified by operators
- Under VoteCal matching voters to Change of Address, etc. will be done electronically
- Some will not need to be performed manually

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VoteCal Updates Between Counties

- Updates made by one county will affect other counties immediately
- Affected counties will be notified right away
- Gives counties less control of when records are processed during registration closes for special elections, etc.

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VoteCal – Statewide Voter Data

- Counties will have ability to search voter records across the State
- Will require us to change processes when researching voters, finding duplicates, etc.

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VoteCal – Statewide Voter Data

- Voter history stays with a voter within California
- Currently, the voter loses their voted/registration history after relocating to another county

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VoteCal – Business Processes

• VoteCal requires counties to establish consistent business processes

• For example, close of registration is handled at different times across counties

• Specific data elements must be standardized across counties

• For example, birthplace must be understood by all counties

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