Santa Cruz County
Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 8, 2014
10 a.m. - 701 Ocean St. Basement – Cafeteria

Minutes

I.   In attendance: Charles Stone, Peter Heylin, Gail Pellerin, Lynn Stipes, Amy Sheppard in Sacramento testing the new Dominion voting unit.

II.   Elections

    A. June 3 & November 4, 2014 Elections

    B.   Changes in Elections Staff – Missing Jaime, new voter registration coordinator, Helen Ruiz-Thomas to start on Monday.

III. Polling Places

    A. Polling place changes for June – several of our usual places are unavailable for this June election. We will be getting a list of alternative sites to the VAAC asap.

    B. Polling place canvassing and resurveys – in process hope to have completed by November election.

    C. Site specific binder revamp project – to start in July/August to be completed by November.

IV.   State VAAC

    A. COVR II - CSU Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI) – is now up and running on the S.O.S. website.

    Election Day Accessibility CCROV – Gail passed out handouts

    B. Survey of voters with disabilities – is being revised again still not working as well as would like. When it is working will Gail will send to VAAC members. Hard copy of 2012 survey highlights was handed out.

    C. Local VAAC Guide – Gail passes out to each member in attendance. Requested comments.

V.   Multilingual Services Program

    A. Website – Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog

    B. Emails – setting up email addresses in all three languages

    C. Phone lines – message lines in Chinese and Tagalog

    D. Polls –SOS has identified the following number of polling sites as needing additional languages: 5 Chinese (at UCSC), 4 Tagalog (in Watsonville) and 70% of poll sites countywide for Spanish.

VI.   Future Agenda Items

Quarterly meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month:

Thursday, August 21, 2014
Thursday, November 20, 2014