

Santa Cruz County

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Minutes

In attendance: Gail Pellerin, Jaime Young, Lynn Stipes, Peter Heylin, Michael Molesky

- I. Introductions: Motion to approve November 21, 2013 minutes – Michael
2nd – Peter. Approved

Jaime has resigned and will be relocating to Los Angeles County. She will be truly missed. ☹

- II. Elections:

Currently gearing up for June 3, 2014 and November 4, 2014.

- III. Polling Places:

Polling Place canvassing is underway, letters have been sent out and responses are now coming in. Consolidation will happen in March, after that we will have a better knowledge of polling places needed. Michael suggested we look into the Community Foundation building in Aptos. The resurveys and site specific binder revamp projects are on hold waiting for the SOS to release their new survey form.

Electronic survey machines may become available in the future, at this point it is too costly to have them updated to meet our needs. LA may possibly get the updates done and we would be able to use at that point. San Joaquin County has a pdf format for tablets that we may be able to utilize. There is \$30,000 for attending training that may be used to purchase this equipment.

- IV. State VAAC

SOS has produced, with Jaime's input, a very nice video to help with Polling Place surveyor training. We also talked about our aging voting system and the new potential system and the LA new voting system, the COVR II release to address web accessibility problems and other issues and our VAAC membership.

- V. Future of California Elections:

Gail will be attending conference March 3, 2014 in LA

- VI. New Language Requirements for Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz must add Chinese and Tagalog.

Gail has proposed a language committee and is looking for possible members from the Filipino community to represent the Tagalog speaking community. She has a couple of Chinese speaking members lined up.

- VII. Voter Registration Updates:

We have a new Program Coordinator joining our team sometime in the near future. Her name is Susana. VoteCal is scheduled for 2016.

New online "Am I registered?" feature available to voters on our website.

- VIII. Future Agenda Items:

Future meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the 2nd month of each quarter.

Dates for 2014 are:

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Thursday, November 20, 2014