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# VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

**Present: Rebecca Donabed and Captain Schneider**  
**Present via conference call: Rill Mitchell and Tina Shillinglaw**

**July 23, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Registrar of Voters Office, Conference Room  
5951 S. Mooney Boulevard  
Visalia, CA 93277**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak with a total of fifteen (15) minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period. At all times, state your name and address for the record.

1. Approved the January 23, 2020 Minutes.

**Schneider – Mitchell 4-0 - Approved the minutes as is.  
Resolution No. 2020-0002**

2. Public Comments.

**None**

3. Discussed Presidential General Election:
  - a. Legislative Update:

**AB 860 requires that County Officials meet the following requirements: mail a ballot to every registered voters; voters to cast a ballot using a certified remote accessible vote by mail system; allow a voter to track their vote by mail ballot through the mail system; extends the deadline for mail in ballots from 3 days after election day postmark to 17 days after election day postmark; authorizes the election officials to begin processing vote by mail ballots on the 29<sup>th</sup> day before the election instead of 10 business days before election day.**

SB 423 is pending but will ensure if passed: Conduct the election in a manner that protects and strengthens access for low-propensity voters and voters who have no history of voting by mail, first-time voters, housing insecure voters, and other voters who may be disproportionately impacted by changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic; safe, in-person voting opportunities are available in a manner consistent with public health guidance and requirements; provide flexibility to counties in conducting the election while limiting changes to in-person voting opportunities consistent with public health requirements; redirection of money saved due to staff reduction to voter education and outreach.

b. Tulare County Plans:

Mail in ballots to all registered voters within Tulare County. 12 Ballot Boxes/Drop Off Locations in all of the incorporated cities within the county. 18 poll sites open 4 days from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday through Monday and all 18 plus 3 other poll sites open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. We will supply all of the COVID-19 supplies for election day and will also provide training to include Guidance under COVID-19.

c. Poll Site Preparations.

We will be looking for bigger sites that are available for 4 days with the weekend included, accessible parking and one entrance and one exit if possible.

4. Reviewed Poll Worker Accessibility Kits:

a. Manuel Hernandez Community Center.

Agreed that propping the poll site entrance doors to ensure that the door stays open because it takes too much force to open.

b. Three Rivers Memorial.

Place a van accessible parking sign in front of the accessible parking space. Agreed that directional signs should be kept to the right side towards the accessible ramp on the right side of the facility, also on the patio before the glass accessible doors. Prop all inside doors open on the route to voting area and include directional arrow signs.

c. Tulare County Agricultural Department:

Voters Path should have a feather and an A frame should be placed at the back of the building to alert voters to the voting area. Prop the poll site entrance doors and voting area doors open. Relocate moveable objects out of the access path of travel inside the hallway.

5. Pending Polling Site Surveys.

Porterville College survey scheduled on August 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Tulare Akers Professional Center scheduled on July 31, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Prosperity Sports Park to be scheduled sometime in August. All of the members were invited to come along with us to conduct the surveys.

6. Adjourned to September 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.