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**Agenda Item  
Special Meeting of the  
Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, June 30, 2026**

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**Item Number: 3.E**

**MEETING DATE:** 06/30/2026

**DEPARTMENT:** COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/ELECTIONS

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Francisco Diaz

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Francisco Diaz

**SUBJECT:**

**COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - F. DIAZ**

1. Accept the filing of the Certified Statement of Election Results/Canvass, to be attached hereto as Exhibit A upon its final certification and public posting by the Registrar of Voters, for all candidate contests and local ballot measures appearing on the June 2, 2026 Primary Election, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 15372; and
2. Adopt a Resolution declaring the candidates with the highest number of votes as elected or nominated to their respective offices, declaring the results of each measure voted on, and ordering the final, certified election results entered into the official record, in accordance with California Elections Code section 15400.

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**AGENDA SECTION:**

REGULAR AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

In the State of California, the election certification process serves as a formal, statutory mechanism overseen jointly by county election officials and the California Secretary of State. Its primary purpose is to validate and authenticate election outcomes across the state, ensuring that elections are conducted with fairness, accuracy, and strict adherence to state laws and regulations.

**California's Election Certification Framework**

- Vote Counting & Canvass Commencement: Following the close of the polls on Election Day, ballots from all locations, including polling stations, vote-by-mail, and provisional ballots are

collected. Pursuant to Elections Code § 15301, county election officials must commence the official canvass no later than the Thursday following the election.

- **Tabulation and Reporting:** After all votes have been tallied, county election offices compile and present the results. These results encompass tallies for individual candidates, write-in candidates (Elections Code § 15342), local ballot measures, and statewide propositions.
- **Auditing and Verification (The 1% Manual Tally):** Prior to certification, and to ensure utmost precision, the election results undergo a mandatory public manual tally. As prescribed by Elections Code § 15360, officials must conduct a manual recount of the votes cast in at least 1% of the precincts chosen at random, including vote-by-mail ballots, to verify the accuracy of the automated tabulation system.
- **Certification by County Officials:** Each county's election official is tasked with certifying their respective election results subsequent to completing all necessary audits, voter signature verifications (Elections Code § 3019), and canvassing procedures.
- **State Certification:** Once county certifications are finalized, the California Secretary of State reviews the results from each county and officially certifies the statewide election outcomes. Per Elections Code § 15501, the Secretary of State must compile the returns and file a statement of the vote no later than the 38th day after the election.
- **Legal Challenges & Contests:** Following certification, a strict statutory window opens for recount challenges or contests to election results.
- **Inauguration and Assumption of Office:** With certification completed and post-election windows closed, winning candidates are eligible to take the constitutional oath of office (CA Const. Art. XX, § 3) and assume their respective duties, as governed by relevant provisions of the California Government Code § 24200 for county officers.

### **County Certification Process**

As outlined in Elections Code Section 15302, the county elections staff concluded the official canvass on June 26, 2026, and compliance-checked against the following vital statutory procedures:

- Examination of all materials and supplies returned by poll workers and precinct boards. Reconciliation of signatures on the roster with the recorded number of ballots on the ballot statement.
- Resolution of any discrepancies in reconciliation, including matching ballots received from each polling place with those cast.
- Reconciliation of counted, spoiled, canceled, or invalidated ballots with recorded votes, encompassing vote-by-mail and provisional ballots processed by the vote-counting system.
- Processing and tallying of any valid vote-by-mail and provisional ballots not previously accounted for in the semifinal official canvass (Elections Code § 15301).
- Compilation and processing of valid write-in votes (Elections Code §§ 15340-15342).
- Duplication of any damaged ballots to ensure they can be properly read by the tabulation machinery (Elections Code § 15210).
- Submission of final results to the governing board and the Secretary of State, as mandated.

Furthermore, as per Elections Code Section 15372, the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Francisco Diaz, certified the Statement of Election Results (Exhibit A) and publicly posted on the county elections website on June 26, 2026.

### **Statutory Data Format & Retention Mandate**

In compliance with Elections Code § 15373, the statement is provided in a downloadable spreadsheet format (such as comma-separated values [CSV] or tab-separated values [TSV]) compatible with widely used spreadsheet software applications. Additionally, the certified statement of the election results must be retained on the elections website for at least 10 years following the election.

### **Board of Supervisors Mandate and Action**

In strict alignment with Elections Code Section 15400, the structural responsibility falls upon the Board of Supervisors to formally enter the results onto its records and declare the choices approved by the voters.

Furthermore, Government Code Section 25201 reinforces this authority, empowering the Board of Supervisors to perform all acts necessary to fully carry out the election duties required by law.

**Nature of Board Action:** Under California law, the Board of Supervisors fulfills a strictly ministerial duty regarding election outcomes. The certification of the election results by the Registrar of Voters is final and legally binding. The Board has no discretionary authority to alter, delay, or deny the certification of these results.

Consequently, in accordance with Elections Code Sections 15372 and 15400, the Board of Supervisors is hereby presented with the Certified Statement of Election Results (Exhibit A). The Board is requested to take the following non-discretionary actions:

1. Accept the filing of the Certified Statement of Election Results, to be attached hereto as Exhibit A upon its final certification and public posting by the Registrar of Voters, for all candidate contests and local ballot measures appearing on the June 2, 2026 Primary Election, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 15372; and
2. Adopt a resolution declaring the candidates with the highest number of votes as elected or nominated to their respective offices, declaring the results of each measure voted on, and ordering the final, certified election results entered into the official record, in accordance with California Elections Code section 15400.

The acknowledgment and acceptance of the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters' certification by the Board of Supervisors play an integral role in the democratic process, reassuring voters that their voices have been legally recognized and verifying the absolute legitimacy of the election results. This process serves as a statutory cornerstone in facilitating the seamless transfer of power, enacting voter approved measures, and empowering elected officials to fulfill their duties effectively.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$515,000 to \$550,000. The final election cost will be calculated by early August 2026.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Agenda Fact Sheet -Elections Certification](#)  
[Resolution June 20 2026 Primary Election](#)  
[Exhibit A\\_Certified Statement of Election Results/Canvass](#)