SOS-CACEO Conference Call Wednesday February 20, 2013 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

On Call: Alameda, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kings, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Ventura.

Not on Call: Alpine, Del Norte, Kern, Lake, Lassen, Los Angeles, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba.

Secretary Bowen discussed the following Agenda items.

- 1. US Postal Service- Stopping Saturday delivery and home pickup in August. Post offices would still be opened but will have no blue box pick up. Educating the public will be important. President Darling received a letter on January 30, from USPS, regarding returned mail for insufficient postage. Post office wants us to identify how much postage is required on our return envelopes. This should not have much impact in California, since counties pay for return postage. USPS will hold webinar. Sacramento has signed for the webinar.
- 2. Voting Systems— National Institute of Standards and Technology is holding a forum with the Election Assistance Commission. to discuss the next generation of voting systems. The webcast of the forum may be viewed at www.nist.gov. SOS is working on several administrative approvals requests.
- 3. VRC Felon Language SOS is in the process of updating the language, regarding felony convictions, on the voter registration card. A CCROV will be issued and a FAQ put together by the Judicial Counsel later this week. It is the responsibility of the individual to determine whether they are eligible to vote not the local ROV's.
- 4. Legislative Issues Proposed legislation being tracked by the Secretary of State but not necessarily being supported.
- 5. Disaster Preparedness Overall California is above the curve when it comes to disaster preparedness. California law is designed to assist the voters. Review your disaster preparedness plans.