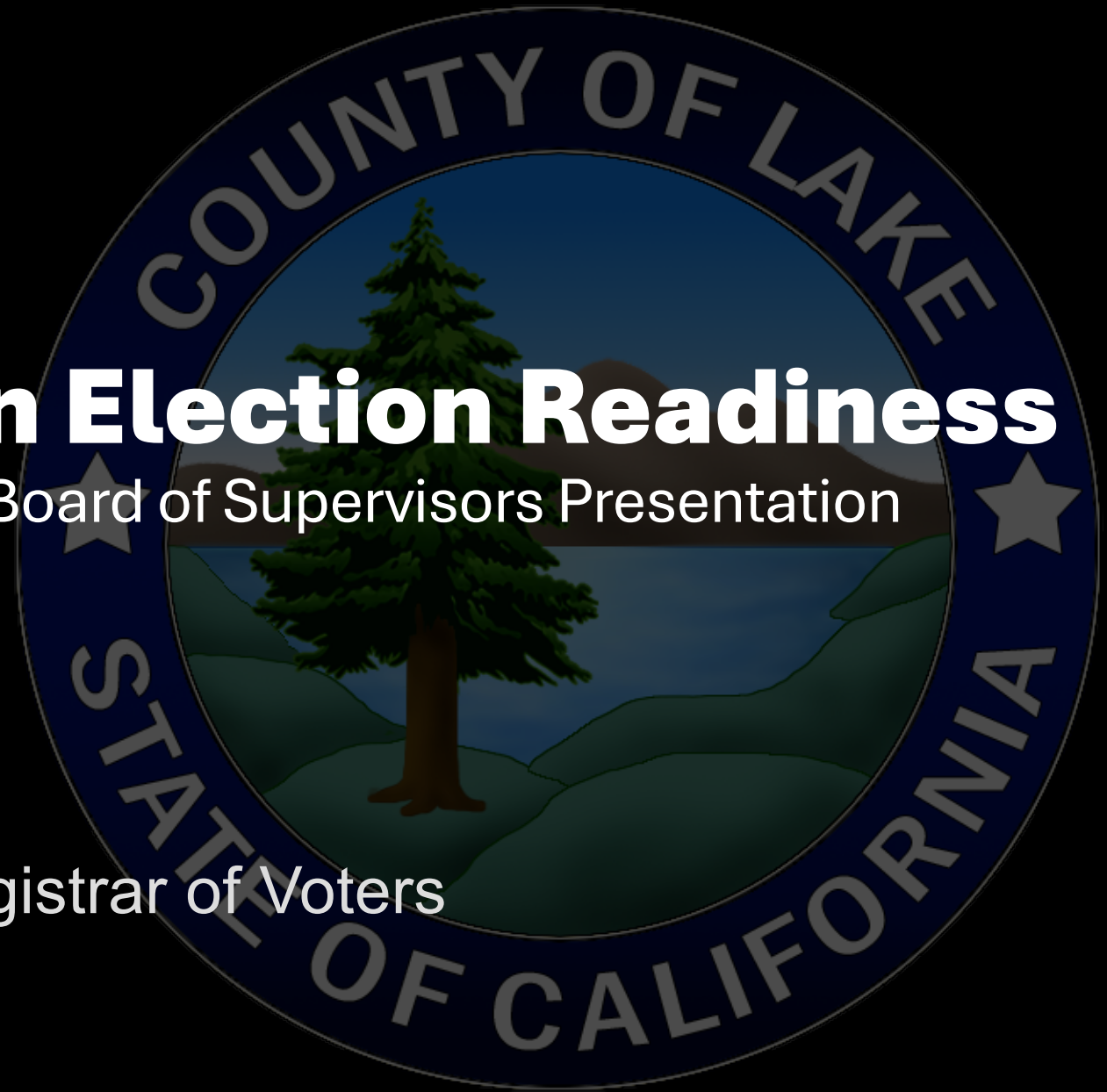


Investing in Election Readiness

Registrar of Voters - Board of Supervisors Presentation

Maria Valadez, Registrar of Voters
May 13, 2025

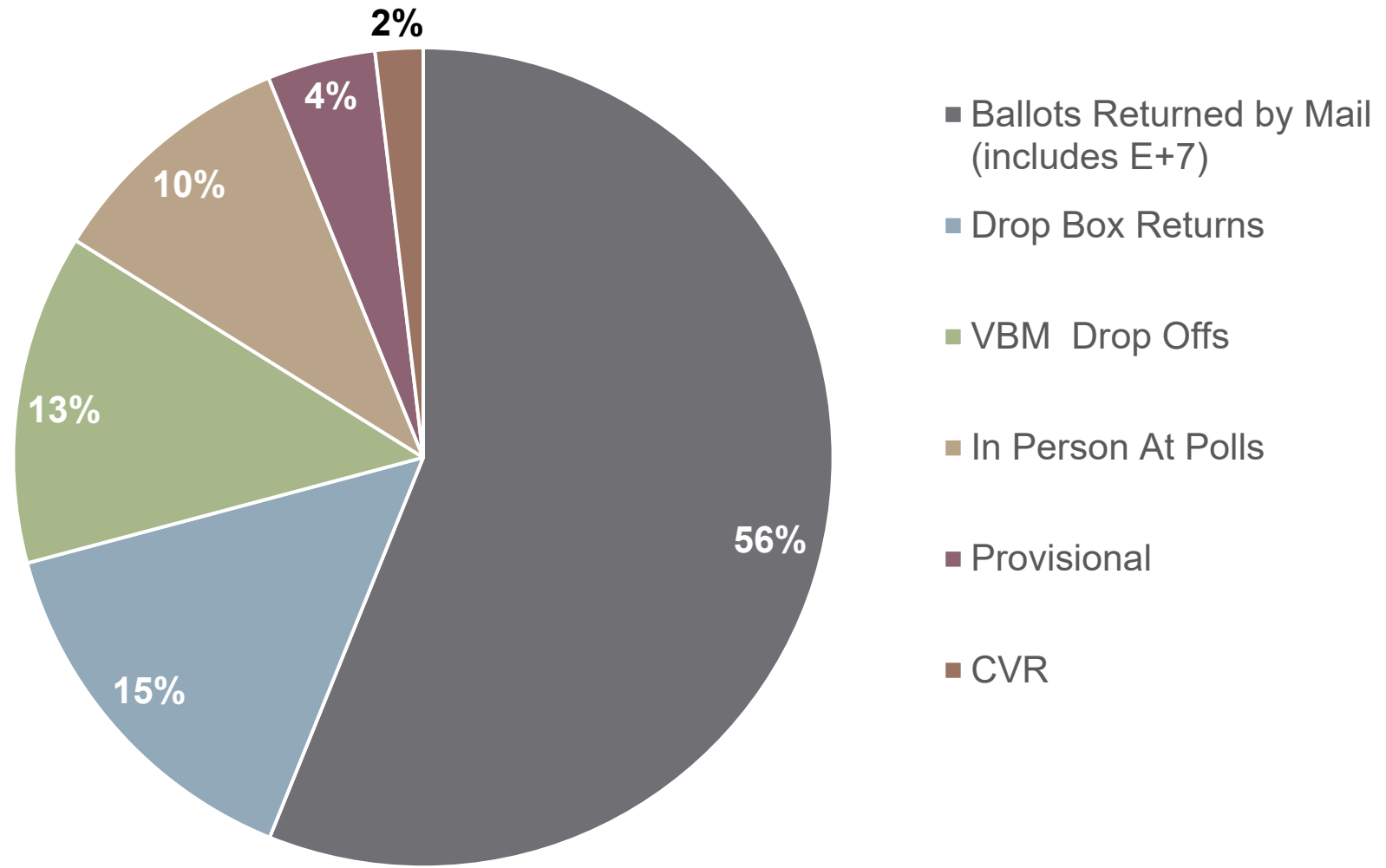


Meeting Expectations with Limited Resources

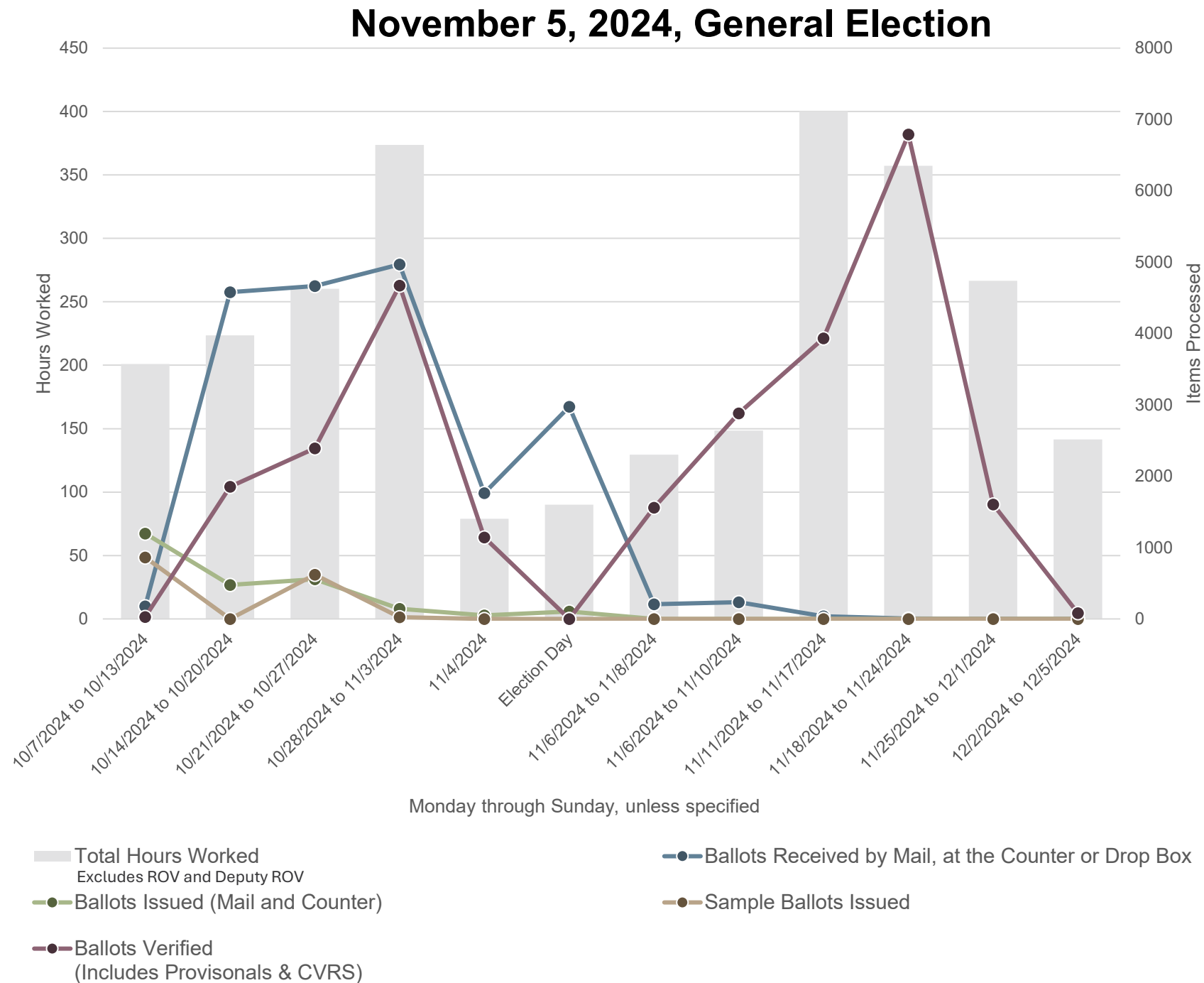
- Lake County must meet all state/federal election laws
- Certification deadline: 28 days
- Compliance with cybersecurity, ADA, language access, and more

Why We Are Here

Ballot Returns for November 5, 2024 General Election



Why We Are Here



Same Rules, Different Resources

- Focused on speeding up post-election processing
- Four priorities: staffing, infrastructure, technology, and support

Targeted Investment to Accelerate Results

- Week after Election: Approximately 681 ballots processed
- Board interest: faster results, while complying with state certification timelines.
- Current system stretched to the limit

Priority 1: Accelerate the Canvass

- 1 Elections Technician (IT/GIS)
- Reclassify 1 Specialist to Analyst
- Add 6 Extra Help for canvass shift work
- Replace aging ballot scanner



Priority 2: Staff Structure that Works

- Add 1 Elections Manager
- Add 0.5 FTE Elections Specialist



Priority 3: Space and Tools to Keep Up

- Signature verification system (up to 20% faster VBM processing)
- Facility expansion (to 4,000 sq. ft.)



Priority 4: Keep Operations Moving

- Department-owned van (accessibility surveys, ballot transport)
- Begin planning for modernization of EIMS and voting system



Responsible, Phased Implementation



Prioritized for long-term savings and efficiency



Based on internal analysis and state comparisons



If Board is supportive, detailed costs and models will follow

Conclusion

A Sustainable Path Forward

- The tools to increase capacity
- Builds a more resilient responsive election office
- Equips us to protect and strengthen public trust



Questions?