



COCHISE COUNTY ELECTIONS / SPECIAL DISTRICTS

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Hand Count / Early Ballot Audit Report

Synopsis:

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-602 (B), Cochise County conducted the hand count/early ballot audit for the November 4, 2014 General Election. The Hand Count Board convened on November 5, 2014 at 1:37 p.m., recessed at 1:39 p.m. and reconvened on November 6, 2014 at 1:35 p.m. in the Elections Offices in Bisbee, Arizona. The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The Republican Party Chair, Casey Jones, was present with 5 other Republican Party representatives. The Democratic Party was represented by Tamara Birch and 5 other Democratic Party representatives.

All ballots were accounted for in the central counting location before the selection process began. The selection order was chosen by lot, and the Republican Party was chosen to go first. With the established order, the specific precincts and early batches to be counted were selected with the County Party Representatives alternating the selection. Once the precincts and early batches were chosen, the races to be counted were selected.

Four contested races, per statute, were chosen, as follows:

- Federal Race – Congressional District 2 (49 precincts)
- State Race – Superintendent of Public Instruction (49 precincts)
- State Legislative Race – Legislative District 14 (2 seats) (49 precincts)
- Propositions – Proposition 122 (49 precincts).

The Master precinct and race selection list is attached for review. For the hand count, by statute, two precincts were selected, and for the early hand count, 2 of 4 batches were selected. There were 23,705 early ballots cast. For the precinct hand count, the two precincts selected were #27 Sierra Vista Buffalo Soldier and #34 Sierra Vista Hopi. For the early hand count, batch no. 1 (4:12 p.m. on October 31, 2014) and batch no. 3 (3:15 p.m. on November 3, 2014) were selected.

Following the administration of the Oath to all present and providing instructions, the physical hand count started at 2 p.m. and ended at approximately 7:30 p.m. on October 6, 2014. The tabulation method used was the stacking method. The hand count was conducted by 3 boards, consisting of 4 members, with the final early batch processed by a board consisting of 3 members.

The hand count included votes cast on the optical scan devices from the selected precincts and early ballot batches. Discrepancies were well within the absolute margin limit and resulted in verification of the machine counts. The possible reason for the minor discrepancy is noted on the specific precinct report.

Respectfully submitted,

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MASTER LIST OF ALL CONTESTED RACES

CATEGORY: FEDERAL RACES

1. Us Rep in Congress – Congressional District 2

CATEGORY: STATE RACES

1. Governor
2. Secretary of State
3. Attorney General
4. Superintendent of Public Instruction
5. Corporation Commission – 2 seats

CATEGORY: STATE LEGISLATIVE

1. State Representative – District 14 (2 seats)

PROPOSITIONS:

1. Proposition 122
2. Proposition 303
3. Proposition 304

AGGREGATE - PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM ALL PRECINCTS

Election: General Election 2014

Race Category: State Candidate

Race: School Superintendent

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
27 SV Buffalo Soldier	508	508	0
34 SV Hopi	230	230	2
Totals:	738	738	2

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	2/738= .27%
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Race Category: Federal Candidate

Race: US Representative

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
27 SV Buffalo Soldier	525	525	0
34 SV Hopi	234	234	2
Totals:	759	759	2

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	2/759= .26%
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Race Category: State Legislative

Race: State Representative – District 14 (2 seats)

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
27 SV Buffalo Soldier	829	829	0
34 SV Hopi	356	357	3
Totals:	1185	1186	3

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	3/1186= .25%
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Race Category: State Ballot

Race: Propositon 122

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
27 SV Buffalo Soldier	504	504	0
34 SV Hopi	222	223	1
Totals:	726	727	1

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	1/727= .14%
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PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT

Precinct Counted: #27 SV Buffalo Soldier
 Hand Count Board: #1

Election: General Election, November 4, 2014

Race Category: State Candidate **Race:** School Superintendent

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Douglas	382	382	0
Garcia	126	126	0
Totals:	508	508	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Federal Candidate **Race:** US Representative Congressional District 2

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Barber	108	108	0
McSally	417	417	0
Totals:	525	525	525

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative District **Race:** State Rep – District 14 (2 seats)

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Gowan	358	358	0
Stevens	349	349	0
Burton	122	122	0
Totals:	829	829	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Ballot **Race:** Proposition 122

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	359	359	0
No	145	145	0
Totals:	504	504	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT

Precinct Counted: #34 SV Hopi
 Hand Count Board: #2

Election: General Election, November 4, 2014

Race Category: State Candidate **Race:** School Superintendent

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Douglas	81	80	1
Garcia	149	150	1
Totals:	230	230	2

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: __One ballot has a X across the bubbles, and one ballot had all candidates names on the write-in line with bubble filled in.

Race Category: Federal Candidate **Race:** US Representative Congressional District 2

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Barber	155	156	1
McSally	79	78	1
Totals:	234	234	2

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____ See above

Race Category: State Legislative **Race:** State Rep – District 14 (2 seats)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Gowan	137	138	1
Stevens	142	143	1
Burton	77	76	1
Totals:	356	357	3

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: See above

Race Category: State Ballot **Race:** Proposition 122

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	140	141	1
No	82	82	0
Totals:	222	223	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: See above

AGGREGATE - EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM ALL BATCHES

Election: 2014 General Election, Nov. 4, 2014

Race Category: State Candidate

Race: School Superintendent

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1	195	195	0
3	187	187	0
Totals:	382	382	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0/382= 0%
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Race Category: Federal Candidate

Race: US Representative – Congressional District 2

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1	198	198	0
3	194	194	0
Totals:	392	392	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0/392 = 0%
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Race Category: State Legislative

Race: State Rep – District 14 (2 seats)

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1	298	297	1
3	282	282	0
Totals:	580	579	1

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	1/579 = .17%
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Race Category: State Ballot

Race: Proposition 122

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1	191	190	1
3	185	185	0
Totals:	376	375	1

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	1/375= .27%
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EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT

Batch Counted: 1 # of Ballots per Batch: 205 Election: General Election Nov 4, 2014
 Hand Count Board: 1 (4:12 p.m., Oct. 31, 2014)

Race Category: State Candidate **Race:** School Superintendent

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Douglas	106	106	0
García	89	89	0
Totals:	195	195	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Federal **Race:** US Representative – Cong. Dist. 2

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Barber	103	103	0
McSally	95	95	0
			0
Totals:	198	198	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative **Race:** State Representative District 14 (2 seats)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Gowan	100	100	0
Stevens	101	101	0
Burton	95	96	1
Totals:	296	297	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Ballot **Race:** Proposition 122

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	113	112	1
No	78	78	0
Totals:	0	0	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT

Batch Counted: 3 # of Ballots per Batch: 201
 Hand Count Board: 1 (3:15 p.m, Nov. 4, 2014)

Election: General Election Nov 4, 2014

Race Category: State Candidate

Race: School Superintendent

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Douglas	89	89	0
García	98	98	0
Totals:	187	187	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Federal Candidate

Race: US Representative – Cong. Dist. 2

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Barber	107	107	0
McSally	87	87	0
			0
Totals:	194	194	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative

Race: State Representative District 14 (2 seats)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Gowan	88	88	0
Stevens	94	94	0
Burton	100	100	0
Totals:	282	282	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Ballot

Race: Proposition 122

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	98	98	0
No	87	87	0
Totals:	185	185	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____