

Voter Information Calendar

November 3, 2026, California General Election*



Dates	Event
By September 19, 2026 (E-45)	Ballots are mailed to military and overseas voters 52 U.S.C. EC 20302 (MOVE Act); EC 3114
By October 5, 2026 (E-29)	County Voter Information Guides are mailed <i>Sample Ballots, Measure Information, and other details included in the Guide</i> EC 3000.5, 3010, 4005(a)(8)(A), 4005(a)(8)(B), 4007
By October 5, 2026 (E-29)	Vote-by-Mail Ballots are mailed to every active registered voter in SLO County EC 3000.5, 3001
October 5, 2026 (E-29)	Elections Window at the SLO Elections Center opens (Atascadero satellite office opens October 26, 2026)
October 6, 2026 - Nov 3, 2026 (E-28 through Election Day)	Ballot drop box locations are open throughout SLO County
October 19, 2026 (E-15)	Last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2026, California General Election
October 20, 2026 - Nov 3, 2026 (14-day period before Election Day)	Same-day (otherwise known as Conditional) Registration period For any voter who missed the deadline to register; must be completed in person at the Elections Office (SLO or Atascadero). The Elections Office will confirm voter eligibility before counting Conditional Ballots. EC 2170 ATASCADERO OFFICE OPEN OCT 26-NOV 3 (M-F 8:30-4:00, 7:00am-8:00pm on Election Day) SLO OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON SAT, OCT 31 (9:00-3:00)
November 3, 2026 POLLS OPEN 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	ELECTION DAY - November 3, 2026
November 10, 2026 (E+7)	Last day a ballot postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Elections Office can be counted EC 3011, 3017, 3020(b)(c)
November 16, 2026 (E+13)	Finish counting most ballots and report the tally - exceptions include: Provisional ballots, Ballots requiring voter signature verification/cure, Ballots received after the fourth day post-election, Ballots forwarded from other counties and Ballots needing duplicating or special handling
December 1, 2026 (E+28)	Mailed Ballot signature verification deadline Deadline for Elections Office to verify signature match on incomparable or unsigned Vote-by-Mail identification envelopes EC 3019(d)(4), 3019 (e)(1)
December 3, 2026 (E+30)	Official Canvass Deadline <i>Registrar of Voters to certify election results</i> EC 15372 & EC 10551: Certify election within 30 days
December 11, 2026 (E+38)	Statement of the Vote The final official elections results certified by the California Secretary of State Gov Code 12165; EC 15501
December 15, 2026 (E+42)	County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors to declare the results of the November 3, 2026, California General Election

E+/- means number of days before or after Election Day; EC [number] refers to CA Elections Code

*Subject to change due if the state legislature makes update(s) to California Elections Code.