

## **Ballot Trapping Program in Placer County, California**

By election code law, every ballot that can be legally counted must be in our possession by 8:00 PM the night of the election regardless of the postmark. In the past we would receive literally hundreds of ballots that would come to our office from the post office the day after the election that could not be counted. Now that has changed.

After extended meetings with the northern California postal authorities, it was agreed that the Placer County Elections Office of Jim McCauley would send drivers to each post office in Placer County and the large processing centers of West Sacramento and Reno, Nevada prior to 8:00 PM election night to pick up ballots that the postal authorities have trapped from the mail stream and set aside for our drivers to pick up. Without this program hundreds of voters would be disenfranchised from voting as their vote would not be counted because we would have received their ballot too late. This program allows every possible vote to be counted and has cut down tremendously on ballots received after the election.

