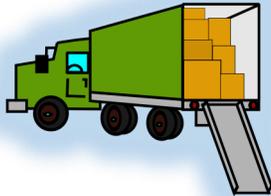


# Nevada County Mail Ballot Processing

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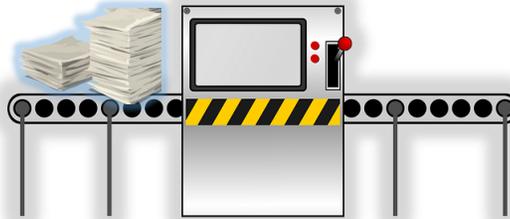
Ballots are collected from the Postal Service, Drop Boxes and voting locations around the county and delivered to the Elections office.



**Ballot Collection**

2

Ballot envelopes are sorted by precinct and passed through a signature verification machine.



**Ballot Sorting**

3

Election staff review signatures that were not automatically accepted by the signature verification machine and compare them to the voter registration database.



**Signature Verification**

4

Teams of two remove verified ballots from their envelopes to preserve the voter's anonymity.



**Ballot Extraction**

5

Ballots are scanned and voters' selections are recorded.



**Ballot Scanning**

6

Teams review images of ballots with unclear marks and apply uniform guidelines to determine voter intent.



**Ballot Resolution**

7

Election Officials use software on a secure, non-networked computer to tabulate voters' selections and report results.



**Tabulation**