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UPDATE: Measure R leads — barely

Staff reports

Measure R, the Tulare County road tax, was leading — barely exceeding the two-thirds approval it needs for passage — as ballot counting ended for the night.

All votes cast at polling places on Election Day had been counted, but as many as 20,000 absentee ballots remained to be tallied.

Measure R as vote counting ended Tuesday night:

Yes 34,114 66.74%

No 17,001 33.26%

In other key returns:

- Kaweah Delta Health Care District Zone 2

Foley 2,766

Gerisch 930

- Kaweah Delta Health Care District Zone 4

Anderson 2,329

Hund 1,046

Barrentine 903

- COS Ward 2

Shannon 6,633

Carreno 2,187

Gill 1,255

Berrey 641

- COS Ward 5

Zumwalt 1,199

Mattos 555

- County supervisor 5th district

Ennis 4,337

Perez 2,875