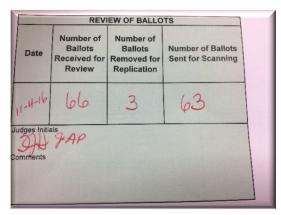
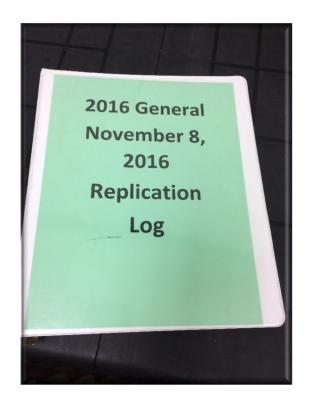
## **Ballot Replication**

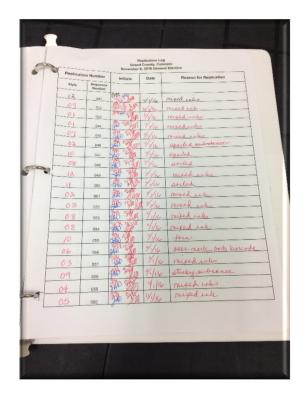
Ballots that are damaged or unique are replicated to protect the election equipment and/or to protect a voter's anonymity. As ballots are reviewed by the citizen election judges, damaged or unique ballots are removed from the batch. The number of ballots removed for replication is noted on the ballot processing log. The ballots to be replicated are stored together in a ballot box until replication begins.



Ballot processing log showing three ballots being pulled from a particular batch for replication

Once replication begins, the ballots that are pulled for replication are logged into the replication log as they are replicated.





Ballot replication log

A blank ballot of the correct ballot style or precinct is printed for each damaged or unique ballot. These ballots are stored in a specific container used for replication ballots.

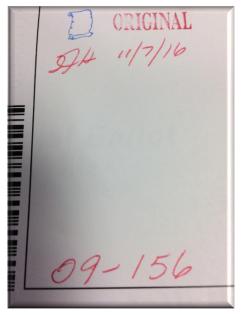


Storage of blank ballots that will be used for replication

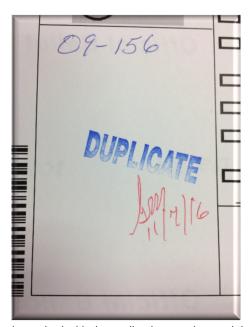
A team of four bipartisan judges is required to replicate a ballot. One ballot is worked on at a time. The original ballot is stamped as an "original" and the blank replication ballot is stamped as a "duplicate." Corresponding numbers are written on each ballot and in the replication log.



Stamps used on original ballots to be replicated and the replicated ballot



The original ballot is marked with the replication number and the "original" stamp



The replicated ballot is marked with the replication number and the "duplicate" stamp

One judge will read the damaged/unique original ballot. A judge of the opposite party will watch to be sure the ballot is read correctly. Another judge will mark the blank ballot. A judge of the opposite party will watch to be sure the ballot is marked correctly. The ballot replication log notes all of the important information about each ballot that is replicated. All original and replicated ballots are numbered with corresponding numbers so that they can be identified and matched up at a later time if necessary.



Bill Heffron (Democratic judge reading the original ballot), Dick Dickson (Republican judge watching to be sure the ballot is read correctly), Judith Dickson (Republican judge marking the replicated ballot), Barbara Heffron (Democratic judge watching to be sure the ballot is marked correctly) and Gary McGraw (Republican judge maintaining control of the original and replicated ballots)

The original ballots are sealed, logged, and stored in a specific ballot transfer case in the vault for 25 months before being destroyed. They are not subject to the Colorado Open Records Act. The replicated ballots are placed in the ballot box for scanning and counting.



Ballot box for original ballots that have been replicated