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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Remke and Commissioners Casher, Eskovitz, Wasserman, and Wynne
From: Lynda Cassady, Chief of Technical Assistance Division
Subject: Report of Division Activities

Advice Requests

Due to the November election, telephone and e-mail advice requests continued to be high since our last report:

Phone counts October: 1,427 January – October: 11,376

Email counts October: 1,045 January – October: 9,678

Form 700-Approvals of Electronic Filing Systems

Staff approved a program for the California Department of Food and Agriculture. There currently are five approvals pending.

Form 700 Requests

The SEI unit processes public requests for copies of Form 700 via phone calls and e-mails. To date, there have been over 1,750 statements requested and 10,000 pages copied or scanned.

SB 27 Implementation – Form T10 Reports

Consultant Tara Stock and Manager Trish Mayer continue to work with Commission Assistant John Kim and External Affairs Coordinator Jaycob Bytel to post the Top 10 Contributor Reports and Aggregation Reports daily.

Form 462 (Verification of Independent Expenditures) – FPPC filings

For the month of October, staff received and processed almost 1,000 Form 462 filings for state and local candidates and ballot measure committees.

Interested Persons Comment Period

In early October the draft Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests for 2014/15 and related documents were available for public comment, along with a draft campaign manual for slate mailer organizations. In addition, revisions to the campaign manuals for major donor and independent expenditure and general purpose recipient committees that address new multi-purpose organization campaign reporting were also posted for comment. A revised Form 511 (Paid Spokesperson Reporting) was also posted because recently-enacted legislation (AB 510) necessitated changes to that form. Under the new law, committees are required to report any amount of funds paid to certain individuals to appear in a ballot measure advertisement. Staff expects to bring these instructional materials to the Commission for approval at the January meeting.

Presentations and Workshops

In November I made a presentation to the State Controller's Conference for County Auditors in San Luis Obispo. In October, staff member Rene Robertson provided training to the Form 700 filing officers for the Strategic Growth Council – a state agency. In addition, consultant Alex Castillo provided a Form 700 outreach via webinar to the Riverside County Executive Office filing officer for the Indian Gaming Commission.

Filing Schedules and Updated Forms

Staff posted the filing schedules for the special election for Senate District 35.

Conflict-of-Interest Codes

The following conflict of interest code amendments were approved since my last report.

Association of CA Water Agencies Jt. Powers Insurance Authority

CA Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District

Mendocino-Lake Community College District