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To: Chair Remke, Commissioners Casher, Eskovitz, Wasserman, and Wynne

From: Lynda Cassady, Division Chief

Subject: Technical Assistance Division's Monthly Report

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Advice Requests

On February 2nd all lobbyists, lobbyist employers, local and state candidates, general purpose committees and ballot measure committees were required to file a year-end statement closing on December 31st. Agency staff opened the telephone lines for additional hours prior to the deadline to help individuals complete their reports by the filing deadline. As anticipated, phones were heavy during January and email advice averaged almost 40 inquiries per day.

Phone counts: 862

E-mail counts: 752

Form 700-Approvals of Electronic Filing Systems

In January staff approved seven programs and have eight pending.

Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests

Staff is preparing for the 25,000 statements that will arrive in the next few months. A more streamlined process has been established for forms we receive from agencies with approved E-filing programs.

Form T10 Report

T10 reports have been filed in connection with a state referendum to overturn the ban on single use plastic bags.

Informational Material

Consultant Tara Stock updated two fact sheets - Frequently Asked Questions: Form 700 Disclosure and Recent Campaign Changes to the Political Reform Act.

Campaign Manuals

In February it is expected that both the ballot measure campaign manual and the local candidate campaign manual will be posted for public comment.

Presentations and Workshops

Manager Trish Mayer assisted Senior Staff Counsel Sukhi Brar with a webinar presented to the California Judges' Association with respect to Form 700 reporting.

Rene Robertson, FPPC's filing officer for state agencies, conducted SEI filing officer outreaches for Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and Water Resources Control Board.

FPPC is hosting Form 700 training for both state and local filing officers in February. Reservations for these filled up within a few days so another seminar was scheduled for a total of five. These will be held at the Commission offices.

Campaign Filing Schedules

In January, 14 filing schedules were prepared for nine local elections in 2015 as well as the state special election to be held on March 17, 2015.

Conflict of Interest Codes

On February 6, 2015, conflict of interest code biennial notices will be emailed to state agencies. Each state agency must review its conflict of interest code and notify the Commission if an amendment, due to changed circumstances, is required. Seminars and webinars will also be held to assist agencies that will be amending their agency's code.

The FPPC is the code reviewing body for over 200 state agencies and 600 multi-county agencies. Since my last report the following conflict of interest codes were approved.

State Agencies:

Business, Consumer Services and Housing

Citizens' Redistricting Commission

Food and Agriculture Department
Resources Agency

Multi-County Agencies:

Central CA Alliance for Health dba Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced Managed Medical Care
Commission

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation Districts Financing Authority

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