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Subject: Report of Division Activities

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Advice Requests

Due to the November election, the Division's telephone and e-mail advice requests continued to be high since our last report. To close 2014, the Technical Assistance Division responded to over 23,000 requests for advice via advice line and advice e-mail.

2014 Phone counts: 12,650

2014 E-mail counts: 10,904

Form 700-Approvals of Electronic Filing Systems

Since my last report, the Division approved programs for City of San Dimas, County of Monterey, City of Soledad, City of Cupertino, Association of CA Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Association, County of Sacramento, Western Municipal Water District, City of Pasadena, and City of Chico which total 37 approvals for 2014. A total of 85 agencies have now been approved for e-filing.

Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests

The SEI Unit had another busy year in acting as the filing officer for Form 700s which are maintained in the FPPC's offices. Here are some numbers from 2014:

- 25,000 – Approximate number of original statements received and processed by the SEI Unit
- \$16,500 – Amount of late fines collected by the SEI Unit
- 54 – Number of FTB referrals made. Individuals that do not pay the \$100 fine may have the amount collected from a tax refund.
- 162 – Number of Enforcement referrals made by the SEI Unit
- 1,963 – Number of public requests for original Form 700s
- 10,976 – Number of pages copied or scanned for requests

Additional Reports By The Number

The forms below are filed with and reviewed by Division staff.

2014	
Campaign Form 462 - IE Verification	1,800
Form 802 – Agency Ticket Distributions	2,411
Form 803 – Behested Payment Reports	371

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.

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 that included legislation, AB 510 effective January 1, 2015, that will require reporting of any amount of funds paid for certain individuals to appear in a ballot measure advertisement.

Presentations and Workshops

In December I made a presentation to the City Clerk’s New Law Conference in Monterey. The conference attendance was nearly 300 and I shared a panel with Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters for Orange County. Trish Mayer, Deputy Division Chief, attended the California Political Treasurer’s Association’s November meeting and provided an update of division activities and new legislative changes. Rene Robertson, AGPA in the SEI unit, provided a training session for the new SEI filing officer for the Board of Parole Hearings.

Campaign Filing Schedules

In addition to creating and posting filing schedules for the most common state and local elections, the Technical Assistance Division also prepares filing schedules for other elections specific to a particular city or county. During 2014, the Division created and posted 23 filing schedules for state candidates and committees, 16 for local candidates and committees and an additional 12 were created for individual cities and counties.

Conflict-of-Interest Codes

In 2014, 42 conflict of interest codes were reviewed and approved by the Executive Director. The FPPC is the code reviewing body for over 200 state agencies and 600 multi-county agencies.

Since my last report conflict of interest codes were approved for the following:

California Risk Management Authority I
California Risk Management Authority II
California State Auditor's Office
Center Joint Unified School District
College of the Sequoias
Hanford Joint Union High School
Inspector General, Office of
Oakdale Joint Unified School District
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
State Personnel Board