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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

Date: March 5, 2015

Advice Requests

Phone count for February: 825 Phone count YTD: 1,687

E-mail count for February: 968 E-mail count YTD: 1,720

Form 700-Approvals of Electronic Filing Systems

In February staff approved 15 programs. There are no pending applications.

Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests

Assistant Division Chief Trish Mayer and TAD staff members worked into the evening on March 2, 2015, so that the forms for state elected officials could be scanned, redacted and posted to our website early the following day. Many statements were still being delivered up to 5:30 p.m. on the deadline.

Staff is gearing up to process the additional 15,000 statements that will be received during the months of March and April. Staff also completed public requests to view 750 statements during the first two months of 2015.

Presentations and Workshops

During February, Assistant Division Chief Trish Mayer and Consultants Alex Castillo and Deborah Hanephin made presentations to state and local staff responsible for performing administrative duties on Form 700s. The presentations provided invaluable information on duties required under the Act and were well attended (over 200 filing officers participated). In addition, Consultants Alex Castillo and Courtney Miller provided training to Form 700 filers in Napa County.

Conflict of Interest Codes

In March and April we expect an increase in state agency code amendments. State agencies were required to review their codes by March 1, 2015 and determine if an amendment is necessary.

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:

Board of Equalization California High Speed Rail Authority Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) State Mandates Agency Dept. of Pesticide Regulation

Multi-County Agencies:

Alameda – Contra Costa Transit District

Cabrillo Community College District

Central Valley Financing Authority

Colton Joint Unified School District

Northern CA Cities Self Insurance Fund

Sacramento Municipal Utility District Financing Authority

Sacramento Power Authority

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Sacramento Cogeneration Authority

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Small Cities Organized Risk Effort

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit

Western Municipal Water District