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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

Phone count for April: 632 Phone count YTD: 3,396

E-mail count for April: 743 E-mail count YTD: 3,683

Form 700 Information

The SEI unit processes public requests for copies of Form 700 via phone calls and e-mails. During the first four months of the year there have been over 1,100 statements requested. Statements filed by county board of supervisors were recently posted on the FPPC website. We are also currently processing 4,000 statements for judges and city council members which will also be posted at a later date.

Presentations and Workshops

During April, presentations were made by Ivy Branaman and Courtney Miller to state agency staff responsible for amending conflict of interest codes. The presentations were well attended, and provided invaluable information on duties required under the Act.

On May 12, 2015, I will make a presentation to state and county auditors. The presentation covers an overview of the FPPC with an emphasis on the reporting forms and filing requirements.

Lobbying Manual

I expect that the updated lobbying manual will be ready for public comment in mid-May and presented for Commission approval at the June Commission meeting.

Form 462 (Verification of Independent Expenditures) – FPPC filings

This year staff received and processed over 210 Form 462 filings for state and local candidates. The majority (161) were filed for local candidates. These figures show that campaign committees are engaging in independent expenditure campaigns not just at the state level, but

also at the local level. Committees making IEs include a cross section of elections such as the LA Unified School District, Orange County, Redondo Beach, Huntington Park, San Jose and Burbank.

Conflict of Interest Codes

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:

Department of Rehabilitation
California Transportation Commission

Multi-County Agencies:

Castaic Lake Water Agency
East Bay Municipal Utility District Independent Cities Risk Management Authority
Eastside Water District
Golden State Finance Authority
Independent Cities Risk Management Authority
Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
Nevada Joint Union High School District
Northern California Gas Authority Number 1
Pacific Charter Institute
San Joaquin Delta Community College District
San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Shasta-Trinity School Insurance Group
Westlands Water District