Proposal to Amend Conflict of Interest Regulation 18706 – “Reasonably Foreseeable”

As the first part of the Commission’s project to update and clarify the conflict of interest regulations, staff of the Fair Political Practices Commission will be holding an interested persons meeting to solicit public input regarding proposed amendments to Regulation 18706 addressing the element of reasonable foreseeability under Step 6 of the conflict of interest analysis.

The proposed amendments will be presented to the Commission at the August 16, 2012, Commission meeting. Staff will present a working draft of the proposed amendments and is seeking input from interested persons and soliciting comments and suggestions regarding the proposed amendments. A copy of the suggested language will be posted before the meeting.

At the meeting, staff will be soliciting both specific and general input and suggestions for providing more usable guidance and assistance in determining whether or not the potential result of a governmental decision has a reasonably foreseeable financial effect on an official’s economic interest. You may participate in this interested persons meeting in person or by teleconference by calling (888) 751-0624; access code 723284. For questions about participating by phone, you may contact Virginia Latteri-Lopez at (916) 322-5660. The Commission also invites written comments addressing these topics. You may also contact Senior Commission Counsel Bill Lenkeit at (916) 322-5660 with comments on these issues or questions about the meeting.

This meeting has been rescheduled because of technical difficulties encountered at the June 14, 2012, IP meeting.