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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 March: 1,077 Phone count YTD: 2,764 E-mail count for March: 1,220 E-mail count YTD: 2,940

Form 700 - Approvals of Electronic Filing Systems

There are no pending applications.

Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests

The division is expected to receive over 15,000 Form 700s in April. The advice line hours were extended on the Monday, March 30th and Wednesday, April 1st to answer the last-minute filing questions.

Presentations and Workshops

During March, FPPC staff made various presentations to state and local agency staff responsible for performing administrative duties on Form 700s and campaign statements, as well as to those who are required to file a Form 700. The presentations were well attended, and provided invaluable information on duties required by the Act.

- Consultants Alex Castillo and Courtney Miller conducted Form 700 filers' training in Santa Rosa for city filers and in Commerce for the Central Basin Municipal Water District.
- Consultant Cynthia Jones trained filing officers about their duties with respect to both campaign statements and Statements of Economic Interests. This training was held in Claremont.
- Assistant Division Chief Trish Mayer and Consultant Deborah Hanephin provided Form 700 training to the Riverside County Sheriffs in Southern California.

In addition, Deborah Hanephin, Cynthia Fisher and Ivy Branaman conducted four Form 700 webinars for state and local filing officers, which drew over 350 attendees.

Conflict of Interest Codes

In March Executive Director Erin Peth and I prepared an informational packet for state agencies to use as a guide when an amendment to a conflict of interest code is required.

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:

Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Government Operations Agency

Multi-County Agencies:

Citrus Heights Water District

Feather River Air Quality Management District

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District

North Bay Schools Insurance Authority

Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains

Sacramento Yolo Port District Commission

San Francisco EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council