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December 11, 1984

Donald F. Driscoll, Treasurer
Pajaro Valley Citizens for
Water Management
P. O. Box 208
Freedom, CA 95019

Re: Our File No. A-84-287

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

This is in response to your letter of November 20, 1984, requesting advice with respect to the proper methods for disposing of surplus campaign funds.

The Fair Political Practices Commission administers, interprets and enforces the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Sections 81000-91014). The Act contains no provisions specifying how surplus campaign funds may be used, except that committees may not terminate until all funds have been expended and such expenditures have been reported on the appropriate campaign disclosure statement.

You should note, however, that Elections Code Section 12401 prohibits the personal use of campaign funds and Section 12404 specifies how surplus funds held by defeated candidates or elected officials who are leaving office may be spent. Although Section 12404 does not apply to your type of committee, the restrictions set out in that section may provide some guidance. If you need assistance with the Elections Code provisions, you should contact your district attorney's office.

Enclosed are the forms you requested. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla J. Wardlow".

Carla J. Wardlow
Political Reform Consultant

Enclosures

Pajaro Valley Citizens for Water Management

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November 20, 1984

TO: Fair Political Practices Commission
1100 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Pajaro Valley Citizens For Water Management

RE: Excess Campaign Funds

The Pajaro Valley Citizens For Water Management was formed to work for the Passage of the Pajaro Valley Water Agency. This measure passed in the November 6th election.

We have a balance of approximately \$2000 in our checking account. The question now is: What do we do with the surplus? We propose the following possible solutions in our order of preference :

1. Give the surplus to the Pajaro Valley Water Agency to start the Agency off with some funds.
2. Give to a community charity in the Pajaro Valley.
3. Anything else.

Please respond to the above inquiry in writing as soon as possible as I would like to close the books and file the final report.

Please send necessary forms to file final report.

Sincerely,



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