



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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September 23, 2013

Dan Masnada
General Manager
Castaic Lake Water Agency

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 13/0916; Dan Masnada

Dear Mr. Masnada:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("Act").¹ found in Government Code Section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to sworn complaint that alleged you violated the Act's disclosure provisions regarding shares of Exxon stock reported on your 2010 Statement(s) of Economic Interests (SEI) but not reported on other SEIs.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, although failing to disclose your significant interest in Exxon deprived the public of valuable information, the FPPC found that efforts made to disclose your interest upon contact by Enforcement warrants closing your case with a warning letter.

Section 87200 of the Act requires certain public officials to disclose reportable interests. As the General Manager of Castaic Lake Water Agency, you must report all investments, business positions, and sources of income on your Annual SEI. Disclosure is meant to ensure that your personal interest does not conflict with your position at the Water Agency, as well as the Devil's Den Water District and Upper Santa Clara Valley Joint Powers Authority.

In this case, Exxon does not have any agreements with your Agency, nor have they appeared before the Agency as the subject of any decisions. Additionally, it was your initial disclosure that brought this to light and all other SEIs have been amended. Due to these mitigating circumstances, we are closing your case with this warning letter. However, the information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact Adrienne Korchmaros at (916) 322-8241 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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