



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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o/b/o Montecito Water Security, Supporting Coates, Goebel & Hayman for Montecito Water District and Barrett & Newquist for Montecito Sanitary District 2018

Ken Coates

Brian Goebel

Cori Hayman

Woody Barrett

Dana Newquist

RE: No Action Closure Letter; FPPC No. 2018-01427

Dear Respondents,

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ This letter is in response to a sworn complaint from Richard Shaikewitz alleging that the Montecito Water Security, Supporting Coates, Goebel & Hayman for Montecito Water District and Barrett & Newquist for Montecito Sanitary District 2018 ("the Committee") violated the Act's advertisement disclosure provisions and the Act's campaign filing requirements.

The Enforcement Division completed its investigation and has decided to close its file on this matter without further action because the allegations have been disproven. The investigation determined the Committee qualified as a committee controlled by two or more candidates, therefore the specific advertisements at issue did not require any disclaimer under the Act. Additionally, the investigation found the Committee timely filed all required campaign statements and followed the Act's campaign disclosure provisions regarding committees controlled by two or more candidates.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (916) 322-5772 or mnash@fppc.ca.gov.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18109 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

Sincerely,

Marissa Nash

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Enforcement Division

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