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May 12, 1980

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Dear Mr. Gaffaney:

Thank you for your letter dated May 6, 1980 in which you asked about your reporting requirements under the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act.

You stated that as a routine matter the California Wildlife Federation and you receive notification of certain appointees who require confirmation by the Senate. You are requested to make your opinions known to the Senate Rules Committee. You have asked if under these conditions would either the California Wildlife Federation or you be required to report responses to such notifications and requests.

Government Code Section 82037 defines legislative action to mean "the drafting, introduction, consideration, modification, enactment or defeat of any bill, resolution, amendment, report, nomination or other matter by the Legislature or by either house or any committee, subcommittee, joint or select committee thereof, or by a member or employee of the Legislature acting in his official capacity. Legislative action also means the action of the Governor in approving or vetoing any bill." (emphasis added.)

Accordingly, the California Wildlife Federation and you are required to disclose those appointees for whom an opinion has been forwarded to the Senate Rules Committee.

You further stated that in the past the California Wildlife Federation and you have attempted to influence the Department of Fish and Game budget. You asked how much detail is required to be disclosed with respect to lobbying the Department of Fish and Game budget.

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The California Wildlife Federation and you would be required to disclose the name of the department whose budget you are attempting to influence.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Gentlemen:

As a routine matter, the CWF and I receive notifications of the Governor's appointees who require confirmation by the Senate. Not all appointees, but those in the Resources, Forestry, Recreation, Fish and Wildlife, etc.

We are requested to make our opinions known to the Senate Rules Committee. Under these conditions would either the CWF or myself be required to report the fact that we had responded to such a notification and request?

In the past (1979), we objected to the Governor's directive that the Department of Fish and Game's budget request be reduced by 10%. Last year, the Governor's Department of Finance ordered the DFG (and other agencies and departments) to prepare an alternate budget with a 30% reduction. We objected to these actions by requesting our members to contact their own representatives and express their opinions. Under these conditions where a flat 10% and 30% were ordered, would the CWF or myself be required to report each item of the DFG budget being reduced? If not, what would be our reporting procedures, if any?

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


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