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**Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-07-063**

Dear Ms. Ringler:

This letter is in response to your request on behalf of the Solano County Rural North Vacaville Water District regarding the campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹

QUESTION

May the candidates and committees involved in a special election to be held on August 28, 2007, combine the semi-annual statement with the first pre-election statement due on July 19, 2007?

CONCLUSION

In connection with an August 28, 2007 special election, candidates and committees may use a filing schedule that combines the semi-annual campaign statement with the first pre-election statement. The combined statement will be due on July 19, 2007, covering the period January 1, 2007, through July 14, 2007.

¹ Government Code sections 81000 – 91014. Commission regulations appear at Title 2, sections 18109-18997, of the California Code of Regulations.

ANALYSIS

During an election, candidates and committees involved in the election are required to file two campaign statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made in connection with that election. These pre-election campaign statements are generally filed 40 days before the election and again 12 days before the election. (Section 84200.8.) Semi-annual statements are filed January 31 and July 31, respectively. (Section 84200.)

There is a mechanism in the Act that permits the combining of statements when an overlapping reporting period occurs or the filing of the semi-annual statement would be an additional, unnecessary filing to the two pre-election statements. (Section 84205.) In this case, filing the two pre-election statements in connection with an August 28, 2007 election will satisfy the July 31, 2007 semi-annual filing requirement. A campaign statement filing schedule that outlines the due dates for filing statements in connection with the election is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5660.

Sincerely,

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