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Subject: Report of Division Activities

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Statements of Economic Interests – Form 700

Statements for state officials, county board of supervisors and city council members are now all posted on the FPPC website. Staff has scanned the annual statements of judges and will be establishing a procedure for the judges to redact information in compliance with newly adopted FPPC regulation 18313.6. It is anticipated that the statements will be posted some time in July.

TAD staff still spends considerable time in filling SEI requests for paper copies. Over 4,200 statements have been requested.

Agency Reports and Fact Sheets

The Form 806-Agency Report of Public Official Appointments was posted on the website and a significant number of advice calls have related to the new procedures. Staff is planning, in July, to hold an Interested Persons meeting to review campaign form instructions. The instructions are being revised to address changes relating to where campaign statements are filed as well as changes to the Statement of Organization, Form 410. TAD staff is also working on updating the campaign manuals.

Election Reports

Political Reform Consultants Barbara Smith and Sandy Johnson continue to update the election reports that disclose the top donors to committees formed to support and oppose state ballot measures that have qualified for the ballot.

Seminars, Outreaches, Webinars

The Division has prepared several webinars in conjunction with the Department of Personnel. Our webinars continue to receive high praise. Division Chief, Lynda Cassady, made a well-received presentation on campaign issues at a conference sponsored by the California State Chamber.

All local government agencies in California are required to review their conflict-of-interest codes and submit biennial notices on whether their codes need amendments this year. To assist them with this process, Political Reform Consultant Sarah Olson made presentations in Sacramento and to a room-filled audience in Walnut Creek. Upcoming conflict-of-interest code workshops are scheduled in Los Altos Hills, San Diego and Orange County in July and September. Political Reform Consultant Alex Castillo provided campaign filing officer training to staff in the cities of

Antioch and Albany, and to staff from Sacramento County Elections. Political Reform Consultant Cynthia Fisher provided an overview of the Form 700 filing officer duties to staff at the Department of Insurance.

We have scheduled 12 candidate/treasurer workshops for July, August, and September in response to numerous requests for training. Attendance is always high at these workshops, as they are held in regional locations during the evening hours which make them extremely beneficial to both new and experienced candidates and treasurers. Many campaign committees on the local level do not have the resources to employ professionals and our training helps to explain the campaign reporting rules in lay terms. We have also scheduled additional training sessions for filing officers who will be administering campaign statements in connection with the November election.

Conflict-of-Interest Codes

Approved amendments and adoptions to conflict-of-interest codes include:

State Agencies:

California State Fair Leasing Authority

Multi-County Agencies:

Consolidated Irrigation District, West Valley Mission Community College District, South Bay Area Schools Insurance Authority, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.