SPECIAL DISTRICTS – FORM 700 ELECTRONIC FILING TRAINING SESSION

AGENDA

July 30 & 31, 2015 9:00 to 10:30am

Board of Supervisors Chambers

700 H Street Suite 1450 Sacramento, CA

- ❖ Welcome & Introductions
- ❖ History
- Legal Requirements
- Conflict of Interest Code & DisclosureCategories
- ❖ Roles of the Filing Officer, Filing Official & Filer
- ❖ Electronic Filing
- ❖ e-Disclosure Benefits
- ❖ What we need
- ❖ Important Dates
- ❖ Additional Resources
- Overview
- Questions & Answers



SPECIAL DISTRICTS FORM 700 FILING

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE UPDATE

JULY 30 & 31, 2015

WELCOME

<u>Presenters</u>

- Krista Whitman, Assistant County Counsel
- Florence Evans, Assistant Clerk
- Dianna Richards, Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk
- Clarice Thomas, Deputy Clerk
- Stephanie Studdert, Deputy Clerk



BACKGROUND

- Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)
- Conflict of Interest Code (COI)
- Updating the COI
- Board of Supervisors is the Code Reviewing Body
- eDisclosure System reporting, filing & managing Statement of Economic Interests

AGENDA

- 1. Legal Requirements (Political Reform Act)
- 2. Conflict of Interest Code & Disclosure Categories
- 3. Roles of Filing Officer, Filing Official & Filers
- 4. Electronic Filing
- 5. E-Disclosure
- 6. Information we need from you
- 7. Key Dates
- 8. Additional Resources
- 9. Overview
- 10. Questions & Answers





FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC)

POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- FPPC REGULATION 18730
- GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87300 87314
- WHO IS THE CODE REVIEWING BODY
- THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY
- SPECIAL DISTRICTS' RESPONSIBILITY



 NONCOMPLIANCE COULD LEAD TO PAYING FINES OR DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACTIONS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE & DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

- Biennial notices mailed on even years by July 1
- COI updates are due the same year by October 1
- Current list of positions
- Disclosure Categories



FILING OFFICER & FILING OFFICIAL

- FPPC Regulation 18115 outlines the responsibilities of the Filing Officer and Filing Official
- The Filing Officer is the County of Sacramento (receives original Form 700 & sends Biennial Notices)
- The Filing Official is the liaison between the Filing Officer and Filer (manages admin tasks & membership information)
- Training is available through FPPC

FILER'S ROLE

DESIGNATED
POSITIONS MUST
FILE A FORM 700
STATEMENT

ACTION IS REQUIRED

- Complete the annual Form 700 before the deadline on <u>April 1 or</u> <u>designated date</u>.
- File assuming & leaving office statements within 30 days.
- Keep contact information current and notify Filing Official of changes.

ELECTRONIC FILING

- Board of Supervisors approved SouthTech Systems eDisclosure
- Designated county employees filed electronically January 2015



- E-filing Training Sessions for Filing Officials and Filers December 2015
- Special District and Boards & Commissions
 Filers begin electronically filing January 2016

ELECTRONIC FILING CONTINUED

- Invitations for Biennial Update training sessions March 2016
- Biennial Update training for Filing Officials April 2016
- Biennial Updates will be processed electronically July 2016

E-DISCLOSURE BENEFITS FOR FILING OFFICIALS

Saves time and money

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- Complies with reporting requirements
- Send annual notices and reminders electronically
- Securely file and submit FPPC Form 700 to the filing officer
- Run reports & track filers from the system

E-DISCLOSURE FILER BENEFITS

- File and submit a Form 700 electronically, 24/7, in the privacy of own secured filing area to the filing officer
- Secured program with password protection
- Easily amend prior forms
- Copy information from prior years' forms
- Assists in accurately completing a Form 700
- Saves time and money



WHAT WE NEED



- Completed Information Request Form
- Copy of current
 Conflict of Interest
 Code
- 3. Stay involved, keep the Conflict of Interest Code updated and Form 700 statements submitted timely

KEY DATES

- Return Information Request Form by August 5, 2015
- Submit copy of current Conflict of Interest Code, approved by the Board of Supervisors by August 5, 2015
- Training information & invitation
 November 2015
- e-Filing training provided to Filing Officials & Filers December 2015
- Biennial Notice training provided to Filing Officials April 2016



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Training materials, handouts and resources are available online:

http://www.saccounty.net/form700/Pages/default.aspx



OVERVIEW

- 1. FPPC regulations requires the County to collect Form 700 statements from designated positions that are required to disclose economic interests
- 2. The Board of Supervisors is the Code Reviewing Body and approves the District's Conflict of Interest Code
- 3. eDisclosure System training for officials & filers will be available in December 2015
- 4. Members will file electronically January 2016



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CONTACT INFORMATION

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