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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Ethics Office

December 31, 2006

Dear Friends,

This is the final Ethics Office quarterly report for 2006, covering October through December.

This quarter the Ethics Office completed meeting a new state mandate for ethics training described within AB 1234. The new law required all public officials to complete ethics training, no less than two hours in duration, addressing the 19 core topic areas described by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

The Metropolitan Ethics Office, with the Metropolitan Legal Department, provided the 37 Metropolitan Directors and its 31 designated officers with six hours of training spread out over three sessions, "Open Government," "Public Office and Personal Gain," and "Power and Privilege."

A self-study series, released through 3 CDs, met the needs of those unable to attend one or more of the seminars. The self-study plan was also made available through audio stream through the Director and Member Agency Web sites. The AB 1234 self-study series is available for non-Metropolitan officials upon request.

Matters brought to our attention this quarter included 11 expressions of concern and 8 questions. Issues included conflicts of interest/commitment (5), contractor relations (1), customer relations (1), employee relations (1), favoritism (1), gifts (1), misuse of Metropolitan resources (4), misuse of position (1), nepotism (1), policy issues (2) and theft of goods/services (1). All were resolved at an informal level.

Sincerely,

Deni Elliott
Ethics Officer