May 2, 2025

William Lipe Via email:

Re: FPPC Complaint No. COM-04222025-01091; Matt Simas, Michael Scattini, John Baillie, Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Dear William Lipe:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission received your sworn complaint alleging violations of the conflict of interest provisions of the Political Reform Act. After reviewing the complaint, we have concluded that we will require additional time beyond the initial 14-day period to evaluate this matter in order to determine whether additional investigation is appropriate. We appreciate your patience in this regard.

Please be advised that, at this time, we have not made any determination about the validity of the allegations you have made or about the culpability, if any, of the person you identify in your complaint. If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact Vanessa Greer at 279-237-5965 or <a href="mailto:vgreer@fppc.ca.gov">vgreer@fppc.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

Christopher B. Burton Assistant Chief, Enforcement Division

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cc: Matt Simas, Michael Scattini, John Baillie, Monterey County Water Resources Agency