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April 19, 2019

Delivered electronically to "pmcarter@jps.net"

Subject: Complaint filed by Pam Carter, PDC Case 24575

Dear Pam Carter:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the complete and accurate disclosure of financial activities, including the RCW 42.17A.555 acknowledgment box. PDC staff expects that you will take a closer review before filing and submit complete F-1 reports in the future in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s

Barbara Sandahl
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For Peter Lavallee
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Delivered electronically to “glen@wethegoverned.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Pam Carter, PDC Case 24575

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 31, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Pam Carter, an incumbent Sewer Commissioner for the Valley View Sewer District may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to check the box acknowledging understanding of RCW 42.17A.555 on the Personal Statement of Financial Affairs (F-1 report); and RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to disclose membership on the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee and the Public Works Board on the supplement to the F-1 report.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Pam Carter; the applicable PDC reports filed by Respondent; and queried the Respondent’s data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- During the open public meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission held May 25, 2017, the Commission issued guidance that elected or appointed officials who serve on boards or commissions as part of their official duties, pursuant to legal agreements or resolutions, are not required to disclose their membership on the F-1 supplement, but would be required to list the board under the income section of the F-1 if they received more than \$2,400 for their membership during the reporting period.
- Pam Carter served on the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee and Public Works Board pursuant to legal obligations and resolutions as a Sewer Commissioner for Valley View Sewer District, and did not receive more than \$2,400 in compensation from either organization.
- Pam Carter acknowledged a failure to check the box acknowledging understanding of RCW 42.17A.555 on the F-1 report certifying financial activities in calendar year 2015.
- On September 13, 2017, Pam Carter amended the F-1 report certifying financial activities in calendar year 2015 to check the box.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to check the box acknowledging understanding of RCW 42.17A.555 on the F-1 report does not amount to an actual violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Pam Carter about the importance of the complete and accurate disclosure of financial activities, including the RCW 42.17A.555 acknowledgment box. Staff expects a closer review and complete submission of F-1 reports in the future.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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