SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 04, 2020

FROM: COUNTY COUNSEL:

SUBJECT: COUNTY COUNSEL: Approval of the Amended Conflict of Interest Code of the

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza- Murrieta Resource Conservation District. [Districts 1,3]

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve the Amended Conflict of Interest Code of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District; and
- 2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District of the action taken.

ACTION:Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

August 4, 2020

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Kecia R. Harper

Clerk of the Board

Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost	
COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
NET COUNTY COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjus	Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Yea	ar: N/A	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Political Reform Act prohibits a public official from using his or her position to influence a government decision in which he or she has a financial interest. Government Code section 87300 requires local government agencies to adopt and promulgate a Conflict of Interest Code identifying officials and employees required to file statements of economic interest based on the positions they hold. A local government agency, as defined by Government Code section 82041, includes the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District.

Each even-numbered year, Government Code section 87306.5 requires local government agencies to review their Conflict of Interest Code, make appropriate revisions, if necessary, and submit an amended Conflict of Interest Code to the code reviewing body. Government Code section 82011(b) identifies the Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside as the code reviewing body for a local government agency within its county.

The Board of Directors of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District recently adopted Resolution No. 2020-01 amending its Conflict of Interest Code on May 14, 2020 to include new positions and revise disclosure categories. The Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District has submitted its amended Conflict of Interest Code for approval by the Board of Supervisors as the code reviewing body.

This office has reviewed the Conflict of Interest Code of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District and has found that it complies with statutory requirements. A complete copy of the Conflict of Interest Code of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District is attached.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District, and direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District of the action taken.

ATTACHMENTS

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ATTACHMENT A: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

ATTACHMENT B: CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE TEMECULA-ELSINORE-

ANZA-MURRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Gregory V. Priapios, Director County Counsel 7/23/2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA-MURRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT AMENDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. (the "Act"), which contains provisions relating to conflicts of interest which potentially affect all officers, employees and consultants of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District (the "District") and requires all public agencies to adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted a Conflict of Interest Code (the "Code") which was amended and approved on September 20, 2016, in compliance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, subsequent changes in the District have made it advisable and necessary pursuant to Sections 87306 and 87307 of the Act to amend and update the District's Code; and

WHEREAS, the potential penalties for violation of the provisions of the Act are substantial and may include criminal and civil liability, as well as equitable relief which could result in the Authority being restrained or prevented from acting in cases where the provisions of the Act may have been violated; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public meeting on, and of consideration by the Board of Directors of, the proposed amended Code was provided each affected designated position and publicly posted for review at the offices of the District; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held upon the proposed amended Code at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on May 14, 2020, at which all present were given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed amended Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District that the Board of Directors does hereby adopt the proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code, a copy of which is attached hereto and shall be on file with the President, and available to the public for inspection and copying during regular business hours;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said amended Conflict of Interest Code shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside for approval and said Code shall become effective upon the Board of Supervisors' approval of the proposed amended Code as submitted.

APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: /

TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA-MURRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

President, Board of Directors
Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta
Resource Conservation District

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board of Directors Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

BY: DANIELLE D. MALAND

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA-MURRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

(Amended May 14, 2020)

The Political Reform Act (Gov. Code § 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest code. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code Regs. § 18730 ["Regulation 18730"]) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, Regulation 18730 may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations section 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are hereby incorporated by reference. This incorporation page, Regulation 18730 and the attached Appendix designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District (the "District").

All officials and designated positions required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the **District Secretary** as the District's Filing Officer. The **District Secretary** shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by the District Manager and members of the Board of Directors and Associate Directors, and forward the originals of such statements to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside. (Gov. Code, § 87500.) The **District Secretary** shall retain the original statements filed by all other officials and designated positions and shall make all retained statements available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours. (Gov. Code §81008.)

APPENDIX CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE

TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA-MURRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

(Amended May 14, 2020)

PART "A"

OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

District officials who manage public investments, as defined by 2 Cal. Code of Regs. § 18700.3(b), are NOT subject to the District's Code, but must file disclosure statements under Government Code section 87200 et seq. (Regs. § 18730(b)(3)). These positions are listed here for informational purposes only.

It has been determined that the positions listed below are officials who manage public investments 1:

Members, Board of Directors and Associate Directors
District Manager
Investment Consultant

¹ Individuals holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligations if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by Government Code section 87200.

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DESIGNATED POSITIONS

GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Designated Positions Disclosure Category Assigned Conservation Educator Education Coordinator General Counsel Field Ecologist General Counsel 1, 2 Natural Resources Manager 2, 4 Project Manager 2, 4

Consultants and New Positions²

² Individuals serving as a consultant as defined in FPPC Reg.18700.3 or in a new position created since this Code was last approved that makes or participates in making decisions must file under the broadest disclosure set forth in this Code subject to the following limitation:

The District Manager may determine that, due to the range of duties or contractual obligations, it is more appropriate to assign a limited disclosure requirement. A clear explanation of the duties and a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements must be in a written document. (Gov. Code Sec. 82019; FPPC Regulations 18219 and 18734.) The District Manager's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code. (Gov. Code Sec. 81008.)

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PART "B"

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

The disclosure categories listed below identify the types of economic interests that the designated position must disclose for each disclosure category to which he or she is assigned.³ "Investment means financial interest in any business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) and are reportable if they are either located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or have done business during the previous two years in the jurisdiction of the District.

<u>Category 1:</u> All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that are located in, that do business in, or own real property within the jurisdiction of the District.

<u>Category 2:</u> All interests in real property which is located in whole or in part within, or not more than two (2) miles outside, the jurisdiction of the District, or within two (2) miles of any land owned or used by the District.

<u>Category 3:</u> All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, products, supplies, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the District.

<u>Category 4:</u> All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, products, supplies, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the designated position's department, unit or division.

³ This Conflict of Interest Code does not require the reporting of gifts from outside this agency's jurisdiction if the source does not have some connection with or bearing upon the functions or duties of the position. (Reg. 18730.1)