

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 8

SUBJECT: BIENNIAL REVIEW OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES- APPROVAL OF FIRST BATCH OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AMENDMENTS RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST 29, 2024: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Pursuant to Government Code Section 87306.5, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors coordinated, on behalf of the Board, the Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes for all County Departments and local agencies. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes as received through August 29, 2024 from respective agencies as part of the Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Approve the amended Conflict of Interest Codes adopted by the following agencies (Attachment A):

- Del Mar Union School District
- Diego Plus Education Corporation
- Encina Wastewater Authority
- Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District
- Leucadia Wastewater District
- Rainbow Municipal Water District
- San Diego Community Power
- San Diego County Law Library
- San Ysidro School District
- Santee School District
- South Bay Irrigation District
- South Bay Union School District
- Vista Fire Protection District
- Vista Irrigation District
- Water Conservation Garden Authority

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County government includes standing and special boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policies and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County and as such must provide transparent, bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on

their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the amended Conflict of Interest codes. The Conflict of Interest codes in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a Conflict of Interest code that designates positions that are required to file the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Conflict of Interest codes must be maintained as updated and accurate to ensure that necessary public officials report their personal financial interests. These required filings provide public transparency about possible conflicts of interest and to ensure governmental decisions are made in the best interest of the public. This Board Letter supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goal of, "Engaging the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and transparently share results of outcomes."

FISCAL IMPACT

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: Vargas

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter



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