

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 24

SUBJECT: BIENNIAL REVIEW OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES- APPROVAL OF THIRD BATCH OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AMENDMENTS RECEIVED THROUGH NOVEMBER 26, 2024: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The Board of Supervisors (Board) 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 November 26, 2024 from the listed agencies as part of the Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Approve the Conflict of Interest Codes adopted by agencies where no changes were necessary (Attachment A)

2. Approve the amended Conflict of Interest Codes adopted by the following agencies (Attachment B):
 - o Agriculture Weights and Measures
 - o Bonsall Unified School District
 - o Chief Administrative Office
 - o Clean Energy Alliance
 - o County Counsel
 - o DCAO - Finance & General Government Group
 - o DCAO - Health and Human Services Agency
 - o DCAO - Land Use & Environment Group
 - o DCAO - Public Safety Group
 - o Deer Springs Fire Protection District
 - o Elevate School
 - o Guajome Park Academy
 - o High Tech High
 - o Jamul-Dulzura Union School District
 - o Lakeside Water District
 - o Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
 - o Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority
 - o National School District
 - o North County Transit District
 - o Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District
 - o Otay Water District
 - o Probation
 - o Purchasing and Contracting

- o Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District
- o Rancho Santa Fe School District
- o Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County
- o San Diego Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools
- o San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA)
- o San Diego Unified School District
- o San Elijo Joint Powers Authority
- o San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District
- o Sheriff
- o Southwestern Community College District
- o Sweetwater Authority
- o Sweetwater Union High School District
- o Tri-City Healthcare District
- o Vallecitos Water District
- o Valley Center Municipal Water District
- o Vista Unified School District

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 all 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

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

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

ABSENT: Anderson

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