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AGENDA DATE: February 5, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Melinda Benton PHONE: 636-5000				

SUBJECT: Approval of North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance Conflict of Interest Code

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
Approve the new or amended Conflict of Interest Code adopted by the following special district:

Water District
North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance

SUMMARY:
The Political Reform Act, Administered by the State Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC), requires local governmental agencies to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code and update it from time-to-time to reflect changes in decision-making positions within the Agency. This includes newly added positions, deleted positions, or changes in the title or decision-making duties assigned to positions. This also includes changes in disclosure categories for designated positions.

In addition, a local government agency is required to conduct a review of its Conflict of Interest Code every even numbered year. A local government agency includes a special district of any kind, school districts, or any local board, committee, commission or agency established by State or Federal statute that has a separate legal status. Pursuant to the Act, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors is the code-reviewing body for all local government agencies whose territorial boundaries are wholly in Tulare County, and has the responsibility to see that such agencies meet conflict of interest code requirements.

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A Conflict of Interest Code is designated to cover members of boards, commissions, committees, districts and similar bodies, and administrative employees that make, or participate in making government decisions. The purpose of the Code is to prevent such officials from engaging in government decision-making in which the official may have a personal financial interest. Officials designated in an agency's code are required to file a Form 700-Statement of Economic Interests upon appointment to a designated position, upon leaving the position and on a yearly basis while performing the official functions of that position. For this reason, positions designated in the local agency's code must also be assigned a disclosure category. Disclosure categories describe the types of personal financial interests that the official must disclose in his or her Form 700-Statement of Economic Interests.

In July 2018, written notices were sent to all local government agencies within Tulare County of their obligation to conduct a Biennial Review of the agency's Conflict of Interest Code as required by law. By law, the Board of Supervisors must approve all amended or new Conflict of Interest Codes.

The North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance responded that they have adopted their respective Conflict of Interest Codes and have provided the County with the necessary supporting documents for review. These new codes meet the requirements of the Political Reform Act and can be recommended to this Board for approval. Declaration by the representative of this special district confirming compliance with applicable requirements for adopting or amending the agency's code are attached for your review.


FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no County cost associated with this request.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The approval of the Conflict of Interest Codes helps fulfill the Organization Performance initiative by ensuring that the County and the local agencies are in compliance with the law.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Melinda Benton, Chief Clerk
Clerk of the Board

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A- North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance Conflict of Interest Code

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF)
NORTH TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL) Resolution No. _____
WATER ALLIANCE CONFLICT OF)
INTEREST CODE)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Approved the new or amended Conflict of Interest Code adopted by the following special district:

Water District
North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF THE
NORTH TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER ALLIANCE**

Resolution Adopting Conflict of Interest Policy

Resolution No. 2018- 002

WHEREAS, Government Code section 87300 requires each public agency to adopt and promulgate a Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act; and

WHEREAS, the North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance (the "Alliance") is a joint powers agency regulated as a "local government agency" under the Political Reform Act; and

WHEREAS, the state Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) has adopted a regulation setting forth a model conflict of interest code that public agencies may adopt by reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance that:

1. The terms of California Code of Regulations, title 2, division 6, section 18730, as set forth in the attached Appendix A, and any amendments to the same subsequently enacted by the FPPC, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as the Alliance's Conflict of Interest Code;
2. The list of Designated Positions and Disclosure Categories attached as Appendix B is hereby adopted and appended to the Conflict of Interest Code;
3. The Alliance Secretary will forward a certified copy of this Resolution with Appendices to the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County, the relevant "code reviewing body" for a proposed conflict of interest code within the meaning of Government Code section 82011. This Conflict of Interests Code will take effect upon approval by the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County;
4. Pursuant to Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations section 18730(b)(4), each person holding a designated position must file a Statement of Economic Interest (FPPC Form 700) with the Alliance Secretary, who must make and retain a copy of those Statements, make those Statements available for public inspection, and forward the original Statements to the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously at a regular meeting of the Board of the North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance this 14th day of March, 2018, by the following vote.

ATTEST:



Katie Icho, Board Secretary

APPENDIX A
NORTH TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER ALLIANCE
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations.)

§ 18730. Provisions of Conflict of Interest Codes.

(a) Incorporation by reference of the terms of this regulation along with the designation of employees and the formulation of disclosure categories in the Appendix referred to below constitute the adoption and promulgation of a conflict of interest code within the meaning of Section 87300 or the amendment of a conflict of interest code within the meaning of Section 87306 if the terms of this regulation are substituted for terms of a conflict of interest code already in effect. A code so amended or adopted and promulgated requires the reporting of reportable items in a manner substantially equivalent to the requirements of article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Sections 81000, et seq. The requirements of a conflict of interest code are in addition to other requirements of the Political Reform Act, such as the general prohibition against conflicts of interest contained in Section 87100, and to other state or local laws pertaining to conflicts of interest.

(b) The terms of a conflict of interest code amended or adopted and promulgated pursuant to this regulation are as follows:

(1) Section 1. Definitions.

The definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission (Regulations 18110, et seq.), and any amendments to the Act or regulations, are incorporated by reference into this conflict of interest code.

(2) Section 2. Designated Employees.

The persons holding positions listed in the Appendix are designated employees. It has been determined that these persons make or participate in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on economic interests.

(3) Section 3. Disclosure Categories.

This code does not establish any disclosure obligation for those designated employees who are also specified in Section 87200 if they are designated in this code in that same capacity or if the geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction in which those persons must report their economic interests pursuant to article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Sections 87200, et seq.

In addition, this code does not establish any disclosure obligation for any designated employees who are designated in a conflict of interest code for another agency, if all of the following apply:

- (A) The geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction of the other agency;
- (B) The disclosure assigned in the code of the other agency is the same as that required under article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Section 87200; and
- (C) The filing officer is the same for both agencies.¹

Such persons are covered by this code for disqualification purposes only. With respect to all other designated employees, the disclosure categories set forth in the Appendix specify which kinds of economic interests are reportable. Such a designated employee shall disclose in his or her statement of economic interests those economic interests he

or she has which are of the kind described in the disclosure categories to which he or she is assigned in the Appendix. It has been determined that the economic interests set forth in a designated employee's disclosure categories are the kinds of economic interests which he or she foreseeably can affect materially through the conduct of his or her office.

(4) Section 4. Statements of Economic Interests: Place of Filing.

The code reviewing body shall instruct all designated employees within its code to file statements of economic interests with the agency or with the code reviewing body, as provided by the code reviewing body in the agency's conflict of interest code.²

(5) Section 5. Statements of Economic Interests: Time of Filing.

(A) Initial Statements.

All designated employees employed by the agency on the effective date of this code, as originally adopted, promulgated and approved by the code reviewing body, shall file statements within 30 days after the effective date of this code. Thereafter, each person already in a position when it is designated by an amendment to this code shall file an initial statement within 30 days after the effective date of the amendment.

(B) Assuming Office Statements.

All persons assuming designated positions after the effective date of this code shall file statements within 30 days after assuming the designated positions, or if subject to State Senate confirmation, 30 days after being nominated or appointed.

(C) Annual Statements.

All designated employees shall file statements no later than April 1. If a person

reports for military service as defined in the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, the deadline for the annual statement of economic interests is 30 days following his or her return to office, provided the person, or someone authorized to represent the person's interests, notifies the filing officer in writing prior to the applicable filing deadline that he or she is subject to that federal statute and is unable to meet the applicable deadline, and provides the filing officer verification of his or her military status.

(D) Leaving Office Statements.

All persons who leave designated positions shall file statements within 30 days after leaving office.

(5.5) Section 5.5. Statements for Persons Who Resign Prior to Assuming Office.

Any person who resigns within 12 months of initial appointment, or within 30 days of the date of notice provided by the filing officer to file an assuming office statement, is not deemed to have assumed office or left office, provided he or she did not make or participate in the making of, or use his or her position to influence any decision and did not receive or become entitled to receive any form of payment as a result of his or her appointment. Such persons shall not file either an assuming or leaving office statement.

(A) Any person who resigns a position within 30 days of the date of a notice from the filing officer shall do both of the following:

- (1) File a written resignation with the appointing power; and
- (2) File a written statement with the filing officer declaring under penalty of perjury that during the period between appointment and resignation he or she did not

make, participate in the making, or use the position to influence any decision of the agency or receive, or become entitled to receive, any form of payment by virtue of being appointed to the position.

(6) Section 6. Contents of and Period Covered by Statements of Economic Interests.

(A) Contents of Initial Statements.

Initial statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the effective date of the code and income received during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the code.

(B) Contents of Assuming Office Statements.

Assuming office statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the date of assuming office or, if subject to State Senate confirmation or appointment, on the date of nomination, and income received during the 12 months prior to the date of assuming office or the date of being appointed or nominated, respectively.

(C) Contents of Assuming Office Statements.

Annual statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the previous calendar year provided, however, that the period covered by an employee's first annual statement shall begin on the effective date of the code or the date of assuming office whichever is later, or for a board or commission member subject to Section 87302.6, the day after the closing date of the most recent statement filed by the member pursuant to Regulation 18754.

(D) Contents of Assuming Office Statements.

Leaving office statements shall disclose reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the period between the closing date of the last statement filed and the date of leaving office.

(7) Section 7. Manner of Reporting.

Statements of economic interests shall be made on forms prescribed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and supplied by the agency, and shall contain the following information:

(A) Investment and Real Property Disclosure.

When an investment or an interest in real property³ is required to be reported,⁴ the statement shall contain the following:

- (1) A statement of the nature of the investment or interest;
- (2) The name of the business entity in which each investment is held, and a general description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged;
- (3) The address or other precise location of the real property;
- (4) A statement whether the fair market value of the investment or interest in real property equals or exceeds \$2,000, exceeds \$10,000, exceeds \$100,000, or exceeds \$1,000,000.

(B) Personal Income Disclosure. When personal income is required to be reported,⁵ the statement shall contain:

- (1) The name and address of each source of income aggregating \$500 or more in value, or \$50 or more in value if the income was a gift, and a general description of the business activity, if any, of each source;

- (2) A statement whether the aggregate value of income from each source, or in the case of a loan, the highest amount owed to each source, was \$1,000 or less, greater than \$1,000, greater than \$10,000, or greater than \$100,000;
- (3) A description of the consideration, if any, for which the income was received;
- (4) In the case of a gift, the name, address and business activity of the donor and any intermediary through which the gift was made; a description of the gift; the amount or value of the gift; and the date on which the gift was received;
- (5) In the case of a loan, the annual interest rate and the security, if any, given for the loan and the term of the loan.

(C) Business Entity Income Disclosure.

When income of a business entity, including income of a sole proprietorship, is required to be reported,⁶ the statement shall contain:

- (1) The name, address, and a general description of the business activity of the business entity;
- (2) The name of every person from whom the business entity received payments if the filer's pro rata share of gross receipts from such person was equal to or greater than \$10,000.

(D) Business Position Disclosure.

When business positions are required to be reported, a designated employee shall list the name and address of each business entity in which he or she is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or in which he or she holds any position of management, a description of the business activity in which the business entity is

engaged, and the designated employee's position with the business entity.

(E) Acquisition or Disposal During Reporting Period.

In the case of an annual or leaving office statement, if an investment or an interest in real property was partially or wholly acquired or disposed of during the period covered by the statement, the statement shall contain the date of acquisition or disposal.

(8) Section 8. Prohibition on Receipt of Honoraria.

(A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of a state or local government agency, shall accept any honorarium from any source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests.

(B) This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

(C) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 89501 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

(D) This section shall not limit or prohibit payments, advances, or reimbursements for travel and related lodging and subsistence authorized by Section 89506.

(8.1) Section 8.1. Prohibition on Receipt of Gifts in Excess of \$470.

(A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of a state or local government agency, shall accept gifts with a total value of more than \$470 in a calendar year from any single source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests.

(B) This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

(C) Subdivisions (e), (f), and (g) of Section 89503 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

(8.2) Section 8.2. Loans to Public Officials.

(A) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the elected officer holds office or over which the elected officer's agency has direction and control.

(B) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the public official holds office or over which the public official's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.

(C) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by

banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status.

(D) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.

(E) This section shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Loans made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or candidate for elective office.
- (2) Loans made by a public official's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such persons, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.

(3) Loans from a person which, in the aggregate, do not exceed \$500 at any given time.

(4) Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

(8.3) Section 8.3. Loan Terms.

(A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), no elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan of \$500 or more, except when the loan is in writing and clearly states the terms of the loan, including the parties to the loan agreement, date of the loan, amount of the loan, term of the loan, date or dates when payments shall be due on the loan and the amount of the payments, and the rate of interest paid on the loan.

(B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:

(1) Loans made to the campaign committee of the elected officer.

(2) Loans made to the elected officer by his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.

(3) Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

(C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provision of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(8.4) Section 8.4. Personal Loans.

(A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), a personal loan received by any designated employee shall become a gift to the designated employee for the purposes of this

section in the following circumstances:

- (1) If the loan has a defined date or dates for repayment, when the statute of limitations for filing an action for default has expired.
- (2) If the loan has no defined date or dates for repayment, when one year has elapsed from the later of the following:
 - (a) The date the loan was made.
 - (b) The date the last payment of \$100 or more was made on the loan.
 - (c) The date upon which the debtor has made payments on the loan aggregating to less than \$250 during the previous 12 months.

(A) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:

- (1) A loan made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office.
- (2) A loan that would otherwise not be a gift as defined in this title.
- (3) A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor has taken reasonable action to collect the balance due.
- (4) A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor, based on reasonable business considerations, has not undertaken collection action. Except in a criminal action, a creditor who claims that a loan is not a gift on the basis of this paragraph has the burden of proving that the decision for not taking collection action was based on reasonable business considerations.
- (5) A loan made to a debtor who has filed for bankruptcy and the loan is ultimately discharged in bankruptcy.

(B) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provisions of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(9) Section 9. Disqualification.

No designated employee shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence the making of any governmental decision which he or she knows or has reason to know will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on the official or a member of his or her immediate family or on:

(A) Any business entity in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect investment worth \$2,000 or more;

(B) Any real property in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect interest worth \$2,000 or more;

(C) Any source of income, other than gifts and other than loans by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to official status, aggregating \$500 or more in value provided to, received by or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made;

(D) Any business entity in which the designated employee is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management; or

(E) Any donor of, or any intermediary or agent for a donor of, a gift or gifts aggregating \$470 or more provided to, received by, or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made.

(9.3) Section 9.3. Legally Required Participation.

No designated employee shall be prevented from making or participating in the making of any decision to the extent his or her participation is legally required for the decision to be made. The fact that the vote of a designated employee who is on a voting body is needed to break a tie does not make his or her participation legally required for purposes of this section.

(9.5) Section 9.5. Disqualification of State Officers and Employees.

In addition to the general disqualification provisions of section 9, no state administrative official shall make, participate in making, or use his or her official position to influence any governmental decision directly relating to any contract where the state administrative official knows or has reason to know that any party to the contract is a person with whom the state administrative official, or any member of his or her immediate family has, within 12 months prior to the time when the official action is to be taken:

- (A) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public, regarding any investment or interest in real property; or
- (B) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public regarding the rendering of goods or services totaling in value \$1,000 or more.

(10) Section 10. Disclosure of Disqualifying Interest.

When a designated employee determines that he or she should not make a governmental decision because he or she has a disqualifying interest in it, the determination not to act may be accompanied by disclosure of the disqualifying

interest.

(11) Section 11. Assistance of the Commission and Counsel.

Any designated employee who is unsure of his or her duties under this code may request assistance from the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to Section 83114 and Regulations 18329 and 18329.5 or from the attorney for his or her agency, provided that nothing in this section requires the attorney for the agency to issue any formal or informal opinion.

(12) Section 12. Violations.

This code has the force and effect of law. Designated employees violating any provision of this code are subject to the administrative, criminal and civil sanctions provided in the Political Reform Act, Sections 81000-91014. In addition, a decision in relation to which a violation of the disqualification provisions of this code or of Section 87100 or 87450 has occurred may be set aside as void pursuant to Section 91003.

¹ Designated employees who are required to file statements of economic interests under any other agency's conflict of interest code, or under article 2 for a different jurisdiction, may expand their statement of economic interests to cover reportable interests in both jurisdictions, and file copies of this expanded statement with both entities in lieu of filing separate and distinct statements, provided that each copy of such expanded statement filed in place of an original is signed and verified by the designated employee as if it were an original. See Section 81004.

² See Section 81010 and Regulation 18115 for the duties of filing officers and persons in agencies who make and retain copies of statements and forward the originals to the filing officer.

³ For the purpose of disclosure only (not disqualification), an interest in real property does not include the principal residence of the filer.

⁴ Investments and interests in real property which have a fair market value of less than \$2,000 are not investments and interests in real property within the meaning of the Political Reform Act. However, investments or interests in real property of an individual include those held by the individual's spouse and dependent children as well as a pro rata share of any investment or interest in real property of any business entity or trust in which the individual, spouse and dependent children own, in the aggregate, a direct, indirect or beneficial interest of 10 percent or greater.

⁵ A designated employee's income includes his or her community property interest in the income of his or her spouse but does not include salary or reimbursement for expenses received from a state, local or federal government agency.

⁶ Income of a business entity is reportable if the direct, indirect or beneficial interest of the filer and the filer's spouse in the business entity aggregates a 10 percent or greater interest. In addition, the disclosure of persons who are clients or customers of a business entity is required only if the clients or customers are within one of the disclosure categories of the filer.

APPENDIX B
NORTH TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER ALLIANCE
DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

Designated Positions

The officers and positions listed below are designated as persons who are deemed to make, or participate in the making of, decisions that may have a material effect on a financial interest. Persons holding **designated positions** listed below shall disclose interests and investments in accordance with the corresponding **disclosure categories** as defined below.

Designated Position	Disclosure Categories					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vice-Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Secretary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Auditor (separate)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Treasurer (separate)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Definitions

Generally

This Conflict of Interest Code is modeled on FPPC Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests. Wherever this Code is silent or ambiguous, the guidance provided in Form 700 and the associated regulations shall govern. Words marked in *italics* are defined further in the Political Reform Act (Government Code section 81000 et seq.) and the associated regulations (2 California Code of Regulations section 18700 et seq.).

Alliance Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Conflict of Interest Code, the *geographical jurisdiction* of the Alliance is defined as the combined territory of the Parties to the Joint Powers Agreement creating the Alliance: East Orosi Community Services District, Sultana Community Services District, and the communities of Seville and Yettem.

Family Member

The term “family member” includes a filer’s spouse, registered domestic partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or other individuals as set forth in 2 California Code of Regulations section 18942.

Filer

A “filer” is a person who holds a *designated position*.

Disclosure Categories

Category 1 – Diffuse Investments

Must disclose all *investments* (including stocks, bonds, or other interests) constituting an ownership interest of less than ten percent (10%) in a *business entity* which (a) has an *interest in real property* located in the Alliance jurisdiction, (b) has done business with the Alliance during the twelve months prior to the date of the filer’s disclosure statement, or (c) is likely to do business with the Alliance during the twelve months following the date of the filer’s disclosure statement.

Exemptions: (1) insurance policies, government bonds, diversified mutual funds, exchange traded funds, or other investments deemed non-reportable pursuant to 2 California Code of Regulations section 18237; (2) investments with a fair market value of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Category 2 – Closely Held Investments

Must disclose all *investments* and assets of, and *income* from, a *business entity* or trust in which the filer holds an ownership interest of ten percent (10%) or more and which (a) has an *interest in real property* located in the Alliance jurisdiction, (b) has done business with the Alliance during the twelve months prior to the date of the filer’s disclosure statement, or (c) is likely to do business with the Alliance during the twelve months following the date of the filer’s disclosure statement.

Exemptions: (1) investments and assets controlled by the entity or trust in which the filer’s pro rata share was less than \$2,000 at all times during the reporting period; (2) checking or savings accounts controlled by the entity or trust; (3) income from the entity or trust totaling less than \$10,000 during the reporting period; (4) income in the form of an annuity.

Category 3 – Real Property

Must disclose all *interests in real property* located in the Alliance jurisdiction or within two (2) miles of the Alliance jurisdiction.

Exemptions: (1) property used exclusively as a personal residence (e.g. home, vacation cabin); (2) any interest in real property with a fair market value of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Category 4 – Income, Loans, and Business positions

Must disclose the source and amount of gross *income* received by the filer or the filer’s spouse or registered domestic partner. Gross *income* is the total *income* before deducting expenses, losses, or taxes and includes *loans* other than those from a commercial lender or family member. Must disclose all the filer’s *business positions*, even if the filer received no *income* during the reporting period.

Exemptions: (1) gross income of less than \$500; (2) income received from the Alliance; (3) income received from any other public agency in the state.

Category 5 – Gifts

Must disclose the fair market value and source of all *gifts* received during the reporting period. If the *gift* is made on behalf of another person, the actual donor must be disclosed in addition. The sources of *gifts*, and actual donors, shall be described using their full names, street addresses, and business activities.

Exemptions: (1) gifts from a single source totaling less than \$50; (2) gifts from a family member not given on behalf of another person.

Category 6 – Travel Payments

Must disclose the amount of any advancement or reimbursement for travel and state whether the filer provided services equal to or greater than the travel payment. Where the value of services is equal to or greater than the travel payment, the payment is *income*; if not, the payment is a *gift*.

Exemptions: (1) travel payments made by any public agency.

Public Officials Described by Government Code Section 87200

Pursuant to Government Code section 87302, this Conflict of Interest Code does not list as filers those public officials described by Government Code section 87200, including “public officials who manage public investments.” The Alliance has determined that the positions of Director and Auditor-Treasurer come within this definition and must file FPCC Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, in its entirety.