



**Clerk of the Board  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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District Two  
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District Three  
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District Four  
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District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** May 7, 2019 - Revised

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"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 Ducor Union Elementary School District Conflict of Interest Code

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code adopted by Ducor Union Elementary School District

**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 of 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.

A Conflict of Interest Code is designated to cover members of boards, commissions, committees, districts and similar bodies, and administrative

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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 Ducor Union Elementary School District responded that they have amended their respective Conflict of Interest Codes since 2016 and have provided the County with the necessary supporting documents for review. These amended 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 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:**

  
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Melinda Benton, Chief Clerk  
Clerk of the Board

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A- Ducor Union Elementary School District Conflict of Interest Code

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF )  
DUCOR UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 amended Conflict of Interest Code adopted by Ducor Union  
Elementary School District

# CSBA Sample Exhibit

Board Bylaws

E 9270(a)

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

### RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Note: The Governing Board is required to adopt a conflict of interest code in compliance with Government Code 87300-87313 of the Political Reform Act (PRA). Pursuant to 2 CCR 18730, the requirements of the Government Code are satisfied if a district adopts a conflict of interest code that incorporates 2 CCR 18730 by reference along with a list of designated positions and disclosure categories. Board members and designated employees must annually file a Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700 pursuant to the disclosure requirements of the district's conflict of interest code.

Government Code 87303 requires a district's conflict of interest code to be approved by a code reviewing body. For school districts located entirely in one county, the code reviewing body is the board of supervisors of the county in which the district is located. The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is the code reviewing body for school districts with jurisdiction in more than one county.

The code reviewing body needs to review only the portion of the district's conflict of interest code that specifies the district's designated positions and the disclosure categories as detailed in the following sample Resolution, including its Appendix, and not the other legal requirements related to conflict of interest reflected in the accompanying sample bylaw. The Resolution, including the Appendix, should be adopted by the Board and, as necessary, forwarded to the code reviewing body. Pursuant to Government Code 87306.5, the code reviewing body is required to notify the district in even-numbered years of the need to review the district's conflict of interest code. Upon such notification, the district should review the Appendix and make any necessary changes. In some counties, the code reviewing body requires that a resolution be adopted during each review and that the Board's resolution and amended appendix be submitted to that body. In other counties, only the appendix needs to be submitted. In both cases, districts need not submit BB 9270 - Conflict of Interest to the code reviewing body. In addition to the biannual review, districts should modify the Appendix and submit it, and the resolution if required, to the code reviewing body when any changed circumstances within the district require amendments to the Appendix, such as the creation of new designated positions or a change of duties assigned to existing positions.

The following resolution should be modified to reflect district practice as well as any specific requirements of the district's code reviewing body.

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act, Government Code 87300-87313, requires each public agency in California to adopt a conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Duocor Union Elem School District has previously adopted a local conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, past and future amendments to the Political Reform Act and implementing regulations may require conforming amendments to be made to the district's conflict of interest code; and

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST (continued)**

WHEREAS, a regulation adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, 2 CCR 18730, provides that incorporation by reference of the terms of that regulation, along with an agency-specific appendix designating positions and disclosure categories shall constitute the adoption and amendment of a conflict of interest code in conformance with Government Code 87300 and 87306; and

WHEREAS, the Ducor Union Elem School District has recently reviewed its positions, and the duties of each position, and has determined that (changes/no changes) to the current conflict of interest code are necessary; and


WHEREAS, any earlier resolutions, bylaws, and/or appendices containing the district's conflict of interest code shall be rescinded and superseded by this resolution and Appendix; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ducor School District Governing Board adopts the following Conflict of Interest Code including its Appendix of Designated Employees and Disclosure Categories.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12 day of MARCH, 2019 at a meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 2

Attest:

  
Secretary/President

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** (continued)

**Conflict of Interest Code of the**  
Deer Valley Elem School District

The provisions of 2 CCR 18730 and any amendments to it adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, together with the attached Appendix specifying designated positions and disclosure categories, are incorporated by reference and shall constitute the district's conflict of interest code.

Governing Board members and designated employees shall file a Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700 in accordance with the disclosure categories listed in the attached Appendix. The Statement of Economic Interest shall be filed with the district's filing officer and/or, if so required, with the district's code reviewing body. The district's filing officer shall make the statements available for public review and inspection.

**APPENDIX****Disclosure Categories**

Note: The following list must be modified to reflect the specific disclosure categories in the district.

1. **Category 1:** A person designated Category 1 shall disclose:
  - a. Interests in real property located entirely or partly within district boundaries, or within two miles of district boundaries, or of any land owned or used by the district.
  - b. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which are engaged in the acquisition or disposal of real property within the district, are contractors or subcontractors which are or have been within the past two years engaged in work or services of the type used by the district, or manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery, or equipment of the type used by the district.
  
2. **Category 2:** A person designated Category 2 shall disclose:
  - a. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which are contractors or subcontractors engaged in work or services of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs.
  - b. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery, or equipment of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs. For the purposes of this category, a principal's department is his/her entire school.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST (continued)**

**Note: Item #3 below is for use only by districts in which the Board and Superintendent "manage public investments." All other districts must delete item #3.**

Government Code 87500 requires public officials and designated employees to annually file a Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700 to disclose any assets and income which may be materially affected by official actions. Under the PRA, there are two separate categories of Form 700 disclosure requirements. For the first category pursuant to Government Code 87302, which is applicable to most school districts, the disclosure requirements are determined by the district and set forth in the district's conflict of interest code. The second category, pursuant to Government Code 87200, is only applicable to Board members and Superintendents who "manage public investments." Those Board members and designated employees, referred to by the FPPC as Government Code 87200/Article 2 filers, must file broader disclosure statements pursuant to the disclosure requirements specified in law and FPPC regulation. See section in accompanying bylaw entitled "Additional Requirements for Boards that Manage Public Investments" for a further discussion of this issue.

3. **Full Disclosure:** Because it has been determined that the district's Board members and/or Superintendent "manage public investments," they and other persons designated for "full disclosure" shall disclose, in accordance with Government Code 87200:
- a. Interests in real property located entirely or partly within district boundaries, or within two miles of district boundaries, or of any land owned or used by the district.
  - b. Investments, business positions, and sources of income, including gifts, loans, and travel payments.

**Designated Positions**

**Note: The following list must be modified to reflect the specific designated positions and applicable disclosure categories in the district. For districts in which the Board and Superintendent "manage public investments," the disclosure category for Board members and the Superintendent in the list below must be modified to "Full Disclosure."**

<u>Designated Position</u>	<u>Disclosure Category</u>
Governing Board Members	1
Superintendent of Schools	1
Assistant/Associate Superintendent	1
Purchasing Agent	1
Director	2
Principal	2
Assistant Principal	2
Maintenance and Operations Director	2
Program Coordinator	2
Project Specialist	2
Supervisor	2
Dean of Students	2

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST (continued)****Disclosures for Consultants**

Note: The definition of designated employees in Government Code 82019 includes consultants. To preclude amending the code whenever retaining a consultant in a decision-making capacity, the following section provides that the Superintendent or designee shall make case-by-case determinations of the disclosures necessary, depending on the range of duties to be performed by the consultant.

Consultants are designated employees who must disclose financial interests as determined on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee's written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements based upon that description. All such determinations are public records and shall be retained for public inspection along with this conflict of interest code.

A consultant is an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, makes a governmental decision whether to: (2 CCR 18700.3)

1. Approve a rate, rule, or regulation
2. Adopt or enforce a law
3. Issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license, application, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization or entitlement
4. Authorize the district to enter into, modify, or renew a contract that requires district approval
5. Grant district approval to a contract that requires district approval and in which the district is a party, or to the specifications for such a contract
6. Grant district approval to a plan, design, report, study, or similar item
7. Adopt or grant district approval of district policies, standards, or guidelines

A consultant is also an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, serves in a staff capacity with the district and in that capacity participates in making a governmental decision as defined in 2 CCR 18704, subsections (a) and (b), or performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the district that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the district's conflict of interest code. (2 CCR 18700.3)