



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** County Counsel  
**Department No.:** 0710  
**Agenda Date:** July 15, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel  
Contact: Bo Bae, Senior Deputy County Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the proposed amendments to the conflict of interest code of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District as submitted; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), finding that the action consists of an administrative activity of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District submits proposed amendments to its conflict of interest code to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Amendments are required to add new positions that must be designated, delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions, and make filing location language changes.

**Discussion:**

The Board of Supervisors is designated as the code reviewing body of the conflict of interest code of any local government agency other than a city agency with jurisdiction wholly within the county.

The Board of Supervisors must take one of the following actions after a local government agency submits its proposed conflict of interest code or amendments to the Board: approve the proposed code as submitted, revise the proposed code and approve of it as revised, or return the proposed code to the local government agency for revision and resubmission within 60 days.

When the Board of Supervisors approves of the local government agency's proposed conflict of interest code or amendments, the proposed code is deemed adopted, and the local government agency must promulgate the code.

**Background:**

The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires every agency to adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest code setting forth disclosure and disqualification requirements of designated positions, review its code for changes necessitated by changed circumstances biennially, and submit its proposed code or amendments to the code reviewing body. (Gov. Code, § 81000 et seq.)

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District adopted proposed amendments to its conflict of interest code on December 11, 2024.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a copy of the minute order to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and Senior Deputy County Counsel Bo Bae.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A**—2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice

**Attachment B**—December 11, 2024, Resolution No. 733 of the Board of Directors

**Attachment C**—Conflict of Interest Code, Legislative Version

**Attachment D**—Conflict of Interest Code, Final Version

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Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District