



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.: 0710
For Agenda Of: December 17, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel Michael C. Ghizzoni 568-2950
Contact Info: Jerry F. Czuleger 568-2950
SUBJECT: Approval of the Conflict of Interest Code of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: n/a

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: n/a

Recommended Actions:

County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the attached Conflict of Interest Code of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin; and
- b) Determine that the above action is organizational or administrative activities of government that is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Conflict of Interest Code of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin ("Agency") was adopted January 24, 2019. The minutes for the January 24, 2019 meeting were amended on October 24, 2019, to correct the name of the Agency. The Agency's Conflict of Interest Code is attached and marked as Attachment A. The January 24, 2019 meeting minutes of the Agency's governing Committee, as amended on October 24, 2019, is attached and marked as Attachment B.

Background:

All public agencies are required by the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Section 81000 et seq.) to adopt a conflict of interest code. A Conflict of Interest Code designates the positions within an agency that "involve the making or participation in the making of the decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest...". Government Code Section 87302.

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Persons holding designated positions, must periodically disclose certain investments, interests in real property, sources of income, gifts, loans and business positions. The financial disclosures are compiled on "Form 700".

Agencies must amend their Conflict of Interest Code when necessary to add or delete designated positions, or to revise the disclosure categories correlated with designated positions. At a minimum, the Political Reform Act requires every local government agency, to review its Conflict of Interest Code every two years.

The Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin's Conflict of Interest Code will be effective once approved by the Board of Supervisors as the Code Reviewing Body. Government Code Section 82011.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the minute order reflecting the Board's action, to the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin and to Senior Deputy County Counsel Jerry F. Czuleger.

Attachments:

Attachment A - The Conflict of Interest Code of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin.

Attachment B - The January 24, 2019 meeting minutes of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin's governing Committee, as amended on October 24, 2019.

Authored by:

Senior Deputy County Counsel Jerry F. Czuleger

cc: Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin