

County of Sonoma  
State of California

Date: January 28, 2025

Item Number:

Resolution Number:

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Approving the Conflict of Interest Code for the Sonoma Resource Conservation District**

**Whereas**, the Political Reform Act, Government Code section 81000 et seq. requires state and local government agencies to adopt conflict of interest codes; and

**Whereas**, state law requires that every two years agencies review their conflict of interest codes and make such changes as are necessary to keep the codes current; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Supervisors is the code reviewing body for agencies within the geographic jurisdiction of the County, and charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the amended codes comply with law; and

**Whereas**, the Sonoma Resource Conservation District has proposed an amendment to update its code to comply with state law; and

**Whereas**, County Counsel has reviewed the amended code and determined that it complies with the Political Reform Act; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the conflict of interest code of the Sonoma Resource Conservation District is approved as amended. The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Sonoma Resource Conservation District and County Counsel.

**Supervisors:**

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**



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**RESOLUTION 2425-003  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections 81000 et seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt conflict of interest codes, and

WHEREAS, the Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, Title 2 California Code of Regulations sections 18730, which contains the terms of standard conflict of interest codes and which can be incorporated by reference and may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission after public notice and hearings to confirm to amendments to the Political Reform Act, and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to adopt this standard code and designate which officers and employees should disclose financial interests and describe which interests must be disclosed (see Conflict of Interest Code, Exhibit A and Exhibit B), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The terms of Title 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference and along with the attached Exhibit A and Exhibit B, in which members and employees are designated and disclosure categories are set forth, constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the Sonoma Resource Conservation District, and
2. Pursuant to Section 4 of the standard code, designated employees shall file statements of economic interest with the Sonoma County Clerk. Any District board member or any designated employee already required to submit a disclosure statement (Form 700) pursuant to Government Code section 87203 may submit a copy of that statement in lieu of any filing required by this code provided that no additional disclosure would be required by this code.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this day, September 26, 2024, by the following vote:

**DIRECTORS:**

Abelli-Amen: Aye    Nagle: Aye    Reguzzoni: Absent    Jenkins: Aye    Worrell: Aye  
Euphrat: Aye    Kuszmar: Aye

Ayes: 6    Noes: 0    Absent: 1    Abstain: 0

By:   
**Bruce Abelli-Amen, Board Chair**  
Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Date: 9/26/24    Attested by:   
Christine Kuehn  
Executive Director

**APPENDIX A: DESIGNATED POSITIONS**

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<u>Assigned Disclosure Category</u>
Board Directors	1
Executive Director (Interim Executive Director)	1
Director of Finance and Administration	1
Deputy Director	1
Consultants	*

\* Consultants shall be included in the list of designated employees and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code subject to the following:

The Board Chair may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of Category 1. In such cases, the Chair may designate a different disclosure requirement. Such determination must be made in writing and shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of the consultant's disclosure requirements. Such determination by the Chair is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code.

## **APPENDIX B: DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES<sup>1</sup>**

### **General Provisions Applicable to All Categories**

**When an individual who holds a designated position is required to disclose investments and sources of income, he or she shall disclose investments in business entities and sources of income which do business in the jurisdiction, plan to do business in the jurisdiction, or have done business in the jurisdiction within the past two years. In addition to other activities, a business entity is doing business within the jurisdiction if it owns real property within the jurisdiction.**

**When an individual who holds a designated position is required to disclose sources of income, he or she shall include gifts received from donors located inside as well as outside the jurisdiction.**

**When an individual who holds a designated position is required to disclose interests in real property, he or she shall disclose the type of real property described below if it is located within the jurisdiction, or not more than two miles outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction, or within two miles of any land owned or used by Agency.**

**For purposes of this Conflict of Interest Code, the jurisdiction of the Sonoma Resource Conservation District is Sonoma County.**

### **Category 1**

**A designated position in this category must report all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income, including gifts, loans, and travel payments.**

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<sup>1</sup> Only investments in, and sources of income from, business entities, and sources of income, which do business in the geographic area of the Sonoma Resource Conservation District, or real property interests located in the District, need to be reported.