

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

ITEM 2

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATE WATER BOARD'S REVISED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE (CODE) AND TRANSMITTING THE CODE TO THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to Government Code section 87306, every two years a state agency must review its Conflict of Interest Code (Code) and adopt a revised Code if necessary. The State Water Board's Code was last updated in 2012. Since that time new positions have been designated to file annual statements of economic interests, and some positions have been eliminated or renamed. The Appendix to the Code, which contains the State Water Board's list of designated positions and corresponding disclosure categories for the State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards, must be updated.

The revised Code was circulated for a 60-day public comment period and all positions affected by the proposed revisions have been notified.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board adopt the proposed Resolution?

FISCAL IMPACT

None

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Board should adopt the Resolution approving the updated Conflict of Interest Code and direct the Executive Director to transmit the Code to the Fair Political Practices Commission for final approval.

<p>State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 6 of the Strategic Plan Update 2008-2012. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling the goal to promote fair and equitable application of laws, regulations, policies and procedures.</p>

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

APPROVING THE STATE WATER BOARD'S REVISED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE (CODE) AND TRANSMITTING THE CODE TO THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL

WHEREAS:

1. The Political Reform Act, Government Code sections 81000 and following, requires all state agencies to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code (Code) containing a list of designated positions within the agency, and for each position a list of the types of economic interests that must be disclosed.
2. Government Code section 87306 requires every state agency to review its Code every two years and revise it if necessary.
3. The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Code was last revised in 2012. Since 2012, new positions have been designated and some positions have been eliminated or renamed. The Appendix to the Code, which contains the State Water Board's list of designated positions and disclosure categories, must be updated.
4. The revised Code has been circulated for a 60-day public comment period to all employees and all employees holding designated positions under the revised Code have been notified of the changes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has approved the proposed changes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board

1. Adopts the revised [Conflict of Interest Code](#).
2. Authorizes and directs the Executive Director to transmit the revised Code with the required declaration to the Fair Political Practices Commission for final approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on September 20, 2016.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board