# MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

# **NOTICE OF MEETING**\*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency") Board of Directors ("Board") will hold a **Board Meeting** at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 15, 2018

at Room 223 (Santa Cruz), Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, California 93001

#### MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# **AGENDA**

Thursday, February 15, 2018

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

The Board will receive public comments on items <u>not</u> appearing on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency. The Board will not enter into a detailed discussion or take any action on any items presented during public comments. Such items may only be referred to the Executive Director or other staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Persons wishing to speak on specific agenda items should do so at the time specified for those items. The presiding Chair shall limit public comments to three minutes.

#### 5. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Minutes from November 16, 2017 Regular Meeting (provided at meeting)
- **b.** Approve Minutes from December 21, 2017 Regular Meeting (provided at meeting)

# 6. ACTION ITEMS

#### a. Interim Accounting Services

The Board will consider authorizing the Chair to enter into an agreement with United Water Conservation District to perform interim accounting services for the Agency.

b. Liability Insurance

The Board will consider a quote from Golden State Risk Management Authority to provide liability insurance for the Agency.

# c. Conflict of Interest Code

The Board will review the comments from County Counsel on the Conflict of Interest Code, consider adopting Resolution 2018-1, the Conflict of Interest Code,

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(attached) to supersede Resolution 2017-3, and submit the revised code to the County of Ventura for approval.

**d.** Update on Request for Proposal and Qualifications for Legal Services The Board will receive an update on the process to obtain legal services and discuss the selection process and schedule. The Board may consider establishing an ad hoc legal services committee to review applications, interview finalists, and make a recommendation to the Board.

#### e. Board Workshop for Basin Boundary Modification

Tony Morgan, United Water Conservation District, will lead the Board in a discussion of the proposed basin boundary modifications for the Mound Basin. The Board may consider scheduling a public workshop to discuss the necessary basin boundary modifications.

# 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Report from Ad hoc Committee for Long-term Funding Options

#### 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2018
- b. GSP Grant Funding Request Update

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

Administrative Reports relating to this agenda are available in the City of Ventura City Clerk's Office, 501 Poli St., Room 204, Ventura, during normal business hours as well as on the City of Ventura's Web Site (<u>https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1075/Water-Sources</u>). Materials related to an agenda item submitted to the Agency after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public review at the City Clerk's Office.

This agenda was posted before 2/12/18 at 1:00 p.m. on the City of Ventura City Hall Public Notices Board and on the Internet.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Ventura Water Office at (805) 652-4587 or the California Relay Service at (866) 735-2929. Notification by 2/13/18, at 12:00 p.m. will enable the Agency to make reasonable arrangements for accessibility to this meeting.

#### MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

#### Item No. 6(a)

DATE:	February 15, 2018	
TO:	Board of Directors	
FROM:	Jennifer Tribo, Interim Executive Director	
SUBJECT:	Interim Accounting Services	

## **SUMMARY**

In order for the Mound Basin GSA ("Agency") to pay for legal, technical, and consultant services received before the appointment of a Treasurer and permanent Executive Director, the Board may consider entering into an agreement with United Water Conservation District to perform interim accounting services.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Board will consider authorizing the Chair to enter into an agreement with United Water Conservation District to perform interim accounting services for the Agency.

# **BACKGROUND**

At its October 19, 2017 meeting, the Board authorized the Chair to execute an MOU with the City of Ventura (pending member agency approval) to perform interim accounting functions. At its November 16, 2017 meeting, the Board was informed that the City of Ventura was unable to perform accounting functions on behalf of the Agency. The Board discussed the possibility of United Water Conservation District providing interim accounting services and directed staff to provide additional information at the December 21, 2017 meeting. This item was deferred to February.

# FISCAL SUMMARY

Accounting services provided by United Water Conservation District would be reimbursable in kind services and the budget would be amended accordingly.

Action:				
Motion:		2 <sup>nd</sup> :		
K. Brown	M.Mobley	G.Shephard	J. Chambers	C.Everts

# MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Item No. 6(b)

DATE: February 15, 2018TO: Board of DirectorsSUBJECT: Liability Insurance

# **SUMMARY**

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement ("JPA Agreement") requires that the Agency obtain liability insurance to cover the activities of the Agency's Directors and staff in the ordinary course of their duties. Staff will review the insurance quotes received to date at the meeting.

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Board will consider a quote from Golden State Risk Management Authority to provide liability insurance for the Agency.

# BACKGROUND

Section 15.5 of the JPA Agreement requires the Agency to obtain liability insurance. "The Board of Directors shall obtain, and maintain in effect, appropriate liability insurance to cover the activities of the Authority's Directors and staff in the ordinary course of their duties."

Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA) provided a quote for Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's general liability coverage and risk management program. The estimated annual cost is \$2,700 per year. This quote is subject to reunderwriting as the agency develops and implements its Groundwater Sustainability Plan. GSRMA requires participation in all applicable coverage programs, and a three-year membership commitment.

# FISCAL SUMMARY

Action

The approved budget includes up to \$2,500 for liability insurance.

Action				
Motion:		2 <sup>nd</sup> :		
K. Brown	M.Mobley	G.Shephard	J. Chambers	C.Everts







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Coverage / Risk Management Proposal for Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency



January 9, 2018

Jennifer Tribo Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency 501 Poli Street Ventura, CA 93001

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a quote for Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's general liability coverage and risk management program. Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA) is an excellent option for California Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Based on the information provided, below is the estimated annual cost for the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency:

General Liability	\$ 2,700
Total	\$ 2,700

This quote is subject to re-underwriting as your agency develops and implements its Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

GSRMA requires participation in all applicable coverage programs, and a threeyear membership commitment. This commitment is vital to rate stabilization in risk-sharing pools. GSRMA was formed in 1979, and has provided its members with competitive rates and extremely high limits of coverage. GSRMA currently has 273 member agencies.

GSRMA is very strong financially and *Accredited with Excellence* from the California Association of Joint Power Authorities (CAJPA). The CAJPA accreditation is an extensive third-party examination of an insurance pool's structure, finances and operations. We are proud of this recognition.

GSRMA is diligent in its effort to provide member protection with no "gaps". Coverage such as Director's E&O, Employment Practices Liability, Pollution Liability, and Cyber Liability risks are covered! We look forward to an opportunity to serve your agency. Feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Peters, Assistant Risk Manager (530) 934-5633

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# **Coverage Summary and Limits**

# **Comprehensive General Liability**

\$50,000,000 Per Occurrence Limits

# Broad Occurrence Coverage Including:

- First-dollar coverage no member retention or deductible for liability losses
- Bodily Injury & Property Damage
- Personal Injury
- Public Officials Errors & Omissions
- Automobile Liability
- Contractual Liability
- Employment Practices Liability
- Pollution Liability
- Crime-Bond Coverage (\$10,000,000 Limits)
- Excess coverage is provided through the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority, one of the largest and most respected public entity insurance programs in the nation

#### MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

#### Item No. 6(c)

DATE:	February 15, 2018
TO:	Board of Directors
SUBJECT:	Conflict of Interest Code

# **SUMMARY**

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement ("JPA Agreement") requires that the Agency adopt a local conflict of interest code pursuant to the schedule and provisions described below. On November 16, 2017, the Agency adopted Resolution 2017-3, the Conflict of Interest Code and submitted the code to the County of Ventura for review. On February 1, 2018, the deputy clerk of the Board for Ventura County forwarded County Counsel's required revisions to the interim Executive Director of the Mound Basin GSA. The amendments are required before the Code can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Consider adopting Resolution 2018-1, the Conflict of Interest Code, (attached) to supersede Resolution 2017-3 and submit the revised code to the County of Ventura for approval.

# **BACKGROUND**

Section 8.5 of the JPA Agreement requires the Board of Directors to adopt a local conflict of interest code pursuant to the provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code sections 81000, et seq.).

At the July 20, 2017 meeting, Director McDermott volunteered to draft a Conflict of Interest Code for the Board's consideration since he had just completed a similar effort for another Groundwater Sustainability Agency. On July 20, 2017, the Interim Executive Director received a letter from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for Ventura County notifying the Agency that it must submit a proposed conflict of interest code to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for review no later than December 6, 2017.

On October 10, 2017, the UVRGA received the comments on its Conflict of Interest Code. At the October 19, 2017 meeting, the Board directed staff to make the suggested edits and bring the Conflict of Interest Code back to the Board for review and approval at its November meeting. On November 16, 2017, the Agency adopted Resolution 2017-3, the Conflict of Interest Code and submitted the code to the County of Ventura for review.

On February 1, 2018, the deputy clerk of the Board for Ventura County forwarded County Counsel's required revisions to the interim Executive Director of the Mound Basin GSA. The amendments are required before the Code can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. The attached Resolution 2018-1, the Conflict of Interest Code, and associated attachments reflect the comments from County Counsel. The Board may decide to approve the Resolution and submit the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code to the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

# FISCAL SUMMARY

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Action: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_\_

K. Brown\_\_\_\_ M.Mobley\_\_\_\_ G.Shephard\_\_\_\_ J.Chambers\_\_\_\_ C.Everts\_\_\_\_

County of Ventura

17 November 2017

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Clerk of the Board

# MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILILTY AGENCY

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (AGENCY) ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

**WHEREAS,** the Political Reform Act, Government Code §81000 *et seq.* requires every state and local government agency to adopt and promulgate a Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to Government Code §87300; and,

WHEREAS, the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") has adopted a regulation which contains terms of a standard model Conflict of Interest Code (2 California Code of Regulations §18730), which is attached hereto as Attachment A, and will be amended to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act after public notice and hearing conducted by the FPPC; and,

**WHEREAS,** the standard model Conflict of Interest Code will help ensure compliance by the Agency with the Political Reform Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of Directors of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency does hereby resolve, find, determine and order as follows:

Section 1: The terms of the standard model Conflict of Interest Code adopted pursuant to 2 California Code of Regulations §18730, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment A, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the FPPC is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as the Conflict of Interest Code for the Agency. This standard model Conflict of Interest Code and Attachments B, C, and D to this Resolution, in which members and employees are designated and disclosure categories are set forth and explained, shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the Agency.

and

<u>Section 2</u>: Pursuant to this Resolution, employees designated in Attachment D hereto shall file statements of economic interests (Form 700) with the Mound Basin Groundwater
Sustainability Agency Secretary, who shall forward a copy of the statement to the FPPC. The Agency Secretary shall be responsible for the retention of a copy of all of those statements of economic interests and make them available for public inspection and reproduction (Government Code §81008). The Chair, Vice-Chair, Members of the Board of Directors, Alternate Directors, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and General Counsel of the Agency shall file a Form 700 statement pursuant to State law (Government Code § 87200 et seq.) with the Clerk of the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors.

Section 3: The Agency shall certify as to the adoption of this Resolution and cause the filing of said Conflict of Interest Code in the manner prescribed by law. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2017. 

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Michael Mobley, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Tribo Interim Executive Director

# ATTACHMENT A

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

#### TITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION 6. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION CHAPTER 7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

#### **ARTICLE 2. DISCLOSURE**

#### 2 CCR §18730

§18730. Provisions of Conflict of Interest Codes

- (a) Incorporation by reference of the terms of this regulation along with the designation of employees and the formulation of disclosure categories in the Attachments referred to below constitute the adoption and promulgation of a conflict of interest code within the meaning of Government Code Section §87300 or the amendment of a conflict of interest code within the meaning of Government Code Section §87307 if the terms of this regulation are substituted for terms of a conflict of interest code already in effect. A code so amended or adopted and promulgated requires the reporting of reportable items in a manner substantially equivalent to the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections §81000, *et seq.* The requirements of a conflict of interest code are in addition to other requirements of the Political Reform Act, such as the general prohibition against conflicts of interest contained in Government Code Section §87100, and to other state or local laws pertaining to conflicts of interest.
- (b) The terms of a conflict of interest code amended or adopted and promulgated pursuant to this regulation are as follows:
  - (1) Section 1. Definitions.

The definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission (2 Cal. of Regs. Sections §18110, *et seq.*), and any amendments to the Act or regulations, are incorporated by reference into this conflict of interest code.

(2) Section 2. Designated Employees.

The persons holding positions listed in Attachment D are designated employees. It has been determined that these persons make or participate in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on financial interests.

(3) Section 3. Disclosure Categories.

This code does not establish any disclosure obligation for those designated employees who are also specified in Government Code Section §87200 if they are designated in this code in that same capacity or if the geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction in which those persons must report their economic interests pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections §87200, *et seq.* 

In addition, this code does not establish any disclosure obligation for any designated employees who are designated in a conflict of interest code for another agency, if all of the following apply:

- (A) The geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction of the other agency;
- (B) The disclosure assigned in the code of the other agency is the same as that required under Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Government Code section §87200; and
- (C) The filing officer is the same for both agencies.<sup>1</sup> Such persons are covered by this code for disqualification purposes only. With respect to all other designated employees, the disclosure categories set forth in Attachment C specify which kinds of economic interests are reportable. Such a designated employee shall disclose in his or her statement of economic interests those economic interests he or she has which are of the kind described in the disclosure categories to which he or she is assigned in Attachment D. It has been determined that the economic interests set forth in a designated employee's disclosure categories are the kinds of economic interests which he or she
- (4) Section 4. Statements of Economic Interests: Place of Filing.

The code reviewing body shall instruct all designated employees within its code to file statements of economic interests with the agency or with the code reviewing body, as provided by the code reviewing body in the agency's conflict of interest  $code.^2$ 

foreseeably can affect materially through the conduct of his or her office.

- (5) Section 5. Statements of Economic Interests: Time of Filing.
  - (A) Initial Statements. All designated employees employed by the agency on the effective date of this code, as originally adopted, promulgated and approved by the code reviewing body, shall file statements within 30 days after the effective date of this code. Thereafter, each person already in a position when it is designated by an amendment to this code shall file an initial statement within 30 days after the effective date of the amendment.
  - (B) Assuming Office Statements. All persons assuming designated positions after the

effective date of this code shall file statements within 30 days after assuming the designated positions, or if subject to State Senate confirmation, 30 days after being nominated or appointed.

- (C) Annual Statements. All designated employees shall file statements no later than April 1.
- (D) Leaving Office Statements. All persons who leave designated positions shall file statements within 30 days after leaving office.
- (E) Reports for military service as defined in the Service member's Civil Relief Act, the deadline for the annual statement of economic interests is 30 days following his or her return to office, provided the person, or someone authorized to represent the person's interests, notifies the filing officer in writing prior to the applicable filing deadline that he or she is subject to that federal statute and is unable to meet the applicable deadline, and provides the filing officer verification of his or her military status.
- (5.5) Section 5.5. Statements for Persons Who Resign Prior to Assuming Office.

Any person who resigns within 12 months of initial appointment, or within 30 days of the date of notice provided by the filing officer to file an assuming office statement, is not deemed to have assumed office or left office, provided he or she did not make or participate in the making of, or use his or her position to influence any decision and did not receive or become entitled to receive any form of payment as a result of his or her appointment. Such persons shall not file either an assuming or leaving office statement.

- (A) Any person who resigns a position within 30 days of the date of a notice from the filing officer shall do both of the following:
  - (1) File a written resignation with the appointing power; and
  - (2) File a written statement with the filing officer declaring under penalty of perjury that during the period between appointment and resignation he or she did not make, participate in the making, or use the position to influence any decision of the agency or receive, or become entitled to receive, any form of payment by virtue of being appointed to the position.
- (6) Section 6. Contents of and Period Covered by Statements of Economic Interests.
  - (A) Contents of Initial Statements.

Initial statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the effective date of the code and income received during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the code.

(B) Contents of Assuming Office Statements.

Assuming office statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the date of assuming office or, if subject to State Senate confirmation or appointment, on the date of nomination, and income received during the 12 months prior to the date of assuming office or the date of being appointed or nominated, respectively.

(C) Contents of Annual Statements.

Annual statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the previous calendar year provided, however, that the period covered by an employee's first annual statement shall begin on the effective date of the code or the date of assuming office whichever is later.

(D) Contents of Leaving Office Statements.

Leaving office statements shall disclose reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the period between the closing date of the last statement filed and the date of leaving office.

(7) Section 7. Manner of Reporting.

Statements of economic interests shall be made on forms prescribed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and supplied by the agency, and shall contain the following information:

(A) Investment and Real Property Disclosure.

When an investment or an interest in real property<sup>3</sup> is required to be reported,<sup>4</sup> the statement shall contain the following:

- 1. A statement of the nature of the investment or interest;
- 2. The name of the business entity in which each investment is held, and a general description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged;
- 3. The address or other precise location of the real property;

- 4. A statement whether the fair market value of the investment or interest in real property exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000), exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).
- (B) Personal Income Disclosure. When personal income is required to be reported,<sup>5</sup> the statement shall contain:
  - 1. The name and address of each source of income aggregating two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more in value, or fifty dollars (\$50) or more in value if the income was a gift, and a general description of the business activity, if any, of each source;
  - A statement whether the aggregate value of income from each source, or in the case of a loan, the highest amount owed to each source, was one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less, greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);
  - 3. A description of the consideration, if any, for which the income was received;
  - 4. In the case of a gift, the name, address and business activity of the donor and any intermediary through which the gift was made; a description of the gift; the amount or value of the gift; and the date on which the gift was received;
  - 5. In the case of a loan, the annual interest rate and the security, if any, given for the loan and the term of the loan.
- (C) Business Entity Income Disclosure. When income of a business entity, including income of a sole proprietorship, is required to be reported,<sup>6</sup> the statement shall contain:
  - 1. The name, address, and a general description of the business activity of the business entity;
  - 2. The name of every person from whom the business entity received payments if the filer's pro rata share of gross receipts from such person was equal to or greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- (D) Business Position Disclosure.

When business positions are required to be reported, a designated employee shall list the name and address of each business entity in which he or she is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or in which he or she holds any position of management, a description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged, and the designated employee's position with the business entity.

- (E) Acquisition or Disposal during Reporting Period. In the case of an annual or leaving office statement, if an investment or an interest in real property was partially or wholly acquired or disposed of during the period covered by the statement, the statement shall contain the date of acquisition or disposal.
- (8) Section 8. Prohibition on Receipt of Honoraria.
  - (A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of a state or local government agency, shall accept any honorarium from any source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests. This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Government Code Section §89501 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

This Section shall not limit or prohibit payments, advances, or reimbursements for travel and related lodging and subsistence authorized by Government Code Section §89506.

(8.1) Section 8.1. Prohibition on Receipt of Gifts in Excess of \$290.

(A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of the state or local government agency, shall accept gifts with a total value of more than \$290 in a calendar year from any single source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests. This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

Subdivisions (e), (f), and (g) of Government Code Section §89503 shall apply to the prohibitions in this Section.

(8.2) Section 8.2. Loans to Public Officials.

(A) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from this date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the elected officer holds office over which the elected officer's agency has direction and control.

- (B) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the public official holds office or over which the public official's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.
- (C) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status.
- (D) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.
- (E) This section shall not apply to the following:
  - 1. Loans made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or candidate for elective office.
  - 2. Loans made by a public official's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such persons, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.
  - 3. Loans from a person which, in the aggregate, do not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) at any given time.

4. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

(8.3) Section 8.3. Loan Terms.

- (A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more, except when the loan is in writing and clearly states the terms of the loan, including the parties to the loan agreement, date of the loan, amount of the loan, term of the loan, date or dates when payments shall be due on the loan and the amount of the payments, and the rate of interest paid on the loan.
- (B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:
  - 1. Loans made to the campaign committee of the elected officer.
  - 2. Loans made to the elected officer by his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.
  - 3. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.
- (C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provision of Title 9 of the Government Code.
- (8.4) Section 8.4. Personal Loans.
  - (A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), a personal loan received by any designated employee shall become a gift to the designated employee for the purposes of this section in the following circumstances:
    - 1. If the loan has a defined date or dates for repayment, when the statute of limitations for filing an action for default has expired.
    - 2. If the loan has no defined date or dates for repayment, when one year has elapsed from the later of the following:
      - a. The date the loan was made.
      - b. The date the last payment of \$100 or more was made on the loan.

- c. The date upon which the debtor has made payments on the loan aggregating to less than two hundred fifty (\$250) during the previous 12 months.
- (B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:
  - 1. A loan made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office.
  - 2. A loan that would otherwise not be a gift as defined in this title.
  - 3. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor has taken reasonable action to collect the balance due.
  - 4. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor, based on reasonable business considerations, has not undertaken collection action. Except in a criminal action, a creditor who claims that a loan is not a gift on the basis of this paragraph has the burden of proving that the decision for not taking collection action was based on reasonable business considerations.
  - 5. A loan made to a debtor who has filed for bankruptcy and the loan is ultimately discharged in bankruptcy.
- (C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provisions of Title 9 of the Government Code.
- (9) Section 9. Disqualification.

No designated employee shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence the making of any governmental decision which he or she knows or has reason to know will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on the official or a member of his or her immediate family or on:

- (A) Any business entity in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect investment worth one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more;
- (B) Any real property in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect interest worth one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more;
- (C) Any source of income, other than gifts and other than loans by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to official status, aggregating two hundred fifty dollars \$250 or more in value provided to, received by or

promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made;

- (D) Any business entity in which the designated employee is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management; or
- (E) Any donor of, or any intermediary or agent for a donor of, a gift or gifts aggregating \$290 or more provided to, received by, or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made.

(9.3) Section 9.3. Legally Required Participation.

No designated employee shall be prevented from making or participating in the making of any decision to the extent his or her participation is legally required for the decision to be made. The fact that the vote of a designated employee who is on a voting body is needed to break a tie does not make his or her participation legally required for purposes of this section.

(9.5) Section 9.5. Disqualification of State Officers and Employees.

In addition to the general disqualification provisions of section 9, no state administrative official shall make, participate in making, or use his or her official position to influence any:

- (A) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public, regarding any investment or interest in real property; or governmental decision directly relating to any contract where the state administrative official knows or has reason to know that any party to the contract is a person with whom the state administrative official, or any member of his or her immediate family has, within 12 months prior to the time when the official action is to be taken:
- (B) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public regarding the rendering of goods or services totaling in value one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more.
- (10) Section 10. Manner of Disqualification.

When a designated employee determines that he or she should not make a governmental decision because he or she has a disqualifying interest in it, the determination not to act may be accompanied by disclosure of the disqualifying interest. In the case of a voting body, this determination and disclosure shall be made part of the agency's official record; in the case of a designated employee who is the head of an agency, this determination and disclosure shall be made in writing to his or her appointing authority; and in the case of

other designated employees, this determination and disclosure shall be made in writing to the designated employee's supervisor.

(11) Section 11. Assistance of the Commission and Counsel.

Any designated employee who is unsure of his or her duties under this code may request assistance from the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to Section 83114 and Regulations 18329 and 18329.5 or from the attorney for his or her agency, provided that nothing in this section requires the attorney for the agency to issue any formal or informal opinion.

(12) Section 12. Violations.

This code has the force and effect of law. Designated employees violating any provision of this code are subject to the administrative, criminal and civil sanctions provided in the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections §81000-§91015. In addition, a decision in relation to which a violation of the disqualification provisions of this code or of Government Code Section §87100 or §87450 has occurred may be set aside as void pursuant to Government Code Section §91003. A violation of this Code may result in discipline under the Authority's Personnel Rules. Such discipline may include discharge.

# **ENDNOTES**

<sup>1</sup> Designated employees who are required to file statements of economic interests under any other agency's conflict of interest code, or under Article 2 for a different jurisdiction, may expand their statement of economic interests to cover reportable interests in both jurisdictions, and file copies of this expanded statement with both entities in lieu of filing separate and distinct statements, provided that each copy of such expanded statement filed in place of an original is signed and verified by the designated employee as if it were an original. See Government Code Section §81004.

<sup>2</sup> See Government Code Section §81010 and 2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section §18115 for the duties of filing officers and persons in agencies who make and retain copies of statements and forward the originals to the filing officer.

<sup>3</sup> For the purpose of disclosure only (not disqualification), an interest in real property does not include the principal residence of the filer.

<sup>4</sup> Investments and interests in real property which have a fair market value of less than \$1,000 are not investments and interests in real property within the meaning of the Political Reform Act. However, investments or interests in real property of an individual include those held by the individual's spouse and dependent children as well as a pro rata share of any investment or interest in real property of any business entity or trust in which the individual, spouse and dependent children own, in the aggregate, a direct, indirect or beneficial interest of 10 percent or greater.

<sup>5</sup> A designated employee's income includes his or her community property interest in the income of his or her spouse but does not include salary or reimbursement for expenses received from a state, local or federal government agency.

<sup>6</sup> Income of a business entity is reportable if the direct, indirect or beneficial interest of the filer and the filer's spouse in the business entity aggregates a 10 percent or greater interest. In addition, the disclosure of persons who are clients or customers of a business entity is required only if the clients or customers are within one of the disclosure categories of the filer.

Note: Authority cited: Government Code Section §83112. Reference: Sections §87103(e), §87300-§87302, §89501, §89502 and §89503, Government Code.

# **HISTORY**

1. New section filed 4-2-80 as an emergency; effective upon filing (Register 80, No. 14). Certificate of Compliance included.

2. Editorial correction (Register 80, No. 29).

3. Amendment of subsection (b) filed 1-9-81; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 81, No. 2).

4. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(B)1. filed 1-26-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 5).

5. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(A) filed 11-10-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 46).

6. Amendment filed 4-13-87; operative 5-13-87 (Register 87, No. 16).

7. Amendment of subsection (b) filed 10-21-88; operative 11-20-88 (Register 88, No. 46).

8. Amendment of subsections (b)(8)(A) and (b)(8)(B) and numerous editorial changes filed 8-28-90; operative 9-27-90 (Reg. 90, No. 42).

9. Amendment of subsections (b)(3), (b)(8) and renumbering of following subsections and amendment of Note filed 8-7-92; operative 9-7-92 (Register 92, No. 32).

10. Amendment of subsection (b)(5.5) and new subsections (b)(5.5)(A)-(A)(2) filed 2-4-93; operative 2-4-93 (Register 93, No. 6).

11. Change without regulatory effect adopting Conflict of Interest Code for California Mental Health Planning Council filed 11-22-93 pursuant to title 1, section 100, California Code of Regulations (Register 93, No. 48). Approved by Fair Political Practices Commission 9-21-93. 12. Change without regulatory effect redesignating Conflict of Interest Code for California

Mental Health Planning Council as chapter 62, section 55100 filed 1-4-94 pursuant to title 1, section 100, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 1).

13. Editorial correction adding History 11 and 12 and deleting duplicate section number (Register 94, No. 17).

14. Amendment of subsection (b)(8), designation of subsection (b)(8)(A), new subsection (b)(8)(B), and amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(B), (b)(9)(E) and Note filed 3-14-95; operative 3-14-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 11). 15. Editorial correction inserting inadvertently omitted language in footnote 4 (Register 96, No. 13).

16. Amendment of subsections (b)(8)(A)-(B) and (b)(8.1)(A), repealer of subsection (b)(8.1)(B), and amendment of subsection (b)(12) filed 10-23-96; operative 10-23-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 43).

17. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1) and (9)(E) filed 4-9-97; operative 4-9-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 15).

18. Amendment of subsections (b)(7)(B)5., new subsections (b)(8.2)-(b)(8.4)(C) and amendment of Note filed 8-24-98; operative 8-24-98 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 98, No. 35).

19. Editorial correction of subsection (a) (Register 98, No. 47).

20. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1), (b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 5-11-99; operative 5-11-99 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 99, No. 20).

21. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-6-2000; operative 1-1-2001 pursuant to the 1974 version of Government Code section 11380.2 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 18312(d) and (e) (Register 2000, No. 49).

22. Amendment of subsections (b)(3) and (b)(10) filed 1-10-2001; operative 2-1-2001.

Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2001, No. 2).

23. Amendment of subsections (b)(7)(A)4., (b)(7)(B)1.-2., (b)(8.2)(E)3., (b)(9)(A)-(C) and footnote 4. filed 2-13-2001. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2001, No. 7).

24. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) filed 1-16-2003; operative 1-1-2003. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2003, No. 3).

25. Editorial correction of History 24 (Register 2003, No. 12).

26. Editorial correction removing extraneous phrase in subsection (b)(9.5)(B) (Register 2004, No. 33).

27. Amendment of subsections (b)(2)-(3), (b)(3)(C), (b)(6)(C), (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), (b)(9)(E) and (b)(11)-(12) filed 1-4-2005; operative 1-1-2005 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2005, No. 1).

28. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(A)4. filed 10-11-2005; operative 11-10-2005 (Register 2005, No. 41).

29. Amendment of subsections (a), (b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(8.1), (b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-18-2006; operative 1-1-2007. Submitted to OAL pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2006, No. 51).

30. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 10-31-2008; operative 11-30-2008. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office* of Administrative Law, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2008, No. 44).

31. Amendment of section heading and section filed 11-15-2010; operative 12-15-2010. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2010, No. 47).

32. Amendment of section heading and subsections (a)-(b)(1), (b)(3)-(4), (b)(5)(C), (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) and amendment of footnote 1 filed 1-8-2013; operative 2-7-2013. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2013, No. 2).

33. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), (b)(8.2)(E)3. and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-15-2014; operative 1-1-2015 pursuant to section 18312(e)(1)(A), title 2, California Code of Regulations. Submitted to OAL for filing and printing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2014, No. 51).

34. Redesignation of portions of subsection (b)(8)(A) as new subsections (b)(8)(B)-(D), amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), redesignation of portions of subsection (b)(8.1)(A) as new subsections (b)(8.1)(B)-(C) and amendment of subsection (b)(9)(E) filed 12-1-2016; operative 12-31-2016 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, section 18312(e). Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2016, No. 49).

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# ATTACHMENT B

# CONSULTANTS

Commission Regulation §18700 defines "consultant" as an individual who, pursuant to a contract with a state or local government agency:

(A) Makes a governmental decision whether to:

- (i) Approve a rate, rule, or regulation;
- (ii) Adopt or enforce a law;
- (iii) Issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit license, application, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization or entitlement;
- (iv) Authorize the agency to enter into, modify, or renew a contract provided it is the type of contract which requires agency approval;
- (v) Grant agency approval to a contract which requires agency approval and in which the agency is a party or to the specifications for such a contract;
- (vi) Grant agency approval to a plan, design, report, study, or similar item;
- (vii) Adopt, or grant agency approval of policies, standards, or guidelines for the agency, or for any subdivision thereof; or
- (B) Serves in a staff capacity with the agency and in that capacity performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the agency that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code.

# Consultant\*

Consultant shall be included in the list of designated employees and shall disclose pursuant to the broadcast disclosure category in the code subject to the following limitation:

The Executive Director 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 fully comply with the disclosure requirements described in the section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based upon the description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Executive Director's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code.

# ATTACHMENT C DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Designated employees or individuals shall disclose their financial interest pursuant to the appropriate disclosure category as indicated. Disclosure categories pertain to investments, real property, business positions and sources of income, including loans, gifts and travel payments from sources located in or doing business within the jurisdiction of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency").

#### **DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

#### **Category 1:**

A designated employee in this category must report all interests in real property as well as investments, business positions, sources of income, and gifts from any source in, or doing business in, the jurisdiction of the Agency, and all other interests, which are subject to the regulation or supervision of the Agency.

#### **Category 2:**

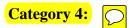
A designated employee in this category must report all interests in real property located within the Agency. Investments, business positions in business entities and income, gifts, loans and travel payments, from sources in, or doing business within the Agency which:

- 1. Engages in the appraisal, acquisition, disposal, development of real property, or rehabilitation or construction of improvements on real property including architects, contractors, and subcontractors.
- 2. Provides services, supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment of any type utilized by the Agency to which the employee is assigned.
- 3. Are of the type which is subject to the regulation or supervision of the Agency.

#### **Category 3:**

A designated employee in this category must report all interests in real property located within the Agency. Investments, business positions in business entities and income, gifts, loans and travel payments from sources in, or doing business within the Agency which:

- 1. Provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment of any type utilized by designated filers in the Agency.
- 2. Are of the type which is subject to the regulation or supervision of the Agency.



A designated employee in this category must report all interests in: real property located within the Agency; investments, business positions in business entities, income, and gifts from sources in, or doing business within the Agency; and, all other interests which are subject to the regulation or supervision of the Agency.

# ATTACHMENT D DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES

Positions

POSITIONS TITLES	DISCLOSURE CATEGORY
Assistant General Counsel	4
Assistant Executive Director	4
Assistant Secretary	1
Consultants that will make or participate in making governmental decisions on behalf of the Agency	4*

\*Disclosure Category 4 shall generally apply; however, the Executive Director, after consultation with the Agency General Counsel, shall designate the disclosure category for each consultant subject to this Code. If a consultant is performing duties the same as an "employee" the consultant will be assigned the same reporting category. See Attachment B for the consultant definition.

Insert the following into the table. Members of the Board of Directors Alternate Directors Executive Director Secretary Treasurer General Counsel



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILILTY AGENCY

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (AGENCY) ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

**WHEREAS,** the Political Reform Act, Government Code §81000 *et seq.* requires every state and local government agency to adopt and promulgate a Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to Government Code §87300; and,

WHEREAS, the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") has adopted a regulation which contains terms of a standard model Conflict of Interest Code (2 California Code of Regulations §18730), which is attached hereto as Attachment A, and will be amended to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act after public notice and hearing conducted by the FPPC; and,

**WHEREAS,** the standard model Conflict of Interest Code will help ensure compliance by the Agency with the Political Reform Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of Directors of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency does hereby resolve, find, determine and order as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>: The terms of the standard model Conflict of Interest Code adopted pursuant to 2 California Code of Regulations §18730, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment A, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the FPPC is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as the Conflict of Interest Code for the Agency. This standard model Conflict of Interest Code and Attachments B, C, and D to this Resolution, in which members and employees are designated and disclosure categories are set forth and explained, shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the Agency.

<u>Section 2</u>: Pursuant to this Resolution, all Agency officers and employees designated in Attachment D hereto shall file statements of economic interests (Form 700) with the the Clerk of the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors.

<u>Section 3:</u> The Agency shall certify as to the adoption of this Resolution and cause the filing of said Conflict of Interest Code in the manner prescribed by law.

47 48 49 50 51	PASSED, APPROVED, AN	D ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2018.
52 53 54 55 56 57	ATTEST:	Michael Mobley, Board Chair
58 59 60	Jennifer Tribo Interim Executive Director	

# ATTACHMENT A

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

#### TITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION 6. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION CHAPTER 7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

#### **ARTICLE 2. DISCLOSURE**

#### 2 CCR §18730

§18730. Provisions of Conflict of Interest Codes

- (a) Incorporation by reference of the terms of this regulation along with the designation of employees and the formulation of disclosure categories in the Attachments referred to below constitute the adoption and promulgation of a conflict of interest code within the meaning of Government Code Section §87300 or the amendment of a conflict of interest code within the meaning of Government Code Section §87307 if the terms of this regulation are substituted for terms of a conflict of interest code already in effect. A code so amended or adopted and promulgated requires the reporting of reportable items in a manner substantially equivalent to the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections §81000, *et seq.* The requirements of a conflict of interest code are in addition to other requirements of the Political Reform Act, such as the general prohibition against conflicts of interest contained in Government Code Section §87100, and to other state or local laws pertaining to conflicts of interest.
- (b) The terms of a conflict of interest code amended or adopted and promulgated pursuant to this regulation are as follows:
  - (1) Section 1. Definitions.

The definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission (2 Cal. of Regs. Sections §18110, *et seq.*), and any amendments to the Act or regulations, are incorporated by reference into this conflict of interest code.

(2) Section 2. Designated Employees.

The persons holding positions listed in Attachment D are designated employees. It has been determined that these persons make or participate in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on financial interests.

(3) Section 3. Disclosure Categories.

This code does not establish any disclosure obligation for those designated employees who are also specified in Government Code Section §87200 if they are designated in this code in that same capacity or if the geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction in which those persons must report their economic interests pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections §87200, *et seq.* 

In addition, this code does not establish any disclosure obligation for any designated employees who are designated in a conflict of interest code for another agency, if all of the following apply:

- (A) The geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction of the other agency;
- (B) The disclosure assigned in the code of the other agency is the same as that required under Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Government Code section §87200; and
- (C) The filing officer is the same for both agencies.<sup>1</sup> Such persons are covered by this code for disqualification purposes only. With respect to all other designated employees, the disclosure categories set forth in Attachment C specify which kinds of economic interests are reportable. Such a designated employee shall disclose in his or her statement of economic interests those economic interests he or she has which are of the kind described in the disclosure categories to which he or she is assigned in Attachment D. It has been determined that the economic interests set forth in a designated employee's disclosure categories are the kinds of economic interests which he or she
- (4) Section 4. Statements of Economic Interests: Place of Filing.

The code reviewing body shall instruct all designated employees within its code to file statements of economic interests with the agency or with the code reviewing body, as provided by the code reviewing body in the agency's conflict of interest  $code.^2$ 

foreseeably can affect materially through the conduct of his or her office.

- (5) Section 5. Statements of Economic Interests: Time of Filing.
  - (A) Initial Statements. All designated employees employed by the agency on the effective date of this code, as originally adopted, promulgated and approved by the code reviewing body, shall file statements within 30 days after the effective date of this code. Thereafter, each person already in a position when it is designated by an amendment to this code shall file an initial statement within 30 days after the effective date of the amendment.
  - (B) Assuming Office Statements. All persons assuming designated positions after the

effective date of this code shall file statements within 30 days after assuming the designated positions, or if subject to State Senate confirmation, 30 days after being nominated or appointed.

- (C) Annual Statements. All designated employees shall file statements no later than April 1.
- (D) Leaving Office Statements. All persons who leave designated positions shall file statements within 30 days after leaving office.
- (E) Reports for military service as defined in the Service member's Civil Relief Act, the deadline for the annual statement of economic interests is 30 days following his or her return to office, provided the person, or someone authorized to represent the person's interests, notifies the filing officer in writing prior to the applicable filing deadline that he or she is subject to that federal statute and is unable to meet the applicable deadline, and provides the filing officer verification of his or her military status.
- (5.5) Section 5.5. Statements for Persons Who Resign Prior to Assuming Office.

Any person who resigns within 12 months of initial appointment, or within 30 days of the date of notice provided by the filing officer to file an assuming office statement, is not deemed to have assumed office or left office, provided he or she did not make or participate in the making of, or use his or her position to influence any decision and did not receive or become entitled to receive any form of payment as a result of his or her appointment. Such persons shall not file either an assuming or leaving office statement.

- (A) Any person who resigns a position within 30 days of the date of a notice from the filing officer shall do both of the following:
  - (1) File a written resignation with the appointing power; and
  - (2) File a written statement with the filing officer declaring under penalty of perjury that during the period between appointment and resignation he or she did not make, participate in the making, or use the position to influence any decision of the agency or receive, or become entitled to receive, any form of payment by virtue of being appointed to the position.
- (6) Section 6. Contents of and Period Covered by Statements of Economic Interests.
  - (A) Contents of Initial Statements.

Initial statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the effective date of the code and income received during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the code.

(B) Contents of Assuming Office Statements.

Assuming office statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the date of assuming office or, if subject to State Senate confirmation or appointment, on the date of nomination, and income received during the 12 months prior to the date of assuming office or the date of being appointed or nominated, respectively.

(C) Contents of Annual Statements.

Annual statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the previous calendar year provided, however, that the period covered by an employee's first annual statement shall begin on the effective date of the code or the date of assuming office whichever is later.

(D) Contents of Leaving Office Statements.

Leaving office statements shall disclose reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the period between the closing date of the last statement filed and the date of leaving office.

(7) Section 7. Manner of Reporting.

Statements of economic interests shall be made on forms prescribed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and supplied by the agency, and shall contain the following information:

(A) Investment and Real Property Disclosure.

When an investment or an interest in real property<sup>3</sup> is required to be reported,<sup>4</sup> the statement shall contain the following:

- 1. A statement of the nature of the investment or interest;
- 2. The name of the business entity in which each investment is held, and a general description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged;
- 3. The address or other precise location of the real property;

- 4. A statement whether the fair market value of the investment or interest in real property exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000), exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).
- (B) Personal Income Disclosure. When personal income is required to be reported,<sup>5</sup> the statement shall contain:
  - 1. The name and address of each source of income aggregating two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more in value, or fifty dollars (\$50) or more in value if the income was a gift, and a general description of the business activity, if any, of each source;
  - A statement whether the aggregate value of income from each source, or in the case of a loan, the highest amount owed to each source, was one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less, greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);
  - 3. A description of the consideration, if any, for which the income was received;
  - 4. In the case of a gift, the name, address and business activity of the donor and any intermediary through which the gift was made; a description of the gift; the amount or value of the gift; and the date on which the gift was received;
  - 5. In the case of a loan, the annual interest rate and the security, if any, given for the loan and the term of the loan.
- (C) Business Entity Income Disclosure. When income of a business entity, including income of a sole proprietorship, is required to be reported,<sup>6</sup> the statement shall contain:
  - 1. The name, address, and a general description of the business activity of the business entity;
  - 2. The name of every person from whom the business entity received payments if the filer's pro rata share of gross receipts from such person was equal to or greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- (D) Business Position Disclosure.

When business positions are required to be reported, a designated employee shall list the name and address of each business entity in which he or she is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or in which he or she holds any position of management, a description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged, and the designated employee's position with the business entity.

- (E) Acquisition or Disposal during Reporting Period. In the case of an annual or leaving office statement, if an investment or an interest in real property was partially or wholly acquired or disposed of during the period covered by the statement, the statement shall contain the date of acquisition or disposal.
- (8) Section 8. Prohibition on Receipt of Honoraria.
  - (A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of a state or local government agency, shall accept any honorarium from any source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests. This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Government Code Section §89501 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

This Section shall not limit or prohibit payments, advances, or reimbursements for travel and related lodging and subsistence authorized by Government Code Section §89506.

(8.1) Section 8.1. Prohibition on Receipt of Gifts in Excess of \$290.

(A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of the state or local government agency, shall accept gifts with a total value of more than \$290 in a calendar year from any single source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests. This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

Subdivisions (e), (f), and (g) of Government Code Section §89503 shall apply to the prohibitions in this Section.

(8.2) Section 8.2. Loans to Public Officials.

(A) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from this date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the elected officer holds office over which the elected officer's agency has direction and control.

- (B) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the public official holds office or over which the public official's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.
- (C) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status.
- (D) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.
- (E) This section shall not apply to the following:
  - 1. Loans made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or candidate for elective office.
  - 2. Loans made by a public official's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such persons, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.
  - 3. Loans from a person which, in the aggregate, do not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) at any given time.

4. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

(8.3) Section 8.3. Loan Terms.

- (A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more, except when the loan is in writing and clearly states the terms of the loan, including the parties to the loan agreement, date of the loan, amount of the loan, term of the loan, date or dates when payments shall be due on the loan and the amount of the payments, and the rate of interest paid on the loan.
- (B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:
  - 1. Loans made to the campaign committee of the elected officer.
  - 2. Loans made to the elected officer by his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.
  - 3. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.
- (C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provision of Title 9 of the Government Code.
- (8.4) Section 8.4. Personal Loans.
  - (A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), a personal loan received by any designated employee shall become a gift to the designated employee for the purposes of this section in the following circumstances:
    - 1. If the loan has a defined date or dates for repayment, when the statute of limitations for filing an action for default has expired.
    - 2. If the loan has no defined date or dates for repayment, when one year has elapsed from the later of the following:
      - a. The date the loan was made.
      - b. The date the last payment of \$100 or more was made on the loan.

- c. The date upon which the debtor has made payments on the loan aggregating to less than two hundred fifty (\$250) during the previous 12 months.
- (B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:
  - 1. A loan made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office.
  - 2. A loan that would otherwise not be a gift as defined in this title.
  - 3. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor has taken reasonable action to collect the balance due.
  - 4. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor, based on reasonable business considerations, has not undertaken collection action. Except in a criminal action, a creditor who claims that a loan is not a gift on the basis of this paragraph has the burden of proving that the decision for not taking collection action was based on reasonable business considerations.
  - 5. A loan made to a debtor who has filed for bankruptcy and the loan is ultimately discharged in bankruptcy.
- (C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provisions of Title 9 of the Government Code.
- (9) Section 9. Disqualification.

No designated employee shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence the making of any governmental decision which he or she knows or has reason to know will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on the official or a member of his or her immediate family or on:

- (A) Any business entity in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect investment worth one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more;
- (B) Any real property in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect interest worth one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more;
- (C) Any source of income, other than gifts and other than loans by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to official status, aggregating two hundred fifty dollars \$250 or more in value provided to, received by or

promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made;

- (D) Any business entity in which the designated employee is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management; or
- (E) Any donor of, or any intermediary or agent for a donor of, a gift or gifts aggregating \$290 or more provided to, received by, or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made.

(9.3) Section 9.3. Legally Required Participation.

No designated employee shall be prevented from making or participating in the making of any decision to the extent his or her participation is legally required for the decision to be made. The fact that the vote of a designated employee who is on a voting body is needed to break a tie does not make his or her participation legally required for purposes of this section.

(9.5) Section 9.5. Disqualification of State Officers and Employees.

In addition to the general disqualification provisions of section 9, no state administrative official shall make, participate in making, or use his or her official position to influence any:

- (A) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public, regarding any investment or interest in real property; or governmental decision directly relating to any contract where the state administrative official knows or has reason to know that any party to the contract is a person with whom the state administrative official, or any member of his or her immediate family has, within 12 months prior to the time when the official action is to be taken:
- (B) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public regarding the rendering of goods or services totaling in value one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more.
- (10) Section 10. Manner of Disqualification.

When a designated employee determines that he or she should not make a governmental decision because he or she has a disqualifying interest in it, the determination not to act may be accompanied by disclosure of the disqualifying interest. In the case of a voting body, this determination and disclosure shall be made part of the agency's official record; in the case of a designated employee who is the head of an agency, this determination and disclosure shall be made in writing to his or her appointing authority; and in the case of

other designated employees, this determination and disclosure shall be made in writing to the designated employee's supervisor.

(11) Section 11. Assistance of the Commission and Counsel.

Any designated employee who is unsure of his or her duties under this code may request assistance from the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to Section 83114 and Regulations 18329 and 18329.5 or from the attorney for his or her agency, provided that nothing in this section requires the attorney for the agency to issue any formal or informal opinion.

(12) Section 12. Violations.

This code has the force and effect of law. Designated employees violating any provision of this code are subject to the administrative, criminal and civil sanctions provided in the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections §81000-§91015. In addition, a decision in relation to which a violation of the disqualification provisions of this code or of Government Code Section §87100 or §87450 has occurred may be set aside as void pursuant to Government Code Section §91003. A violation of this Code may result in discipline under the Authority's Personnel Rules. Such discipline may include discharge.

## **ENDNOTES**

<sup>1</sup> Designated employees who are required to file statements of economic interests under any other agency's conflict of interest code, or under Article 2 for a different jurisdiction, may expand their statement of economic interests to cover reportable interests in both jurisdictions, and file copies of this expanded statement with both entities in lieu of filing separate and distinct statements, provided that each copy of such expanded statement filed in place of an original is signed and verified by the designated employee as if it were an original. See Government Code Section §81004.

<sup>2</sup> See Government Code Section §81010 and 2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section §18115 for the duties of filing officers and persons in agencies who make and retain copies of statements and forward the originals to the filing officer.

<sup>3</sup> For the purpose of disclosure only (not disqualification), an interest in real property does not include the principal residence of the filer.

<sup>4</sup> Investments and interests in real property which have a fair market value of less than \$1,000 are not investments and interests in real property within the meaning of the Political Reform Act. However, investments or interests in real property of an individual include those held by the individual's spouse and dependent children as well as a pro rata share of any investment or interest in real property of any business entity or trust in which the individual, spouse and dependent children own, in the aggregate, a direct, indirect or beneficial interest of 10 percent or greater.

<sup>5</sup> A designated employee's income includes his or her community property interest in the income of his or her spouse but does not include salary or reimbursement for expenses received from a state, local or federal government agency.

<sup>6</sup> Income of a business entity is reportable if the direct, indirect or beneficial interest of the filer and the filer's spouse in the business entity aggregates a 10 percent or greater interest. In addition, the disclosure of persons who are clients or customers of a business entity is required only if the clients or customers are within one of the disclosure categories of the filer.

Note: Authority cited: Government Code Section §83112. Reference: Sections §87103(e), §87300-§87302, §89501, §89502 and §89503, Government Code.

## **HISTORY**

1. New section filed 4-2-80 as an emergency; effective upon filing (Register 80, No. 14). Certificate of Compliance included.

2. Editorial correction (Register 80, No. 29).

3. Amendment of subsection (b) filed 1-9-81; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 81, No. 2).

4. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(B)1. filed 1-26-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 5).

5. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(A) filed 11-10-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 46).

6. Amendment filed 4-13-87; operative 5-13-87 (Register 87, No. 16).

7. Amendment of subsection (b) filed 10-21-88; operative 11-20-88 (Register 88, No. 46).

8. Amendment of subsections (b)(8)(A) and (b)(8)(B) and numerous editorial changes filed 8-28-90; operative 9-27-90 (Reg. 90, No. 42).

9. Amendment of subsections (b)(3), (b)(8) and renumbering of following subsections and amendment of Note filed 8-7-92; operative 9-7-92 (Register 92, No. 32).

10. Amendment of subsection (b)(5.5) and new subsections (b)(5.5)(A)-(A)(2) filed 2-4-93; operative 2-4-93 (Register 93, No. 6).

11. Change without regulatory effect adopting Conflict of Interest Code for California Mental Health Planning Council filed 11-22-93 pursuant to title 1, section 100, California Code of Regulations (Register 93, No. 48). Approved by Fair Political Practices Commission 9-21-93. 12. Change without regulatory effect redesignating Conflict of Interest Code for California

Mental Health Planning Council as chapter 62, section 55100 filed 1-4-94 pursuant to title 1, section 100, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 1).

13. Editorial correction adding History 11 and 12 and deleting duplicate section number (Register 94, No. 17).

14. Amendment of subsection (b)(8), designation of subsection (b)(8)(A), new subsection (b)(8)(B), and amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(B), (b)(9)(E) and Note filed 3-14-95; operative 3-14-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 11). 15. Editorial correction inserting inadvertently omitted language in footnote 4 (Register 96, No. 13).

16. Amendment of subsections (b)(8)(A)-(B) and (b)(8.1)(A), repealer of subsection (b)(8.1)(B), and amendment of subsection (b)(12) filed 10-23-96; operative 10-23-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 43).

17. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1) and (9)(E) filed 4-9-97; operative 4-9-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 15).

18. Amendment of subsections (b)(7)(B)5., new subsections (b)(8.2)-(b)(8.4)(C) and amendment of Note filed 8-24-98; operative 8-24-98 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 98, No. 35).

19. Editorial correction of subsection (a) (Register 98, No. 47).

20. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1), (b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 5-11-99; operative 5-11-99 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 99, No. 20).

21. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-6-2000; operative 1-1-2001 pursuant to the 1974 version of Government Code section 11380.2 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 18312(d) and (e) (Register 2000, No. 49).

22. Amendment of subsections (b)(3) and (b)(10) filed 1-10-2001; operative 2-1-2001.

Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2001, No. 2).

23. Amendment of subsections (b)(7)(A)4., (b)(7)(B)1.-2., (b)(8.2)(E)3., (b)(9)(A)-(C) and footnote 4. filed 2-13-2001. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2001, No. 7).

24. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) filed 1-16-2003; operative 1-1-2003. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2003, No. 3).

25. Editorial correction of History 24 (Register 2003, No. 12).

26. Editorial correction removing extraneous phrase in subsection (b)(9.5)(B) (Register 2004, No. 33).

27. Amendment of subsections (b)(2)-(3), (b)(3)(C), (b)(6)(C), (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), (b)(9)(E) and (b)(11)-(12) filed 1-4-2005; operative 1-1-2005 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2005, No. 1).

28. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(A)4. filed 10-11-2005; operative 11-10-2005 (Register 2005, No. 41).

29. Amendment of subsections (a), (b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(8.1), (b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-18-2006; operative 1-1-2007. Submitted to OAL pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2006, No. 51).

30. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 10-31-2008; operative 11-30-2008. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office* of Administrative Law, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2008, No. 44).

31. Amendment of section heading and section filed 11-15-2010; operative 12-15-2010. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2010, No. 47).

32. Amendment of section heading and subsections (a)-(b)(1), (b)(3)-(4), (b)(5)(C), (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) and amendment of footnote 1 filed 1-8-2013; operative 2-7-2013. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2013, No. 2).

33. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), (b)(8.2)(E)3. and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-15-2014; operative 1-1-2015 pursuant to section 18312(e)(1)(A), title 2, California Code of Regulations. Submitted to OAL for filing and printing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2014, No. 51).

34. Redesignation of portions of subsection (b)(8)(A) as new subsections (b)(8)(B)-(D), amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), redesignation of portions of subsection (b)(8.1)(A) as new subsections (b)(8.1)(B)-(C) and amendment of subsection (b)(9)(E) filed 12-1-2016; operative 12-31-2016 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, section 18312(e). Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2016, No. 49).

This database is current through 3/10/17 Register 2017, No. 10 2 CCR § 18730, 2 CA ADC § 18730

### ATTACHMENT B

### CONSULTANTS

Commission Regulation §18700 defines "consultant" as an individual who, pursuant to a contract with a state or local government agency:

(A) Makes a governmental decision whether to:

- (i) Approve a rate, rule, or regulation;
- (ii) Adopt or enforce a law;
- (iii) Issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit license, application, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization or entitlement;
- (iv) Authorize the agency to enter into, modify, or renew a contract provided it is the type of contract which requires agency approval;
- (v) Grant agency approval to a contract which requires agency approval and in which the agency is a party or to the specifications for such a contract;
- (vi) Grant agency approval to a plan, design, report, study, or similar item;
- (vii) Adopt, or grant agency approval of policies, standards, or guidelines for the agency, or for any subdivision thereof; or
- (B) Serves in a staff capacity with the agency and in that capacity performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the agency that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code.

### Consultant\*

Consultant shall be included in the list of designated employees and shall disclose pursuant to the broadcast disclosure category in the code subject to the following limitation:

The Executive Director 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 fully comply with the disclosure requirements described in the section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based upon the description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Executive Director's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code.

### ATTACHMENT C DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Designated employees or individuals shall disclose their financial interest pursuant to the appropriate disclosure category as indicated. Disclosure categories pertain to investments, real property, business positions and sources of income, including loans, gifts and travel payments from sources located in or doing business within the jurisdiction of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency").

### **DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

### **Category 1:**

A designated employee in this category must report all interests in real property as well as investments, business positions, sources of income, and gifts from any source in, or doing business in, the jurisdiction of the Agency, and all other interests, which are subject to the regulation or supervision of the Agency.

### **Category 2:**

A designated employee in this category must report all interests in real property located within the Agency. Investments, business positions in business entities and income, gifts, loans and travel payments, from sources in, or doing business within the Agency which:

- 1. Engages in the appraisal, acquisition, disposal, development of real property, or rehabilitation or construction of improvements on real property including architects, contractors, and subcontractors.
- 2. Provides services, supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment of any type utilized by the Agency to which the employee is assigned.
- 3. Are of the type which is subject to the regulation or supervision of the Agency.

### **Category 3:**

A designated employee in this category must report all interests in real property located within the Agency. Investments, business positions in business entities and income, gifts, loans and travel payments from sources in, or doing business within the Agency which:

- 1. Provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment of any type utilized by designated filers in the Agency.
- 2. Are of the type which is subject to the regulation or supervision of the Agency.

## Category 4:

A designated employee in this category must report all interests in: real property located within the Agency; investments, business positions in business entities, income, and gifts from sources in, or doing business within the Agency; and, all other interests which are subject to the regulation or supervision of the Agency.

### ATTACHMENT D DESIGNATED POSITIONS

POSITIONS TITLES	DISCLOSURE CATEGORY
Alternate Directors	1
Assistant General Counsel	4
Assistant Executive Director	4
Assistant Secretary	1
Consultants that will make or participate in making governmental decisions on behalf of the Agency	4*
Executive Director	1
General Counsel	1
Members of the Board of Directors	1
Secretary	1
Treasurer	1

\*Disclosure Category 4 shall generally apply; however, the Executive Director, after consultation with the Agency General Counsel, shall designate the disclosure category for each consultant subject to this Code. If a consultant is performing duties the same as an "employee" the consultant will be assigned the same reporting category. See Attachment B for the consultant definition.

### MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

### Item No. 6(d)

DATE:	February 15, 2018
TO:	Board of Directors
FROM:	Jennifer Tribo, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT:	Update on Request for Proposal and Qualifications for Legal Services

### **SUMMARY**

The Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA Agreement") provides that the Agency may contract with a Member or other public agency or private entity for various services. The Agency may require the services of legal counsel for routine operations or compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"). On December 21, 2017 the Board authorized staff to release a revised RFP for general legal services for the Agency.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Board will receive an update on the process to obtain legal services and discuss the selection process and schedule. The Board may consider establishing an ad hoc legal services committee to review applications, interview finalists, and make a recommendation to the Board.

### **BACKGROUND**

The JPA Agreement provides that the Agency may contract with a Member or other public agency or private entity for various services, including without limitation, those related to the Authority's finance, purchasing, risk management, information technology and human resources. A written agreement shall be entered between the Authority and the Member or other public agency or private entity contracting to provide such service, and that agreement shall specify the terms on which such services shall be provided, including without limitation, the compensation, if any, that shall be made for the provision of such services.

The attached RFP for legal services for the Mound Basin GSA was sent to the attached list of law firms on January 10, 2018. The closing date for the receipt of the Request for Proposals and Qualifications was February 9, 2018 by 5:00pm. Eight proposals were received. Staff will provide a list of the proposals received to the Board and it may consider establishing an ad hoc legal services committee to review applications, interview finalists, and make a recommendation to the Board.

### FISCAL SUMMARY

Depending on the direction of the Board, there could be a fiscal impact associated with this item.

Action:				
Motion:		_ 2 <sup>nd</sup> :		_
K. Brown	M. Mobley	G. Shephard	J. Chambers	C. Everts

## MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY LEGAL SERVICES

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) is seeking proposals and statements of qualification submittals from attorneys or firms with experience representing public agencies to provide General Counsel legal services for the Agency.

The Agency is primarily interested in a firm's or attorney's experience in relation to general counsel needs and water law, specifically related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The legal services provided may include general public agency governance, public meetings and public records issues, water rights, intergovernmental agreements with other groundwater sustainability agencies or public agencies, revenue options, and public contracting issues. Preference will be given to local respondents.

A firm or attorney selected as General Counsel will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Agency. If the Agency determines to award a contract for general counsel legal services as a result of this RFP, it will enter into a contract establishing the terms and compensation for the subject services. All costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal responding to this RFP will be the responsibility of the Offeror and will not be reimbursed by the Agency.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On September 14, 2014, Governor Brown signed into law three bills collectively referred to as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA requires the formation of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) in state-designated medium and high priority basins. The Agency is comprised of one medium priority basin (Mound basin ID No. 4-004.03). As authorized by SGMA, the GSA-eligible entities – the City of Ventura, the County of Ventura and United Water Conservation District - have formed a Joint Powers Authority with the intent to work together with local stakeholders to implement the requirements of SGMA.

The Agency was formed for the purpose of developing, adopting, and implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Mound basin in order to implement SGMA's requirements and achieve the sustainability goals outlined in SGMA.

The Agency intends to coordinate its activities to involve the public and local stakeholder through outreach and engagement in developing and implementing the GSP.

# SCHEDULE

To the extent achievable, the following schedule shall govern the RFP. The Agency reserves the right to modify the dates below.

- Availability of the Request for Proposals and Qualifications: January 10, 2018
- Deadline for Submission of Interpretation and/or Questions: January 26, 2018

Questions should be submitted to Jennifer Tribo, Interim Executive Director for the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency at jtribo@venturawater.net

• Closing Date for the receipt of the Request for Proposals and Qualifications: February 9, 2018 by 5:00pm.

# QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Firm or individual attorney must have at least 10 years of public law experience representing public agencies, special districts, municipal governments, or joint powers authorities in California.
- 2. All attorneys performing services must be admitted to practice in the State of California and be members in good standing with the State Bar of California.
- 3. The attorney with primary responsibility for the services provided to the Agency ("Lead Counsel"), must have at least ten (10) years of experience providing general counsel legal services for local public agencies, special districts, or municipalities.
- 4. Demonstrated legal expertise in the following practice areas as they relate to public agencies, special districts, municipal governments, and joint powers authorities in California:
  - a. General Counsel Laws and regulations that pertain to the governance of public entities including, but not limited to, California joint powers authorities, special districts, water districts, irrigation districts and municipalities. The relevant laws and regulations include, but are not limited to, the Ralph M. Brown Act; Public Records Act; Political Reform Act; conflicts of interest laws; general public entity and municipal law; the California Government Code and California Water Code; public agency bylaws and policies; public contracting and procurement processes and operating procedures; and rules of order relative to the conduct of joint powers authorities, special districts, water districts, irrigation districts and municipalities.

The types of services may include some or all of the following:

• Review, draft, and negotiate contracts.

- Advise on Agency legal matters
- Advise on labor and employment matters
- Review personnel, fiscal, and other policies
- Develop Agency bylaws
- Attend Agency Board of Director meetings and other meeting as directed by the Board of Directors
- Advise on government grant and contract issues
- Advise on responses to subpoenas, court orders, and requests for information from third parties
- Defend lawsuits, administrative claims, or other legal claims
- Conduct litigation as necessary
- Other legal services as deemed necessary by the Agency
- Special Counsel In addition to the General Counsel expertise, it is desirable for the selected law firm to have expertise in a few specialty areas, including, but not necessarily limited to:
  - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
  - Water rights matters in state courts and before the State Water Resources Control Board.
  - Public financing and revenue mechanisms, including experience with Propositions 26 and 218. Environmental law, including: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); California and federal Endangered Species Acts; federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act.
  - Governance of public agencies, special districts, municipalities, and joint powers authorities, including amendments and bylaws, and experience interfacing with counsel for joint powers member agencies.
  - Other relevant areas pertaining to special district and public entity law.
  - It is permissible for a firm to submit their proposal and qualifications based on the strength of their public agency/general counsel experience, and to team with other law firms to provide the Special Counsel expertise. In this scenario, however, it is expected that the Lead Counsel will have a working knowledge of SGMA and that the qualifications of the firm proposed to provide Special Counsel expertise be a part of the submittal package.

5. Lead Counsel shall typically attend all Governing Board meetings, and the attorney must be accessible to provide legal assistance to the Agency on an urgent basis, from time to time.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submission Materials and any questions should be sent to Jennifer Tribo, Interim Executive Director for the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency at <u>jtribo@venturawater.net</u>.

- Cover letter (no longer than 2 pages) The cover letter should convey a clear understanding of the requirements and objectives, and why the Respondent is uniquely qualified to be awarded a contract.
- Respondent's Qualifications Summary of overall qualifications and experience of the Respondent. It is expected that the firm will describe its organization, size, structure, areas of practice, and office locations.
- Proposed Respondent Team The Proposal shall identify the Lead Counsel who will be primarily responsible for providing legal services to the Agency, and other attorneys and staff to be assigned to the Agency's legal matters. Please include the qualifications, training, and certifications of Lead Counsel, and all other attorneys and staff who will perform the services outlined herein. Particular emphasis should be placed on those attorneys likely to be assigned to the representation.
- Fee Schedule This section should identify the billing rates for listed personnel, as well as other costs or expenses that would be charged in conjunction with the work. The Offeror is free to propose alternative billing structures (e.g., monthly flat fee for attending Agency Board of Director meetings and advising on routine matters that do not require extensive research or other legal work) for consideration by the Agency. The Agency reserves the right to negotiate with the Offeror on the structure of the billings.
- Conflicts This section should identify whether Respondent anticipates it would need to obtain conflict waivers from any existing clients and how Respondent anticipates addressing any potential conflicts with respect to any Member or Stakeholder entity and/or between GSAs.
- References The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three (3) public agency clients who have contracted with the Respondent for services similar to those described in this RFP within the last five years.

## SUBMITTALS

One original and two (2) copies of the Proposal and Statement of Qualifications should be mailed to:

City of Ventura Attn: Jennifer Tribo 336 Sanjon Road Ventura, CA 93002

and be clearly marked "RFP LEGAL SERVICES" on the outside of the mailing envelope.

# **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The Agency Board of Directors and select staff will review the proposals and make recommendations for final approval. The Agency Board of Directors may request an interview meeting and/or responses to written questions with some qualified Offerors prior to final selection. The proposals will be reviewed with the following general criteria:

- Level of experience and competence of the individual proposed as Lead Counsel with respect to the key areas of service identified in the Qualifications.
- Level of experience and competence of the individual/firm proposed as Special Counsel for each of the major issue categories. What is the working relationship between the Lead Counsel's firm and Special Counsel's firm if they are different?
- Proposed approach to the scope of work.
- Offerors experience with similar clients and legal matters.
- Reference recommendations.
- Potential conflict of interest issues with Offeror's other clients.
- Comprehensive rates.
- Interviews/responses to written questions (if conducted)

### Mound GSA RFP – Legal Services

#### January 10, 2018 - Request for Proposals sent out via mail; posted online at City website

#### **Proposals address list:**

A to Z Law John M. Mathews 300 Esplanade Dr., Suite 2100 Oxnard, CA 93036

Alston & Bird Edward J. Casey 333 South Hope St., 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071

Bergman Dacey Goldsmith John P. Dacey 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900 Los Angeles, CA 90024

Best, Best and Krieger Arthur L. Littleworth 3390 University Ave., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Riverside, CA 92501

Borton Petrini, LLP Calvine R. Stead 5060 California Ave., Suite 700 Bakerfield, CA 93301

Browstein Hyatt Farber Schreck Gary M. Kvistad 1020 State St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2711

Caufield & James LLP Jeffrey Caufield 633 West 5<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 2 Los Angeles, CA 90071

Cohen & Burge LLP Walter E. Wendelstein 699 Hampshire Rd., Suite 207 Thousand Oaks, CA 91361 Covington & Crow, LLP Robert Dougherty 1131 West Sixth Dt., Suite 300 Ontario, CA 91762

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Jackson Tidus Michaele Staples 2030 Main St., 12<sup>th</sup> floor Irvine, CA 92614

Jackson Tidus Alene Taber 2815 Townsgate Rd., Suite 200 Westlake Village, CA 91361

Kidman Law, LLP Art Kidman 2030 Main St., Suite 1300 Irvine, CA 92614

Klein DeNatale Goldner Joseph D. Hughes 4550 California Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Bakersfield, CA 93309

Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse, LLP Thomas S. Bunn III 301 N. Lake Ave., 10<sup>th</sup> floor Pasadena, CA 91101-5123

McMurtrey Harsock and Worth Dan Raytis 2001 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301

Meyers Nave Gregory J. Newmark 707 Wilshire Blvd., 24<sup>th</sup> floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 Myers, Widders, Gibson, jones & Feingold LLP J. Rogers Myers 5425 Everglades St. Ventura. CA 93003

Nossaman LLP Alfred E. Smith II 777 S. Figueroa St., 34<sup>th</sup> floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

Olivarez Madruga Lemieux & O'Neill W. Keith Lemieux 4165 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 350 Westlake Village, CA 91362

Price Postell & Parma Chip Wullbrant 200 E. Carrillo St., Suite 400 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Richard Watson Gershon Terence Boga 355 S. Grand Ave., 40<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071-3101

Rutan & Tucker, LLP Todd O. Litfin 611 Anton Blvd., Suite 1400 Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Young Wooldridge LLP Alan F. Doud 1800 30<sup>th</sup> St., Fourth Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301-1919

### MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

### Item No. 6(e)

DATE:	February 15, 2018
TO:	Board of Directors
SUBJECT:	Basin Boundary Modification Workshop

### **SUMMARY**

Staff from United Water Conservation District (United) and the County of Ventura will lead the Board in a discussion of the need for pursuing basin boundary modification for the Mound basin.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Board may consider scheduling a public workshop to discuss the necessary basin boundary modifications.

### BACKGROUND

The groundwater basins delineated by the CA DWR in Bulletin 118 and used for the establishment of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA) were established many years ago using relatively low resolution data. In the intervening time period, significant new hydrogeologic data have been developed and modern, high resolution geologic mapping and aerial photography provide an opportunity to refine the groundwater basins boundaries to better reflect real-world conditions.

For example, the boundaries of the Mound basin, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) and the Santa Paula basin adjudication do not align on the eastern and southern extents of the existing DWR basin delineation. In places, portions of the Santa Paula basin as defined by DWR fall outside of the boundaries of all of the adjacent entities ("white areas" or "unmanaged areas") and the Mound basin and Santa Paula basin adjudication areas overlap.

The County of Ventura has filed to be the GSA for the "white areas" to ensure all portions of the basins are contained within a GSA. The County's role as the GSA for the "white areas" is meant to be a temporary situation and ultimately the County will work with nearby GSAs to transfer management responsibilities to those agencies. The basin boundary modification effort would work to eliminate the overlaps and white area(s), as well as more precisely define the areal extent of the aquifers.

The proposed basin boundary modifications shown in the attached figures have been discussed by the Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), FCGMA Technical Advisory Group (TAG), and the Mound Basin JPA creation group (i.e., City of Ventura, County of Ventura, United Water Conservation District) and the decision by these groups on how to address these boundary issues was postponed until formation of

the Mound Basin GSA. The boundary adjustments shown in the attached figures may not be the only adjustments ultimately identified for modification.

On September 21, 2017, the Board voted to file a notice of intent with DWR of the Agency's expectation to submit a Basin Boundary Modification Application. The attached Initial Notification of Potential Basin Boundary Modification Request was submitted to DWR on October 4, 2017.

### **TIMELINE**

- January 1, 2018 Submission Period opens
  - During this 6 month window, GSAs and local agencies can submit the required information to support a Basin Boundary Modification in the BBMRS on the SGMA Portal http://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/#intro.
- June 30, 2018 Submission Period Closes and 30-day Public Comment Period opens
  - All information to support a boundary modification should be submitted to the BBMRS
- July 30, 2018 Public Comment Period Closes
  - DWR begins processing boundary modification requests and public comments
- Fall 2018 Draft Basin Boundary Modifications released
- Fall/Winter 2018 Final Basin Boundary Modifications released

### FISCAL SUMMARY

Action

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Action				
Motion:		2 <sup>nd</sup> :		
K.Brown	M.Mobley	G.Shephard	J. Chambers	C.Everts

#### Initial Notification of Potential Basin Boundary Modification Request

## PRINT VIEW OF INITIAL NOTIFICATION

	Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency		
Address:	501 Poli Street		
City:	Ventura	Zip:	93001
Phone(Work):	(805) 652-4563	Phone(Cell):	
Email:	jtribo@venturawater.net	Fax:	
Name:	Jennifer Tribo		
Address:	501 Poli Street		
<b>A</b> 1	Ventura	Zip:	93001
City:			
City: Phone(Work):	805-652-4563	Phone(Cell):	

https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1180/Mound-Basin-GSA

#### 4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION REQUEST

The groundwater basins delineated by the CA DWR in Bulletin 118 and used for the establishment of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA) were established many years ago using relatively low resolution data. In the intervening time period, significant new hydrogeologic data have been developed and modern, high resolution geologic mapping and aerial photography provide an opportunity to refine the groundwater basins boundaries to better reflect real-world conditions. The boundaries of the Mound basin, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) and the Santa Paula basin adjudication do not align on the eastern and southern extents of the existing DWR basin delineation. In places, portions of the Santa Paula basin as defined by DWR fall outside of the boundaries of all of the adjacent entities ("white areas" or "unmanaged areas") and the Mound basin and Santa Paula basin adjudication areas overlap. The northwestern edge of the Mound basin will also be evaluated to ensure that it includes all the outcrop areas and the relevant drainage from the foothills. The County of Ventura has filed to be the GSA for the "white areas" to ensure all portions of the basins are contained within a GSA. The County's role as the GSA for the "white areas" is meant to be a temporary situation and ultimately the County will work with nearby GSAs to transfer management responsibilities to those agencies. The basin boundary modification effort would work to eliminate the overlaps and white area(s), as well as more precisely define the areal extent of the aquifers. The proposed basin boundary modifications shown in the attached figures have been discussed by the Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), FCGMA Technical Advisory Group (TAG), and the Mound Basin JPA creation group (i.e., City of Ventura, County of Ventura, United Water Conservation District) and the decision by these groups on how to address these boundary issues was postponed until formation of the Mound Basin GSA. The Mound Basin GSA voted to file an initial notice of potential basin boundary modification at its September 26, 2017 Board meeting. The boundary adjustments shown in the attached figures may not be the only adjustments ultimately identified for modification.

#### 5. POTENTIAL BASIN(S)/SUBBASIN(S)

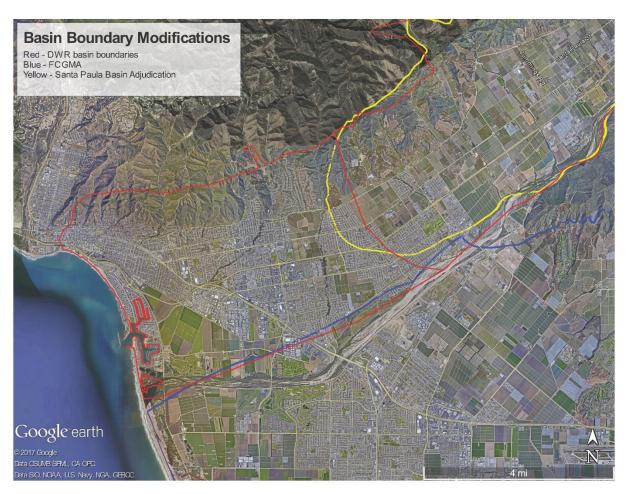
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#### 6. MAP OR DOCUMENT OF POTENTIAL BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION



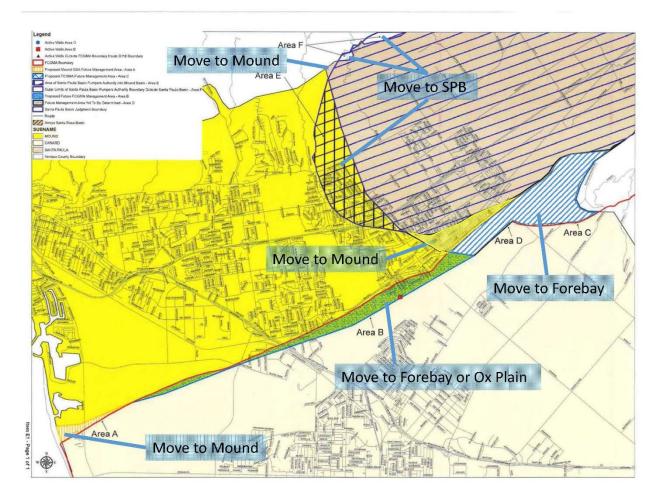
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# Figure 1 – Basin Boundaries and Agency Boundaries

# Figure 2 – Proposed Basin Boundary Adjustments on Eastern and Southern Portions of Mound Basin



### MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

## Item No. 7

**DATE:** February 15, 2018

**TO:** Board of Directors

**SUBJECT:** Committee Reports

a. Report from the Ad hoc Committee for Long-term Funding Options

### MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

### Item No. 8

**DATE:** February 15, 2018

**TO:** Board of Directors

**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report

### a. Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2018

Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 1pm at Ventura City Hall in Room 223

January 18, 2018 – Cancelled February 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 April 19, 2018 May 17, 2018 June 21, 2018 July 19, 2018 August 16, 2018 September 20, 2018 October 18, 2018 November 15, 2018 December 20, 2018

### b. GSP Grant Funding Request Update

DWR has announced the release of the Draft Funding Recommendations to award 78 proposals, totaling approximately \$85.8 million, for the 2017 Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects Solicitation under Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program. The release of the Draft Funding Recommendations opens the public comment period, which will close on February 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM. DWR is recommending fully funding the Mound Basin GSA's request of \$758,100.