CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE FOR Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

The Political Reform Act (Gov. Code, § 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict-of-interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs., § 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict-of-interest code and may be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, the standard code may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices designating positions and establishing disclosure requirements shall constitute the conflict-of-interest code of the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency").

Individuals holding designated positions shall file their statements with the Agency, which will retain the statements and make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction. (Gov. Code, § 81008.) Upon receipt of the statements for the members of the board of directors, the Agency shall make and retain a copy and forward the original of these statements to the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors. Upon receipt of the statements for the Agency's legal counsel and consultants, the Agency shall retain the original.

The provisions of all Conflict of Interest Codes and amendments thereto previously adopted by the Agency are hereby superseded.

APPENDIX A DESIGNATED POSITIONS

<u>Designated Positions</u>		<u>Disclosure Categories</u>
•	Members and Alternates of the Board of Directors	I, II & III
•	Secretary	I & II
•	Agency Counsel	I & II
•	Engineering Consultants	I & II

Note: Consultants shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the disclosure requirements in this code subject to the following limitation:

The Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to comply fully with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Board of 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. (Gov. Code, § 81008.)

APPENDIX B DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

Individuals holding designated positions must report their interests according to their assigned disclosure category(ies).

Disclosure Category I

Interests in real property located within the jurisdiction or within two miles of the boundaries of the jurisdiction or within two miles of any land owned or used by the Agency, including any leasehold, beneficial, or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property. Interests in real property of an individual includes a share of interest in real property of any business entity or trust in which the designated employee or his or her spouse, domestic partner or dependent children own directly or indirectly or beneficially a ten percent interest.

Disclosure Category II

Investments and business positions in business entities, which have within the last two years done business or may in the future do business in the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and income, including loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources, that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment of the type utilized by the Agency.

Disclosure Category III

Investments and business positions in business entities, and income, including loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources, that filed a claim against the agency during the previous two years, or have a claim pending.

Public Officials Who Manage Public Investments

It has been determined that positions listed below manage public investments and will file a statement of economic interests pursuant to Government Code Section 87200. These positions are listed for information purposes only:

- Board Members
- Alternate Board Members
- Consultants involved in the investment of public funds

An individual holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligations if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by Government Code Section 87200.