

Sacramento Suburban Water District

**Conflict of Interest Code**

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The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 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, Section 18730 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. This regulation can be incorporated by reference into any agency's code without publication in full within the code. After public notice and hearing, Section 18730 may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of that regulation, Title 2, section 18730 of the California Code of Regulations and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission from time to time are hereby incorporated by reference in full into this code and will be applied in accordance with the provisions existing on the date that any issue arising under this code adopted by the Sacramento Suburban Water District Board of Directors must be addressed. This cover page, the referenced and incorporated FPPC regulation, and the Appendix, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the Sacramento Suburban Water District.

Recognizing that different employees have different levels of authority and responsibility, the Appendix to this Conflict of Interest Code establishes three categories of disclosure under which employees are designated based on the scope of their decision-making authority. Employees with no significant decision-making responsibility are classified as exempt, and are not required to file reports under this Code.

Non-exempt District employees and officers listed in the attached Appendix are designated as persons who are deemed to make, or participate in the making of, decisions that may have a material effect on a financial interest. Consultants are also subject to the disclosure requirements of this Conflict of Interest Code if they are in a position to make decisions, or influence decisions, that could have an effect on their financial interest.

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**APPENDIX OF DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

**Designated Positions.** The officers and employees listed below are designated as persons who are deemed to make, or participate in the making of, decisions that may have a material effect on a financial interest. Persons holding designated positions listed below will disclose interests and investments in accordance with the corresponding disclosure categories as defined below.

<b><u>Designated Position</u></b>	<b><u>Disclosure Categories</u></b>
Assistant General Manager	1
District Legal Counsel	1
Engineering Manager	1
Operations Manager	2
Information Technology Manager	2
Customer Services Manager	3
Consultants	1 <sup>1</sup>

**Officials Who Manage Public Investments.** Officials who manage public investments are deemed to be “statutory filers” within the meaning of Government Code Section 87200 and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 18720 because they must file statements of economic interest (FPPC Form 700) pursuant to the state Political Reform Act instead of the District’s Conflict of Interest Code. The District’s statutory filers are: Members of the Board of Directors, General Manager/Board Secretary and Director of Finance and Administration/Board Treasurer. As a result, such persons are not designated in this code and are listed here for information only. An individual holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligations if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The FPPC makes the final determination whether or not a position is covered by Government Code Section 87200.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless the General Manager determines in writing that narrower disclosure is permitted in accordance with the standards provided on page 2 of this Appendix under the heading “Consultants.”

**Disclosure Categories.** The District’s disclosure categories are defined as follows:

Category 1- Full Disclosure: All persons in this disclosure category will disclose all interests in real property within two miles of the District’s boundaries, as well as all investments, business positions in business entities and sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans and travel payments, from all sources.

Category 2 – Employees with Significant Contracting and Policy Authority But Without Authority Over Acquisition of Interests in Real Property: All persons in this disclosure category will disclose all investments, business positions in business entities and sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans and travel payments, in or from all sources that provide goods, equipment or services, including training or consulting services, of the type utilized by the District.

Category 3 – Employees with Specific Contracting or Policy Authority or Who Participate in Making Specific Contracts or Policies: All positions in this category will disclose all investments, business positions in business entities and sources of income, including the receipt of gifts, loans and travel payments, in or from all sources that provide services and supplies of the type utilized by the department or programs administered or managed by the designated position.

**Consultants.** “Consultant” means an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the District, either: (A) Makes a governmental decision whether to: (1) approve a rate, rule, or regulation; (2) adopt or enforce a law; (3) issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license, application, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization or entitlement; (4) authorize the District to enter into, modify, or renew a contract provided it is the type of contract that requires District approval; (5) grant District approval to a contract that requires District approval and to which the District is a party, or to the specifications for such a contract; (6) grant District approval to a plan, design, report, study, or similar item; or (7) adopt or grant District approval of policies, standards, or guidelines for the District, or for any subdivision thereof; or (B) Serves in a staff capacity with the District and in that capacity participates in making a governmental decision as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18702.2 or performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the District that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the District’s conflict of interest code under Government Code Section 87302. (See 2 CCR 18701(a)(2).)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> A consultant serves in a staff capacity only if he or she has an on-going relationship with the District. A consultant who works on one project or a limited range of projects for the District is not deemed a consultant subject to the reporting requirements of this code unless the project or projects extend over a substantial period of time, generally more than one year. (See *Smith* Advice Letter, FPPC No. I-99-316; *Travis* Advice Letter, FPPC No. A-96-053; *Randolph* Advice Letter, FPPC No. A-95-045.)

“Consultants” are included in the list of designated positions and must disclose interests and investments in accordance with the broadest disclosure category in the District’s conflict of interest code, subject to the following limitation: The General Manager may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a “consultant” and “designated position,” nevertheless is hired or retained to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and therefore is not required to comply with any or some of the disclosure requirements described in this section. The General Manager’s written determination will include a description of the consultant’s duties, and, based on that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The written determination is a public record and will be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as the District’s conflict of interest code as required by Government Code Section 81008.

**New Position Added or New Consultant Hired Without Code Revision.** If the District creates a new position that requires disclosure under this code without simultaneously amending the code, the employee appointed to fill such a position will file a Form 700 Assuming Office Statement and thereafter file annual Form 700 Disclosure of Economic Interest Statements using the broadest disclosure category until the District amends the code to designate the position and, if warranted, to authorize more narrow disclosure for the position. Alternatively, the General Manager may designate for any such position or consultant narrower disclosure obligations using a FPPC Form 804 (New Hire) or Form 805 (New Consultant) as appropriate. (See 2 CCR 18734.)

**Filing of Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest.** Persons holding designated positions shall complete and file Form 700 statements of economic interests with the Sacramento County Clerk of the Board’s Office via the County’s electronic filing system. The Clerk of the Board will act as the District’s Code filing officer and retain all Forms 700 filed and will, upon request, make filed statements of economic interests available for public inspection and reproduction (at a cost of no more than \$0.10 per page) in accordance with Government Code Section 81008.