SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2020

FROM : COUNTY COUNSEL:

SUBJECT: COUNTY COUNSEL: Approval of the Amended Conflict of Interest Code of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District, District 3. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the Amended Conflict of Interest Code of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District; and
- 2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District of the action taken.

ACTION:Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:	Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt	
Nays:	None	Kecia R. Harper
Absent:	None	Clerk of the Board
Date:	December 15, 2020	Clerk of the Board By: Deputy
XC:	Co.Co., District, COBcm	Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NET COUNTY COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS	5: N/A	Budget Adjus	stment: No	
			For Fiscal Ye	ar: N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND: Summary

The Political Reform Act prohibits a public official from using his or her position to influence a government decision in which he or she has a financial interest. Government Code section 87300 requires local government agencies to adopt and promulgate a Conflict of Interest Code identifying officials and employees required to file statements of economic interest based on the positions they hold. A local government agency, as defined by Government Code section 82041, includes the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District.

Each even-numbered year, Government Code section 87306.5 requires local government agencies to review their Conflict of Interest Code, make appropriate revisions, if necessary, and submit an amended Conflict of Interest Code to the code reviewing body. Government Code section 82011(b) identifies the Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside as the code reviewing body for a local government agency within its county.

The Board of Trustees of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District recently adopted Resolution No. 1-2020 amending its Conflict of Interest Code on October 13, 2020 to include new positions and formally adopt the FPPC Standard Code. The San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District has submitted its amended Conflict of Interest Code for approval by the Board of Supervisors as the code reviewing body.

This office has reviewed the Conflict of Interest Code of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District and has found that it complies with statutory requirements. A complete copy of the Conflict of Interest Code of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District is attached.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District, and direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District of the action taken.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: RESOLUTION NO. 1-2020

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ATTACHMENT B: CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE SAN JACINTO VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT

Gregory V. Prianos, Director County Counsel 12/3/2020

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAN JACINTO VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT TO ADOPT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code section 81000 et seq. (the "Act"), which contains provisions relating to conflicts of interest which potentially affect all officers, employees and consultants of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District (the "District") and requires all public agencies to adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, the potential penalties for violation of the provisions of the Act are substantial and may include criminal and civil liability, as well as equitable relief which could result in the District being restrained or prevented from acting in cases where the provisions of the Act may have been violated; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public meeting on, and of consideration by the Board of Trustees of, the proposed Conflict of Interest Code was provided each affected designated position and publicly posted for review; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held upon the proposed amended Code at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 13, 2020, at which all present were given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District that the Board of Trustees does hereby adopt the proposed Conflict of Interest Code, a copy of which is attached hereto and shall be on file with the District Manager and available to the public for inspection and copying during regular business hours;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Conflict of Interest Code shall be submitted to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for approval and said Code shall become effective immediately upon approval of the proposed Conflict of Interest Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any previously adopted conflict of interest codes are rescinded upon the effective date of the proposed Conflict of Interest Code.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2020.

Chairman, Board of Trustees San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees San Jacinto Cemetery District

LAW OFFICES OF BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

OF THE

SAN JACINTO VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE SAN JACINTO VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT

(Adopted October 13, 2020)

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 which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's 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 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 (attached) and the attached Appendix designating officials and employees and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the **SAN JACINTO VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT (the "District).**

All officials and designated positions required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the **District Manager** as the District's Filing Officer. The **District Manager** shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by the Board of Directors and District Manager and forward the originals of such statements to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside. The **District Manager** shall retain the original statements filed by all other officials and designated positions and will make all retained statements available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours. (Gov. Code § 81008.)

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APPENDIX

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

<u>OF THE</u>

SAN JACINTO VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT

(Adopted October 13, 2020)

PART "A"

OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Officials who manage public investments, as defined by 2 Cal. Code of Regs. §18700.3(b), are NOT subject to the District's Code but must file disclosure statements under Government Code Section 87200 et seq. [Regs. § 18730(b)(3)]

It has been determined that the positions listed below are Officials who manage public investments¹. These positions are listed here for informational purposes only.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Financial Consultant

¹ Individuals 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 § 87200.

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DESIGNATED POSITIONS

GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

DESIGNATED POSITIONS' TITLE OR FUNCTION	DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES ASSIGNED
District Manager	3
General Counsel	1, 2

Consultants and New Positions²

² Individuals serving as a consultant as defined in FPPC Reg. 18700.3(a) or in a new position created since this Code was last approved that makes or participates in making decisions must file under the broadest disclosure set forth in this Code subject to the following limitation:

The District Manager may determine that, due to the range of duties or contractual obligations, it is more appropriate to assign a limited disclosure requirement. A clear explanation of the duties and a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements must be in a written document. (Gov. Code Sec. 82019; FPPC Regulations 18219 and 18734.). The District Manager'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 Sec. 81008.)

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<u>PART "B"</u>

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

The disclosure categories listed below identify the types of economic interests that the designated position must disclose for each disclosure category to which he or she is assigned. ³ "Investment" means financial interest in any business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) and are reportable if they are either located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or have done business during the previous two years in the jurisdiction of the District.

<u>Category 1:</u> All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that are located in, that do business in or own real property within the jurisdiction of the District.

<u>Category 2:</u> All interests in real property which is located in whole or in part within, or not more than two (2) miles outside, the boundaries of the District, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire property.

<u>Category 3:</u> All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, products, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the District.

<u>Category 4:</u> All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, products, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the designated position's department, unit or division.

³ This Conflict of Interest Code does not require the reporting of gifts from outside this agency's jurisdiction if the source does not have some connection with or bearing upon the functions or duties of the position. (Reg. 18730.1)