

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



ITEM: 2.5
(ID # 27314)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, April 15, 2025

FROM : COUNTY COUNSEL

SUBJECT: COUNTY COUNSEL: Approval of a Conflict of Interest Code for Western Riverside Council of Governments; Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5; [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

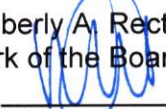
1. Approve the Amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Western Riverside Council of Governments; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the Western Riverside Council of Governments of the action taken.

ACTION:Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: April 15, 2025
xc: COCO, COBAB

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
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: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	N/A
			For Fiscal Year:	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 Western Riverside Council of Governments.

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 Western Riverside Council of Governments recently amended its Conflict of Interest Code on September 9, 2024, to revise disclosure categories and titles of existing positions that participate in making governmental decisions. The Executive Committee for Western Riverside Council of Governments has adopted Resolution No. 26-24, amending its Conflict of Interest Code. The Western Riverside Council of Governments 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 Western Riverside Council of Governments and has found that it complies with statutory requirements. A complete copy of the Conflict of Interest Code of the Western Riverside Council of Governments is attached.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the Conflict of Interest Code of the Western Riverside Council of Governments and direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the Western Riverside Council of Governments of the action taken.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

N/A

Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

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Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution No. 26-24



Western Riverside Council of Governments

County of Riverside • City of Banning • City of Beaumont • City of Calimesa • City of Canyon Lake • City of Corona • City of Eastvale
City of Hemet • City of Jurupa Valley • City of Lake Elsinore • City of Menifee • City of Moreno Valley • City of Murrieta • City of Norco
City of Perris • City of Riverside • City of San Jacinto • City of Temecula • City of Wildomar • Eastern Municipal Water District
Western Municipal Water District • Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AMENDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside Council of Governments ("WRCOG") is a joint powers authority consisting of the County of Riverside and 18 cities, the Eastern Municipal Water District, the Western Municipal Water District, and the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, situated in Western Riverside County; and

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 Western Riverside Council of Governments ("WRCOG") and requires all public agencies to adopt and promulgate a Conflict of Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee adopted a Conflict of Interest Code (the "Code") for WRCOG which was amended on November 1, 2021, in compliance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, subsequent changed circumstances within WRCOG have made it advisable and necessary pursuant to Sections 87306 and 87307 of the Act to amend and update WRCOG's 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 WRCOG 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 Executive Committee, the proposed amended Code was provided each affected designated position and publicly posted for review at the Western Riverside Council of Governments offices, 3390 University Ave., Suite 200, Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held upon the proposed amended Code at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of WRCOG on September 9, 2024, at which all present were given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed amended Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments as follows:

Section 1. The Executive Committee does hereby adopt the proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code, a copy of which is attached hereto and shall be on file with the Administrative Services Manager and available to the public for inspection and copying during regular business hours.

Section 2. The said amended Code shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside for approval.

Section 3. The said amended Code shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments on September 9, 2024.

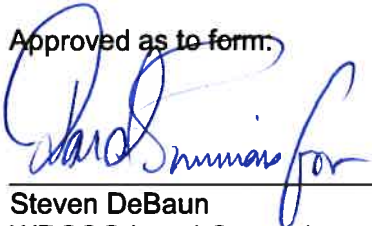


Rita Rogers, Chair
WRCOG Executive Committee



Dr. Kurt Wilson, Secretary
WRCOG Executive Committee

Approved as to form:



Steven DeBaun
WRCOG Legal Counsel

AYES: 22

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
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(Amended September 9, 2024)

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 incorporation page, Regulation 18730 and the attached Appendix designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the **Western Riverside Council of Governments (“WRCOG”)**.

All officials and designated positions required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the **Administrative Services Manager** as WRCOG’s Filing Officer. The **Administrative Services Manager** shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by Members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director and the Treasurer, and forward the originals of such statements to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The **Administrative Services Manager** shall retain the originals of the statements of all other officials and designated positions and make all retained statements available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours. (Gov. Code Section 81008.)

APPENDIX
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
OF THE
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

(Amended September 9, 2024)

PART “A”

OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

WRCOG Officials who manage public investments, as defined by 2 Cal. Code of Regs. § 18700.3(b), are NOT subject to WRCOG’s Code, but must file disclosure statements under Government Code Section 87200 et seq. [Regs. § 18730(b)(3)] These positions are listed here for informational purposes only.

It has been determined that the positions listed below are officials who manage public investments¹:

Executive Committee Members, including ex-officio non-voting members
Executive Director
Treasurer
Chief Financial Officer
Investment Consultant

¹Individuals 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.

DESIGNATED POSITIONS
GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

<u>DESIGNATED POSITIONS'</u> <u>TITLE OR FUNCTION</u>	<u>DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES</u> <u>ASSIGNED</u>
Administrative Services Director	5
Administrative Services Manager	5
Deputy Executive Director	1, 2
Director (ALL)	4
General Counsel	1, 2
Program Manager (ALL)	4
Analyst (ALL)	5
Program Specialist (ALL)	5

MEMBERS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

<u>DESIGNATED POSITIONS' TITLE OR FUNCTION</u>	<u>DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES</u> <u>ASSIGNED</u>
Finance Directors Committee	1, 2
Planning Directors Committee	2, 3, 5
Public Works Committee	2, 3, 5
Solid Waste Committee	2, 5
Technical Advisory Committee	1, 2
<u>Consultants and New Positions²</u>	

²Individuals 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 the making of decisions must file under the broadest disclosure set forth in this Code subject to the following limitation:

The Executive Director 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 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. (Gov. Code Sec. 81008.)

PART “B”

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

The disclosure categories listed below identify the types of economic interests that the designate position must disclose for each disclosure category to which the designated 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 or doing business in the jurisdiction, are planning to do business in the jurisdiction, or have done business during the previous two years in the jurisdiction of WRCOG.

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

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

Category 3: All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that are engaged in land development, construction or the acquisition or sale of real property in within the jurisdiction of WRCOG.

Category 4: 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 WRCOG.

Category 5: 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.

³This 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)