

RESOLUTION NO. WMA-2024-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WESTERN
MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
APPROVING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the “CMA GSA”) is required to approve a conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law the WMA GSA has prepared the Conflict of Interest Code attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein (the “Code”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law the WMA GSA provided a 45-day comment period during which interested parties could comment on the Code before its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the 45-day comment period has passed and no interested parties submitted comments to the WMA GSA regarding the Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the WMA GSA as follows:

1. The attached Conflict of Interest Code is formally approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency.
2. Staff is directed to take such steps as necessary to properly file the attached Conflict of Interest Code with the County of Santa Barbara.
3. Once the Conflict of Interest Code is formally approved by the County, staff is instructed to implement the Code.

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly qualified and acting Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. WMA-2024-02 was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting duly held on the 22th day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

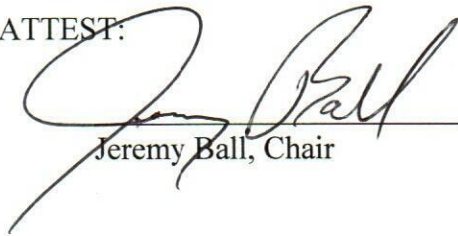
AYES: Ball, Brooks, Garner, Jordan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:


Jeremy Ball, Chair


Amber Thompson, Secretary

EXHIBIT A
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

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 (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 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, 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 Appendix, designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the **Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency)**.

Designated individuals may file their statements online using eDisclosure, which will submit the Form 700 to the County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor. Statements will be made available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008). The Agency's filing official can provide access to designated individuals.

Designated individuals who file using a paper Form 700 shall file with the Agency. Upon receipt of the Statement filed by a designated individual, the Agency shall retain a copy and forward the original to the County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

The following positions are not covered by the conflict of interest code because they must file statements under Section 87200 and therefore are listed for informational purposes only: Members of the Board of Directors.

An individual holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligation 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 Section 87200.

APPENDIX DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

I. <u>Designated Position</u>	<u>Assigned Disclosure Category</u>
Directors	1, 2
Alternate Directors	1, 2
Secretary/Treasurer	1, 2
Plan Manager	1, 2
General Counsel	1, 2
Groundwater Sustainability Agency Staff	1, 2
Consultants/New Positions	*

Note: The positions of Auditor and General Counsel are filled by outside consultants who serve in a staff capacity.

*Consultants/New positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitation:

The Board may determine that a particular consultant or new position, 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 in this section. Such determination shall include a description of the consultant’s or new position’s duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Board’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 Section 81008).

Officials Who Manage Public Investments

The following positions are not covered by the conflict of interest code because they must file a statement of economic interests pursuant to Government Code Section 87200 and, therefore, are listed for information purposes only:

Members of the Board of Directors

An individual holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligation 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 Section 87200.