

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2335**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE  
LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District ("LGVSD" or "District") does hereby find, resolve, and order as follows:

Section 1. The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies, including the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes.

Section 2. The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") has adopted a regulation that contains the terms of a Model Conflict of Interest Code (the "Model Code"). The Model Code, codified at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730, can be incorporated by reference by the Authority as its conflict of interest code. After public notice and hearing, the FPPC may amend the Model Code to conform to amendments to the Political Reform Act.

Section 3. The District's Conflict of Interest Code ("Code") is attached hereto as Exhibit "A.." The District's Code is based upon the Model Code, which was promulgated pursuant to the regulations of the FPPC. The Model Code is incorporated by reference and any amendments to it duly adopted by the FPPC, are hereby incorporated into the Conflict of Interest Code of this Authority by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices designating officials and employees and establishing economic disclosure categories shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code for the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District.

Section 4. All officials and employees required to submit a Statement of Economic Interests shall file their statements with the Executive Officer or his or her designee. For elected officials, the Executive Officer shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed and forward the originals of such statements to the Office of the County Clerk of Marin County. Designated employees (not elected officials) shall file their Statement of Economic Interests with LGVSD and the originals of such statements will be retained by LGVSD. All retained statements, original or copied, shall be available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

Section 5. The LGVSD has directed the District Counsel to coordinate the preparation of a revised Conflict of Interest Code in succeeding even-numbered years in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Sections 87306 and 87306.5. Changes have been made consistent with the modifications to the Model Code. These modifications are approved by passage of this Resolution. The changes will be sent to the Office of the County Clerk of Marin

County. When no revisions to the Code are required, the LGVSD shall submit a report to the Office of the County Clerk of Marin County no later than October 1st of the same year, stating that amendments to the Code are not required.

Section 6. The District Secretary is directed to certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

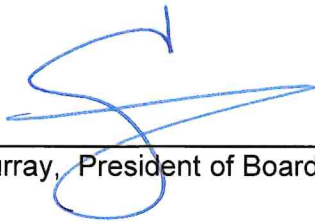
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I hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Sanitary Board of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, Marin County, California, at a meeting thereof held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024 by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES, and in favor thereof Members: Clark, Murray, Nitzberg, Roberts, Yezman  
NOES, Members: None.  
ABSENT, Members: None.  
ABSTAIN, Members: None.

  
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Teresa Lerch, District Secretary

Approve:



(seal)

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Craig K. Murray, President of Board of Directors



**LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT  
EXHIBIT "A"**

**Conflict of Interest Code**

(a) This Conflict of Interest Code ("Code") is adopted pursuant to Government Code § 87300 and any amendments thereto pursuant to Government Code § 87306. This Code is intended to comply with the Art. 2 of Chap. 7 of the Political Reform Act, Government Code §§ 81000, et seq. The requirements of a conflict of interest code are in addition to other requirements of the Political Reform Act, such as the general prohibition against conflicts of interest contained in Government Code section 87100, and to other state or local laws pertaining to conflicts of interest.

(b) The terms of a conflict of interest code amended or adopted and promulgated pursuant to this regulation are as follows:

(1) Section 1. Definitions.

The definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission (Regulations 18110, et seq.), and any amendments to the Act or regulations, are incorporated by reference into this conflict of interest code.

(2) Section 2. Designated Employees.

The persons holding positions listed in the Appendix "A" & "B" are designated employees. It has been determined that these persons make or participate in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on economic interests.

(3) Section 3. Disclosure Categories (Appendix "A").

This code does not establish any disclosure obligation for those designated employees who are also specified in Section 87200 if they are designated in this code in that same capacity or if the geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction in which those persons must report their economic interests pursuant to article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Sections 87200, et seq.

In addition, this code does not establish any disclosure obligation for any designated employees who are designated in a conflict of interest code for another agency, if all of the following apply:

(A) The geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction of the other agency;

(B) The disclosure assigned in the code of the other agency is the same as that required under article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Section 87200; and

(C) The filing officer is the same for both agencies.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Designated employees who are required to file statements of economic interests under any other agency's conflict of interest code, or under article 2 for a different jurisdiction, may expand their statement of economic interests to

Such persons are covered by this code for disqualification purposes only. With respect to all other designated employees, the disclosure categories set forth in the Appendix specify which kinds of economic interests are reportable. Such a designated employee shall disclose in the employee's statement of economic interests those economic interests the employee has which are of the kind described in the disclosure categories to which the employee is assigned in the Appendix. It has been determined that the economic interests set forth in a designated employee's disclosure categories are the kinds of economic interests which the employee foreseeably can affect materially through the conduct of the employee's office.

(4) Section 4. Statements of Economic Interests: Place of Filing.

The code reviewing body shall instruct all designated employees within its code to file statements of economic interests with the agency or with the code reviewing body, as provided by the code reviewing body in the agency's conflict of interest code.<sup>2</sup>

(5) Section 5. Statements of Economic Interests: Time of Filing.

(A) Initial Statements. All designated employees employed by the agency on the effective date of this code, as originally adopted, promulgated and approved by the code reviewing body, shall file statements within 30 days after the effective date of this code. Thereafter, each person already in a position when it is designated by an amendment to this code shall file an initial statement within 30 days after the effective date of the amendment.

(B) Assuming Office Statements. All persons assuming designated positions after the effective date of this code shall file statements within 30 days after assuming the designated positions, or if subject to State Senate confirmation, 30 days after being nominated or appointed.

(C) Annual Statements. All designated employees shall file statements no later than April 1. If a person reports for military service as defined in the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, the deadline for the annual statement of economic interests is 30 days following the person's return to office, provided the person, or someone authorized to represent the person's interests, notifies the filing officer in writing prior to the applicable filing deadline that the person is subject to that federal statute and is unable to meet the applicable deadline, and provides the filing officer verification of the person's military status.

(D) Leaving Office Statements. All persons who leave designated positions shall file statements within 30 days after leaving office.

(5.5) Section 5.5. Statements for Persons Who Resign Prior to Assuming Office.

cover reportable interests in both jurisdictions, and file copies of this expanded statement with both entities in lieu of filing separate and distinct statements, provided that each copy of such expanded statement filed in place of an original is signed and verified by the designated employee as if it were an original. See Government Code section 81004.

<sup>2</sup> See Government Code section 81010 and 2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 18115 for the duties of filing officers and persons in agencies that make and retain copies of statements and forward the originals to the filing officer.

Any person who resigns within 12 months of initial appointment, or within 30 days of the date of notice provided by the filing officer to file an assuming office statement, is not deemed to have assumed office or left office, provided the person did not make or participate in the making of, or use the person's position to influence any decision and did not receive or become entitled to receive any form of payment as a result of the person's appointment. Such persons shall not file either an assuming or leaving office statement.

(A) Any person who resigns a position within 30 days of the date of a notice from the filing officer shall do both of the following:

(1) File a written resignation with the appointing power; and

(2) File a written statement with the filing officer declaring under penalty of perjury that during the period between appointment and resignation the person did not make, participate in the making, or use the position to influence any decision of the agency or receive, or become entitled to receive, any form of payment by virtue of being appointed to the position.

(6) Section 6. Contents of and Period Covered by Statements of Economic Interests.

(A) Contents of Initial Statements.

Initial statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the effective date of the code and income received during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the code.

(B) Contents of Assuming Office Statements.

Assuming office statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the date of assuming office or, if subject to State Senate confirmation or appointment, on the date of nomination, and income received during the 12 months prior to the date of assuming office or the date of being appointed or nominated, respectively.

(C) Contents of Annual Statements. Annual statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the previous calendar year provided, however, that the period covered by an employee's first annual statement shall begin on the effective date of the code or the date of assuming office whichever is later, or for a board or commission member subject to Section 87302.6, the day after the closing date of the most recent statement filed by the member pursuant to Regulation 18754.

(D) Contents of Leaving Office Statements.

Leaving office statements shall disclose reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the period between the closing date of the last statement filed and the date of leaving office.

(7) Section 7. Manner of Reporting.

Statements of economic interests shall be made on forms prescribed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and supplied by the agency, and shall contain the following information:

(A) Investment and Real Property Disclosure.

When an investment or an interest in real property<sup>3</sup> is required to be reported,<sup>4</sup> the statement shall contain the following:

1. A statement of the nature of the investment or interest;
2. The name of the business entity in which each investment is held, and a general description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged;
3. The address or other precise location of the real property;
4. A statement whether the fair market value of the investment or interest in real property equals or exceeds \$2,000, exceeds \$10,000, exceeds \$100,000, or exceeds \$1,000,000.

(B) Personal Income Disclosure. When personal income is required to be reported,<sup>5</sup> the statement shall contain:

1. The name and address of each source of income aggregating \$500 or more in value, or \$50 or more in value if the income was a gift, and a general description of the business activity, if any, of each source;
2. A statement whether the aggregate value of income from each source, or in the case of a loan, the highest amount owed to each source, was \$1,000 or less, greater than \$1,000, greater than \$10,000, or greater than \$100,000;
3. A description of the consideration, if any, for which the income was received;
4. In the case of a gift, the name, address and business activity of the donor and any intermediary through which the gift was made; a description of the gift; the amount or value of the gift; and the date on which the gift was received;
5. In the case of a loan, the annual interest rate and the security, if any, given for the loan and the term of the loan.

(C) Business Entity Income Disclosure. When income of a business entity, including income of a sole proprietorship, is required to be reported,<sup>6</sup> the statement shall contain:

1. The name, address, and a general description of the business activity of the business entity;
2. The name of every person from whom the business entity received payments if the filer's pro rata share of gross receipts from such person was equal to or greater than \$10,000.

(D) Business Position Disclosure. When business positions are required to be reported, a designated employee shall list the name and address of each business entity in which the employee is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or in which the employee holds any position of management, a description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged, and the designated employee's position with the business entity.

(E) Acquisition or Disposal During Reporting Period. In the case of an annual or leaving office statement, if an investment or an interest in real property was partially or wholly acquired or disposed of during the period covered by the statement, the statement shall contain the date of acquisition or disposal.

(8) Section 8. Prohibition on Receipt of Honoraria.

(A) No member of the Board, and no designated employee of the District, shall accept any honorarium from any source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on the member's or employee's statement of economic interests.

(B) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Gov. Code § 89501 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

(D) This section shall not limit or prohibit payments, advances, or reimbursements for travel and related lodging and subsistence authorized by Gov. Code § 89506.

(8.1) Section 8.1. Prohibition on Receipt of Gifts in Excess of \$590.

(A) No member of the Board, and no designated employee of the District, shall accept gifts with a total value of more than \$590 in a calendar year from any single source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on the member's or employee's statement of economic interests.

(B) Subdivisions (e), (f), and (g) of Section 89503 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

(8.2) Section 8.2. Loans to Public Officials.

(A) No member of the Board shall, from the date of the election to office through the date that the Board member vacates office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the District or over which the District has direction and control.

(B) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the public official holds office or over which the public official's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.

(C) No member of the Board shall, from the date of the election to office through the date that the officer vacates office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the District or over which the District has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status.

(D) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while the official holds office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.

(E) This section shall not apply to the following:

1. Loans made to the campaign committee of a Board member or candidate for the Board.

2. Loans made by a Board member's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such persons, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.

3. Loans from a person which, in the aggregate, do not exceed \$500 at any given time.

4. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

### (8.3) Section 8.3. Loan Terms.

(A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), no member of the Board shall, from the date of the officer's election to office through the date the officer vacates office, receive a personal loan of \$500 or more, except when the loan is in writing and clearly states the terms of the loan, including the parties to the loan agreement, date of the loan, amount of the loan, term of the loan, date or dates when payments shall be due on the loan and the amount of the payments, and the rate of interest paid on the loan.

(B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:

1. Loans made to the campaign committee of the Board member.



2. Loans made to the Board member by his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.

3. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

(C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provision of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(8.4) Section 8.4. Personal Loans.

(A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), a personal loan received by any designated employee shall become a gift to the designated employee for the purposes of this section in the following circumstances:

1. If the loan has a defined date or dates for repayment, when the statute of limitations for filing an action for default has expired.

2. If the loan has no defined date or dates for repayment, when one year has elapsed from the later of the following:

- a. The date the loan was made.
- b. The date the last payment of \$100 or more was made on the loan.
- c. The date upon which the debtor has made payments on the loan aggregating to less than \$250 during the previous 12 months.

(B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:

1. A loan made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office.

2. A loan that would otherwise not be a gift as defined in this title.

3. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor has taken reasonable action to collect the balance due.

4. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor, based on reasonable business considerations, has not undertaken collection action. Except in a criminal action, a creditor who claims that a loan is not a gift on the basis of this paragraph has the burden of proving that the decision for not taking collection action was based on reasonable business considerations.

5. A loan made to a debtor who has filed for bankruptcy and the loan is ultimately discharged in bankruptcy.

(C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provisions of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(9) Section 9. Disqualification.

No designated employee shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use the employee's official position to influence the making of any governmental decision which the employee knows or has reason to know will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on the official or a member of the official's immediate family or on:

(A) Any business entity in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect investment worth \$2,000 or more;

(B) Any real property in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect interest worth \$2,000 or more;

(C) Any source of income, other than gifts and other than loans by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to official status, aggregating \$500 or more in value provided to, received by or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made;

(D) Any business entity in which the designated employee is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management; or

(E) Any donor of, or any intermediary or agent for a donor of, a gift or gifts aggregating \$590 or more provided to, received by, or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made.

(9.3) Section 9.3. Legally Required Participation.

No designated employee shall be prevented from making or participating in the making of any decision to the extent the employee's participation is legally required for the decision to be made. The fact that the vote of a designated employee who is on a voting body is needed to break a tie does not make the employees' participation legally required for purposes of this section.

(10) Section 10. Disclosure of Disqualifying Interest.

When a designated employee determines that the employee should not make a governmental decision because the employee has a disqualifying interest in it, the determination not to act may be accompanied by disclosure of the disqualifying interest.

(11) Section 11. Assistance of the Commission and Counsel.

Any designated employee who is unsure of the duties under this code may request assistance from the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to Section 83114 and Regulations 18329 and 18329.5 or from the attorney for the employee's agency, provided that nothing in this section requires the attorney for the agency to issue any formal or informal opinion.

(12) Section 12. Violations.

This code has the force and effect of law. Designated employees violating any provision of this code are subject to the administrative, criminal and civil sanctions provided in the Political Reform Act, Sections 81000-91014. In addition, a decision in relation to which a violation of the disqualification provisions of this code or of Section 87100 or 87450 has occurred may be set aside as void pursuant to Section 91003.

## **LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT**

### **APPENDIX "A"**

#### **CATEGORY 1**

Persons in this category shall disclose all interests in real property located within the jurisdiction of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District. Real property shall be deemed to be within the jurisdiction if the property or any part of it is located within, or not more than two miles outside of, the boundaries of the jurisdiction, or within two miles of any land owned or used by the District.

Persons are not required to disclose property used primarily as their principal residence or any other property that they utilize exclusively as their personal residences.

#### **CATEGORY 2**

Persons in this category shall disclose reportable income from persons or business entities that have a franchise or contract with the District or that provide, plan to provide or have provided within two years from the time a statement is required under this Conflict of Interest Code, franchise or contractual services, or other services, supplies, materials or equipment of the type utilized by the District.

#### **CATEGORY 3**

Persons in this category shall disclose reportable investments in business entities that have a franchise or contract with the District or that provide, plan to provide or have provided within two years from the time a statement is required under this Conflict of Interest Code, franchise or contractual services, or other services, supplies, materials or equipment of the type utilized by the District.

#### **CATEGORY 4**

Persons in this category shall disclose reportable business positions in business entities that have a franchise or contract with the District or that provide, plan to provide or have provided within two years from the time a statement is required under this Conflict of Interest Code, franchise or contractual services, or other services, supplies, materials or equipment of the type utilized by the District.

#### **CATEGORY 5**

For consultants who serve in a staff capacity with the District, the consultant shall disclose based on the disclosure categories assigned elsewhere in this code for that staff position. For consultants who do not serve in a staff capacity, the following disclosure categories shall be used:

Persons required to disclose in this category must disclose pursuant to subcategories A, B, and C below unless the Executive Officer determines in writing that a particular consultant 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 categories A, B, or C. 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 Executive Officer's determination is a public record and must be retained for public inspection in the same manner and at the same location as the District's conflict of interest code.

- A. Reportable interests in real property in the jurisdiction as specified above in Category 1.
- B. Reportable personal and business entity income, as specified above in Category 2.
- C. Reportable investments, as specified above in Category 3.
- D. Reportable business positions, as specified above in Category 4.

# LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

## APPENDIX "B"

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<u>Disclosure Categories</u>
Member of Board of Directors	1, 2, 3, 4
Member of Board of Directors (Alternate)	1, 2, 3, 4
General Manager	1, 2, 3, 4
District Counsel	1, 2, 3, 4
Administrative Services Manager	1, 2, 3, 4
District Engineer	1, 2, 3, 4
Plant Manager	1, 2, 3, 4
Collection System/Safety Manager/Maintenance Manager	1, 2, 3, 4
Consultant	5

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