

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
OF THE
NORTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency**, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes adoption of its conflict of interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on February 9, 2017 and closing on March 26, 2017. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

The **North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency** proposes to adopt its conflict of interest code to include employee and consultant positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code. The amendment carries out the purposes of the law and no other alternative would do so and be less burdensome to affected persons.

Information on the proposed code is attached to this notice and is available on the Agency's website at www.northforkkings.org.

Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than March 26, 2017, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later. At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. A person may request a hearing no later than March 11, 2017.

The **North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability** has determined that the proposed code:

1. Imposes no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
2. Imposes no costs or savings on any state agency.
3. Imposes no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

All inquiries concerning this proposed code adoption and any communication required by this notice should be directed to: **Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, Ph 559-237-5567 x106, email rshilling@krcd.org.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE
North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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 California Code of Regulations Section 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 Appendices, designating positions and establishing disclosure requirements, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of **North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency)**.

Individuals holding designated positions shall file their statements of economic interests with the **Agency**, which will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction. (Gov. Code Sec. 81008.) All statements will be retained on the Agency's behalf by the Kings River Conservation District, which is located at 4886 E. Jensen Ave, Fresno, California.

Note: The Agency shares an office with Kings River Conservation District.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE
NORTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

APPENDIX A-Designated Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Disclosure Category</u>
Program Administrator	1
Assistant Treasurer	1
General Counsel	1, 2
Consultants/New Positions	*

Note: The positions of Program Coordinator and Assistant Treasurer are filled by Kings River Conservation District employees who act in a staff capacity for the Agency.

*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 limitations:

The Agency may determine in writing 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 comply fully with the disclosure requirements described 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 Agency'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)

Public Officials Who Manage Public Investments

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

- Members and Alternates 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 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 Government Code Section 87200.

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE FOR THE
NORTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

APPENDIX B-Disclosure Categories

1. Investments and business positions in business entities, and income, including receipt of loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources of the type that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment of the type utilized by the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency.
2. Interests in real property located within the jurisdiction of the District, or within two miles of the jurisdictional boundaries of the District, or within two miles of any land owned or used by the District.