#### **RESOLUTION NO. 17-23**

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT AMENDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE CODE FOR THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act ("Act"), Government Code Section 81000, et seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the District must periodically review its internal organization to determine: (i) whether any position that has been added to the District constitutes a designated position under the District's Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code ("Code"); or (2) whether the duties of any existing position that is currently not a designated position have changed such that the position now constitutes a designated position under the District's Code; and

WHEREAS, the District's Code was last approved by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors effective December 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit B of the District's Code must be modified to revise the title of Public Affairs & Sustainability Director to Public Affairs Director as reflected on the Palmdale Water District Organization Chart attached hereto as "Exhibit 1" and as shown on the revised Code attached hereto as "Exhibit 2" both incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, to meet the requirements of the Act, the District must amend its Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code to reflect this change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District does hereby amend Exhibit B of its Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code, setting forth the designated positions within the District and their disclosure obligations, as set forth on the attached "Exhibit 2."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that individuals holding newly-designated positions shall file Statements of Economic – Assuming Office Statements with the District General Manager or his designee, as required under the District's Code. All other individuals holding designated positions shall file Statements of Economic Interests as required by law and the District's Code. Within five days of receipt of the Statements filed by the Directors and by the General Manager, the District shall make and retain copies and forward the originals of these statements to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Statements for all other designated individuals will be retained by the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District held on September 27, 2017.

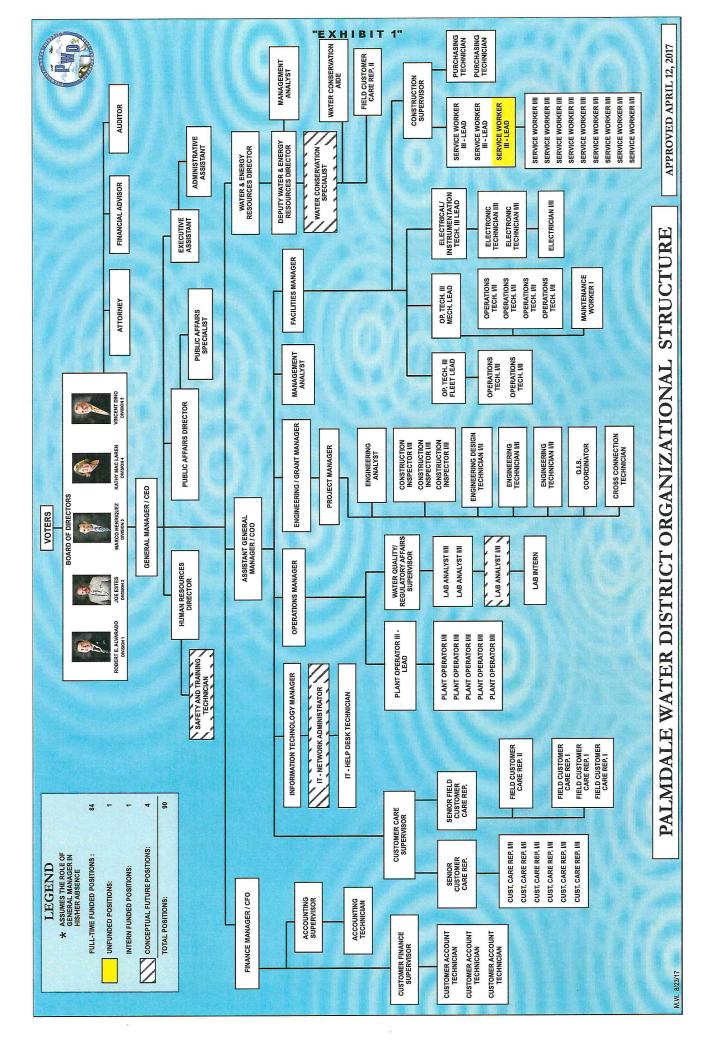
Robert Alvarado, President

ATTEST:

Joe Estes, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, General Counsel



#### PROPOSED CODE

# Conflict of Interest Code of the

#### PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

# Incorporation of FPPC Regulation 18730 (2 California Code of Regulations, Section 18730) by Reference

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. 18730), which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. After public notice and hearing, it 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 into the conflict of interest code of this agency by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices (or Exhibits) designating officials and employees and establishing economic disclosure categories shall constitute the conflict of interest code of this agency.

#### Place of Filing of Statements of Economic Interests

All officials and employees required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the agency head; or his or her designee. The agency shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by its Board of Directors, General Manager/CEO, and forward the originals of such statements to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

The agency shall retain the originals of statements for all other Designated Positions named in the agency's conflict of interest code. All retained statements, original or copied, shall be available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

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#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

#### **CATEGORY 1**

Persons in this category shall disclose, in accordance with this Code, all interest in real property within the District, except personal residences or property used primarily for personal recreational purposes. Real property shall be deemed to be within the jurisdiction of the District if the property or any part of it is located within or not more than two miles outside the boundaries of the District or within two miles of any land owned or used by the District.

Persons are not required to disclose a residence, such as a home or vacation cabin, used exclusively as a personal residence; however, a residence in which a person rents out a room or for which a person claims a business deduction may be reportable.

#### **CATEGORY 2**

Persons in this category shall disclose in accordance with this Code, all income (including receipt of gifts, loans and travel payments) from, investments in, and business positions with in businesses that produce products or provide services of a type utilized by the District, including the following areas:

Office equipment and supplies
Banks and savings and loans institutions

Securities dealers and underwriters

Real property

Public utilities

Financial audit services

Insurance services

Computer equipment, services, and supplies

Printing, reproduction, or photographic equipment, services and supplies

Periodicals, books, newspapers

Chemicals

Motor vehicles and specialty vehicles, parts and supplies

Construction and maintenance equipment, services and supplies and building materials

Petroleum products

Transportation and lodging services

Safety equipment and supplies

Security services

Food services and supplies

Communication services

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#### EXHIBIT "A" (Cont'd)

#### CATEGORY 2 (Cont'd)

Water quality testing equipment, supplies and services Cathodic protection equipment, services and supplies Engineering services Employment / temporary help agencies Educational equipment, services and supplies Medical supplies, services and informational materials Landscape services and supplies Typographical services 4-color separations

General and specialty equipment rentals

Consulting Services: legal, energy and power, engineering, soils testing, water treatment, advertising, communications, design, art work, audio/visual, movie productions, planning, water pricing and demand, economists, desalting, environmental, appraisers, real estate sales, and investment services.

#### **CATEGORY 3**

Consultants performing the duties of any designated position shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests disclosing reportable interests in the categories assigned to that designated position.

In addition, consultants who, under contract, participate in decisions which affect financial interests by providing information, advice, recommendation or counsel to the District, or which could affect financial interests, and those consultants who, under contract, exercise primary responsibility for the management of public investments, shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests disclosing reportable interests as determined by the General Manager of the District. (See footnote in Exhibit "B" for clarification\*

#### "EXHIBIT 2"

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## EXHIBIT "B"

Designated Positions	<u>Disclosure Categories</u>
Members of Board of Directors	1, 2
General Manager/CEO	2
Assistant General Manager/COO	2 .
Water and Energy Resources Director	2
Operations Manager	2
Facilities Manager	2
Finance Manager/CFO	2
Engineering/Grant Manager	2
Human Resources Director	2
Information Technology Manager	2
Public Affairs Director (was) Public Affairs & Sustainability Director	2 Title Change
Consultants/New Positions	<b>3</b> *

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#### **EXHIBIT "B"**

\*Consultants/New Positions are 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 General Manager/CEO or his or her designee 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 fully comply with disclosure requirements in this section. Such written 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 General Manager/CEO or his or her designee'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.)

Individuals who perform under contract the identical duties of any designated position shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests disclosing reportable interests in the categories assigned to that designated position.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**