

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01**

**ADOPTING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE EASTERN  
MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA) is required to develop and adopt a Conflict of Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, the EMA GSA has developed and prepared the Conflict of Interest Code attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A" (the "Code") for review and adoption; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the Board of Directors has made the Code available for review and comment by the public and those affected by the Code; and

WHEREAS, the comment period now concluding, the Board of Directors desire to adopt the attached Code.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the EMA GSA resolve as follows:

1. The attached Code is formally approved and adopted by the Board of Directors.
2. Staff is directed to take any steps necessary to properly file the attached Code with the EMA GSA's code reviewing body.
3. Once formally approved by the code reviewing body, staff is instructed to implement the Code.

**ALL THE FOREGOING**, being on motion of Director Marymee, seconded by Director Joos, is authorized by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

**AYES:** Director Orona, Director Circle, Director Marymee, Director Joos, Director Hartmann

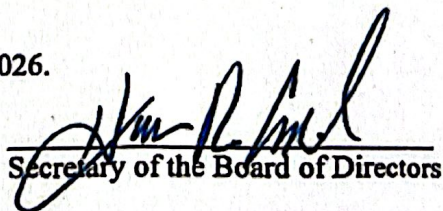
**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed on the 26 day of February, 2026 by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

**WITNESS** my hand this 26 day of February, 2026.

  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN EASTERN MANAGEMENT  
AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

The Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate local 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 conflict of interest 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 Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency).

Designated individuals shall file their statements online using eDisclosure, which will submit the Form 700 to the Santa Barbara 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.

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87200.** The following positions are not covered by this Conflict of Interest Code (Code) because they must file statements under Section 87200 and therefore are listed for informational purposes only:

Members of the Board of Directors

Executive Director

An individual holding a position listed in this Code 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 this Code.

**APPENDIX  
DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND  
DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

<b>I. <u>Designated Position</u></b>	<b><u>Assigned Disclosure Category</u></b>
Directors	1
Alternate Directors	1
Secretary/Treasurer	1
Executive Director	1
General Counsel	1
Groundwater Sustainability Agency Staff	1
Consultants/New Positions	*

The positions of Executive Director, General Counsel, and staff 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 this 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 Code (Gov. Code Section 81008).

**Officials Who Manage Public Investments**

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

Members of the Board of Directors

Executive Director

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.

## **II. Disclosure Categories:**

### **Category 1**

Designated positions in this category shall disclose as though they were mandatory filers pursuant to Government Code section 87200. Accordingly, income from any source (including gifts, loans, and travel payments), interests in real property, investments and all business positions in which the designated individual is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management.

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**POSITION DESCRIPTIONS – POSITIONS DESIGNATED BY THE CODE**

Director: Adopts policies and procedures, establishes goals, exercises GSA powers, adopts GSA budgets, and is a member of the Board of Directors, the ultimate GSA authority.

Secretary: Maintains a record of GSA documents. Prepares and records meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of the GSA. Files documents relating to the GSA's affairs, provides notice of meetings of the GSA Board of Directors.

Treasurer: Maintains a record of all financial transactions of the GSA, reports on the financial condition of the GSA, and disburses funds as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Executive Director: Oversees the day-to-day operations of the GSA, implements policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, creates and monitors budgets, is the GSA's Point-of-Contact with DWR, spearheads GSP implementation, hires consultants, oversees and manages GSA Staff.

General Counsel: Advises the Board of Directors on legal matters, prepares and reviews contracts, agreements, and other legal documents, provides other legal assistance as needed.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency Staff: Reports to and supports the Executive Director with technical or administrative matters of the GSA.

Consultants: Perform technical or administrative projects on behalf of the GSA at the direction of the Executive Director.