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COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: September 10, 2024 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

CONTACT PERSON: Melinda Benton PHONE: 559-636-5002

SUBJECT: Approve amended Conflict of Interest Code for Lindmore Irrigation District

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code adopted by Lindmore Irrigation District.

SUMMARY:

The Political Reform Act, Administered by the State Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC), requires local governmental agencies to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code and update it from time-to-time to reflect changes in decision-making positions within the Agency. This includes newly added positions, deleted positions, or changes in the title or decision-making duties assigned to positions. This also includes changes in disclosure categories for designated positions.

In addition, a local government agency is required to conduct a review of its Conflict of Interest Code every even numbered year. A local government agency includes a special district of any kind, school districts, or any local board, committee, commission or agency established by State of Federal statute that has a separate legal status. Pursuant to the Act, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors is the code-reviewing body for all local government agencies whose territorial boundaries are wholly in Tulare County, and has the responsibility to see that such agencies meet conflict of interest code requirements.

A Conflict of Interest Code is designated to cover members of boards, commissions, committees, districts and similar bodies, and administrative employees that make, or participate in making government decisions. The purpose of the Code is to prevent such officials from engaging in government decision-making in which the official may have a personal financial interest. Officials designated in an agency's code are required to file a Form 700-Statement of Economic Interests upon appointment to a designated position,

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upon leaving the position and on a yearly basis while performing the official functions of that position. For this reason, positions designated in the local agency's code must also be assigned a disclosure category. Disclosure categories describe the types of personal financial interests that the official must disclose in his or her Form 700-Statement of Economic Interests.

In June 2024, written notices were sent to all local government agencies within Tulare County of their obligation to conduct a Biennial Review of the agency's Conflict of Interest Code as required by law. By law, the Board of Supervisors must approve all amended or new Conflict of Interest Codes.

The Lindmore Irrigation District responded that they have amended their respective Conflict of Interest Codes since 2020 and have provided the County with the necessary supporting documents for review. These amended codes meet the requirements of the Political Reform Act and can be recommended to this Board for approval. Declaration by the representative of this special district confirming compliance with applicable requirements for amending the agency's code are attached for your review.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no County cost associated with this request.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The approval of the Conflict of Interest Codes helps fulfill the Organization Performance initiative by ensuring that the County and the local agencies are in compliance with the law.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Melinda Benton

Melinda Benton, Chief Clerk

Clerk of the Board

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Lindmore Irrigation Conflict of Interest Code