

## FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes amendment to its conflict of interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on October 14, 2022 and closing on December 15, 2022. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

The State Water Resources Control Board proposes to amend its conflict of interest code to include employee 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.

Changes to the conflict of interest code include: adding all technical staff, including engineers, geologists, and environmental scientists; certain staff involved in procurement and contract activities; and due to the sensitive nature of their work, all staff in the Office of Enforcement and Division of Financial Assistance.

Information on the code amendment is attached to this email.

Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than December 15, 2022. In addition, the State Water Resources Control Board will hold a public meeting prior to its adoption of the proposed amendments on January 18, 2023. Comments on the proposed amendments must be submitted to the clerk of the board by December 15, 2022. Comments should be sent to [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov), and identify in the subject line "Conflict of Interest Code."

The State Water Resources Control Board has determined that the proposed amendments:

1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency.
3. Impose 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 amendment and any communication required by this notice should be directed to: Kim Niemeyer, Attorney IV – tele: 916-341-5547; email: [Kim.Niemeyer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Kim.Niemeyer@waterboards.ca.gov)