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Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1600

SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2024 FCGMA Conflict of Interest Code – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Adopt the 2024 Conflict of Interest Code (COIC) for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; and (2) Approve the Chair to sign the amended 2024 FCGMA COIC documents.

BACKGROUND:

The Political Reform Act (Government Code 87300 et. seq.) requires every agency to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code and review and amend as needed every even-numbered year. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors is the code reviewing body for the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code and is required to review and approve the Agency's code this year.

DISCUSSION:

Exhibits following this letter clarify the revisions to the Agency Conflict of Interest Code for your Board's approval and adoption. The proposed revisions include updating the number of Alternate Members of the Board of Directors, and the number of consultants listed as "Designated Positions and Filing Officers" in the COIC. Attached as Exhibit 10A is the 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice, which officially identifies these amendments as those which appear in the revised COIC. The revised Conflict of Interest Code is attached as both a red-line version (Exhibit 10B) and a clean copy (Exhibit 10C). For reference, the previous COIC, last adopted by your Board on September 30, 2022, and subsequently edited with the addition of Form 805s for additional consultants, is attached as Exhibit 10D.

The main intent of the COIC remains unchanged. Government Code section 87200 et seq. requires all "officials who manage public investments" to disclose, in a Form 700, all their economic interests pursuant to the Political Reform; historically, FCGMA Conflict of Interest Code designates all stated positions to disclose Category 1, the broadest disclosure category.

Continued selection of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors Clerk of the Board's Office as the Filing Officer (Form 700 Clerk) will provide time and cost savings to the Agency by making each designated Form 700 filer eligible to use the electronic filing application e-Disclosure utilized by the County Clerk of the Board's Office. In addition, the Clerk of the Board's Office would continue to be responsible for providing all notifications to the Agency's filers and performing all other duties associated with the Filing Officer pursuant to 2 Cal. Code Regs. §18115. The FCGMA Clerk of the Board, known in this regard as the Local Agency's Clerk, acts as Agency contact for

the Form 700 Clerk and coordinates Biennial amendment documents, and reports from e-Disclosure as needed for review; the Local Agency Clerk also provides follow up with late filers and initial notification to the Form 700 Clerk of new filers.

Should the COIC be approved and adopted by your Board during today's meeting, Agency staff requests the Chair of the Board's signature on both versions of the 2024 Revised Proposed COIC: both the redline (Exhibit 10B) and the clean copy (Exhibit 10C), for the Board of Supervisors to consider when they review the Agency's amended documents.

Once adopted by your Board, the COIC and signed 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors Clerk of the Board. The Clerk of the Board's Office will present the Agency's submission to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

For further information regarding the Conflict of Interest Code, please visit the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) website at www.fppc.ca.gov or the Board of Supervisors Clerk of the Board's website at www.ventura.org/cob/form700.

CONCLUSION:

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-3952.

Sincerely,



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Interim Executive Officer

Attachments: Exhibit 10A – 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice Identifying FCGMA Amendments
Exhibit 10B – Red-Line Version of 2024 FCGMA Revised Conflict of Interest Code
Exhibit 10C – Clean Version of 2024 FCGMA Revised Conflict of Interest Code
Exhibit 10D – 2022 FCGMA COIC with 805s, as of April 2, 2024