

**MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL FINANCES	§7000-§7006
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§7000 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections 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. Section 18730) which contains the terms of a standard Conflict of Interest Code, which may be incorporated by reference in an agency's 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 by reference.

§7001 MWDOC CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

MWDOC has adopted the Fair Political Practices Commission Model Code (2 Cal. Code of Regs., Section 18730) as its Conflict of Interest Code (Code) and has promulgated a list of Designated Positions and Disclosure Categories as required therein (see Appendix A to Section 7005). This Code incorporates, by reference, the definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission and any amendments to the Act or regulations. This regulation and the attached Appendix designating officials and employees and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the Municipal Water District of Orange County.

In accordance with Government Code 82011(b), the Board of Supervisors for the County of Orange (Board of Supervisors) has been designated as the Code Reviewing Body for MWDOC. Amendments to the MWDOC Conflict of Interest Code, including Appendix "A", will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval within 90 days after the circumstances necessitating the amendments have become apparent. (Government Code Section 87306(a).)

Res. No. 1874 – 2/17/10

§7002 FILING OFFICER/OFFICIAL

The District Secretary is designated as the filing official responsible for receiving and forwarding original statements of economic interest (statements) for MWDOC Directors to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The District Secretary shall retain one copy of each such statement for MWDOC records. The District Secretary is designated as filing officer for all other designated filers of MWDOC and as such shall be responsible for receiving and retaining the original statements of such filers in the official records of MWDOC. The District Secretary shall follow the duties of filing officer denoted in Title 2, Section 18115(a) and of filing official denoted in Title 2, Section 18115(b).

Motion - 4/20/94; Motion - 9/21/94; M – 9/20/06; M-9/21/16

§7003 FILING OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Persons in designated positions are required to file statements with the District Secretary as follows:

1) Initial Statements - Within 30 days after adoption of the Code or amendments to the Code. Includes all reportable interests during 12 months prior to the effective date of the Code or amendments thereto.

2) Assuming Office Statements - Within 30 days after assuming the designated position. Includes all reportable interests during the 12 months prior to the date of assuming office or date of appointment or nomination

3) Annual Statements - No later than April 1 each year. Includes all reportable interests during the previous calendar year.

4) Leaving Office Statements - Within 30 days after leaving office. Includes all reportable interests during period between the closing of the last statement filed and the date of leaving office.

Motion - 4/20/94;

§7004 OPINIONS OF LEGAL COUNSEL

A. Opinion Requests - Any designated employee who is unsure of any right or obligation arising under this Code may request an opinion from MWDOC's Legal Counsel or the Fair Political Practices Commission.

B. Evidence of Good Faith - If an opinion is rendered by the Fair Political Practices Commission, stating in full the facts and the law upon which the opinion is based, compliance by a designated employee with such opinion may be evidence of good faith in any civil or criminal proceeding brought pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 or this Code. The designated employee's good faith compliance with the opinion of the Fair Political Practices Commission shall also act as a complete defense to any disciplinary action that MWDOC may bring under Section 91003.5 of said Act or this Code (Government Code Section 83114).

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§7005 DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND CATEGORIES

Designated employees shall file statements of economic interests with the Municipal Water District of Orange County's Political Reform Act Filing Officer, District Secretary, who will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction (Government Code Section 82008). This Conflict of Interest Code does not require the reporting of gifts from outside the District's jurisdiction if the source does not have some connection with or bearing upon the functions or duties of the position for which reporting is required (2 Cal. Code of Regs., Section 18730.1).

Upon receipt of the statements of the Members of the Board of Directors, comm, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Director of Finance, and Legal Counsel the Filing Officer

shall make and retain a copy and forward the original of these statements to the Clerk of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, who is the Filing Officer for these positions

Statements for all other designated employees will be retained by the Filing Officer.

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APPENDIX A
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Designated Positions	Disclosure Categories
Board Member	OC-01
General Manager	OC-01
Treasurer	OC-01
Deputy Treasurer	OC-01
Director of Finance	OC-01
Legal Counsel	OC-01
Accounting Manager	OC-01
Associate General Manager	OC-01
Assistant General Manager	OC-01
Consultant	OC-30
Governmental Affairs Manager	OC-01
District Secretary	OC-02
Director of Public Affairs	OC-01
Director of Emergency Management	OC-02
Director of Engineering/District Engineer	OC-01
Director of Human Resources and Administration	OC-02
Director of Water Use Efficiency	OC-02
Principal Water Resources Analyst	OC-02
New Position*	Oc-01**

* Individuals serving in a new position created since this Code was last approved that make or participate in making decisions must file under the broadest disclosure set forth in this Code subject to the following limitation:

** The General Manager may determine that, due to the range of duties, it is more appropriate to assign a limited disclosure requirement. A clear explanation of the duties and a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements must be in a written document. (Gov. Code Sec. 82019; FPPC Regulations 18219 and 18734.). The General Manger’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 Sec. 81008.).

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

Disclosure Category	Disclosure Description
OC-01	All interests in real property in Orange County or the District, as well as investments, business positions and sources of income (including gifts, loans and travel payments).
OC-02	All investments, business positions and sources of income (including gifts, loans and travel payments).
OC-30	Consultants shall be included in the list of designated employees and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest category in the code subject to the following limitation: The Department Head/Director/General Manager/Superintendent/etc. may determine that a

particular consultant, 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 written determination shall include a description of the consultant’s duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure required. The determination of disclosure is a public record and shall be filed with the Form 700 and retained by the Filing Officer for public inspection.
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Minute action - 6/24/81; R1132 - 6/23/82; R1306 - 6/4/86; R1386 - 7/5/89; Minute action - 4/3/91; R1468 - 9/2/92; Motion - 7/21/93; Motion - 3/16/94; Motion - 4/20/94; R1519 - 9/21/94; R1564 - 9/18/96; Motion – 11/15/00; Motion – 11/20/02; Motion – 9/20/06; Motion 9/19/12; Motion 11/19/14; Motion 9/21/16; Motion – 6/20/18; Motion – 07/15/20; Motion – 08/17/22

§7006 ARTICLE 2, POLITICAL REFORM ACT

Pursuant to Article 2 of the Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 87200 et seq.) those positions which involve the management of public investments are required to report their economic interests under the provisions of Article 2 rather than under MWDOC’s Conflict of Interest Code, on Form 700. Those positions with MWDOC who are required to report their economic interests are as follows:

- General Manager
- Members of the Board of Directors
- Treasurer
- Deputy Treasurer
- Director of Finance

Filing requirements will be followed as listed under Administrative Code §7003.

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