



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**ESTRELLA-EL POMAR-CRESTON WATER DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Resolution No. 26-003

**RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST CODE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMENT PERIOD**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the state law, the Board of Directors of the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District has reviewed the District's Conflict of Interest Code; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with that review and state law the Board has determined that the current Conflict of Interest Code is in need of modification; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1156, effective January 1, 2025, requires members of the board of directors and executives of groundwater sustainability agencies to annually disclose their economic or financial interests, thereby changing the filing location for their statement of economic Interests (Form 700) to the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC"), which are required to be filed electronically with the FPPC; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 852, effective January 1, 2026, changed the filing officer for public officials who manage public investments to the FPPC thereby changing the filing location for their Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700), which are required to be filed electronically with the FPPC; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with state law, the District has prepared a revised Conflict of Interest Code (Exhibit A hereto) and Notice of Intent; and

**WHEREAS**, state law requires that the District provide a 45-day comment period for members and employees affected by the Code before adopting said Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District does hereby resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. The amended Conflict-of-Interest Code, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is preliminarily adopted by the Board of Directors of the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District.
2. The Mandatory 45-day comment period begins on October 8, 2026 and ends on November 23, 2026.
3. District staff is hereby directed to provide the attached "Notice of Intention to Amend the Conflict-of-Interest Code" to those parties designated by the preliminarily adopted Conflict-of-Interest Code.

ALL THE FOREGOING, being on motion of Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, was hereby authorized by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**WITNESS** my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

## **ESTRELLA-EL POMAR-CRESTON WATER DISTRICT**

### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ESTRELLA-EL POMAR-CRESTON WATER DISTRICT (the “District”) intends to amend its Conflict-of-Interest Code (“Code”) pursuant to Government Code Section 87300 and 87306. Pursuant to Government Code Section 87302, the Code will designate employees who must disclose certain investments, income, interests in real property and business positions, and who must disqualify themselves from making or participating in the making of governmental decisions affecting those interests.

A written comment period has been established commencing on October 8, 2026 and ending on November 23, 2026. Any interested person may send written comments concerning the proposed amended Code, a copy of which is being concurrently transmitted to you along with this Notice, no later than November 23, 2026 to the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District at P.O. Box 1499, Paso Robles CA 93447-1499, or by email [lg@epcwd.org](mailto:lg@epcwd.org). No public hearing on this matter will be held unless an interested person or his or her representative requests no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, a public hearing.

The impetus for the adoption of this Code are the new disclosure requirements established by the Fair Political Practices Commission for public officials responsible for the management of public investments. These new requirements stem from Senate Bill 1156, effective January 1, 2025, which requires decision-makers of groundwater sustainability agencies to annually disclose their economic or financial interests and file electronically with the FPPC, as well as Senate Bill 852, effective January 1, 2026, which changed the filing officer for public officials who manage public investments, thereby changing the filing location for their Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) to the Fair Political Practices Commission. These new requirements necessitate recategorizing District Board Members from the Code’s Designated Positions to positions that must file Statements of Economic Interest electronically with the FPPC as public officials who manage public investments (Gov. Code, § 87200). The proposed amended Code, along with all supporting information upon which the proposal is based, is available for review at the District’s office. The adoption of the Code will not impose a cost savings to the District that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code; will not result in any nondiscretionary cost or savings to local agencies; will not result in any cost or savings in federal funding to the state; will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts; and will not have any potential cost impact on private persons or businesses, including small businesses. No alternative considered by the District would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action

All inquiries concerning the proposed Code should be directed to Laurie Gage, District Administrator of the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District, at P.O. Box 1499, Paso Robles CA 93447-1499, or by email [lg@epcwd.org](mailto:lg@epcwd.org).

**Exhibit A – [Proposed] Amended Conflict of Interest Code**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE  
ESTRELLA-EL POMAR-CRESTON WATER  
DISTRICT**

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 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 California Code of Regulations Section 18730) which 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 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 § 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 (or appendices), designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, constitute the conflict of interest code of the **Estrella-El-Pomar-Creston Water District (District)**.

Individuals holding designated positions shall file their statements of economic interests with the **District**, which will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Sec. 81008). All statements will be retained by the **District**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE  
ESTRELLA-EL POMAR-CRESTON WATER  
DISTRICT**

**APPENDIX A - Designated Position List**

| Designated Position       | Disclosure |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Attorney                  | 1,2        |
| Consultants/New Positions | *          |

\*Consultants/new positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code subject to the following limitations:

The District may determine in writing 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 comply fully with the disclosure requirements described 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 District'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 Section 81008.)

**Public Officials Who Manage Public Investments and Directors and Executives for Groundwater Sustainability Agencies**

The following positions are NOT covered by the conflict-of-interest code because they are required to file under Government Code Section 87200 (public officials who manage public investments) and/or Government Code Section 87200.5 (members of the board of directors and the executive director of a groundwater sustainability agency). Those who file under Government Code Section 87200 and/or 87200.5 are required to file electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission; therefore, these positions are listed for informational purposes only:

- District Board Members

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.

## **APPENDIX B – Disclosure Categories**

1. Investments and business positions in business entities, and income, including receipt of loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources of the type that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment of the type utilized by the District.
2. Interests in real property located within the jurisdiction of the District, or within two miles of the jurisdictional boundaries of the District, or within two miles of any land owned or used by the District.