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Section 1.02.020
Conflict of Interest

1.02.020.01 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 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code and may be incorporated by reference in any agency's code. After public notice and hearing, the standard code may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to confirm to amendments in the Political Reform Act.

1.02.020.02 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. This regulation and the attached Appendix designating positions, and establishing disclosure requirements, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the Rainbow Municipal Water District.

1.02.020.03 Individuals holding designated and non-designated positions shall file their Statements of Economic Interest with Rainbow Municipal Water District, which will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction. (Gov. Code Section 81008.) Upon receipt of the statements for the Board Members and General Manager, the Board Secretary shall make and retain copies and forward the originals of these statements to the County Board of Supervisors. Statements for all other designated employees shall be retained by Rainbow Municipal Water District.

Any public officials who manage public investments shall be considered non-designated positions under Government Code section 87200 and shall make the disclosures required by law. Originals of all Statements of Economic Interest filed by non-designated positions will be maintained at the District office.

Appendix A
Rainbow Municipal Water District Conflict of Interest Code

Preamble

Any person designated in Section I of this Appendix who is unsure of any right or obligation arising under this Code may request a formal opinion or letter of advice from the FPPC or an opinion from Rainbow Municipal Water District's General Counsel. (Gov. Code § 83114; 2 CCR § 18730(b)(11).) A person who acts in good faith in reliance on an opinion issued to him or her by the FPPC shall not be subject to criminal or civil penalties for so acting, provided that all material facts are stated in the opinion request. (Gov. Code § 83114(a).)

Opinions rendered by General Counsel do not provide any statutory defense to an alleged violation of conflict of interest statutes or regulations. The prosecuting agency may, but is not required to, consider a requesting party's reliance on General Counsel's opinion as evidence of good faith. In addition, Rainbow Municipal Water District may consider whether such reliance should constitute a mitigating factor to any disciplinary action that Rainbow Municipal Water District may bring against the requesting party under Government Code section 91003.5.

Part I - Designated Positions

<u>Designated Employees</u>	<u>Categories Disclosed</u>
Members of the Board of Directors	All
General Manager	All
General Counsel	All
District Engineer	All
Operations Manager	All
Human Resources Manager	All
Construction/Maintenance Superintendent	All
Water Operations Superintendent	All
Wastewater Superintendent	All
Associate Engineer	All
Purchasing & Inventory Control Specialist I/II	All
Environmental Health and Safety Officer	All
Senior Engineering Inspector	All

Cross Connection Control and Backflow Technician	All
Information Technology and Applications Analyst and Senior Information Technology and Applications Analyst	All
Right-of-Way and Facilities Coordinator	All
Project Manager	All
Meter Services Supervisor	All
Customer Service Supervisor	All
¹ Consultants	2

Part II – Non-Designated Positions

Finance Manager	Pursuant to Applicable Laws
Standing District Committee Members	2
Auditor	2

¹ With respect to consultants, the General Manager may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a “designated employee,” is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to comply with the written disclosure requirements described in these categories. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant’s duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The General Manager’s determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection by Rainbow Municipal Water District in the same manner as this Conflict of Interest Code. Nothing herein excuses any such consultant from any other provision of this Conflict of Interest Code.

Part II - Disclosure Categories

Category 1.

A designated employee or person in this category shall report all interests in real property, and investments in, and income from, business entities of the type to operate or provide any of the following:

- Accounting or auditing services
- Banks and savings and loans
- Computer hardware or software, or computer services or consultants
- Communications equipment or services
- Insurance brokers and agencies
- Insurance adjusting, claims auditing or administration, or underwriting services
- Office equipment or supplies
- Personnel and employment companies and services
- Printing or reproduction services, publications, and distribution
- Securities, investment or financial services companies
- Title insurance and escrow
- Construction supplies, service or equipment
- Engineering and surveying services
- Land development services

Category 2.

A designated employee in this category shall disclose all business positions in, investments in, and income from any business of the type to provide personnel, services, supplies, material, machinery, or equipment to Rainbow Municipal Water District and is associated with the job assignment or position of the designated employee or person.

Appendix B
Statement of Duties of Employees of
and Consultants to Rainbow Municipal Water District

Members of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors acts as the Rainbow Municipal Water District's governing body. Members of the Board of Directors formulate general policy and programs of Rainbow Municipal Water District, and each member of the Board of Directors therefore is designated.

General Manager

General Manager oversees the day-to-day operations of Rainbow Municipal Water District. He or she participates in the formulation and implementation of the policies and programs of Rainbow Municipal Water District and therefore is designated.

General Counsel

General Counsel, currently hired on a contract basis, advises Rainbow Municipal Water District on its day-to-day activities, including its relationships with the independent contractors who serve in a staff capacity to Rainbow Municipal Water District, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. He or she participates in the formulation and implementation of the policies and programs of Rainbow Municipal Water District and therefore is designated.

Financial Manager

An employee of the Rainbow Municipal Water District, the Financial Manager is Rainbow Municipal Water District's Chief Financial Officer and helps manage the finances of Rainbow Municipal Water District. The Financial Manager makes reports from time to time on the financial results of operations of Rainbow Municipal Water District, and recommends fiscal policies to the Board of Directors. The Financial Manager "manages public investments" within the meaning of applicable regulations. He or she therefore is not designated.

District Engineer

The District Engineer provides engineering services and oversight to Rainbow Municipal Water District, including implementation of capital replacement projects. He or she participates in the formulation of Rainbow Municipal Water District's general policies and programs in the area of engineering and is therefore designated.

Operations Manager

The Operations Manager oversees the operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater lines and structures, participates in the formulation of Rainbow Municipal Water District's general policies and programs in the area of operations and maintenance and is therefore designated.

Human Resources Manager

The Human Resources Manager plans, directs and oversees the following programs and activities: human resources; risk management and safety; labor relations; workers' compensation, property and liability insurance and is therefore designated.

Construction/Maintenance Superintendent

The Construction/Maintenance Superintendent has managerial responsibilities to direct and oversee the Construction and Valve Maintenance and Fleet Divisions. This position coordinates and manages the installation, maintenance and repair of water mains, service lines, fire hydrants, valves, pressure regulating stations, pumps, motors and other related appurtenances used in the District water distribution, treatment and storage facilities and fleet maintenance and repair and is therefore designated.

Water Operations Superintendent

The Water Operations Superintendent has managerial responsibilities to direct and oversee the Water Operations Division, the electrical program and the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and telemetry systems. This position will coordinate and manage the installation, maintenance, repair and operation of District water distribution, treatment, pumping and storage facilities and electrical, electronic and telemetry repair and maintenance and is therefore designated.

Wastewater Superintendent

The Wastewater Superintendent has managerial responsibility to direct and oversee the Wastewater Division. This position coordinates and manages the repair, maintenance and operation of the wastewater pumping and collection system as well as may assist with installation, maintenance and repair of water distribution facilities and is therefore designated.

Associate Engineer

The Associate Engineer performs a variety of routine and semi-routine professional level civil engineering work in the research, design and construction of water and sewer capital improvement and construction projects as well as reviews development plans and is therefore designated.

Purchasing & Inventory Control Specialist I/II

The Purchasing & Inventory Control Specialist I/II has responsibility for all functions associated with the warehouse including purchasing, receiving and inventory control and administration of the office cleaning contract as well as maintaining inventory of parts and supplies and is therefore designated.

Environmental Health & Safety Officer

The Environmental Health & Safety Officer has responsibility for the planning and administration of the District programs and services related to safety, security, emergency preparedness and environmental compliance functions and is therefore designated.

Senior Engineering Inspector

The Senior Engineering Inspector performs highly specialized and complex public works construction inspection work. This position acts as the District's representative on the construction site for the expressed intent of enforcement of District construction standards and regulations and is therefore designated.

Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Technician

The Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Technician performs a variety of work in connection with implementing and enforcing the cross-connection control programs including the Backflow Prevention Program, inspects, tests, and repairs backflow devices, and creates and submits results, records, and related documentation and is therefore designated.

Information Technology and Applications Analyst /Senior IT and Applications Analyst

The Senior Information Technology and Applications Analyst/Senior Information and Applications Analyst position monitors, maintains, troubleshoots, and diagnoses hardware, software, database and network problems and identifies courses of action. This position also supervises the purchasing, inventorying, maintenance and the disposing of computing and communication devices, hardware and software and is therefore designated.

Right-of-Way and Facilities Coordinator

The Right-of-Way and Facilities Coordinator is responsible for monitoring and resolving right-of-way issues related to acquisitions, vegetation clearing, and encroachments. This position also coordinates all facilities maintenance, including selecting service providers and vendors for landscaping, building and grounds maintenance, and is therefore designated.

Project Manager

The Project Manager manages Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and development projects related to the design and construction of water and wastewater distribution and collection systems. Manages projects from start to finish, from project planning to final inspection. Coordinates with District staff, contractors, and other agencies to deliver projects and is therefore designated.

Meter Services Supervisor

The Meters Services Supervisor supervises and participates in work related to water services, oversees the cross-connection control and backflow testing programs, tests water services including pressure regulators, water meters, meter boxes, backflow devices and associated appurtenances, and responds to escalated customer service inquiries regarding customer water use and water service issues and is therefore designated.

Customer Service Supervisor

The Customer Service Supervisor performs a variety of technical financial and accounting duties, including overseeing activities and staff in the Customer Service Department, handles complex and escalated customer service issues and delinquencies, and prepares financial reports, account reconciliations, and budget documents and is therefore designated.

Auditor

Rainbow Municipal Water District has contracted with one or more accounting firms to handle financial audits of Rainbow Municipal Water District's finances and investments. These firms implement decisions of the Rainbow Municipal Water District's Board of Directors. Because these auditors' duties are restricted in the manner described herein, they do not participate in the formulation and implementation of the policies and programs of Rainbow Municipal Water District, and also do not "manage public investments" within the meaning of applicable regulations; therefore, the Auditor(s) shall be considered non-designated positions and will file Statements of Economic Interest forms with the District only for public review and information purposes.

Standing District Committee Members

A member or alternate committee member of a Rainbow Municipal Water District standing committee serves at the pleasure of the Board. These committees are advisory to the Board with regard to matters within their respective areas of responsibility. A committee has jurisdiction to consider and make a recommendation to other committees and to the Board regarding any item of business within the responsibility of the committee. Committee recommendations shall be communicated to the Board. A committee may consider other matters referred to it by the Board. Therefore, standing district committee members shall be considered non-designated positions and will file Statements of Economic Interest forms with the District only for public review and information purposes.

Ordinance No. 19-06

Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District
Amending the Administrative Code
Section 1.02.020 – Conflict of Interest

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Municipal Water District has, from time to time, adopted various rules and regulations for the operation of the District; and

WHEREAS, certain of those rules and regulations require updating to reflect best practices, as well as changes in applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that changes in the rules or regulations of the District shall occur solely by amendment to the Administrative Code;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Rainbow Municipal Water District as follows:

1. The following rules and regulations of the District, collected are hereby adopted and shall be incorporated into the Administrative Code, consisting of:

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2. The General Manager is hereby directed to update the Administrative Code to reflect the approval of these rules and regulations, and to assign or reassign the numbering of the Administrative Code as necessary to codify these rules and regulations as amended.

3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption on this 25th day of June 2019.

AYES: Directors Brazier, Hamilton, and Gasca
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Directors Mack and Rindfleisch
ABSENT: None



Helene Brazier, Board President

ATTEST:


Dawn Washburn, Board Secretary

Approved and/or authorized by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego.	
Meeting Date: 8/6/19	Minute Order No. 11
By: E. Perle	Date: 8/7/19
Deputy Clerk of the Board Supervisors	