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**Board Policy**  
Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

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**BP 2712 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

The purpose of the Conflict of Interest Code is to provide for the disclosure and disqualification of Board members and designated employees of the District. The Conflict of Interest Code shall apply to all Board members and designated employees of the District, as specifically required by the Political Reform Act. The Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000 et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. This Code has the force and effect of law. Any Board member or designated employee, violating any provision of the code, or Political Reform Act, are subject to the administrative, criminal, and civil sanctions provided in the Act.

The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. California Code of Regulations Section 18730) which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. After public notes 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 into the conflict of interest code of this agency by reference. This regulation and the Board Policy sections designating officials and employees and establishing economic disclosure categories shall constitute the conflict of interest code of this agency.

Also see BP 2200 Board Duties and Responsibilities, BP/AR 2710 Conflict of Interest, AR 2712 Conflict of Interest Code, BP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice, BP 2716 Board Political Activity, and BP 2717 Personal Use of Public Resources – Board.

**References:**

Government Code Sections 8100et seq., 87103(e), 87300-87302, 89501, 89502, and 89503;  
Title 2 Section 18730

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