



Date: July 29, 2008 for August 6th Agenda
To: LAFCO Commissioners
From: Executive Officer
Subject: Review of Conflict of Interest Code

Summary: State law requires each agency to review its Conflict of Interest Code every two years.

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Officer to notify the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department that no amendment is required at this time.

The Political Reform Act (starting at Section 81000 of the Government Code) requires each local governmental agency to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code. The law also specifies that the Board of Supervisors is the code reviewing body for any local governmental agency with jurisdiction within the County. LAFCO is a local governmental agency as defined by these provisions of the law. Santa Cruz LAFCO adopted its current Conflict of Interest Code in 2004. The full text of this Code is available on the "What is LAFCO?" page of LAFCO's website at: <http://santacruzlafco.org/Library/Res%202004-9%20Conflict.pdf>

The law requires that each public agency biennially review its Conflict of Interest Code to determine if amendments are needed. A written statement either confirming the adequacy of the existing code or transmitting amendments must be filed with the County Clerk/Elections Department no later than October 1, 2008.

The LAFCO Counsel and Executive Officer have reviewed the LAFCO Conflict of Interest Code for conformance with the Political Reform Act, and have not identified any amendments for the Commission to consider at this time.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that the Commission authorize the Executive Officer to notify the County Clerk/Elections Department that no amendment is required at this time.

Attachment: 2008 Letter from County Clerk and Response Form