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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Robert Paul for Westmeyer, Robert - County Counsel  
County Counsel  
**REPORT BY:** Robert Paul, ATTORNEY IV - 253-6113  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amended Conflict of Interest Code for the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Counsel requests approval of the recently amended Conflict of Interest Code for the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974, local agencies are required to review their conflict of interest codes, and if changes are needed, submit an amended code to the code reviewing body for approval.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

In 1974, the voters of California approved the Political Reform Act of 1974 ("the Act," Government Code section 81000 et seq.). Among other things, the Act requires every agency to adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest

code. (Section 87300.) For this purpose, an “agency” includes any local government agency. An agency may adopt its code by incorporating by reference the model conflict of interest code set forth in Section 18730 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

The Board of Supervisors in each county is the “code-reviewing body” of any local agency, other than a city located entirely within the boundaries of the county. The Act allows codes to be amended as needed. The Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District recently adopted an amended code which changed the type of financial disclosures designated employees and consultants of the District need to make to comply with Act. These changes more accurately reflect those disclosures which may need to be made given the unique, but somewhat limited role that the District performs. Disclosure is now required of financial interests in persons or entities who contract either with the County or the District, and of interests in real property that are subject to the District's yearly assessment levy.

County Counsel has reviewed and considered the proposed amendments and recommends approval of the amended code.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Reso 08-01 Adopting an Amended Conflict of Interest Code

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman