

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Air Resources Board (ARB), pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes amendments to its Conflict of Interest Code. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

The Air Resources Board proposes to amend its Conflict of Interest Code to include employee positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code. The amendment carries out the purposes of the law and no other alternative would do so and be less burdensome to affected persons.

Sections Affected

ARB proposes to amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 17, section 95000, and to repeal sections 95001, 95002, 95003, 95004, 95005, 95006, and 95007.

Changes to the Conflict of Interest Code include those listed below. The amendment also makes other technical changes.

New, user-friendly format. The new format greatly simplifies ARB's existing, text-heavy Code. The general provisions section of the existing Code (California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 95000) has been retained and updated; the rest of the text has been struck out and replaced with newly drafted Appendices A and B. Appendix A lists each division and designated positions inside the division in alphabetical order. Appendix B provides a description of the financial interests that must be disclosed for each category.

Revised reporting categories. The reporting categories have been re-drafted and updated to reflect the present spectrum of ARB's work, with the goal of achieving adequate disclosure as required by the law, without unnecessary intrusion into employees' financial interests that are unrelated to their employment with ARB. Each disclosure category is described in Appendix B. Each designated employment position in Appendix A has been assigned to disclose under one or more disclosure categories listed in Appendix B.

ARB has determined that the proposed amendments:

1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts;
2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency;
3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code;
4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies;

5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state; and
6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

Internet Access

This Notice and the text of the proposed Conflict of Interest Code amendment is available on ARB's Internet site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2015/coi2015/coi2015.htm>
Printed copies may be obtained by submitting a request to the contact listed below.

Written Comment Period and Submittal of Comments

The public comment period for this regulatory action will begin on **November 13, 2015**, and end on **December 28, 2015**. Any interested person may submit comments electronically at the link listed below, during the public comment period. If a hearing is requested, public comments can also be submitted at the hearing. At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. A person may request a hearing no later than **December 14, 2015**, by submitting the request to the address listed below.

Submit comments electronically at: cotb@arb.ca.gov

Interested persons may also provide comments by postal mail. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on **December 28, 2015**, and must be addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.), your comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Inquiries concerning this proposed amendment and any communication required by this notice should be directed to: Ms. Trini Balcazar, Regulations Coordinator, at (916) 445-9564.