NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Department), pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes amendment of its conflict of interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on June 30, 2023 and closing on August 15, 2023. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

The Department proposes to amend its conflict of interest code to update the physical addresses of the Department and the Fair Political Practices Commission, amend language requiring the Director of the Department to electronically file the statement of economic interests directly to the Fair Political Practices Commission, and 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.

These amendments delete position titles that are no longer in use and add position titles that involve making governmental decisions by (1) voting on a matter, (2) obligating or committing the Department, or (3) entering into contractual agreements for the Department. The amendments also add position titles that participate in the making of governmental decisions by (1) negotiating on behalf of the Department or (2) advising or making recommendations to the decision maker by (a) conducting research or (b) preparing reports, analyses or opinions. Some of the deleted and added position titles are for positions that have moved internally within the organizational structure of the Department.

The Department has prepared a written explanation of the reasons for the proposed amendments and has available the information on which the amendments are based. Copies of the proposed amendments, the written explanation of the reasons, and the information on which the amendments are based may be obtained by contacting the Contact Person set forth below.

Any interested person may submit written statements, arguments, or comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than August 15, 2023, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later, to the Contact Person set forth below.

At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. A person may request a hearing no later than July 31, 2023 by contacting the Contact Person set forth below.

The Department 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.

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- 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.
- 6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

All inquiries concerning this proposed amendment and any communication required by this notice should be directed to:

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