

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE GROVE WATER DISTRICT

Resolution No. 2017-01

A RESOLUTION AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, Lake Grove Water District ("District") staff, Special Districts Association of Oregon ("SDAO"), and the District's attorneys have recommended that the Board of Commissions adopt amendments to the District's Personnel Policies and Procedures, as set forth below; and

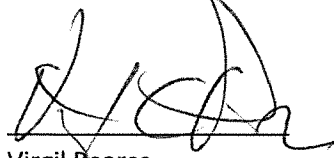
WHEREAS, the Board finds that the recommended amendments are in the best interests of the District and employees of the District, and that the Personnel Policies and Procedures should be amended accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE GROVE WATER DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1: The Personnel Policies and Procedures are amended to include Section 6.14 (Whistleblower Protections), attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2: This resolution shall take effect from and after January 1, 2017.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF January, 2017



Virgil Pearce
Board President

ATTEST: 

Colin Luther
Secretary/Treasurer

6.14 Whistleblower Protections

Policy Statement

The District is committed to complying with Oregon Revised Statute 659A.200 to 659A.224 and has adopted the following policy to provide reporting procedures should a District employee become aware of improper government action.

Policy

The District encourages any employee with knowledge of or concern of an illegal or dishonest fraudulent District activity to report it to the District Manager or designee. The employee may also provide the information to a Board Member, a state or federal regulatory agency, a law enforcement agency or an attorney licensed to practice law in Oregon if a confidential communication is made in connection with the alleged violation. Attorneys employed by the District may report violations of law to the Attorney General, subject to rules of professional conduct. All such issues will be investigated in a timely manner to determine fault and institute any appropriate corrective measures.

Examples of illegal or dishonest activities include, but are not limited to: violations of federal, state, or local laws; billing for services not performed or for goods not delivered; and other fraudulent financial reporting. For any employee wishing more information, further details can be obtained from the District Manager.

The District encourages employees to report wrongdoing, but employees must exercise sound judgment to avoid baseless allegations. An employee who intentionally files a false report of wrongdoing may be subject to corrective action up to and including termination.

Whistleblower protections are provided to maintain confidentiality and to prevent retaliation. While identity may have to be disclosed to conduct a thorough investigation, to comply with the law, and to provide accused individuals their due course, the privacy of the individual making the report will be protected as much as possible. The District will not retaliate against a whistleblower. This includes, but is not limited to, protection from retaliation in the form of an adverse employment action such as termination, compensation decreases, or poor work assignments and threats of physical harm. Any whistleblower who believes he/she is being retaliated against must contact the District Manager or designee immediately. The right of a whistleblower for protection against retaliation does not include immunity for any personal wrongdoing that is alleged and investigated.

All reports of illegal and dishonest activities will be promptly submitted to the District Manager or designee who is responsible for investigating and coordinating corrective action.