

TO: Chair and Members

DATE: March 13, 2014

**SUBJECT: Board of State and Community Corrections
Conflict of Interest Code. Requesting Approval.**

AGENDA ITEM: D

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Ginger Wolfe

Summary:

The Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. As an independent government agency, the BSCC is required to adopt an agency-specific Conflict of Interest code (COI) to regulate the annual filing of Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests. This code outlines general filing requirements, position designations, and establishes disclosure categories.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is responsible for overseeing the regulation of Form 700 filing and requirements. BSCC staff, working with the FPPC has drafted and finalized the BSCC COI.

Background:

On July 1, 2012, the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) became the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), an agency independent of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Historically, the BSCC has utilized CDCR's COI, which determines the categorical filing requirements for staff, consultants, and Board members during the annual Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests filing period.

Upon OAL approval, the COI regulations will be published and effective. The BSCC will notice staff, consultants, Board members and any other individual required by the COI, of a 45-day public comment period. Following the public comment period, and if requested, a public hearing will be held in Sacramento.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Staff recommends:

1. The Board authorize the submittal of the proposed BSCC Conflict of Interest Code to the Office of Administrative Law.