



NOTICE AND AGENDA Commission Meeting¹

California Fair Political Practices Commission

Chico Municipal Center
Council Chamber
421 Main Street
Chico, CA 95928

Thursday, January 15, 2026
10:00 A.M.

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The Commission may take action on any item listed on this agenda.

Welcome

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Adam E. Silver, Chair

Public Comment

1. **Public Comment for Items not on Agenda.** During this comment period, any person is invited to speak on any topic that is not listed on this agenda. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda. Those who wish to comment on an item that has been listed on this agenda may comment when that item has been opened for consideration by the Commission and before any action is taken.

Approval of Commission Minutes

2. **Approval of November 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes**

Consent Calendar 3-4

Items on the consent calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be removed from consent, in which case it will be discussed separately in the meeting.

Laundered Campaign Contributions

3. **In the Matter of Prov 3:9 LLC and John Kruger; FPPC No. 21/040.** Staff: Theresa Gilbertson, Attorney Supervisor and Ann Flaherty, Special Investigator. In connection with the September 14, 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election, John Kruger made a \$500,000 contribution to the committee, Rescue California-Recall Gavin Newsom in the name of another, in violation of Government Code Section 84301 (1 count), and failed to disclose the activity on a major donor statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84211 (1 count). Prov 3:9 LLC made a contribution but failed to disclose that it was an intermediary for the true source, Kruger, in violation of Government Code sections 84301 and 84302 (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$15,000.**

Prov 3:9 - Stipulation

Mass Mailings at Public Expense

4. **In the Matter of County of San Benito; FPPC No. 23/006.** Staff: Alex Rose, Senior Commission Counsel and Kristin Hamilton, Special Investigator. The County of San Benito is represented by Gregory Priamos of Prentice | Long, PC. The County of San Benito sent prohibited campaign-related mass mailings at public expense, in violation of Government Code Section 89001 (1 count), failed to include the proper advertising disclosure on mailers, in violation of Government Code Sections 84502 and 84504.2 (1 count), failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84200, subdivision (b) (1 count), and failed to timely file one 24-Hour Report, in violation of Government Code Section 84204 (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$18,000.**

County of San Benito - Stipulation

Pre-Notice Default 5-7

5. **In the Matter of Thara Innocent; FPPC No. 24/816.** Staff: Kristin E. Goulet, Commission Counsel. Thara Innocent, a former Recreation Director for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, failed to timely file the Assuming Office, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual, and Leaving Office Statements of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (6 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$24,000.**
6. **In the Matter of Phillip Wiley; FPPC No. 24/734.** Staff: Kristin E. Goulet, Commission Counsel. Phillip Wiley, in his former position as Recreation Director for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, failed to timely file the Assuming Office and 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual Statements of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (5 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$21,000.**
7. **In the Matter of Jesse Huang; FPPC No. 24/501.** Staff: Kristin E. Goulet, Commission Counsel. Jesse Huang, a Recreation Director for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, failed to timely file the Assuming Office and 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual Statements of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (5 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$15,000.**

General Items 8-12

8. **Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18361.4 – Probable Cause Proceedings.** Staff: John Feser, Senior Commission Counsel. Staff proposes several changes to the regulation governing probable cause proceedings to streamline the process. The proposed regulation amendments are presented for adoption by the Commission.

Staff Memo

Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18361.4

9. **Regulation Projects for 2026.** Staff: Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel. The Commission will discuss potential regulation projects for 2026.

Staff Memo

10. **Legislative Update.** Staff: Lindsey Nakano, Senior FPPC Legislative Counsel. The Commission will review and discuss potential sponsored and other legislation. The Commission may provide direction to staff regarding the same.

Legislative Update

11. **Executive Staff Reports.**

Enforcement Division. Kendall L.D. Bonebrake, Chief.

Audits and Assistance Division. Shrdha Shah, Chief.

Legal Division. Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel.

Administration and Technology Division. Jue Wang, PhD, Chief.

Executive Director Update. Galena West, Executive Director.

Executive Staff Report
FPPC 2025 Annual Report
FPPC 2025 Heat Map

12. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

Note: Although any Commissioner may identify a topic of interest, the Commission may not substantially discuss or take action on any matter raised during the meeting that is not included on this agenda, except to decide to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code Sections 11125 & 11125.7(a).)