IN THE MATTER OF MARGARET NORDSTROM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL

## STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Commission Case No. 44-17 DECISION

This matter arises from an allegation that Margaret Nordstrom, Executive Director, Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council ("Highlands Council"), failed to recuse from various Highlands Council matters related to her husband's interests in Washington Township, the Musconetcong Watershed Association, and/or the Leavens Foundation, and that she attempted to secure an unwarranted benefit for herself or others by recommending the Regional Plan Association and PlaceWorks to provide consulting work for the Council, or failed to recuse from these matters.

After considering the results of an investigation into the allegations, the Commission  $\underline{\mathbf{dismissed}}$  the matter pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:61-3.1(g).

DECISION RENDERED BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2018