

FLORIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

POLICY NO. 1 ADOPTED BY FRCD RESOLUTION NO. 05.21.03.01

CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Purpose of the Policy: The purpose of this policy is to establish a process to be used by the Florin Resource Conservation District (District) in considering the various requests received by the District for contributions, donations and sponsorships (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Contributions").

Section 1. The District may make Contributions only when those Contributions would further a valid purpose of the District, as determined by the Board in compliance with California Public Resources Code section 9419. Valid purposes of the District include

- ! promoting knowledge of the principles of resource conservation;
- ! sponsoring programs that address land use practices which reduce water and wind erosion, soil contamination, soil salinity, agricultural land conservation, loss of soil organic matter, soil subsidence, and soil compaction and associated poor water infiltration; and
- ! educational programs for adults and/or children related to resource conservation (which can include Contributions of awards or prizes for outstanding achievement with regard to such programs).

Section 2. District staff shall review all requests for Contributions. In reviewing the requests, staff shall determine whether the request calls for District funds or property to be used for a valid purpose of the District, as described in Section 1.

Section 3. If it is determined that making the Contribution would not further a valid purpose of the District, staff shall advise the requesting party that the request is denied.

Section 4. If it is determined that making the Contribution would further a public purpose of the District, staff shall advise the Board of the request and of staff's determination, along with a recommendation as to whether to accept or reject the request. The Board shall thereafter consider and take action on the request. Any such consideration and action shall be noticed on the Board agenda in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code section 54950 et seq.

Section 5. Any action by the Board to make a Contribution shall include findings that the Contribution (1) furthers a valid purpose of the District in accordance with the Public Resources Code; (2) does not constitute a gift of public funds; and (3) does not have the primary effect of benefiting an individual.

Section 6. District staff shall advise the requesting party of any action by the Board.

Section 7. District staff shall report to the Board quarterly with regard to those Contribution requests which staff has rejected during that preceding quarter.