

## TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT

### SPONSORSHIP POLICY

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Sponsorship Policy (**Policy**) is to establish guidelines for the Tuscan Water District's (**District**) response to requests for charitable donations and sponsorships. This Policy is drafted in accordance with Article XVI, section 6 of the California Constitution, which prohibits the gift of public funds and aims to ensure that the District's resources are used in furtherance of its authorized governmental purpose.

#### POLICY

As a California Water District, the District is authorized to and does collect public funds to fulfill its authorized governmental purpose related to water resource management. To ensure the legal and proper use of public funds and to maintain its focus on its authorized governmental purpose, the District shall not (a) make any monetary or in-kind donations to any organization or (b) sponsor events, programs, or initiatives organized or hosted by any organization unless such donations or sponsorships directly support the District's authorized governmental purpose, and is performed within the scope of the District's legal authority and budget constraints.

#### IMPLEMENTATION

- The District shall respectfully decline those requests for donations or sponsorships that do not align or otherwise comply with this Policy.
- District staff shall be trained on this Policy to ensure consistent communication with external parties.
- The Board of Directors shall review this Policy annually to ensure continued compliance with legal requirements and the District's mission.

#### TRANSPARENCY

This Policy shall be publicly available online and during normal office hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) to ensure transparency and to set clear expectations for community members and organizations.

#### EXCEPTIONS

Any exceptions to this Policy must be expressly approved by the Board of Directors and must demonstrably serve the District's authorized governmental purpose, as set forth in California Water District Law.