

Policy Type: Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors
Policy Title: Acceptance of Gifts, Entertainment, and Services Policy
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to prescribe that Florin Resource Conservation District (District) Board of Directors (Board members) and Associate Directors (Associates) comply with the Political Reform Act of the State of California (Government Code 81000 et seq.) and Sections 18730 and 1870 of the Government Code.

II. POLICY

This policy is to establish guidelines for accepting and providing gifts, entertainment and services to all Board members and Associates.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SERVICES

A. Prohibited Actions

1. Board members and Associates shall not receive, accept, take, seek or solicit, directly or indirectly, anything of economic value as a gift, gratuity, or favor from a person if it could reasonably be expected it would influence the vote, action, judgement or the performance of, the omission of, or the deferral of the performance of any official duty or be considered as part of a reward for any action or non-action.
2. Board members and Associates or any member of his/her immediate family shall not accept, solicit, or direct any gift, whether in the form of service, loan, thing of value, or promise with a total of \$50 or more in a calendar year from any person, firm, corporation, or business entity which to his/her knowledge is interested in seeking to do business with the District or has done business with the District in the preceding 12 months.

B. Exceptions

1. Gifts extended to all Board members and Associates such as a gift basket of food items are not covered under this policy. In addition, promotional items such as calendars or pens, and unsolicited tokens or awards of appreciation in the form of a plaque, trophy, desk item, wall memento or similar item are not covered. Hospitality or registration materials received by a Board member or Associate as part of a seminar, convention or District sponsored event is not covered, provided that such hospitality is open to all those attending the event.

- C. Form 700 - Under the Political Reform Act, Board members and Associates as defined in the Conflict of Interest Code, are required to disclose certain personal

financial holdings as outlined. The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) requires these individuals to file a “conflict of interest statement” known as Form 700. Schedule D of Form 700 details requirements for reporting gifts. The District’s Conflict of Interest Code has additional information regarding the requirements under the FPPC.

D. Violation of this policy may constitute cause for censure.