



LWOG GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Adopted by the LWOG Board of Directors on 09/20/2016

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group (LWOG) is committed to a diversified funding base, some of which may include charitable contributions, to fulfill its mission. Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group, in soliciting or accepting gifts, will maintain and utilize procedures to ensure best practices relative to acceptance and stewardship of gifts, donor communications, and acknowledgement.

Every gift will be promptly acknowledged in writing, and donors will be informed of how the gift will be recognized. Specific requests about acknowledgment may be honored at the discretion of the Watershed Coordinator and Board of Directors. LWOG reserves the right to refuse a gift if it is determined to be in conflict with the Group's mission. This policy pertains to sponsored and/or collaborating projects of LWOG, as well.

Accepted gifts include cash, in-kind services, and material contributions.

1. Contributions may be designated for a specific program or it may be left undesignated, available for meeting the Group's highest priorities. Restricted gifts need to have preferences indicated at the time of contribution.
2. Contributions must be made out to LWOG as an organization. Contributions cannot be directly accepted by employees, Board of Directors, Advisory Council, or Committee members.
3. Contributions cannot be accepted under the following circumstances:
 - a. When such gift is given with the intent or a possible perceived intent to influence the recipient's official actions or duties for LWOG;
 - b. When acceptance of such a gift would constitute a breach of the public trust for private gain or create a conflict of interest in reality or appearance (see LWOG Conflict of Interest Policy); or
 - c. From any professional lobbyist.
4. Contributions must support and enhance the mission and purpose of LWOG. Contributions which subject the organization to burdensome or unusual restrictions will not be accepted.
5. Associated expenses with the conveyance of a gift made to LWOG are to be borne by the donor, unless approved by the Board of Directors.
6. LWOG will assume that donors rely on their own personal advisors for tax, legal, financial and other advice concerning their gifts.