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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

(COUNTY NAME) **COUNTY**

**4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD CONSTITUTION**

Preamble

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H YDP) creates supportive environments utilizing learn-by-doing educational experiences for culturally diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential. In support of this mission, the University of California 4-H YDP develops programs that:

* Are responsive to California’s youth and families;
* Are inclusive and diverse;
* Are innovative and adaptable;
* Are accountable for their actions and resources;
* Are collaborative and team focused;
* Are honest, fair and equitable;
* Are respectful for the health and well-being of people, animals and the environment;
* Foster leadership and volunteerism in youth and adults;
* Develop skills that benefit youth throughout life;
* Build partnerships for programming and funding; and
* Use research-based knowledge and the Land Grant University System.

The 4-H organization includes the (County Name) 4-H Management Board and all subsidiary 4-H units. Through the 4-H organization, 4-H adult volunteers, 4-H members and University of California 4-H YDP staff work together to extend the 4-H YDP to the youth of the county, and to set and achieve the goals of the county 4-H YDP. At the local level, the University of California 4-H YDP staff and the County Director have final authority to ensure the University of California policy and 4-H YDP core values are adhered to.

Article I  
Name and Scope

Section 1 – Name

1. The name of this organization shall be the (County Name) County 4-H Management Board.

Section 2 – Scope

1. The (County Name) County 4-H Management Board helps strengthen and grow the countywide 4-H YDP and is responsible to the UC 4-H YDP staff and County Director for:
   1. Oversight of the (County Name) County 4-H Management Board committees; and
   2. Handling of 4-H funds in support of the (County Name) County 4-H Management Board.

Article II

Purpose

Section 1 – Purpose

1. The (County Name) County 4-H Management Board is organized to:
   1. Enable adult and youth volunteers to strengthen and grow the program with support from the (County Name) County 4-H Office.
   2. Provide leadership for Board programming and ensure alignment with countywide goals and priorities;
   3. Manage funds for efforts under the purview of the Board.
2. The (County Name) County 4-H Management Board and its committees will operate in compliance with University of California and 4-H YDP policies and the core values of the University of California 4-H YDP. Policy interpretations are made by 4-H YDP staff, the (County Name) County 4-H Advisor, and County Director, who are authorized under federal and state statutes for organizing and administering the 4-H YDP in the State of California.

Section 2 – Operation

1. The (County Name) County 4-H Management Board shall operate as a tax-exempt, nonpolitical, educational activity of the University of California in furtherance of 4-H YDP work in (County Name) County.

Article III

Membership

Section 1 – Introduction

1. Membership on the Management Board or its committees shall be open to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy (including childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship or service in the uniformed services.

Section 2 – Limitations, Privileges and Responsibilities of 4-H Adult Volunteers

1. Adult volunteers shall be appointed by the University of California Cooperative Extension County Director following completion of the 4-H application, screening and orientation process as well as any additional requirements. Such appointments are annually reviewed before renewal or termination by the Cooperative Extension county director.
2. Appointed 4-H adult volunteers shall be regarded as agents of the University of California. As such, they shall be entitled to protection for actions relating to official 4-H activities and duties under the University’s general liability and self-insurance program. This protection is in force as long as the 4-H adult volunteer’s appointment is current, and they conform to and comply with the policies of the University of California 4-H YDP when engaging in activities in the course and scope of their duties. UC’s general liability and self-insurance program does not cover members.

Article IV  
4-H Name and Emblem

Section 1 – Use

1. All uses of the 4-H name or emblem shall be consistent with the educational purposes, character-building objectives and dignity of the 4-H organization.

Section 2 – Limits

1. The 4-H name and emblem shall not be used if it exploits or might be construed to exploit the 4-H youth movement. This will hold true in the case of locally originated contests and awards, money-raising activities, printed materials, supplies to be sold or provided without charge and advertisements.

Section 3 – Authority

1. By act of Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, is the final authority for authorization for the use of the name and emblem of 4-H youth work. In California, the Director of Cooperative Extension and the Statewide 4-H Director authorize the use of the 4-H name and emblem. State and local 4-H organizations shall operate within this authorization through the granting of a 4-H charter. Countywide plans for use of the 4-H name and emblem shall be cleared with the (County Name) County Director or appointed designee.

Article V  
Nondiscrimination Statement

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