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Situation Statement:

The Stanislaus County 4-H Program is run in accordance with the California 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP). This program provides instruction in the safe handling of firearms, air guns and archery equipment. This program is devised to instill self-confidence, discipline, and leadership abilities, as well as forming an appreciation for conservation and wildlife.

Program Philosophy:

The Stanislaus County 4-H Shooting Sports Program follows a standardized format established and overseen by adult volunteers that have met the state and county requirements as stated in the California State 4-H YDP Shooting Sports Program Policies and Procedures Certification Requirements. In addition to the California State 4-H Shooting Sports Program Policies and Procedures, the following Policies and Procedures apply to *all* 4-H Shooting Sports Project members and leaders in Stanislaus County.

Youth Membership Eligibility Criteria:

The Stanislaus County 4-H Shooting Sports Program is open to all 4-H members 9 years of age or older, or in the 4th grade by December 31st of the program year.

Each member *must* take and *pass* a California Fish and Game Hunter Education Class conducted by a California Fish and Game certified instructor with a minimum 8 hours of instruction. Upon obtaining their Hunter Education Card, the 4-H member may complete the YDP *Annual Project Report* for completion of the Hunting Project.

Project Activity:

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As per the California 4-H YDP policies, use of firearms, air guns, or archery equipment in the 4-H Shooting Sports program is subject to approval of the adult volunteer in charge

of the project. Approval is based on the member's ability to follow instructions and safety rules.

Additionally: A parent/legal guardian *must* be present with each 4-H member during project meetings, meets, tournaments, special activities or at any other time and place that firearms, air guns, or archery equipment is used under the umbrella of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Intermediate Youth Leaders (Junior Leaders) and Senior Youth Leaders (Teen Leaders):

Junior/Teen Leaders must be enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports program as a youth member meeting all the requirements of said membership, in addition to meeting the requirements set forth in the California State 4-H YDP Shooting Sports Program Policies and Procedures, and the 4-H YDP policies for project Junior/Teen leaders.

Adult Volunteer Project Leaders:

All Adult Volunteer Project Leaders must follow all Policies and Procedures set forth by the California 4-H YDP program, Stanislaus County 4-H YDP program, California 4-H YDP Shooting Sports Program and Policies *and* the Stanislaus County 4-H YDP Shooting Sports Policies and Procedures as stated below:

Shooting Sports project meetings will be conducted in a safe and disciplined manner by a project leader that has been certified by the California 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.

California Fish and Game Hunter Educations cards are not required, but are highly recommended for all adult volunteer shooting sports project leaders.

Facilities utilized for project meetings, shooting practice, shooting meets or tournaments must sign and return to the county YDP representative the 4-H Lease agreement and waiver.

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4-H YDP program medical and insurance forms for all 4-H youth members should be accessible to the 4-H adult volunteer project leader during any and all Shooting Sports project meetings, meets, tournaments or special activities or events.

An Annual Equipment Log will be completed and submitted to the Stanislaus County 4-H YDP Representative at the completion of each 4-H year. This log will list all club-owned shooting sports equipment.

Stanislaus County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee:

Adult Volunteer Shooting Sports Project Leaders within Stanislaus County will be considered members of the Stanislaus County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. This Committee will hold regular meetings and leaders are expected to attend, as county shooting sports activities are planned and discussed, leaders are advised of new state policies and procedures and county policies and procedures are established and/or changed to meet the ongoing needs of the project. All Stanislaus County 4-H Adult Volunteer Shooting Sports Project Leaders will have an equal say and vote on all changes in policies and procedures as established by the Committee