

LTWC Statement

It is deeply unfortunate to hear about the recent allegations of mishandling of funds by the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council and McKenzie Watershed Alliance. The Long Tom Watershed Council takes the management of public dollars very seriously and we are saddened by the near and long term implications this will have on our region, our staff, and our mission. Our Board of Directors and staff have evaluated any and all fiscal ties to the organizations under investigation and have ensured that all of Long Tom Watershed's expenditures are in compliance with funding requirements and all funds remain accounted for.

This past year, LTWC underwent a rigorous federal audit conducted by Acquity, LLC resulting in no findings of financial irregularities. The audit team also reported a positive evaluation of the Long Tom's policies and procedures to the Federal Government. The details of this report can be accessed by the public at www.FAC.gov. If any member of the public, partner, or funder would like to better understand the Long Tom's checks and balances, including the accountability measures in place to ensure responsible financial management, we encourage you to contact Executive Director Darian Lightfoot or Board Chair Kurt Koehler for more information. Thank you for your steadfast support of the Long Tom Watershed Council as we continue to educate and collaborate in the Long Tom River Basin using the collective wisdom and voluntary action of our community members.

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