

Form **8879-EO**

### IRS e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization

OMB No. 1545-1878

For calendar year 2013, or fiscal year beginning ..... 2013, and ending ..... 20 .....

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# 2013

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of exempt organization

**Colorado Water Trust**

Employer identification number

**84-1606567**

Name and title of officer

**Amy Beatie  
Executive Director**

#### Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) .....	1b	<b>491,649</b>
2a Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9) .....	2b	
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22) .....	3b	
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5) .....	4b	
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c) .....	5b	

#### Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2013 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize **Taylor Roth and Company** to enter my PIN **80203** as my signature  
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the organization's tax year 2013 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2013 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶

Date ▶ **11/07/14**

#### Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

**84541780203**

do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2013 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶

Date ▶ **11/07/14**

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Form **8879-EO** (2013)

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2013

Open to Public Inspection

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**A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning** \_\_\_\_\_, **and ending** \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>B</b> Check if applicable:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<p><b>C</b> Name of organization <b>Colorado Water Trust</b></p> <p>Doing Business As _____</p> <p>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  <b>1420 Ogden St, Suite 2A</b></p> <p>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  <b>Denver CO 80218</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>84-1606567</b></p> <p><b>E</b> Telephone number <b>720-570-2897</b></p> <p><b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>502,053</b></p>
<p><b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>Amy Beatie</b> <b>1420 Ogden St, Suite 2A</b> <b>Denver CO 80218</b></p>		<p>H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                  H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                  If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)</p>

**I** Tax-exempt status:  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: **www.coloradowatertrust.org** **H(c)** Group exemption number ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Year of formation: **2001** **M** State of legal domicile: **CO**

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<p><b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:  <b>The Water Trust engages in and supports voluntary efforts to restore and protect streamflows in Colorado to sustain healthy aquatic ecosystems</b></p> <p><b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.</p> <p><b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) <span style="float: right;">3 <b>9</b></span></p> <p><b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) <span style="float: right;">4 <b>9</b></span></p> <p><b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a) <span style="float: right;">5 <b>8</b></span></p> <p><b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) <span style="float: right;">6 <b>29</b></span></p> <p><b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 <span style="float: right;">7a <b>0</b></span></p> <p><b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 <span style="float: right;">7b <b>0</b></span></p>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<p><b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) <span style="float: right;">Prior Year <b>1,518,248</b> Current Year <b>495,828</b></span></p> <p><b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) <span style="float: right;"><b>3,720</b> <b>0</b></span></p> <p><b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) <span style="float: right;"><b>1,564</b> <b>803</b></span></p> <p><b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) <span style="float: right;"><b>-1,912</b> <b>-4,982</b></span></p> <p><b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) <span style="float: right;"><b>1,521,620</b> <b>491,649</b></span></p>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<p><b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) <span style="float: right;"><b>0</b> <b>0</b></span></p> <p><b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) <span style="float: right;"><b>0</b> <b>0</b></span></p> <p><b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) <span style="float: right;"><b>364,332</b> <b>425,057</b></span></p> <p><b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) <span style="float: right;"><b>0</b> <b>0</b></span></p> <p><b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>45,225</b></p> <p><b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) <span style="float: right;"><b>464,386</b> <b>619,384</b></span></p> <p><b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) <span style="float: right;"><b>828,718</b> <b>1,044,441</b></span></p> <p><b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 <span style="float: right;"><b>692,902</b> <b>-552,792</b></span></p>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<p><b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16) <span style="float: right;">Beginning of Current Year <b>1,330,249</b> End of Year <b>1,045,060</b></span></p> <p><b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) <span style="float: right;"><b>25,859</b> <b>159,712</b></span></p> <p><b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 <span style="float: right;"><b>1,304,390</b> <b>885,348</b></span></p>	

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Sign Here</b>	<p>Signature of officer <b>Amy Beatie</b></p> <p>Type or print name and title <b>Executive Director</b></p>	<p>Date _____</p>
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<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	<p>Print/Type preparer's name <b>Ken Roth</b></p> <p>Firm's name ▶ <b>Taylor Roth and Company</b></p> <p>Firm's address ▶ <b>800 Grant St Ste 205 Denver, CO 80203-2944</b></p>	<p>Preparer's signature <i>Ken Roth</i></p>	<p>Date <b>11/14/14</b></p>	<p>Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN <b>P01389203</b></p> <p>Firm's EIN ▶ <b>20-3746583</b></p> <p>Phone no. <b>303-830-8109</b></p>
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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The Water Trust engages in and supports voluntary efforts to restore and protect streamflows in Colorado to sustain healthy aquatic ecosystems

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 590,790 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Water Rights Acquisitions - Colorado Water Trust acquires decreed water rights through voluntary transactions to provide enhanced streamflows to benefit aquatic ecosystems. To acquire water, Colorado Water Trust works in coordination with the agricultural community, other water users, governmental entities, land trusts, watershed groups, and other non-profit conservation organizations. Colorado Water Trust also works closely with the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the only entity authorized by law in Colorado to hold instream flow rights.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 223,807 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Physical and Structural Solutions - Colorado's water-short stream reaches can also benefit from physical solutions such as headgate and delivery system upgrades that make more water available downstream. Other approaches include innovative agricultural technology and storage releases or changes in reservoir management that can provide additional supplies. The Colorado Water Trust works diligently to fund structural solutions that will provide significant conservation benefits.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 70,168 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 884,765

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		<b>X</b>
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		<b>X</b>
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		<b>X</b>
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		<b>X</b>
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<b>X</b>
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<b>X</b>
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If so, complete Schedule L, Part II		<b>X</b>
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		<b>X</b>
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		<b>X</b>
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		<b>X</b>
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		<b>X</b>
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1		<b>X</b>
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		<b>X</b>
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		<b>X</b>
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	<b>X</b>	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), Yes/No checkboxes, and numerical responses (e.g., 4, 0, 8, X). Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable trusts.

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.  
 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
1a	9		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
1b	9		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7b			
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8a			
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8b			
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9			

**Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)**

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10a			
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
10b			
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11a			
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
11b			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12a			
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12b			
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12c			
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13			
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14			
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15a			
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15b			
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16a			
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		
16b			

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **None**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website  Another's website  Upon request  Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **Colorado Water Trust** **1420 Ogden St, Suite 2A**  
**Denver** **CO 80218** **720-570-2897**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
  - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
  - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Lee Rozaklis ..... President	10.00 ..... 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Bill Paddock ..... Vice President	1.00 ..... 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Michael J. Carter ..... Treasurer	1.00 ..... 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) David C. Taussig ..... Secretary	2.00 ..... 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Tom Bie ..... Director	1.00 ..... 0.00	X						0	0	0
(6) Alexandra Davis ..... Director	1.00 ..... 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Kirk Deeter ..... Director	1.00 ..... 0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Michael A. Saylor ..... Director	1.00 ..... 0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) Erin Wilson ..... Director	1.00 ..... 0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) Amy W. Beatie ..... Executive Director	40.00 ..... 0.00			X				93,000	0	5,626
(11) .....										



Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation. Includes sub-totals for lines 1b, 1c, and 1d.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization 0

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, and Yes/No response. Contains questions 3, 4, and 5 regarding compensation reporting.

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

Table with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation. Includes a total row for line 2.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 0

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>	15,788				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	135,031				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	345,009				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$						
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		495,828				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	Busn. Code				
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b>							
<b>e</b>							
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue							
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f							
<b>Other Revenue</b>		<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		803			803
		<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b> Royalties		372			372	
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.					
		<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)					
		<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.					
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
		<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)					
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 15,788 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>		4,950			
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>	10,404			
		<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-5,454			
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses		<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code					
<b>11a</b> Miscellaneous Income			100	100			
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d			100				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.			491,649	100	0	1,175	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	93,000	69,016	15,912	8,072
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	260,315	193,179	44,540	22,596
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	41,334	30,674	7,072	3,588
10 Payroll taxes	30,408	22,566	5,203	2,639
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	1,847	1,847		
c Accounting	7,265		7,265	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	11,242	7,030	4,194	18
14 Information technology	3,817	2,833	653	331
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	37,280	27,665	6,379	3,236
17 Travel	18,205	15,721	1,642	842
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	4,769	3,539	816	414
23 Insurance	3,964		3,964	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>Contract and professional</b>	329,290	329,290		
b <b>Water leases</b>	145,960	145,960		
c <b>Development</b>	36,683	30,671	3,532	2,480
d <b>Printing</b>	4,960	4,032	836	92
e All other expenses	14,102	742	12,443	917
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	1,044,441	884,765	114,451	45,225
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash—non-interest bearing .....	138,414	1	179,807
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments .....	613,393	2	504,135
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net .....	548,349	4	202,231
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net .....		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use .....		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	2,380	9	11,629
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	27,783		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation .....	7,382	10c	20,401
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities .....		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		13	
	14	Intangible assets .....		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	3,107	15	126,857
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	1,330,249	16	1,045,060	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	25,859	17	159,712
	18	Grants payable .....		18	
	19	Deferred revenue .....		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		25	
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	25,859	26	159,712
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets .....	135,247	27	245,265
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets .....	1,169,143	28	640,083
	29	Permanently restricted net assets .....		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		32	
33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> .....	1,304,390	33	885,348	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> .....	1,330,249	34	1,045,060	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	491,649
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,044,441
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-552,792
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,304,390
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	133,750
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	885,348

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**  
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Colorado Water Trust**

Employer identification number

**84-1606567**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: .....
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.  
  - a  Type I      b  Type II      c  Type III—Functionally integrated      d  Type III—Non-functionally integrated
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?  
  - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? .....
  - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? .....
  - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? .....
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
<b>Total</b>									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	244,027	338,265	969,577	1,518,248	495,828	3,565,945
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	244,027	338,265	969,577	1,518,248	495,828	3,565,945
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						2,079,198
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						1,486,747

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	244,027	338,265	969,577	1,518,248	495,828	3,565,945
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,374	127	988	1,849	1,175	5,513
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						3,571,458
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	5,050
13 <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	41.63%
15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	39.97%
16a <b>33 1/3% support test—2013.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>33 1/3% support test—2012.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions



**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Area with horizontal dotted lines for supplemental information.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year. (2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register), 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B) (i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: Amounts. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X, 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)**

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a**  Public exhibition
  - b**  Scholarly research
  - c**  Preservation for future generations
  - d**  Loan or exchange programs
  - e**  Other .....
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance .....             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year .....     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year ..... | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance .....                | <b>1f</b> |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance .....					
<b>b</b> Contributions .....					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses .....					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships .....					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs .....					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses .....					
<b>g</b> End of year balance .....					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ ..... %
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶ ..... %
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ ..... %
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |  | Yes | No       |
|--|-----|----------|
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations ..... |     | <b>X</b> |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations .....  |     | <b>X</b> |
- b** If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land .....				
<b>b</b> Buildings .....				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....				
<b>d</b> Equipment .....	<b>10,643</b>		<b>3,885</b>	<b>6,758</b>
<b>e</b> Other .....	<b>17,140</b>		<b>3,497</b>	<b>13,643</b>
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				<b>20,401</b>

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) <b>Harris &amp; Reed Water Rights</b>	<b>123,750</b>
(2) <b>Lease Deposit</b>	<b>3,107</b>
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	<b>126,857</b>

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
(1) Federal income taxes		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶		

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII



**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

Lined area for supplemental information, consisting of multiple horizontal dotted lines.

**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I**

**Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a  Mail solicitations
- b  Internet and email solicitations
- c  Phone solicitations
- d  In-person solicitations
- e  Solicitation of non-government grants
- f  Solicitation of government grants
- g  Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
			Yes	No			
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
<b>Total</b>							

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<u>Riverbank Gala</u> (event type)	_____ (event type)	<u>None</u> (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts .....	20,738			20,738
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions .....	15,788			15,788
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) .....	4,950			4,950
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes .....				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes .....				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs .....	1,000			1,000
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages .....	4,284			4,284
	<b>8</b> Entertainment .....				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses .....	5,120			5,120
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) .....				10,404
<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) .....				-5,454	

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross revenue .....				
Direct Expenses	<b>2</b> Cash prizes .....				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes .....				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs .....				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses .....				
	<b>6</b> Volunteer labor .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ..... % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ..... % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ..... % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<b>7</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) .....				
	<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) .....				

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: .....

**a** Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No

**b** If "No," explain: .....

**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain: .....



- 11** Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:
- |                                      |            |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| <b>a</b> The organization's facility | <b>13a</b> | % |
| <b>b</b> An outside facility         | <b>13b</b> | % |

**14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ .....

Address ▶ .....

**15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ ..... and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ .....

**c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ .....

Address ▶ .....

**16** Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ .....

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ .....

Description of services provided ▶ .....

- Director/officer     Employee     Independent contractor

**17** Mandatory distributions:

**a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No

**b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ .....

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Accomplishment**

**All other program activities**

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990**

**The 990 is reviewed and approved by the board or board-appointed  
committee prior to filing.**

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy**

**The conflict of interest policy is reviewed annually. It is the  
responsibility of all board members and staff to be aware of the policy and  
indentify all conflicts of interest. An annual affirmation of the conflict  
policy is signed by each director at every January meeting of the Board of  
Directors.**

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official**

**For the Executive Director the Board reviews comparable compensation data  
and approves the compensation for the upcoming year with guidance and input  
from an external consultant.**

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers**

**All other employees are reviewed by the Executive Director and  
compensation levels are recommended by the Board.**

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation**

**Information is available upon request**