

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)

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2024Open to Public
Inspection**A** For the **2024** calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2024** and ending **JUN 30, 2025****B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization**LIVING DESERT, THE**

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

47-900 PORTOLA AVENUE

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

PALM DESERT, CA 92260**F** Name and address of principal officer: **ALLEN MONROE****SAME AS C ABOVE****D** Employer identification number**95-3385354****E** Telephone number**760-346-5694****G** Gross receipts \$**65,182,057.****H(a)** Is this a group returnfor subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. See instructions

H(c) Group exemption number**I** Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: **WWW.LIVINGDESERT.ORG****K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other**L** Year of formation: **1970****M** State of legal domicile: **CA****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE LIVING DESERT MISSION IS TO ENHANCE DESERT CONSERVATION THROUGH PRESERVATION, EDUCATION AND
	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 22
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 21
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a) 327
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 643
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 0.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 10,287,778.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 16,460,772.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 12,932,615.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 1,819,449.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 41,500,614.
	Expenses	13
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0.
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 13,098,525.
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 0.
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 2,283,193.
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 11,991,756.
18		Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 25,539,071.
19		Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 15,961,543.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16) 156,168,736.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 3,598,194.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 152,570,542.

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.

Sign Here	Signature of officer		Date	
	ALLEN MONROE, PRESIDENT & CEO			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN
	TRITIA FOSTER			P02164134
Preparer Use Only	Firm's name	Firm's EIN		
	DAVIS FARR LLP	47-3535842		
Preparer Use Only	Firm's address	Phone no.		
	18201 VON KARMAN AVE, SUITE 1100 IRVINE, CA 92612	949-474-2020		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Form **990** (2024)**SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION**

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE LIVING DESERT MISSION IS TO ENHANCE DESERT CONSERVATION THROUGH PRESERVATION, EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION.

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 ☐ 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 ☒ 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 \$ 4,611,459. including grants of \$ 464,689.) (Revenue \$ 88,797.)

CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMING: THE LIVING DESERT IS AN AGENT OF CONSERVATION WITH 100+ PROJECTS IN 12 COUNTRIES ON 3 CONTINENTS, COLLABORATING WITH 70+ IN-COUNTRY ORGANIZATIONS. WE ARE GLOBAL LEADERS IN COMMUNITY-BASED CONSERVATION USING SUCCESSFUL BIOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE-BASED TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS ALL AROUND THE WORLD, WHILE ALSO INSPIRING RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS AMONG OUR VISITORS. THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE LIVING DESERT COVER ALL ELEMENTS OF DESERT CONSERVATION AWARENESS TO PROVOKE CONSERVATION ACTIONS AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGE. WE REACH OVER 600,000 GUESTS ANNUALLY. WE PROVIDE INFORMAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING TO MORE THAN 50,000 ADULTS AND CHILDREN, INCLUDING OVER 30,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN. WE OFFER A DIVERSITY OF ENGAGING PROGRAMING THAT SPARKS A PASSION TO CARE FOR THE

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 11,529,753. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 11,196,886.)

COLLECTIONS: THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS AT THE LIVING DESERT HAVE IMPORTANT ROLES, AS THEY ARE AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR WILD COUNTERPARTS. THE LIVING DESERT MAINTAINS ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE AND EXTENSIVE COLLECTIONS OF DESERT FLORA AND FAUNA IN THE UNITED STATES. AS ONE OF ONLY TWO ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS IN THE COUNTRY WITH DESERT CONSERVATION AS ITS MISSION, WE PROUDLY PROVIDE A HOME TO ALMOST 600 INDIVIDUAL DESERT ANIMALS OF OVER 152 SPECIES AND OVER 10,000 DESERT PLANTS OF OVER 1000 SPECIES IN OVER 50 THEMED GARDENS AND HABITATS. THE ZOO AND GARDENS IS SET WITHIN THE NATURAL SONORAN DESERT ENVIRONMENT IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE SANTA ROSA MOUNTAINS. THE CARETAKERS OF THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS PROVIDE EXCEPTIONAL CARE AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL OF THESE SPECIES. THESE CARETAKERS PROVIDE CONNECTIONS WITH THESE ANIMALS

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 9,230,299. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 5,841,723.)

MEMBERSHIP/PARK SERVICES: THE LIVING DESERT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR ALMOST 55 YEARS. VARIOUS MEMBERSHIPS ARE OFFERED INCLUDING SINGLE, FAMILY, AND OTHER LEVELS, UP TO DONATIVE MEMBERSHIPS. THE LIVING DESERT'S MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM EXPANDS THE GUEST EXPERIENCE TO INCLUDE AN ONGOING CONNECTION TO THE MISSION AND SPECIAL EVENTS. EACH DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE LIVING DESERT TEAM STRIVES TO ASSURE EXCELLENCE IN THEIR AREA OF EXPERTISE TO PROVIDE OPTIMAL ANIMAL WELL- BEING, PARK PRESERVATION AND MEANINGFUL GUESTS CONNECTIONS. THE EXPERIENCE BEGINS WITH THE EASE OF PARKING AND PARK ENTRY; TO THE ENJOYMENT OF THE ANIMAL AND BOTANICAL COLLECTIONS; TO THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY EVENTS. THE LIVING DESERT BRINGS IN AN AUDIENCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD, BUT PARTICULARLY ACROSS THE COACHELLA VALLEY, A REGION NOTED FOR ITS

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

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 25,371,511.

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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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3	X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	X
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5	X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6	X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7	X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9	X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	11a X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	11b	X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	11c	X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	11d	X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11e X	
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11f X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	12a X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	12b	X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16	X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions</i>	17	X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18 X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21 X	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
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?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26 X	
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	X
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	X
c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29 X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	38 X	

Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 64	
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

	Yes	No
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	327
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b	
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	X
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	X
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b	
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	X
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16	X
17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17	

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 on 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**

	1a	22	1b	21	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		22		21		
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 on Schedule O.						
b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent						
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?						X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?						X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?						X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?						X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?						X
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?						X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?						X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:						
a The governing body?					X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?					X	
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 on Schedule O						X

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?		X
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?		
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
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	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on 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?		X
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?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, 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 on Schedule O)

19 Describe on 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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck 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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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) ALLEN MONROE PRESIDENT/CEO & ASST. SEC	40.00	X		X				686,827.	0.	9,921.
(2) ALLISON KRUPP VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING & COMMUN	40.00				X			211,064.	0.	5,560.
(3) JEFF PETROVIC CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	40.00				X			199,744.	0.	7,095.
(4) DWIGHT MIDDENDOF CFO & VP OF TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	40.00			X				192,317.	0.	11,329.
(5) ROXANNA BREITIGAN CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	40.00				X			164,989.	0.	10,877.
(6) ANNA YOUNG VICE PRESIDENT OF LEARNING & IMPACT	40.00				X			161,202.	0.	10,145.
(7) JAMES DANOFF-BURG VICE PRESIDENT OF CONSERVATION	40.00				X			154,327.	0.	6,559.
(8) BILL APPEL CHAIRMAN	2.60	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(9) CRAIG MCCOLLAM TREASURER	2.10	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(10) SANDRA COOPER WOODSON SECRETARY	0.80	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(11) DEBORAH CHAPMAN DIRECTOR	7.30	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) SUSAN COOPER TRUSTEE	0.30	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) MARYLYNN GLADSTEIN TRUSTEE	0.30	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) PHIL HASBROUCK TRUSTEE	0.30	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) CANDACE HOLZGRAFE DIRECTOR	0.80	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) H. EARL HOOVER II TRUSTEE	0.30	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) SUZ HUNT DIRECTOR	0.30	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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			
(18) MICHAEL KINER TRUSTEE	0.10	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) JAISHRI MEHTA TRUSTEE	0.70	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) JNEIL NELSON TRUSTEE	1.40	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) PETER SCHEER TRUSTEE	0.30	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) SALLY SIMONDS TRUSTEE	0.60	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) BILL SIMPKINS TRUSTEE	0.70	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) PHILLIP K. SMITH, JR. DIRECTOR	0.80	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) MARY LOU SOLOMON TRUSTEE	3.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) LARRY SPICER TRUSTEE	2.10	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Subtotal								1,770,470.	0.	61,486.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,770,470.	0.	61,486.

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

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- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*
- 4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

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.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
D.W. JOHNSTON CONSTRUCTION, INC, 71-650 SAHARA RD., SUITE 2, RANCHO MIRAGE, CA	GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR TLD PROJECTS	14,125,360.
PREST VUKSIC ARCHITECTS, 44530 SAN PABLO AVENUE, SUITE 200, PALM DESERT, CA 92660	ARCHITECT FOR TLD PROJECTS	1,435,772.
TIANYU ARTS AND CULTURE INC., 939 W NORTH AVE. SUITE 750, CHICAGO, IL 60642	PROFESSIONAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS SERVICES	624,892.
LANE TERRALEVER LLC, 645 E. MISSOURI AVE., SUITE 400, PHOENIX, AZ 85012	ADVERTISING	566,253.
MOMENTOUS, 777 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY, SUITE 200, PALM SPRINGS, CA 9226	ZOOBILEE GALA VENDOR	443,798.

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

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SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

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

Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b	75,606.			
	c	Fundraising events	1c	1,398,935.			
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,648,461.			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	1f	8,217,446.			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 96,673.			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		11,340,448.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a	PARK ADMISSIONS	Business Code	900099	11,196,886.	11196886.	
	b	MEMBERSHIPS		900099	2,782,176.	2,782,176.	
	c	PARK SERVICES AND RENTALS		900099	2,294,222.	2,294,222.	
	d	RETAIL CONCESSIONS		900099	765,325.	765,325.	
	e	EDUCATION PROGRAMS		900099	88,797.	88,797.	
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		17,127,406.			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,804,729.		
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5		Royalties					
6 a		Gross rents	(i) Real	417,816.			
b		Less: rental expenses ...	(ii) Personal	0.			
c		Rental income or (loss)		417,816.			
d		Net rental income or (loss)		417,816.		417,816.	
7 a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	28,864,926.			
b		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	(ii) Other	13,996,257.			
c		Gain or (loss)		14,868,669.			
d		Net gain or (loss)		14,868,669.		14868669.	
8 a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 1,398,935. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		3,040,620.			
b		Less: direct expenses		2,438,664.			
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		601,956.		601,956.	
9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19						
b	Less: direct expenses						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		2,586,112.				
b	Less: cost of goods sold		759,818.				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		1,826,294.	1,826,294.			
Miscellaneous Revenue	11 a		Business Code				
	b						
	c						
	d	All other revenue					
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
	12	Total revenue. See instructions		47,987,318.	18953700.	0.	17693170.

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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	206,100.	206,100.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	30,000.	30,000.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	228,589.	228,589.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	929,903.	278,971.	278,971.	371,961.
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	12,621,662.	11,050,800.	442,366.	1,128,496.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	128,316.	119,540.	2,105.	6,671.
9 Other employee benefits	1,007,476.	874,230.	45,417.	87,829.
10 Payroll taxes	979,516.	837,853.	42,533.	99,130.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	175,078.		175,078.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	2,092,715.	1,892,995.	82,649.	117,071.
12 Advertising and promotion	948,536.	941,486.	69.	6,981.
13 Office expenses	273,118.	192,495.	3,257.	77,366.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,348,252.	1,260,355.	37,289.	50,608.
17 Travel	244,079.	217,799.	9,670.	16,610.
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	3,886,071.	3,788,791.	39,906.	57,374.
23 Insurance	247,895.	241,742.	2,524.	3,629.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a PARK SUPPLIES	1,031,853.	1,019,312.	1,951.	10,590.
b REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	908,456.	866,673.	8,505.	33,278.
c MISCELLANEOUS COSTS	832,723.	628,938.	7,754.	196,031.
d EQUIPMENT	510,544.	497,464.	7,222.	5,858.
e All other expenses	216,407.	197,378.	5,319.	13,710.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	28,847,289.	25,371,511.	1,192,585.	2,283,193.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	14,936,638.	1	5,821,645.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	895,731.	2	854,930.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	5,314,286.	3	4,723,896.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	831,370.	4	772,925.
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	928,571.	5	928,571.
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	2,472,451.	7	3,704,005.
	8 Inventories for sale or use	83,671.	8	94,009.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	274,923.	9	306,898.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 121,894,363.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 37,343,384.		
		67,049,027.	10c	84,550,979.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	63,382,068.	11	68,828,927.
	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		15		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	156,168,736.	16	170,586,785.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,023,135.	17	5,472,211.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	1,536,501.	19	1,775,725.
	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 any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		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	38,558.	25	27,699.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	3,598,194.	26	7,275,635.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	96,743,680.	27	104,450,082.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	55,826,862.	28	58,861,068.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	152,570,542.	32	163,311,150.
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	156,168,736.	33	170,586,785.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	47,987,318.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	28,847,289.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	19,140,029.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	152,570,542.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-8,399,422.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	163,311,149.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck 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: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on 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: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	X
b 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: ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	X
c 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 on Schedule O.	2c	X
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? _____	3a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____	3b	

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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

LIVING DESERT, THE

Employer identification number	
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95-3385354

Part I	Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.
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The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, 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 (Form 990).)
- 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 ☒ 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.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 ☐ 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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s). _____

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).						
(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
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)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
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 VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 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

14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2023. 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 stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2024. 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 stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023. 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 stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

Schedule A (Form 990) 2024

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	12186945.	17057651.	13145504.	10287778.	11340448.	64018326.
2 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	10220187.	13654263.	14741010.	16460772.	17127406.	72203638.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	409,275.	3307861.	3107434.	3686839.	4866914.	15378323.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	22816407.	34019775.	30993948.	30435389.	33334768.	151600287
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	372,354.	621,602.	447,374.	115,915.	486,509.	2043754.
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						0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b	372,354.	621,602.	447,374.	115,915.	486,509.	2043754.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						149556533

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	22816407.	34019775.	30993948.	30435389.	33334768.	151600287
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	1306268.	1650303.	1903205.	1853722.	1804729.	8518227.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	1306268.	1650303.	1903205.	1853722.	1804729.	8518227.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)		2,800.				2,800.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	24122675.	35672878.	32897153.	32289111.	35139497.	160121314

14 First 5 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

15 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	93.40 %
16 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	93.19 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	5.32 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	5.23 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2024. 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 - 2023. 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 Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a		
b A family member of a person described on line 11a above?		
11b		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI .		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
1		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
2a			
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.			
2b			
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI .			
3a			
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.			
3b			

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). See instructions.
All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)**Section D - Distributions**

		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2024
1	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required - <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024			
a	From 2019			
b	From 2020			
c	From 2021			
d	From 2022			
e	From 2023			
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g	Applied to under distributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4	Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2025. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a	Excess from 2020			
b	Excess from 2021			
c	Excess from 2022			
d	Excess from 2023			
e	Excess from 2024			

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Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information.
(See instructions.)

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of 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?	☐ Yes	☐ No
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?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
☐ Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

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.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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 FASB 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) Revenue included on 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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$

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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 make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).

- a ☒ Public exhibition d ☐ Loan or exchange program
b ☐ Scholarly research e ☐ Other _____
c ☐ Preservation for future generations

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" on 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
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	67,296,279.	60,856,039.	54,792,251.	65,624,193.	48,913,939.
b Contributions	446,958.	1,236,691.	1,958,080.	4,053,872.	3,777,034.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	7,995,826.	9,410,568.	9,188,783.	-12,073,834.	15,502,587.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	2,302,475.	3,045,614.	3,001,667.	2,539,120.	2,336,904.
f Administrative expenses	589,061.	1,161,405.	2,081,408.	272,860.	232,463.
g End of year balance	72,847,527.	67,296,279.	60,856,039.	54,792,251.	65,624,193.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 36.0100 %
b Permanent endowment 55.5500 %
c Term endowment 8.4400 %

The percentages on 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:

- (i) Unrelated organizations? _____
(ii) Related organizations? _____

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 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" on 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
1a Land		91,373.		91,373.
b Buildings		54,065,910.	16,512,164.	37,553,746.
c Leasehold improvements		29,583,959.	6,300,890.	23,283,069.
d Equipment		13,085,901.	3,482,453.	9,603,448.
e Other		25,067,220.	11,047,877.	14,019,343.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				84,550,979.

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))		

Part IX Other Assets

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	

Part X Other Liabilities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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) LEASE LIABILITY	27,699.
	(3)	
	(4)	
	(5)	
	(6)	
	(7)	
	(8)	
	(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))		27,699.

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 FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ... ☒

Schedule D (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	39,428,058.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-8,399,422.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	15,240.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-8,384,182.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	47,812,240.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	175,078.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	175,078.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	47,987,318.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	28,687,450.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	15,240.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	15,240.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	28,672,210.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	175,078.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	175,078.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	28,847,288.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART III, LINE 1A:

THE ORGANIZATION'S INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS CONSIST SUBSTANTIALLY OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS THAT THRIVE IN DESERTS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING ALL FOUR DESERTS OF NORTH AMERICA. THE COLLECTIONS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL, RESEARCH, SCIENTIFIC AND CURATORIAL PURPOSES AND ARE USED TO FOSTER AN APPRECIATION OF THE DESERT AND ITS WILDLIFE.

PART III, LINE 4:

THE ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT THE ASSEMBLY OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS. THE WORKS OF ART ARE ON DISPLAY FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE PUBLIC DRAW TO THE LIVING DESERT.

PART V, LINE 4:

THE MISSION OF THE LIVING DESERT'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE TO PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE PARK OPERATIONS.

PART X, LINE 2:

THE ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME AND CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND SECTION 23701(D) OF THE STATE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE.

THE ORGANIZATION'S FEDERAL RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX (FORM 990) AND RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM BUSINESS INCOME TAX (FORM 990-T) FOR THE LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS ARE SUBJECT TO IRS EXAMINATION. THE ORGANIZATION'S FORM 199, CALIFORNIA EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

ANNUAL INFORMATION RETURN, IS SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY STATE TAXING AUTHORITIES, GENERALLY FOR FOUR YEARS AFTER THEY ARE FILED. AS OF THE DATE OF THIS REPORT, THE ORGANIZATION'S RETURNS COVERING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 HAD NOT YET BEEN FILED.

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

Attach to Form 990.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

LIVING DESERT, THE

95-3385354

Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO,			TRAINING WORKSHOPS	TRAVEL TO/FROM SUB-SAHARAN CONTRIES, INCLUDING LODGING, MEALS, TRANSPORTATION	38,174.
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO,			CONTRIBUTIONS	CONTRIBUTIONS TO RECEIPIENTS IN REGION.	55,000.
EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA,			CONTRIBUTIONS	CONTRIBUTIONS TO RECEIPIENTS IN REGION.	163,589.
EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA,			CONSERVATION ASSITANCE	TRAVEL TO/FROM MONGOLIA, INCLUDING LODGING, MEALS, TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO ASSISTS WITH	18,606.
NORTH AMERICA			CONSERVATION ASSITANCE	TRAVEL TO/FROM MEXICO, INCLUDING LODGING, MEALS, TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO SUPPORT	475.
NORTH AMERICA			CONTRIBUTIONS	CONTRIBUTIONS TO RECEIPIENTS IN REGION.	10,000.
3 a Subtotal	0	0			285,844.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0.
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			285,844.

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Schedule F (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

SEE PART V FOR COLUMN (E) DESCRIPTIONS

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
		NORTH AMERICA - CANADA AND MEXICO, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES	CONSERVATION SUPPORT - ANNUAL DONATION	10,000.		0.		
		EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFICS	CONSERVATION SUPPORT - TRANSFERS TO MCI (PASS THRU OF FUNDS FROM EARTHWATCH AND	163,589.		0.		
		SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO,	CONSERVATION SUPPORT - DONATIONS TO BUSH BABIES AND BMAPU	45,000.		0.		

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

SEE PART V FOR COLUMN (D) DESCRIPTIONS

Schedule F (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1** Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see the Instructions for Form 926)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2** Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see the Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 3** Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see the Instructions for Form 5471)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 4** Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see the Instructions for Form 8621)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 5** Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see the Instructions for Form 8865)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 6** Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see the Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990)* ☐ Yes ☒ No

Schedule F (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

PART I, LINE 3, COLUMN (E):

REGION: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO,
(E) SPECIFIC TYPES OF SERVICES IN REGION: TRAVEL TO/FROM SUB-SAHARAN
CONTRIES, INCLUDING LODGING, MEALS, TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO CONDUCT
CONSERVATION WORKSHOPS TEACHING CONSERVATION BASED SOCIAL SCIENCE.

REGION: EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA,
(E) SPECIFIC TYPES OF SERVICES IN REGION: TRAVEL TO/FROM MONGOLIA,
INCLUDING LODGING, MEALS, TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO ASSISTS WITH
CONSERVATION EFFORTS INCLUDING ANIMAL TAGGING, PLANT AND ANIMAL
SURVEYING, AND COMMUNITY CONSERVATION TRAINING.

REGION: NORTH AMERICA

(E) SPECIFIC TYPES OF SERVICES IN REGION: TRAVEL TO/FROM MEXICO,
INCLUDING LODGING, MEALS, TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO SUPPORT PRONGHORN
RECOVERY PROJECT.

PART II, COLUMN (D):**REGION: EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFICS**

(D) PURPOSE OF GRANT: CONSERVATION SUPPORT - TRANSFERS TO MCI (PASS THRU
OF FUNDS FROM EARTHWATCH AND TMU AND GENERAL FUNDING BY TLD)

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 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.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization: LIVING DESERT, THE
Employer identification number: 95-3385354

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 nongovernment grants
f Solicitation of government grants
g Special fundraising events
2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual...
b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements...

Table with 6 columns: (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. Includes a Total row at the bottom.

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.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		GLOW	GALA	3	
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	1,440,948.	1,355,731.	1,642,876.	4,439,555.
	2 Less: Contributions	177.	1,279,653.	119,105.	1,398,935.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	1,440,771.	76,078.	1,523,771.	3,040,620.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes		1,990.	6,040.	8,030.
	6 Rent/facility costs	11,115.	1,294.		12,409.
	7 Food and beverages	44,875.	2,014.	55,218.	102,107.
	8 Entertainment	2,250.		22,070.	24,320.
	9 Other direct expenses	919,260.	640,986.	731,552.	2,291,798.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				2,438,664.
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				601,956.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct 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 conduct 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 conducted in:
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 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 the 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 provide any additional information. See instructions.

Part IV	Supplemental Information <i>(continued)</i>
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**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
Attach to Form 990.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

LIVING DESERT, THE

Employer identification number
95-3385354

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
NATIONAL MARINE MAMMAL FOUNDATION 2240 SHELTER ISLAND DR STE 200 SAN DIEGO , CA 92106	26-1501109		10,000.	0.			CONSERVATION SUPPORT - VAQUITA - OPERATION ESPERANZA
USGS SOUTHWESTERN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE CENTER - 12201 SUNRISE VALLEY DR - RESTON, VA 20192	53-0196958		10,000.	0.			CONSERVATION SUPPORT - DONATION FOR TORTOISE RESEARCH
WILD NATURE INSTITUTE PO BOX 44 WEAVERVILLE, NC 28787	46-3021940		12,500.	0.			CONSERVATION SUPPORT - ANNUAL DONATION
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION NETWORK, INC 209 MISSISSIPPI STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94107	30-0108469		85,000.	0.			CONSERVATION SUPPORT - DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MULTIPLE ORGANIZATION; GREVY'S ZEBRA TRUST,
GREATER LOS ANGELES ZOO ASSOCIATION - 5333 ZOO DRIVE - LOS ANGELES, CA 90027	95-2369545		10,000.	0.			CONSERVATION SUPPORT - DONATION IN SUPPORT OF PENINSULAR PRONGHORN RECOVERY PROGRAM
CARNIVORES LIVELIHOODS AND LANDSCAPES USA - 6620 CITY VIEW DR - HUDSONVILLE, MI 49426	82-1871800		10,000.	0.			CONSERVATION SUPPORT - DONATION IN SUPPORT OF ACTION FOR CHEETAHS IN KENYA

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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Schedule I (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

SEE PART IV FOR COLUMN (H) DESCRIPTIONS

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Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
SCHOLARSHIP	5	30,000.	0.		

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.**PART I, LINE 2:**

THE LIVING DESERT ONLY CONTRIBUTES TO OTHER NOT-FOR-PROFITS WITH A SIMILAR EXEMPT PURPOSE THAT FURTHERS THE MISSION OF THE LIVING DESERT.

PART II, LINE 1, COLUMN (H):

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION NETWORK, INC

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: CONSERVATION SUPPORT - DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MULTIPLE ORGANIZATION; GREVY'S ZEBRA TRUST, PAINTED DOG RESEACH TRUST, WASIMA, EWASO LIONS, AND CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
Attach to Form 990.
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OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

LIVING DESERT, THE

Employer identification number

95-3385354

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ First-class or charter travel | ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| ☐ Travel for companions | ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence |
| ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| ☐ Discretionary spending account | ☐ Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Compensation committee | ☐ Written employment contract |
| ☐ Independent compensation consultant | ☒ Compensation survey or study |
| ☐ Form 990 of other organizations | ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Yes No

1b

2

4a

4b

4c

5a

5b

6a

6b

7

8

9

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

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Schedule J (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) ALLEN MONROE PRESIDENT/CEO & ASST. SEC	(i)	606,827.	80,000.	0.	9,900.	21.	696,748.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) ALLISON KRUPP VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING & COMMUN	(i)	211,064.	0.	0.	0.	5,560.	216,624.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) JEFF PETROVIC CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	(i)	199,744.	0.	0.	1,535.	5,560.	206,839.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(4) DWIGHT MIDDENDOF CFO & VP OF TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	(i)	192,317.	0.	0.	5,769.	5,560.	203,646.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(5) ROXANNA BREITIGAN CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	(i)	164,989.	0.	0.	5,317.	5,560.	175,866.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(6) ANNA YOUNG VICE PRESIDENT OF LEARNING & IMPACT	(i)	161,202.	0.	0.	4,585.	5,560.	171,347.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(7) JAMES DANOFF-BURG VICE PRESIDENT OF CONSERVATION	(i)	154,327.	0.	0.	1,000.	5,559.	160,886.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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Transactions With Interested Persons
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c; or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b; or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization, (c) Description of transaction, (d) Corrected? (Yes/No). Rows 1-6.

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958
3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

Table with 10 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship with organization, (c) Purpose of loan, (d) Loan to or from the organization (To/From), (e) Original principal amount, (f) Balance due, (g) In default? (Yes/No), (h) Approved by board or committee? (Yes/No), (i) Written agreement? (Yes/No). Rows 1-10 and Total.

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of assistance, (d) Type of assistance, (e) Purpose of assistance. Rows 1-10.

SEE PART V FOR CONTINUATIONS

Part IV

Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

Part V

Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L. See instructions.

SCHEDULE L, PART II, LOANS TO AND FROM INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: ALLEN MONROE

(B) RELATIONSHIP WITH ORGANIZATION: OFFICER AND DIRECTOR

(C) PURPOSE OF LOAN: SPLIT DOLLAR LOAN REGIME LIFE INSURANCE

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 29 or 30.
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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded				
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other ...				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory	X	15	39,504.	MARKET COST PER LB
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (GENERATOR,)	X	1	41,058.	
26 Other (SEWING MACHINE,)	X	13	16,111.	
27 Other ()				
28 Other ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions
for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported on Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it
must hold for at least 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for
exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash
contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked,
describe in Part II.

Yes No

30a		X
31		X
32a		X

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2024

Supplemental Information.

Supplemental Information. Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

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.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:
APPRECIATION.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 2, NEW PROGRAM SERVICES:

1. IN APRIL 2025 THE BIGHORN CAFE AND THE BILL GROSS AND PAX STENGAARD GROSS OASIS SPLASH PAD OPENED. THE BIGHORN CAFE IS THE LIVING DESERT'S NEWEST AND LARGEST RESTAURANT, LOCATED NEXT TO OUR BIGHORN SHEEP HABITAT WHERE THE CAFE WILL SEAT 150 GUESTS INDOORS WITH OUTDOOR PATIO SEATING OVERLOOKING THE HABITAT. IT PROVIDES A FRESH AND DIVERSE MENU WITH MORE VEGAN AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS TO GIVE GUEST THE OPPORTUNITY TO "EAT LIKE A GIRAFFE." THE BILL GROSS AND PAX STENGAARD GROSS OASIS SPLASH PAD IS A DESERT-THEMED INTERACTIVE WATER PLAY AREA DESIGNED FOR VISITORS OF ALL AGES. FEATURING DESERT INSPIRED ELEMENTS, EDUCATING GUESTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER CONSERVATION. THE FACILITY USES A RECIRCULATED AND TREATED WATER SYSTEM THAT CONSUMES LESS WATER THAN A SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSEHOLD.

2. STARTING IN MAY 2025 ONLY THE BIGHORN CAFE REMAINED OPEN DURING SUMMER, TO PROMOTE THE NEWLY BUILT CAFE. OUR OTHER FOOD AND BEVERAGE OUTLETS WILL OPEN WITH THE NEW SEASON AS VISITATION PICKS UP.

3. BEYOND THE COMPLETION OF THE BIGHORN CAFE AND SPLASH PAD SEVERAL RENOVATIONS WERE MADE TO THE PARK. ENHANCEMENTS WERE MADE TO THE VIEWING AREA FOR SOME OF OUR ANIMAL HABITATS INCLUDING THE BIGHORN SHEEP, SPEKES GAZELLE, AND ARABIAN ORYX HABITATS. THE AREA ACROSS FROM OUR CAROUSEL WAS RECONSTRUCTED AS THE PRONGHORN PICNIC PLACE TO HAVE SHADE, SEATING AND ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR EVENTS. OUR TRAIN EXHIBIT WAS RENOVATED TO SHOWCASE THE COACHELLA VALLEY. EV CHARGERS WERE INSTALLED IN OUR PARKING LOT INCLUDING 31 DUAL PORT AND 2 SINGLE PORT CHARGERS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
NATURAL WORLD.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
AND PLANTS WITH OUR GUESTS SO THEY CAN BE INSPIRED TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE FOR THE DESERTS OF THE WORLD.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
RESORTS AND INFORMAL LEARNING PROCESSES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:
A COPY IS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. IT THEN GOES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE THE FORM 990 IS FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS DESIGNED TO HELP MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS IDENTIFY SITUATIONS THAT PRESENT POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND TO PROVIDE THE LIVING DESERT WITH A SET PROCEDURE THAT, IF OBSERVED, WILL ALLOW A TRANSACTION TO BE TREATED AS VALID AND BINDING EVEN THOUGH A TRUSTEE OR OFFICER HAS OR MAY HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSACTION.

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BEFORE BOARD ACTION IS TAKEN ON A CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION INVOLVING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON HAVING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND WHO IS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING SHALL DISCLOSE ALL FACTS MATERIAL TO THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT. IF PERSON IS NOT IN ATTENDANCE, THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT SHALL BE DISCLOSED TO THE CHAIR. THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN OR BE PERMITTED TO HEAR THE BOARD'S DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MANNER. THIS POLICY IS REVIEWED ANNUALLY BY EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ANY CHANGES TO THE POLICY SHALL BE COMMUNICATED IMMEDIATELY TO ALL RESPONSIBLE PERSONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REVIEWS INDEPENDENT DATA ANNUALLY, FOR THE PRESIDENT & CEO ONLY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

OUR 990 AND OTHER GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990 PART XII LINE 2C

THE AUDIT OVERSIGHT PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE PRIOR YEAR.