

2015 Exempt Org. Return
prepared for:

Eastern Sierra Land Trust
PO Box 755
Bishop, CA 93515

HEALY AND ASSOCIATES
1200 CONCORD AVE STE 250
CONCORD, CA 94520-4939

November 8, 2016

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Bishop, CA 93515

Dear Client:

Your 2015 Federal Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax will be electronically filed with the Internal Revenue Service upon receipt of a signed Form 8879-EO - IRS e-file Signature Authorization. No tax is payable with the filing of this return.

Your 2015 California Exempt Organization Annual Information Return will be electronically filed with the State of California upon receipt of a signed Form 8453-EO. There is a balance due of \$10 payable by December 15, 2016. Mail your California payment voucher, Form 3586, on or before December 15, 2016 to:

Franchise Tax Board
P.O. Box 942857
Sacramento, CA 94257-0531

Enclosed is your California Registration/Renewal Fee Report to the Attorney General. The original should be signed at the bottom of page one. There is a fee due of \$75 payable by November 15, 2016. Make the check or money order payable to "Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts" and mail your California report on or before November 15, 2016 to:

REGISTRY OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS
P.O. BOX 903447
SACRAMENTO, CA 94203-4470

Please forward a copy of the tax returns to the members of the Board before filing the returns.

I recommend that the tax returns be postmarked using certified return receipt as a proof of filing timely. Copies of all the returns are enclosed for your records and it is suggested that you retain these copies in storage indefinitely.

Please be sure to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

HEALY AND ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountant

Madeleine M. Rocamora

Madeleine M. Rocamora, EA
Tax Manager

November 8, 2016

Eastern Sierra Land Trust
PO Box 755
Bishop, CA 93515

FEDERAL ID: 77-0566099

Dear Client:

Your Federal Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax was acknowledged as accepted by the Internal Revenue Service on November 8, 2016. No tax is payable with the filing of this return. If you have questions about the return, please call the IRS Tax Help number, 1-800-829-4933.

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**Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return**▶ **File a separate application for each return.**▶ **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8868.**

OMB No. 1545-1709

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒ **X**
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension — check this box and complete Part I only. . . . ▶ ☐*All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.***Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions**

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.		Employer identification number (EIN) or
	EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST		77-0566099
	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions.		Social security number (SSN)
	PO BOX 755		
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.		
	BISHOP, CA 93515		

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return). **01**

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

- The books are in the care of ▶ THE ORGANIZATION

Telephone No. ▶ 760-873-4554 Fax No. ▶ 760-873-9277

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- 1** I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 8/15, 20 16, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above.
The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ▶ ☒ calendar year 20 15 or
- ▶ ☐ tax year beginning _____, 20 _____, and ending _____, 20 _____.

- 2** If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return
☐ Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box ☒ **X**.
Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.
- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.	Employer identification number (EIN) or
	EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST	77-0566099
	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	Social security number (SSN)
	HEALY AND ASSOCIATES 1200 CONCORD AVE STE 250	
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.	
	CONCORD, CA 94520-4939	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) **01**

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STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in the care of **THE ORGANIZATION**
Telephone No. **760-873-4554** Fax No. **760-873-9277**
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN)..... If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **11/15**, 20 **16**.
- 5 For calendar year **2015**, or other tax year beginning _____, 20 __, and ending _____, 20 __.
- 6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return
☐ Change in accounting period
- 7 State in detail why you need the extension... **TAXPAYER RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS ADDITIONAL TIME TO GATHER INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TAX RETURN.**

8a If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a \$
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b \$
c Balance due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	8c \$

Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature  **INFORMATION ONLY** Date **8-10-16**
BAA Form 8868 (Rev 1-2014)

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

- ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
 ▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

2015**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2015, and ending ,																			
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:70%; vertical-align: top;"> C EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515 </td> <td style="width:30%; vertical-align: top;"> D Employer identification number 77-0566099 E Telephone number 760-873-4554 </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> G Gross receipts \$ 380,242. </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> F Name and address of principal officer: KAY OGDEN SAME AS C ABOVE </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions) </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> H(c) Group exemption number ▶ </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ▶ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> J Website: ▶ WWW.ESLT.ORG </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> L Year of formation: 2001 M State of legal domicile: CA </td> </tr> </table>	C EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	D Employer identification number 77-0566099 E Telephone number 760-873-4554	G Gross receipts \$ 380,242.		F Name and address of principal officer: KAY OGDEN SAME AS C ABOVE		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)		H(c) Group exemption number ▶		I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ▶ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		J Website: ▶ WWW.ESLT.ORG		K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 2001 M State of legal domicile: CA	
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Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST (ESLT) WORKS WITH WILLING LANDOWNERS TO PRESERVE VITAL LANDS IN THE EASTERN SIERRA REGION FOR THEIR SCENIC, AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL, RECREATIONAL, HISTORICAL, AND WATERSHED VALUES.</u>	
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	3 9
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 9
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5 6
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 45
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0.
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0.
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 572,057. Current Year 351,507.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	15,000. 1,766.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	12,763. 9,587.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	8,088. 11,709.
	12	Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	607,908. 374,569.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,764.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	222,675. 221,792.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 45,332.	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	189,395. 134,256.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	413,834. 356,048.
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	194,074. 18,521.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 2,905,877. End of Year 2,908,908.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	18,687. 18,006.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,887,190. 2,890,902.

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		FINAL	Date		
	KAY OGDEN	EXEC DIRECTOR			
	Type or print name and title.				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	MADELEINE M. ROCAMORA, EA				P00495614
	Firm's name ▶ HEALY AND ASSOCIATES				
	Firm's address ▶ 1200 CONCORD AVE STE 250 CONCORD, CA 94520-4939	Firm's EIN ▶ 81-1489821			
				Phone no. (925) 603-0800	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☒ **X****1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

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 \$ 278,533. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

SEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)**4c** (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)**4d** Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

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

4e Total program service expenses 278,533.

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>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	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>		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>		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 Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		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>		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>	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>		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>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V.</i>		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>	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>		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>		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>		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>		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>	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>	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>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E.</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		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>		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>		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>		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</i> (see instructions).		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>	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>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If 'Yes', complete Schedule H.</i>		X
b If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
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>		X
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>		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>		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>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a 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>		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>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M.</i>		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>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		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>		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>		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>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		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>		
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>		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>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

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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
1 a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1 a 10		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1 b 0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1 c	X	
2 a 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.	2 a 6		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2 b	X	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3 a		X
b If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No' to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3 b		
4 a 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)?	4 a		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)			
5 a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5 a		X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5 b		X
c If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5 c		
6 a 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?	6 a		X
b If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6 b		
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?	7 a	X	
b If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7 b	X	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7 c		X
d If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7 d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7 e		X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7 f		X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7 g		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7 h		
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?	9 a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9 b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10 a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10 b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a Gross income from members or shareholders.	11 a		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11 b		
12 a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12 a		
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12 b		
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?	13 a		
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
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.	13 b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13 c		
14 a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14 a		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14 b		

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

	Yes	No
1 a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. 1 a 9		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent. 1 b 9		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? 2		X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? 3		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 4		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 5		X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 6		X
7 a 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? 7 a		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? 7 b		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body? 8 a	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 8 b	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 in Schedule O. 9		X

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

	Yes	No
10 a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10 a		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? 10 b		
11 a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11 a	X	
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. SEE SCHEDULE O		
12 a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13. 12 a	X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12 b	X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done. SEE SCHEDULE O 12 c	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 13	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 14	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. SEE SCHEDULE O. 15 a	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization. 15 b	X	
If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16 a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? 16 a		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? 16 b		

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 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year. SEE SCHEDULE O

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ▶

THE ORGANIZATION 250 N FOWLER ST BISHOP CA 93515 760-873-4554

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

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

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ROBERT GARDNER VP & PRESIDENT	1 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) TONY TAYLOR BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) RANDY KELLER SECRETARY	1 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) BYNG HUNT TREASURER	1 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) TIM BARTLEY BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) JAN HUNEWILL BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) MARIE PATRICK BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) JOANNE PARSONS BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) WILL RICHMOND BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) KAY OGDEN EXEC DIRECTOR	40 0			X				74,500.	0.	0.
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

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 dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(15) _____	_____								
(16) _____	_____								
(17) _____	_____								
(18) _____	_____								
(19) _____	_____								
(20) _____	_____								
(21) _____	_____								
(22) _____	_____								
(23) _____	_____								
(24) _____	_____								
(25) _____	_____								
1 b Sub-total							74,500.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							74,500.	0.	0.
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 ▶ 0									

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual.</i>		X
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? <i>If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual.</i>		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person.</i>		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 0		

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c 75,115.				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e 16,258.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f 260,134.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	13,619.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		351,507.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>PROGRAM SERVICE</u>		Business Code			
	b		1,766.	1,766.		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		1,766.			
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)			9,587.	9,587.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5 Royalties						
6 a Gross rents		(i) Real (ii) Personal				
b Less: rental expenses						
c Rental income or (loss)						
d Net rental income or (loss)						
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities (ii) Other				
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses						
c Gain or (loss)						
d Net gain or (loss)						
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including.. \$ 75,115. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		a 17,382.				
b Less: direct expenses		b 5,673.				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			11,709.			
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		a				
b Less: direct expenses		b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a				
b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions			374,569.	11,353.	0.	0.

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.				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	74,500.	59,298.	7,542.	7,660.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages.	101,837.	81,057.	10,310.	10,470.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits.	29,664.	23,612.	3,003.	3,049.
10 Payroll taxes.	15,791.	12,569.	1,599.	1,623.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.				
c Accounting.				
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	33,068.	22,402.	2,692.	7,974.
12 Advertising and promotion.				
13 Office expenses.				
14 Information technology.				
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	18,937.	16,286.	977.	1,674.
17 Travel.	4,909.	3,258.	1.	1,650.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	2,254.	1,115.		1,139.
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	258.	240.		18.
23 Insurance.	6,915.	5,905.	372.	638.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>DUES & FEES</u>	14,394.	12,519.	1,835.	40.
b <u>SUPPLIES</u>	13,632.	12,084.	594.	954.
c <u>IN-KIND DONATIONS</u>	13,619.	4,226.	2,900.	6,493.
d <u>HOST FEES</u>	12,786.	12,786.		
e All other expenses.	13,484.	11,176.	358.	1,950.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	356,048.	278,533.	32,183.	45,332.
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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	173,036.	1	62,803.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	137,564.	2	193,577.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	63,211.	4	43,710.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	2,039.	8	922.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,888.	9	4,486.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,986,726.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 9,019.		
		1,972,605.	10c	1,977,707.
	11 Investments — publicly traded securities	555,534.	11	625,103.
	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	600.	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,905,877.	16	2,908,908.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	18,687.	17	18,006.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	18,687.	26	18,006.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	2,277,361.	27	2,280,348.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	609,829.	28	610,554.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	2,887,190.	33	2,890,902.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,905,877.	34	2,908,908.

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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	374,569.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	356,048.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	18,521.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,887,190.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-14,809.
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 in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,890,902.

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: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
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?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
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 in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST

Employer identification number

77-0566099

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

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

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
- 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).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 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		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(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) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(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 five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here .						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2015. 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. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3% support test – 2014. 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. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2015. 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. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2014. 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. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
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. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)	3,985,901.	273,386.	531,258.	572,057.	351,507.	5,714,109.
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.	42,951.	6,073.	17,603.	40,873.	19,148.	126,648.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513.						0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.						0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						0.
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5.	4,028,852.	279,459.	548,861.	612,930.	370,655.	5,840,757.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons.	74,536.	15,492.	21,595.	18,560.	0.	130,183.
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.	49,100.	183,548.	258,458.	0.	491,106.
c Add lines 7a and 7b.	74,536.	64,592.	205,143.	277,018.	0.	621,289.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						5,219,468.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.	4,028,852.	279,459.	548,861.	612,930.	370,655.	5,840,757.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.	12,041.	15,496.	23,775.	12,763.	9,587.	73,662.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						0.
c Add lines 10a and 10b.	12,041.	15,496.	23,775.	12,763.	9,587.	73,662.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						0.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	4,040,893.	294,955.	572,636.	625,693.	380,242.	5,914,419.
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	15	88.25 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	88.70 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	17	1.25 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.	18	1.26 %

- 19a 33-1/3% support tests – 2015.** 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 – 2014.** 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 in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of 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? 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.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) below.		
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)? If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ('foreign supported organization')? If 'Yes' and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.		
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)? 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.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) 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).		
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? If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (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? If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
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))? If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI		
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)? If 'Yes,' answer 10b below.		
b Did the organization, have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

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 in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If 'Yes' to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI	11c	

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's 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 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 in (2), 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 <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		Yes	No
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 in (a) 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 (a) and (b) 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? 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 November 20, 1970. **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 (explain in detail in Part VI):		
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 1-1/2% 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 .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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.....	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity.....	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations.....	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets.....	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required).....	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.....	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.....	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.....	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6.....	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount.....	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)

	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6.....			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required – see instructions).....			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.....			
e From 2014.....			
f Total of lines 3a through e.....			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years.....			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount.....			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions).....			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.....			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years.....			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount.....			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.....			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).....			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).....			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c.....			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.....			
d Excess from 2014.....			
e Excess from 2015.....			

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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.)

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Schedule B
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Department of the Treasury
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Schedule of Contributors

► **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**
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2015

Name of the organization

EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST

Employer identification number

77-0566099

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

- ☒ 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

- ☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ► \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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.

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

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' 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).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 16
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b 6,010
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, 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 ► 1

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 ► 80

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ 12,000.

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

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) 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 SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$ _____

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

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibition

b ☐ Scholarly research

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

e ☐ Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1 a 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	1 c
d Additions during the year	1 d
e Distributions during the year	1 e
f Ending balance	1 f

2 a 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 on 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
1 a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ %

b Permanent endowment ☐ %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ☐ %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3 a 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)		
3a(ii)		
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
1 a Land		1,977,449.		1,977,449.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		9,277.	9,019.	258.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				1,977,707.

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Part VII Investments – Other Securities.

N/A

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)		
(I)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.) ..		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

N/A

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)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.) ..		

Part IX Other Assets.

N/A

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)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 15.)	

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.)	

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

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	401,765.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-14,809.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	36,332.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) SEE PART XIII	2d	5,673.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	27,196.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	374,569.
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	374,569.

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	398,053.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	36,332.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) SEE PART XIII	2d	5,673.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	42,005.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	356,048.
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	356,048.

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 X - FIN 48 FOOTNOTE

THE TRUST IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AND SECTION 23701(D) OF THE CALIFORNIA REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE. THE TRUST HAS ADOPTED THE ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE RELATED TO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS, AND HAS EVALUATED ITS TAX POSITIONS AND BELIEVES THAT ALL OF THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE TRUST IN ITS FEDERAL AND STATE EXEMPT ORGANIZATION TAX RETURNS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TO BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)**SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D****OTHER REVENUE INCLUDED IN F/S BUT NOT INCLUDED ON FORM 990**

FUNDRAISING EXPENSE.....	\$	5,673.
TOTAL	\$	<u>5,673.</u>

SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 2D**OTHER EXPENSES AND LOSSES PER AUDITED F/S**

FUNDRAISING EXPENSE.....	\$	5,673.
TOTAL	\$	<u>5,673.</u>

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SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations | e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | f <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants |
| c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations | g <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events |
| d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations | |

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

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

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						0.

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
		LAND AND LEGAC (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	(add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross receipts	88,924.			88,924.
	2 Less: Contributions	75,115.			75,115.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	13,809.			13,809.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment	2,406.			2,406.
	9 Other direct expenses	3,267.			3,267.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				5,673.
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				8,136.

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 column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross revenue				
DIRECT EXPENSES	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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: _____

10 a 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	13 a	%
b An outside facility	13 b	%

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

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15 a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.
- c** If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____.

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION MISSION

ESTABLISHED IN 2001, EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST (ESLT) WORKS WITH WILLING LANDOWNERS TO PRESERVE VITAL LANDS IN THE EASTERN SIERRA REGION FOR THEIR SCENIC, AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL, RECREATIONAL, HISTORICAL, AND WATERSHED VALUES. ESLT RECOGNIZES THAT THE LAND WE SHARE HAS LONG BEEN USED IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, AND WE WORK TO PRESERVE A HEALTHY BALANCE OF USES – FROM RANCHING TO HIKING, WILDLIFE HABITATS TO FAVORITE FISHING SPOTS – THAT CAN BE SUSTAINED FOREVER, ENSURING A STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

ESLT WORKS TO HELP FAMILIES IN THE FACE OF PRESSURES TO SUBDIVIDE THEIR WORKING FARMS AND RANCHES, WE WORK WITH LANDOWNERS TO PROTECT THE REGION'S CRITICAL HABITATS, WE WORK TO OFFER THE ENTIRE EASTERN SIERRA COMMUNITY, RESIDENTS AND VISITORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OUR TREASURED LANDS, WILDLIFE AND A RURAL HERITAGE THAT HEARKENS BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE GREAT AMERICAN FRONTIER.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ESTABLISHED IN 2001, EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST (ESLT) WORKS TO PERMANENTLY SAFEGUARD THE EASTERN SIERRA'S TREASURED LANDSCAPES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THROUGH CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS WITH WILLING LANDOWNERS, WE PROTECT EASTERN SIERRA LANDS FOR THEIR SCENIC, AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL, RECREATIONAL, HISTORIC, AND WATERSHED VALUES.

IN OUR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY, ESLT HAS PROTECTED NEARLY 10,500 ACRES OF CRITICALLY-IMPORTANT WILDLIFE HABITAT, SCENIC MARVELS, AND AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES AGAINST THE THREAT OF POORLY-PLANNED DEVELOPMENT THROUGH OUR WORKING FARMS AND RANCHES AND CRITICAL HABITATS PROGRAMS. AND THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM, WE OFFER PEOPLE OF ALL AGES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH THE LAND,

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ENCOURAGING A SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP IN RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE.

IN 2015, OUR LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM (WORKING FARMS AND RANCHES, CRITICAL HABITATS AND STEWARDSHIP; \$175,810.74) WORKED WITH THE BI-STATE LOCAL AREA WORKING GROUP TO HELP PROTECT THE GREATER BI-STATE SAGE GROUSE THROUGH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON WORKING RANCHES IN PRIME HABITAT AREA. ESLT RECEIVED ITS LARGEST SINGLE-AWARD FROM NATIONAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICES FOR APPROXIMATELY \$4,000,000 AND APPROXIMATELY \$1,000,000 FROM CALIFORNIA'S STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCILS NEW SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM TO PURCHASE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON SCEIRINE POINT RANCH IN BRIDGEPORT VALLEY, CA.; THIS PROJECT IS PLANNED TO CLOSE IN SUMMER OF 2016. ESLT ALSO ORGANIZED TWELVE VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP DAYS HELPING TO REMOVE INVASIVE WEEDS, BITTERBRUSH PROTECTION AND RIVER AND HIGHWAY CLEANUPS. RESTORATION AND STEWARDSHIP BECAME A SPECIAL FOCUS OF ESLT'S PRIORITIES IN 2015 AFTER THE ROUND FIRE BURNED NEARLY 7,000 ACRES, INCLUDING FOUR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND ESLT'S OWN SWALL WILDLIFE PRESERVE.

ESLT'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM HELPED BRING LAND ETHIC AND CONSERVATION CONCEPTS TO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE BROWN BAG LUNCH (A FREE NOON-TIME GUEST SPEAKER SERIES), OUR SUNFLOWER GARDEN PROJECT (LOCAL THIRD-GRADERS LEARN ABOUT POLLINATORS, FOOD SYSTEMS, AND LOCAL FOOD) AND OUR EASTSIDE POLLINATOR GARDEN PROJECT (A CERTIFICATION PROCESS TO CREATE POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY GARDENS WITH NATIVE PLANTS TO CONSERVE WATER). OVER 500 PEOPLE LEARNED FIRST-HAND ABOUT CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN THE EASTERN SIERRA THROUGH THIS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. (\$96,314.12)

OUR LANDS & LEGACY BENEFIT EVENT, WITH THE DINNER HOSTED BY MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN SKI AREA, INCLUDED FIELDS TRIPS TO CONWAY RANCH AND THE GREEN CREEK POWERHOUSE PRESERVE.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THIS ANNUAL EVENT RAISED NEARLY \$90,000 TO HELP WITH RESTORATION, STEWARDSHIP AND GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES.

OUR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM (\$42,740.15) HELPED ENGAGE OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTS TO KEEP THEM EDUCATED ABOUT HOW ESLT IS ACCOMPLISHING ITS MISSION TO PRESERVE A HEALTHY BALANCE OF USES THAT CAN BE SUSTAINED IN PERPETUITY, ENSURING A STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. A LAND TRUST CAN'T SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM—BUT BY WORKING SIDE BY SIDE TODAY, WE CAN MAKE GREAT STRIDES TOWARDS PRESERVING CALIFORNIA'S "WILD SIDE" FOREVER.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS

THE TAX RETURNS ARE PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM. AFTER COMPLETION OF SAID RETURNS, THE ORGANIZATION IS SENT A DRAFT OF THE TAX RETURNS TO BE REVIEWED AND EXAMINED. THE ORGANIZATION DISTRIBUTES COPIES OF THE COMPLETE RETURNS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF ALL ITEMS ARE FOUND TO BE ACCEPTABLE, AN AUTHORIZATION IS SIGNED AND PROVIDED TO THE OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM TO PROCESS, SIGN AND PROVIDE COPIES OF THE RETURNS TO BE FILED (PAPER OR ELECTRONICALLY) WITH THE DESIGNATED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. THE TAX RETURNS ARE THEN SIGNED BY THE ORGANIZATION, STAMPED WITH CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT AND TIMELY PLACED IN THE MAIL FOR FILING, OR THE FORM 8879 IS PROVIDED TO THE OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM ALLOWING ELECTRONIC FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - EXPLANATION OF MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS

EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO REVIEW THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS. ALL BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBER MUST COMPLY WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND SIGN A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. ALSO, STAFF MEMBERS MUST REVIEW AND SIGN THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY EACH YEAR. THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONITOR ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS AND DECIDE IF A CONFLICT DOES EXIST.

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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS - CEO & TOP MANAGEMENT

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER) DO AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF, AND WITH, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED). THE COMMITTEE DOES AN INFORMAL SURVEY OF ED SALARIES IN THE REGION, AND DEPENDING ON ESLT'S ED'S PERFORMANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS A RAISE MAY BE OFFERED.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - OTHER ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.

THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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Voucher at bottom of page.

**DO NOT MAIL A PAPER COPY OF THE CORPORATE OR EXEMPT ORGANIZATION
TAX RETURN WITH THE PAYMENT VOUCHER.**

If the amount of payment is zero, do not mail this voucher.

WHERE TO FILE:

Using black or blue ink, make check or money order payable to the 'Franchise Tax Board.' Write the corporation number or FEIN and '2015 FTB 3586' on the check or money order. Detach voucher below. Enclose, but **do not** staple, payment with voucher and mail to:

**FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 942857
SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0531**

Make all checks or money orders payable in U.S. dollars and drawn against a U.S. financial institution.

WHEN TO FILE:

**Fiscal year – See instructions.
Calendar year corporations – File and Pay by March 15, 2016.
Calendar year exempt organizations – File and Pay by May 16, 2016.**

When the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline to file and pay without penalty is extended to the next business day.

Due to the Emancipation Day holiday on April 16, 2016, tax returns filed and payments mailed or submitted on April 18, 2016, will be considered timely.

ONLINE SERVICES:

Corporations can make payments online with Web Pay for Businesses. After a one-time online registration, corporations can make an immediate payment or schedule payments up to a year in advance. Go to **ftb.ca.gov** for more information.

----- DETACH HERE ----- IF NO PAYMENT IS DUE, DO NOT MAIL THIS VOUCHER -----

CAUTION: You may be required to pay electronically, see instructions.

TAXABLE YEAR

2015

**Payment Voucher for Corporations and
Exempt Organizations e-filed Returns**

CALIFORNIA FORM

3586 (e-file)

2329783 EAST 77-0566099 000000000000 15 FORM 3
TYB 01-01-15 TYE 12-31-15
EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST
THE ORGANIZATION
PO BOX 755
BISHOP CA 93515

760-873-4554

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT 10.

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6181156

CACA1201L 12/18/15 FTB 3586 2015

2015

California Exempt Organization
Annual Information Return

199

Calendar Year 2015 or fiscal year beginning (mm/dd/yyyy), and ending (mm/dd/yyyy)

Corporation/Organization name

EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST

Additional information. See instructions.

California corporation number

2329783

FEIN

77-0566099

Street address (suite or room)

PO BOX 755

City

BISHOP

Foreign country name

State

CA

Foreign province/state/county

ZIP code

93515

Foreign postal code

A First Return ☐ Yes ☒ No
B Amended Return ☐ Yes ☒ No
C IRC Section 4947(a)(1) trust ☐ Yes ☒ No
D Final Information Return?
☐ Dissolved ☐ Surrendered (Withdrawn) ☐ Merged/Reorganized
Enter date (mm/dd/yyyy) ☐
E Check accounting method:
1 ☐ Cash 2 ☒ Accrual 3 ☐ Other
F Federal return filed? 1 ☐ 990T 2 ☐ 990-PF 3 ☐ Sch H (990)
4 ☐ Other 990 series
G Is this a group filing? See instructions ☐ Yes ☒ No
H Is this organization in a group exemption? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If 'Yes,' what is the parent's name?
I Did the organization have any changes to its guidelines not reported to the FTB? See instructions ☐ Yes ☒ No

J If exempt under R&TC Section 23701d, has the organization engaged in political activities?
See instructions ☐ Yes ☒ No
K Is the organization exempt under R&TC Section 23701g? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If 'Yes,' enter the gross receipts from nonmember sources \$
L If organization is exempt under R&TC Section 23701d and meets the filing fee exception, check box.
No filing fee is required ☐
M Is the organization a Limited Liability Company? ☐ Yes ☒ No
N Did the organization file Form 100 or Form 109 to report taxable income? ☐ Yes ☒ No
O Is the organization under audit by the IRS or has the IRS audited in a prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
P Is federal Form 1023/1024 pending? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Date filed with IRS

CACAT112L 12/31/15

Part I Complete Part I unless not required to file this form. See General Instructions B and C.

Receipts and Revenues	1	Gross sales or receipts from other sources. From Side 2, Part II, line 8.	1	28,735.
	2	Gross dues and assessments from members and affiliates.	2	
	3	Gross contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received. SEE SCH. B.	3	351,507.
	4	Total gross receipts for filing requirement test. Add line 1 through line 3. This line must be completed. If the result is less than \$50,000, see General Instruction B.	4	380,242.
	5	Cost of goods sold.	5	
	6	Cost or other basis, and sales expenses of assets sold.	6	
	7	Total costs. Add line 5 and line 6.	7	
	8	Total gross income. Subtract line 7 from line 4.	8	380,242.
Expenses	9	Total expenses and disbursements. From Side 2, Part II, line 18.	9	361,721.
	10	Excess of receipts over expenses and disbursements. Subtract line 9 from line 8.	10	18,521.
Filing Fee	11	Total payments.	11	
	12	Use tax. See General Instruction K.	12	
	13	Payments balance. If line 11 is more than line 12, subtract line 12 from line 11.	13	
	14	Use tax balance. If line 12 is more than line 11, subtract line 11 from line 12.	14	
	15	Filing fee \$10 or \$25. See General Instruction F.	15	10.
	16	Penalties and Interest. See General Instruction J.	16	
	17	Balance due. Add line 12, line 15, and line 16. Then subtract line 11 from the result.	17	10.
Sign Here	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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Signature of officer	EXEC DIRECTOR	Date	Telephone 760-873-4554
	Preparer's signature		Date	PTIN P00495614
	Firm's name (or yours, if self-employed) and address	HEALY AND ASSOCIATES 1200 CONCORD AVE STE 250 CONCORD, CA 94520-4939	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	FEIN 81-1489821
				Telephone (925) 603-0800
May the FTB discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

Part II Organizations with gross receipts of more than \$50,000 and private foundations
regardless of amount of gross receipts – complete Part II or furnish substitute information.

Receipts from Other Sources	1	Gross sales or receipts from all business activities. See instructions.	•	1	
	2	Interest	•	2	5,939.
	3	Dividends	•	3	3,648.
	4	Gross rents	•	4	
	5	Gross royalties	•	5	
	6	Gross amount received from sale of assets (See instructions)	•	6	
	7	Other income. Attach schedule. SEE STATEMENT 1	•	7	19,148.
	8	Total gross sales or receipts from other sources. Add line 1 through line 7. Enter here and on Side 1, Part I, line 1.	•	8	28,735.
	9	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid. Attach schedule.	•	9	
	10	Disbursements to or for members	•	10	
Expenses and Disbursements	11	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees. Attach schedule. SEE STMT 2	•	11	74,500.
	12	Other salaries and wages	•	12	101,837.
	13	Interest	•	13	
	14	Taxes	•	14	15,791.
	15	Rents	•	15	18,937.
	16	Depreciation and depletion (See instructions)	•	16	258.
	17	Other Expenses and Disbursements. Attach schedule. SEE STATEMENT 3	•	17	150,398.
	18	Total expenses and disbursements. Add line 9 through line 17. Enter here and on Side 1, Part I, line 9.	•	18	361,721.

Schedule L Balance Sheet		Beginning of taxable year		End of taxable year	
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Assets					
1	Cash		310,600.	•	256,380.
2	Net accounts receivable		63,211.	•	43,710.
3	Net notes receivable			•	
4	Inventories		2,039.	•	922.
5	Federal and state government obligations			•	
6	Investments in other bonds			•	
7	Investments in stock		555,534.	•	625,103.
8	Mortgage loans			•	
9	Other investments. Attach schedule.			•	
10 a	Depreciable assets	9,277.		9,277.	
b	Less accumulated depreciation	8,762.	515.	9,019.	258.
11	Land		1,972,090.	•	1,977,449.
12	Other assets. Attach schedule.		1,888.	•	5,086.
13	Total assets		2,905,877.		2,908,908.
Liabilities and net worth					
14	Accounts payable		18,687.	•	18,006.
15	Contributions, gifts, or grants payable			•	
16	Bonds and notes payable			•	
17	Mortgages payable			•	
18	Other liabilities. Attach schedule.				
19	Capital stock or principal fund		2,887,190.	•	2,890,902.
20	Paid-in or capital surplus. Attach reconciliation.			•	
21	Retained earnings or income fund			•	
22	Total liabilities and net worth		2,905,877.		2,908,908.

Schedule M-1 Reconciliation of income per books with income per return

Do not complete this schedule if the amount on Schedule L, line 13, column (d), is less than \$50,000.

1	Net income per books	•	18,521.	7	Income recorded on books this year not included in this return. Attach schedule	•	
2	Federal income tax	•		8	Deductions in this return not charged against book income this year. Attach schedule.	•	
3	Excess of capital losses over capital gains	•		9	Total. Add line 7 and line 8		
4	Income not recorded on books this year. Attach schedule.	•		10	Net income per return. Subtract line 9 from line 6.		18,521.
5	Expenses recorded on books this year not deducted in this return. Attach schedule	•					
6	Total. Add line 1 through line 5.		18,521.				

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

CALIFORNIA COPY
Schedule of Contributors

► **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**
► Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Name of the organization

EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST

Employer identification number

77-0566099

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

- ☒ 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

- ☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ► \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

2015 Corporation Depreciation and Amortization**3885**Attach to Form 100 or Form 100W. **FORM 3885 ONLY**

Corporation name

California corporation number

EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST**2329783****Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under IRC Section 179**

1	Maximum deduction under IRC Section 179 for California.....	1	\$25,000
2	Total cost of IRC Section 179 property placed in service.....	2	
3	Threshold cost of IRC Section 179 property before reduction in limitation.....	3	\$200,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-.....	4	
5	Dollar limitation for taxable year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-.....	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property (elected IRC Section 179 cost).....	7	
8	Total elected cost of IRC Section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), line 6 and line 7.....	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8.....	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from prior taxable years.....	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5.....	11	
12	IRC Section 179 expense deduction. Add line 9 and line 10, but do not enter more than line 11.....	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2016. Add line 9 and line 10, less line 12.....	13	

Part II Depreciation and Election of Additional First Year Depreciation Deduction Under R&TC Section 24356

14	(a) Description of property	(b) Date acquired (mm/dd/yyyy)	(c) Cost or other basis	(d) Depreciation allowed or allowable in earlier years	(e) Depreciation method	(f) Life or rate	(g) Depreciation for this year	(h) Additional first year depreciation
	COMPUTER EQUIPM	VARIOUS	4,067.	4,067.	S/L	5		
	OFFICE EQUIPMEN	10/01/2009	3,922.	3,922.	S/L	5		
	CAMERA EQUIPMEN	3/01/2012	1,288.	773.	S/L	5	257.	
	CROWLEY LAND	7/01/2008	833,500.			0		
	SWALL MEADOWS	12/31/2011	727,914.			0		
15	Add the amounts in column (g) and column (h). The total of column (h) may not exceed \$2,000. See instructions for line 14, column (h).....						15	257.

Part III Summary

16	Total: If the corporation is electing: IRC Section 179 expense, add the amount on line 12 and line 15, column (g) or Additional first year depreciation under R&TC Section 24356, add the amounts on line 15, columns (g) and (h) or Depreciation (if no election is made), enter the amount from line 15, column (g).....	16	
17	Total depreciation claimed for federal purposes from federal Form 4562, line 22.....	17	
18	Depreciation adjustment. If line 17 is greater than line 16, enter the difference here and on Form 100 or Form 100W, Side 1, line 6. If line 17 is less than line 16, enter the difference here and on Form 100 or Form 100W, Side 2, line 12. (If California depreciation amounts are used to determine net income before state adjustments on Form 100 or Form 100W, no adjustment is necessary.).....	18	

Part IV Amortization

19	(a) Description of property	(b) Date acquired (mm/dd/yyyy)	(c) Cost or other basis	(d) Amortization allowed or allowable in earlier years	(e) R&TC section (see instr)	(f) Period or percentage	(g) Amortization for this year
20	Total. Add the amounts in column (g).....						20
21	Total amortization claimed for federal purposes from federal Form 4562, line 44.....						21
22	Amortization adjustment. If line 21 is greater than line 20, enter the difference here and on Form 100 or Form 100W, Side 1, line 6. If line 21 is less than line 20, enter the difference here and on Form 100 or Form 100W, Side 2, line 12.....						22

2015 Corporation Depreciation and Amortization**3885**Attach to Form 100 or Form 100W. **FORM 3885 ONLY**

Corporation name

California corporation number

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4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-.....	4	
5	Dollar limitation for taxable year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-.....	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property (elected IRC Section 179 cost).....	7	
8	Total elected cost of IRC Section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), line 6 and line 7.....	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8.....	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from prior taxable years.....	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5.....	11	
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13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2016. Add line 9 and line 10, less line 12.....	13	

Part II Depreciation and Election of Additional First Year Depreciation Deduction Under R&TC Section 24356

14	(a) Description of property	(b) Date acquired (mm/dd/yyyy)	(c) Cost or other basis	(d) Depreciation allowed or allowable in earlier years	(e) Depreciation method	(f) Life or rate	(g) Depreciation for this year	(h) Additional first year depreciation
	GREEN CREEK	12/31/2013	195,000.			0		
	BLACK LAKE	12/31/2014	203,500.			0		
	LAND IMPROVEMEN	12/31/2014	17,535.			0		
15	Add the amounts in column (g) and column (h). The total of column (h) may not exceed \$2,000. See instructions for line 14, column (h).....						15	

Part III Summary

16	Total: If the corporation is electing: IRC Section 179 expense, add the amount on line 12 and line 15, column (g) or Additional first year depreciation under R&TC Section 24356, add the amounts on line 15, columns (g) and (h) or Depreciation (if no election is made), enter the amount from line 15, column (g).....	16	
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18	Depreciation adjustment. If line 17 is greater than line 16, enter the difference here and on Form 100 or Form 100W, Side 1, line 6. If line 17 is less than line 16, enter the difference here and on Form 100 or Form 100W, Side 2, line 12. (If California depreciation amounts are used to determine net income before state adjustments on Form 100 or Form 100W, no adjustment is necessary.).....	18	

Part IV Amortization

19	(a) Description of property	(b) Date acquired (mm/dd/yyyy)	(c) Cost or other basis	(d) Amortization allowed or allowable in earlier years	(e) R&TC section (see instr)	(f) Period or percentage	(g) Amortization for this year
20	Total. Add the amounts in column (g).....						20
21	Total amortization claimed for federal purposes from federal Form 4562, line 44.....						21
22	Amortization adjustment. If line 21 is greater than line 20, enter the difference here and on Form 100 or Form 100W, Side 1, line 6. If line 21 is less than line 20, enter the difference here and on Form 100 or Form 100W, Side 2, line 12.....						22

EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST

77-0566099

STATEMENT 1
FORM 199, PART II, LINE 7
OTHER INCOME

INCOME FROM SPECIAL EVENTS.....	\$	17,382.
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE.....		1,766.
TOTAL	\$	<u>19,148.</u>

STATEMENT 2
FORM 199, PART II, LINE 11
COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES

CURRENT OFFICERS:

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED	COMPEN- SATION	CONTRI- BUTION TO EBP & DC	EXPENSE ACCOUNT/ OTHER
ROBERT GARDNER PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	VP & PRESIDENT 1.00	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
TONY TAYLOR PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
RANDY KELLER PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	SECRETARY 1.00	0.	0.	0.
BYNG HUNT PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	TREASURER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
TIM BARTLEY PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
JAN HUNEWILL PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
MARIE PATRICK PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
JOANNE PARSONS PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
WILL RICHMOND PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.

EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST

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STATEMENT 2 (CONTINUED)

FORM 199, PART II, LINE 11

COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES

CURRENT OFFICERS:

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED	COMPEN- SATION	CONTRI- BUTION TO EBP & DC	EXPENSE ACCOUNT/ OTHER
KAY OGDEN PO BOX 755 BISHOP, CA 93515	EXEC DIRECTOR 40.00	\$ 74,500.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
TOTAL		\$ 74,500.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.

STATEMENT 3

FORM 199, PART II, LINE 17

OTHER EXPENSES

CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, AND MEETINGS	\$ 2,254.
DUES & FEES	14,394.
EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE	603.
HOST FEES	12,786.
IN-KIND DONATIONS	13,619.
INSURANCE	6,915.
OTHER	1,012.
OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	29,664.
OTHER FEES	33,068.
OUTREACH	2,367.
POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	981.
PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS	3,397.
SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES	5,673.
SUPPLIES	13,632.
TRAVEL	4,909.
UTILITIES	5,124.
TOTAL	\$ 150,398.

STATEMENT 4

FORM 199, SCHEDULE L, LINE 7

INVESTMENTS IN STOCKS

CHASE	\$ 625,103.
TOTAL	\$ 625,103.

STATEMENT 5

FORM 199, SCHEDULE L, LINE 12

OTHER ASSETS

DEPOSIT	600.
PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEFERRED CHARGES	4,486.
TOTAL	\$ 5,086.

IN

MAIL TO:
Registry of Charitable Trusts
P.O. Box 903447
Sacramento, CA 94203-4470
Telephone: (916) 445-2021

WEBSITE ADDRESS:
<http://ag.ca.gov/charities/>

ANNUAL REGISTRATION RENEWAL FEE REPORT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA

Sections 12586 and 12587, California Government Code
11 Cal. Code Regs. sections 301-307, 311 and 312

Failure to submit this report annually no later than four months and fifteen days after the end of the organization's accounting period may result in the loss of tax exemption and the assessment of a minimum tax of \$800, plus interest, and/or fines or filing penalties as defined in Government Code Section 12586.1. IRS extensions will be honored.



State Charity Registration Number <u>119768</u>	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Change of address <input type="checkbox"/> Amended report
EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST <small>Name of Organization</small>	Corporate or Organization No. <u>2329783</u> Federal Employer I.D. No. <u>77-0566099</u>
PO BOX 755 <small>Address (Number and Street)</small>	
BISHOP, CA 93515 <small>City or Town State ZIP Code</small>	

ANNUAL REGISTRATION RENEWAL FEE SCHEDULE (11 Cal. Code Regs. sections 301-307, 311 and 312) Make Check Payable to Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts

Gross Annual Revenue	Fee	Gross Annual Revenue	Fee	Gross Annual Revenue	Fee
Less than \$25,000	0	Between \$100,001 and \$250,000	\$50	Between \$1,000,001 and \$10 million	\$150
Between \$25,000 and \$100,000	\$25	Between \$250,001 and \$1 million	\$75	Between \$10,000,001 and \$50 million	\$225
				Greater than \$50 million	\$300

PART A – ACTIVITIES

For your most recent full accounting period (beginning 1/01/15 ending 12/31/15) list:
 Gross annual revenue \$ 374,569. Total assets \$ 2,908,908.

PART B – STATEMENTS REGARDING ORGANIZATION DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS REPORT

Note: If you answer 'yes' to any of the questions below, you must attach a separate sheet providing an explanation and details for each 'yes' response. Please review RRF-1 instructions for information required.

	Yes	No
1 During this reporting period, were there any contracts, loans, leases or other financial transactions between the organization and any officer, director or trustee thereof either directly or with an entity in which any such officer, director or trustee had any financial interest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 During this reporting period, was there any theft, embezzlement, diversion or misuse of the organization's charitable property or funds?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 During this reporting period, did non-program expenditures exceed 50% of gross revenues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 During this reporting period, were any organization funds used to pay any penalty, fine or judgment? If you filed a Form 4720 with the Internal Revenue Service, attach a copy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 During this reporting period, were the services of a commercial fundraiser or fundraising counsel for charitable purposes used? If 'yes,' provide an attachment listing the name, address, and telephone number of the service provider.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 During this reporting period, did the organization receive any governmental funding? If so, provide an attachment listing the name of the agency, mailing address, contact person, and telephone number. SEE STATEMENT 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 During this reporting period, did the organization hold a raffle for charitable purposes? If 'yes,' provide an attachment indicating the number of raffles and the date(s) they occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Does the organization conduct a vehicle donation program? If 'yes,' provide an attachment indicating whether the program is operated by the charity or whether the organization contracts with a commercial fundraiser for charitable purposes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9 Did your organization have prepared an audited financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for this reporting period?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Organization's area code and telephone number 760-873-4554

Organization's e-mail address KAY@ESLT.ORG

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined this report, including accompanying documents, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

KAY OGDEN

Printed Name

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Date

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