

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2017

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning **2017**, and ending _____

B Check if applicable:	C	D Employer identification number
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	The Sierra Fund	68-0485725
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	103 Providence Mine Rd #101	E Telephone number
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Nevada City, CA 95959	(530) 265-8454
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		G Gross receipts \$ 3,155,564.
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	F Name and address of principal officer: Elizabeth Martin	H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Same As C Above	If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)
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	H(c) Group exemption number ▶
J Website: ▶	www.sierrafund.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

Part I Summary

	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>See Schedule O</u>			
Activities & Governance	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		7
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4		7
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5		11
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6		0
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a		0.
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b		0.
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,592,786.	Prior Year	3,036,107.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	154,745.	Current Year	107,874.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	10,874.		11,583.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	19,852.		
	12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,778,257.		3,155,564.
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	11,000.	
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)		568,328.		658,880.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)				
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 38,780.				
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		1,225,227.		2,387,573.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,804,555.		3,105,953.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-26,298.		49,611.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,170,049.	Beginning of Current Year	1,670,494.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	920,417.	End of Year	1,342,091.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	249,632.		328,403.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date
	Elizabeth Martin	CEO
	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
	Jennifer M. Jensen, CPA	Jennifer M. Jensen, CPA			P00544955
	Firm's name ▶	Jensen Smith Certified Public Accountants, Inc.			
	Firm's address ▶	661 5th St, Ste 101 PO Box 160 Lincoln, CA 95648			
				Firm's EIN ▶	472319412
				Phone no.	(916) 434-1662

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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 \$ 2,455,299. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Sierra Environmental Resiliency Program: TSF's efforts to assess and restore ecosystems of the forests, meadows, and rivers impacted by the Gold Rush through projects that demonstrate multiple benefits such as improving water quality, water storage and ecosystem resiliency in the region, especially in light of predicted climate change impacts on the Sierra Nevada.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 506,144. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Sierra Community Resiliency Program: TSF's work to improve overall community health in the Sierra region by identifying and addressing the health issues associated with the impacts of legacy mining and preventing public exposure to mining contaminants, in addition to engaging under-represented and disadvantaged community members in projects that improve their access to clean water and safe fish consumption choices.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 62,297. including grants of \$ 59,500.) (Revenue \$)

TSF's capacity building program which provides philanthropic services and strategic assistance to support organizations throughout the Sierra region. The program also serves to increase and organize public and private investment to protect and restore the natural resources and communities of the Sierra Nevada through advocating directly for funding and by building the visibility of the region while coordinating effective collaboration among Sierra stakeholders.

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 3,023,740.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		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)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III		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	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. 1 a 16		
1 b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. 1 b 0		
1 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 11		
2 b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? 3 a		X
3 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No' to line 3a, 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
4 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
5 b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5 b		X
5 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
6 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).		
7 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
7 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7 b		
7 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
7 d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year. 7 d		
7 e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7 e		X
7 f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7 f		X
7 g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7 g		
7 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		X
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9 a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? 9 a		X
9 b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? 9 b		X
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12. 10 a		
10 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:		
11 a	Gross income from members or shareholders. 11 a		
11 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		
12 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.		
13 a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O. 13 a		
13 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		
13 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
14 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

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. 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.		
1 b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent.		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
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?		X
7 b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8 a	The governing body?	X	
8 b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.		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?		X
10 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?		
11 a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11 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.	X	
12 b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12 c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done.	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15 a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official.	X	
15 b	Other officers or key employees of the organization. If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	X	
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?		X
16 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (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:
 Beth Bordner 103 Providence Mine Rd Nevada City CA 95959 (530) 265-8454

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

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

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

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) Timothy Seward Chairman	0 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) John Regan Treasurer	0 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) Alison Harvey Secretary	0 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) Adrienne Alvord Director	0 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) Robert Meacher Director	0 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) Elizabeth Martin CEO	40 0	X		X			106,330.	0.	0.	0.
(7) Gary Parsons Director	0 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) Patty Brissenden Director	0 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) -----										
(10) -----										
(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	Former			
(15) -----										
(16) -----										
(17) -----										
(18) -----										
(19) -----										
(20) -----										
(21) -----										
(22) -----										
(23) -----										
(24) -----										
(25) -----										
1 b Sub-total							106,330.	0.	0.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0.	0.	0.	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							106,330.	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 ▶ 1

	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>	3	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>	4	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>	5	X

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns.....	1 a				
	b Membership dues.....	1 b				
	c Fundraising events.....	1 c				
	d Related organizations.....	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions)....	1 e	2,307,227.			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above...	1 f	728,880.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		610.			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f.....		3,036,107.			
Program Service Revenue	Business Code					
	2 a <u>Fee for Service</u>		70,838.	70,838.		
	b <u>Conferences</u>		23,231.	23,231.		
	c <u>Management fees</u>		13,805.	13,805.		
	d.....					
	e.....					
	f All other program service revenue....					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.....		107,874.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts).....		11,583.		11,583.	
	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 \$_____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18.....	a				
b Less: direct expenses.....	b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events.....						
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.....		3,155,564.	107,874.	0.	11,583.	

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.	59,500.	59,500.		
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.	106,330.	96,760.	4,785.	4,785.
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.	443,756.	404,243.	19,706.	19,807.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	13,433.	12,224.	604.	605.
9 Other employee benefits.	48,738.	44,352.	2,193.	2,193.
10 Payroll taxes.	46,623.	42,427.	2,098.	2,098.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.	13,805.	13,805.		
b Legal.	1,541.	1,541.		
c Accounting.	790.		790.	
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion.				
13 Office expenses.	18,493.	15,021.	2,475.	997.
14 Information technology.				
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	64,207.	54,135.	4,796.	5,276.
17 Travel.	25,295.	25,295.		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.				
20 Interest.	71.		71.	
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	231.		231.	
23 Insurance.	3,768.	2,895.	468.	405.
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 Professional Services	2,212,275.	2,210,232.	1,003.	1,040.
b Program Event Meeting/Conferen	16,777.	15,879.	898.	
c Direct Program Costs	13,200.	12,511.	572.	117.
d Dues and Subscriptions	6,397.	4,753.	838.	806.
e All other expenses.	10,723.	8,167.	1,905.	651.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	3,105,953.	3,023,740.	43,433.	38,780.
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 Sheet

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

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing	59,159.	1	173,947.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	51,990.	2	53,160.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	774,274.	3	1,238,341.
	4	Accounts receivable, net	89,788.	4	6,095.
	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	15,000.	7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	200.	9	100.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	1,157.		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	501.	10c	656.
	11	Investments – publicly traded securities	174,008.	11	194,331.
	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	4,743.	15	3,864.
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,170,049.	16	1,670,494.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	665,691.	17	1,124,184.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	254,726.	19	167,907.
	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	50,000.
	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	920,417.	26	1,342,091.
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	-160,489.	27	-51,365.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	410,121.	28	379,768.
	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.	249,632.	33	328,403.	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,170,049.	34	1,670,494.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,155,564.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,105,953.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	49,611.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	249,632.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	17,390.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	11,770.
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	328,403.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O.		
2 a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2 b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2 c	If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		X
3 a	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
3 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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Form 990 (2017)

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.

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

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2017

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

The Sierra Fund

Employer identification number

68-0485725

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 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations: _____
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
				Yes	No		
(A)							
(B)							
(C)							
(D)							
(E)							
Total							

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(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 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test—2017. 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—2016. 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—2017. 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—2016. 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 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)	508,526.	1,103,893.	911,058.	1,592,786.	3,036,107.	7,152,370.
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			232,416.	154,745.	84,643.	471,804.
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.	508,526.	1,103,893.	1,143,474.	1,747,531.	3,120,750.	7,624,174.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						7,624,174.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	508,526.	1,103,893.	1,143,474.	1,747,531.	3,120,750.	7,624,174.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	26,071.	8,199.	1,937.	10,874.	11,583.	58,664.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0.
c Add lines 10a and 10b	26,071.	8,199.	1,937.	10,874.	11,583.	58,664.
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.) See Part VI	785.	1,305.	4,114.	19,852.	23,231.	49,287.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	535,382.	1,113,397.	1,149,525.	1,778,257.	3,155,564.	7,732,125.
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 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	98.60 %
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	98.05 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.76 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1.39 %

19a 33-1/3% support tests—2017. 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—2016. 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 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d 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 12a or 12b 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.		
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 Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

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

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (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 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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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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 2017 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-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required – explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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.)

Part III, Line 12 - Other Income

Nature and Source	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Other - event	\$ 23,231.	\$ 19,852.	\$ 4,114.	\$ 1,305.	\$ 785.
Total	<u>\$ 23,231.</u>	<u>\$ 19,852.</u>	<u>\$ 4,114.</u>	<u>\$ 1,305.</u>	<u>\$ 785.</u>

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017

Name of the organization

The Sierra Fund

Employer identification number

68-0485725

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. Don't 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 isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't 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 doesn't 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) (2017)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Rose Foundation 1970 Broadway Suite 600 Oakland, CA 94612	\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
2	James Irvine Foundation One Bush St Suite 800 San Francisco, CA 94104	\$ 200,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
3	True North Foundation PO Box 1177 Suite 332 Grass Valley, CA 95949	\$ 70,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
4	Wild Spaces 2 Pine Creek Rd Livingston, MT 59047	\$ 80,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	N/A		
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) \$ _____ N/A
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	N/A		

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

2017

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to at www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information

Open to Public Inspection

If the organization answered 'Yes,' on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered 'Yes,' on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered 'Yes,' on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (see instructions for definition of 'political campaign activities')
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____ 0.
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____ 0.
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4 a Was a correction made? Yes No
b If 'Yes,' describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities. ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities. ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b. ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-
(1)	-----			
(2)	-----			
(3)	-----			
(4)	-----			
(5)	-----			
(6)	-----			

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and 'limited control' provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term 'expenditures' means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1 a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns														
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
2 a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<i>For each 'Yes' response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.</i>			
1 See Part IV			
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?		X	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
c Media advertisements?		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X		15,000.
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities?		X	
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			15,000.
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912.			
c If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912.			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	1	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2		
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered 'No,' OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered 'Yes.'

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Part II-B - Description of Lobbying Activity

TSF's CEO, as part of her activities relating to TSF's research, education, outreach, conferences, and many other matters on an on-going basis, does on a regular basis talk to California state policy makers about issues pending in the state legislature or at regulatory agencies that relate directly to TSF's mission. None of the other employees at TSF are engaged in any sort of advocacy activities, and TSF does not

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Part II-B - Description of Lobbying Activity (continued)

incur any other expenses related to state lobbying. Travel expenses and time spent in activities that include talking directly with policy makers about specific legislature are carefully tracked. In 2017 she spent less than 10% of her time in what could be considered direct lobbying activities, and spent less than \$5,000 per quarter on time and travel expenses combined.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes questions about donor advised funds and their use.

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Form for Part II Conservation Easements, including questions about purpose, monitoring, and reporting.

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.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets, including questions about reporting.

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:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If 'Yes' on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		1,157.	501.	656.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				656.

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.

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	3,172,954.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments.....	2 a		17,390.
	b Donated services and use of facilities.....	2 b		
	c Recoveries of prior year grants.....	2 c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.).....	2 d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d.....		2 e	17,390.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1.....		3	3,155,564.
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.....	4 a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.).....	4 b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b.....		4 c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.).....		5	3,155,564.

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	3,105,953.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
	a Donated services and use of facilities.....	2 a		
	b Prior year adjustments.....	2 b		
	c Other losses.....	2 c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.).....	2 d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d.....		2 e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1.....		3	3,105,953.
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.....	4 a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.).....	4 b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b.....		4 c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.).....		5	3,105,953.

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.

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

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2017

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

Name of the organization The Sierra Fund

Employer identification number

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) <u>Green Corps</u> <u>143 E. State St #6</u> <u>Trenton, NJ 08608</u>	<u>23-2687791</u>	<u>501 (c) 3</u>	<u>6,000.</u>	<u>0.</u>			<u>General Support</u>
(2) -----							
(3) -----							
(4) -----							
(5) -----							
(6) -----							
(7) -----							
(8) -----							

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 1
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 0

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

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

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions With Interested Persons

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
			(1) Patty Brissenden									
(2)	Board Member											
(3)		Cash Flow Loan										
(4)			X		50,000.	50,000.		X	X		X	
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												
Total						▶ \$ 50,000.						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

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

Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

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

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

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
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Form 990, Part I, Line 1 - Organization Mission or Significant Activities

The Sierra Fund (TSF) is a non-profit community organization providing philanthropic stewardship and charitable services, as well as scientific research including data collection and analysis, to support environmentally healthy communities and restore ecosystem resiliency in the Sierra Nevada region. TSF partners with private donors, foundations, and public agencies to increase investment in the land, water, and human resources of the Sierra Nevada.

Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - Organization Mission

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Form 990 Review Process

All directors are provided with an electronic copy of the completed 990 with ample time for review prior to filing.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available

Upon request and on website

The Sierra Fund

68-0485725

No.	Description	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Cost/ Basis	Bus. Pct.	Cur 179/ SDA	Prior 179/ SDA/ Depr	Method	Life	Current Depr
Form 990/990-PF										
Furniture and Fixtures										
1	Cabinets & desk for offic	10/29/15		1,157			270	S/L	5	231
	Total Furniture and Fixtures			1,157		0	270			231
	Total Depreciation			1,157		0	270			231
	Grand Total Depreciation			1,157		0	270			231

The Sierra Fund

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No.	Description	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Cost/ Basis	Bus. Pct	Cur 179/ SDA	Prior 179/ SDA/ Depr.	Method	Life	Current Depr
Form 199										
Furniture and Fixtures										
1	Cabinets & desk for offic	10/29/15		1,157			270	S/L	5	231
	Total Furniture and Fixtures			1,157		0	270			231
	Total Depreciaton			1,157		0	270			231
	Grand Total Depreciation			1,157		0	270			231

California Exempt Organization Annual Information Return

Calendar Year 2017 or fiscal year beginning (mm/dd/yyyy) _____, and ending (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Corporation/Organization name: **THE SIERRA FUND** California corporation number: **2364703**

Additional information. See instructions. FEIN: **68-0485725**

Street address (suite or room): **103 PROVIDENCE MINE RD #101** PMB no. _____

City: **NEVADA CITY** State: **CA** Zip code: **95959**

Foreign country name: _____ Foreign province/state/county: _____ 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

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

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? If 'Yes,' enter the gross receipts from nonmember sources. \$ _____ Yes No

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? Date filed with IRS _____ Yes No

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

Receipts and Revenues	1	Gross sales or receipts from other sources. From Side 2, Part II, line 8	1	119,457.
	2	Gross dues and assessments from members and affiliates	2	
	3	Gross contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received. SEE SCH. B	3	3,036,107.
	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 Information B.	4	3,155,564.
	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	3,155,564.
Expenses	9	Total expenses and disbursements. From Side 2, Part II, line 18	9	3,105,953.
	10	Excess of receipts over expenses and disbursements. Subtract line 9 from line 8	10	49,611.
Filing Fee	11	Total payments	11	
	12	Use tax. See General Information 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 Information F	15	
	16	Penalties and Interest. See General Information J	16	
	17	Balance due. Add line 12, line 15, and line 16. Then subtract line 11 from the result	17	0.
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	Title	Date	Telephone
	JENNIFER M. JENSEN, CPA	CEO		(530) 265-8454
	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed	PTIN
	JENNIFER M. JENSEN, CPA		<input type="checkbox"/>	P00544955
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Firm's name (or yours, if self-employed) and address	FEIN		
	JENSEN SMITH CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, INC.	472319412		
	661 5TH ST, STE 101 PO BOX 160 LINCOLN, CA 95648	(916) 434-1662		
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	
	3	Dividends	●	3	4,055.
	4	Gross rents	●	4	
	5	Gross royalties	●	5	
	6	Gross amount received from sale of assets (See Instructions)	●	6	
	7	Other income. Attach schedule	●	7	115,402.
	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	119,457.
Expenses and Disbursements	9	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid. Attach schedule	●	9	59,500.
	10	Disbursements to or for members	●	10	
	11	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees. Attach schedule	●	11	106,330.
	12	Other salaries and wages	●	12	443,756.
	13	Interest	●	13	71.
	14	Taxes	●	14	46,623.
	15	Rents	●	15	64,207.
	16	Depreciation and depletion (See instructions)	●	16	231.
	17	Other Expenses and Disbursements. Attach schedule	●	17	2,385,235.
	18	Total expenses and disbursements. Add line 9 through line 17. Enter here and on Side 1, Part I, line 9.	●	18	3,105,953.

Schedule L Balance Sheet		Beginning of taxable year		End of taxable year	
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Assets					
1	Cash		111,149.	●	227,107.
2	Net accounts receivable		864,062.	●	1,244,436.
3	Net notes receivable		15,000.	●	
4	Inventories			●	
5	Federal and state government obligations			●	
6	Investments in other bonds			●	
7	Investments in stock			●	
8	Mortgage loans			●	
9	Other investments. Attach schedule		174,008.	●	194,331.
10a	Depreciable assets	1,157.		1,157.	
b	Less accumulated depreciation	270.	887.	501.	656.
11	Land			●	
12	Other assets. Attach schedule	STM 5	4,943.	●	3,964.
13	Total assets		1,170,049.		1,670,494.
Liabilities and net worth					
14	Accounts payable		665,691.	●	1,124,184.
15	Contributions, gifts, or grants payable			●	
16	Bonds and notes payable	ST 6		●	50,000.
17	Mortgages payable			●	
18	Other liabilities. Attach schedule	STM 7	254,726.		167,907.
19	Capital stock or principal fund		249,632.	●	328,403.
20	Paid-in or capital surplus. Attach reconciliation			●	
21	Retained earnings or income fund			●	
22	Total liabilities and net worth		1,170,049.		1,670,494.

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	●	49,611.	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	●	49,611.
5	Expenses recorded on books this year not deducted in this return. Attach schedule	●					
6	Total. Add line 1 through line 5		49,611.				

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

Department of the Treasury
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California Copy
Schedule of Contributors

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Name of the organization

The Sierra Fund

Employer identification number

68-0485725

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. Don't 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 isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't 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 doesn't 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) (2017)

Name of organization The Sierra Fund	Employer identification number 68-0485725
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Rose Foundation ----- 1970 Broadway Suite 600 ----- Oakland, CA 94612 -----	\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	James Irvine Foundation ----- One Bush St Suite 800 ----- San Francisco, CA 94104 -----	\$ 200,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	True North Foundation ----- PO Box 1177 Suite 332 ----- Grass Valley, CA 95949 -----	\$ 70,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	Wild Spaces ----- 2 Pine Creek Rd ----- Livingston, MT 59047 -----	\$ 80,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Name of organization

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ _____ N/A
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	N/A		

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

2017 Corporation Depreciation and Amortization

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Attach to Form 100 or Form 100W. **FORM 199**

Corporation name THE SIERRA FUND	California corporation number 2364703
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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 2018. 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
CABINETS & DESK	10/29/2015	1,157.	270.	S/L	5	231.	
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	231.

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	

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Statement 1
Form 199, Part II, Line 7
Other Income

Other Investment Income.....	\$	7,528.
Program Service Revenue.....		107,874.
	Total \$	<u>115,402.</u>

Statement 2
Form 199, Part II, Line 9
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Similar Amounts Paid

Class of Activity:	Nonprofit	
Donee's Name:	Green Corps	
Donee's Street Address:	143 E State St #6	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Trenton, NJ 08608	
Relationship of Donee:	None	
Amount Given:		6,000.

Class of Activity:	Nonprofit	
Donee's Name:	Sierra Watch	
Donee's Street Address:	408 Broad Street #12	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Nevada City, CA 95959	
Relationship of Donee:	None	
Amount Given:		2,000.

Donee's Name:	Truckee River Watershed Coun	
Donee's Street Address:	PO Box 8568	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Truckee, CA 96162	
Relationship of Donee:	None	
Amount Given:		1,000.

Donee's Name:	Alpine Watershed Group	
Donee's Street Address:	PO Box 296	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Markleeville , CA 96120	
Amount Given:		1,000.

Donee's Name:	American Heart Association	
Donee's Street Address:	2007 O St	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Sacramento, CA 95811	
Amount Given:		1,000.

Donee's Name:	Amnesty International	
Donee's Street Address:	5 Penn Plaza 16th Flr	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	New York, NY 1001	
Amount Given:		2,000.

Donee's Name:	Capital Public Radio	
Donee's Street Address:	7055 Folsom Blvd	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Sacramento, CA 95826	
Amount Given:		2,000.

Donee's Name:	Committee To Protect Journal	
Donee's Street Address:	330 7th Ave 11th Fl	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	New York, NY 10001	
Amount Given:		1,500.

Donee's Name:	Community Bridges	
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Statement 2 (continued)
Form 199, Part II, Line 9
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Similar Amounts Paid

Donee's Street Address:	236 Santa Cruz ave	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Aptos, CA 95003	
Amount Given:		1,000.
Donee's Name:	Doctors without Borders	
Donee's Street Address:	333 7th Ave 2nd Fl	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	New York, NY 10001	
Amount Given:		2,500.
Donee's Name:	Dogwood Alliance	
Donee's Street Address:	PO Box 7465	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Asheville, NC 28802	
Amount Given:		2,000.
Donee's Name:	Eastern Sierra Land	
Donee's Street Address:	PO Box 755	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Bishop, CA 93515	
Amount Given:		1,000.
Donee's Name:	Community Foundation of SC	
Donee's Street Address:	7807 Soquel Dr	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Aptos, CA 95003	
Amount Given:		5,000.
Donee's Name:	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	
Donee's Street Address:	PO Box 9754	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Reno, NV 89507	
Amount Given:		3,000.
Donee's Name:	Habitat for Humanity	
Donee's Street Address:	121 Habitat St	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Americas, GA 31709	
Amount Given:		1,000.
Donee's Name:	Life Lab	
Donee's Street Address:	1156 High St	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Santa Cruz, CA 95064	
Amount Given:		2,000.
Donee's Name:	Mental Health Client Action N	
Donee's Street Address:	1051 Cayuga St	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Santa Cruz, CA 95062	
Amount Given:		500.
Donee's Name:	Monterey Bat Aquarium	
Donee's Street Address:	886 Cannery Row	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Monterey , CA 93940	
Amount Given:		4,000.
Donee's Name:	Native Seeds	
Donee's Street Address:	3584 E River Road	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Tucson, AZ 85718	
Amount Given:		500.
Donee's Name:	Parkinson's Disease Found	
Donee's Street Address:	1359 Broadway Suite 1509	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	New York, NY 10018	

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Statement 2 (continued)
Form 199, Part II, Line 9
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Similar Amounts Paid

Amount Given:		1,000.
Donee's Name:	Planned Parenthood	
Donee's Street Address:	123 William St 10th F1	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	New York, NY 10038	
Amount Given:		2,000.
Donee's Name:	Planning and Conservation Lg	
Donee's Street Address:	1107 9th St Suite 901	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Sacramento, CA 95814	
Amount Given:		1,000.
Donee's Name:	Resouce Center for Non Viol	
Donee's Street Address:	612 Ocean St	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	
Amount Given:		1,000.
Donee's Name:	Santa Cruz Women's Health	
Donee's Street Address:	250 Locust St	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	
Amount Given:		1,000.
Donee's Name:	Save the Redwoods League	
Donee's Street Address:	111 Sutter St 11th F1	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	San Francisco, CA 94104	
Amount Given:		1,000.
Donee's Name:	Sierra Nevada Alliance	
Donee's Street Address:	PO Box 7989	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158	
Amount Given:		1,500.
Donee's Name:	Land Trust of SC County	
Donee's Street Address:	617 Water St	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	
Amount Given:		5,000.
Donee's Name:	Panetta Institute for Public	
Donee's Street Address:	100 Campus Ceter Bldg 86E	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Seaside, CA 93935	
Amount Given:		3,000.
Donee's Name:	Unicef	
Donee's Street Address:	300 Montgomery St Suite 515	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	San Francisco, CA 94104	
Amount Given:		500.
Donee's Name:	Union of Concerned Scientists	
Donee's Street Address:	500 12th St Suite 340	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Oakland, CA 94607	
Amount Given:		2,500.
Donee's Name:	United Negro College Fund	
Donee's Street Address:	1805 7th Street NW	
Donee's City, State, ZIP:	Washington, DC 20001	

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Statement 2 (continued)
Form 199, Part II, Line 9
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Similar Amounts Paid

Amount Given: 1,000.
Total \$ 59,500.

Statement 3
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	Total Compen- sation	Contri- bution to EBP & DC	Expense Account/ Other
Timothy Seward 103 Providence Mine Rd 101 Nevada City, CA 95959	Chairman 0	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
John Regan 103 Providence Mine Rd 101 Nevada City, CA 95959	Treasurer 0	0.	0.	0.
Alison Harvey 103 Providence Mine Rd 101 Nevada City, CA 95959	Secretary 0	0.	0.	0.
Adrienne Alvord 103 Providence Mine Rd 101 Nevada City, CA 95959	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Robert Meacher 103 Providence Mine Rd 101 Nevada City, CA 95959	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Elizabeth Martin 103 Providence Mine Rd 101 Nevada City, CA 95959	CEO 40.00	106,330.	0.	0.
Gary Parsons 103 Providence Mine Rd 101 Nevada City, CA 95959	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Patty Brissenden 103 Providence Mine Rd 101 Nevada City, CA 95959	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Total		<u>\$ 106,330.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

Statement 4
Form 199, Part II, Line 17
Other Expenses

Accounting Fees.....	\$ 790.
Bank Charges.....	965.
Board of Directors.....	409.
Direct Program Costs.....	13,200.
Dues and Subscriptions.....	6,397.
Insurance.....	3,768.
Legal Fees.....	1,541.
Management fees.....	13,805.
Office Expenses.....	18,493.
Other Employee Benefit.....	48,738.
Pension Plan Contributions.....	13,433.
Printing and Publications.....	4,214.
Professional Services.....	2,212,275.
Program Event Meeting/Conferen.....	16,777.
Staff Costs.....	749.
Supplies.....	4,386.
Travel.....	25,295.
Total	<u>\$ 2,385,235.</u>

Statement 5
Form 199, Schedule L, Line 12
Other Assets

Deposits.....	3,864.
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges.....	100.
Total	<u>\$ 3,964.</u>

Statement 6
Form 199, Schedule L, Line 16
Bonds and Notes Payable

<u>Loans From Officers, Directors and Trustees</u>		<u>Balance Due</u>
Lender's Name:	John & Patty Brissenden	
Lender's Title:	Board Member	
Date of Note:	6/01/2017	
Maturity Date:	8/18/2018	
Interest Rate:	5	
Security Provided:	Receivables	
Purpose of Loan:	Cash Flow	
Original Amount:	50,000.	
Balance Due:		50,000.
Total Loans from Officers, Directors, Trustees		<u>\$ 50,000.</u>
Total Notes and Bonds Payable		<u>\$ 50,000.</u>

Statement 7
Form 199, Schedule L, Line 18
Other Liabilities

Deferred Revenue.....	167,907.
Total \$	<u>167,907.</u>

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	2017	2016	Diff
REVENUE			
Contributions and grants.....	3,036,107	1,592,786	1,443,321
Program service revenue.....	107,874	154,745	-46,871
Investment income.....	11,583	10,874	709
Other revenue.....	0	19,852	-19,852
Total revenue.....	3,155,564	1,778,257	1,377,307
EXPENSES			
Grants and similar amounts paid.....	59,500	11,000	48,500
Salaries, other compen., emp. benefits..	658,880	568,328	90,552
Other expenses.....	2,387,573	1,225,227	1,162,346
Total expenses.....	3,105,953	1,804,555	1,301,398
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES			
Revenue less expenses.....	49,611	-26,298	75,909
Total assets at end of year.....	1,670,494	1,170,049	500,445
Total liabilities at end of year.....	1,342,091	920,417	421,674
Net assets/fund balances at end of year.	328,403	249,632	78,771

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	2017	2016	Diff
REVENUE			
Dividends.....	4,055	2,771	1,284
Other income.....	115,402	182,700	-67,298
Gross contributions, gifts, & grants.....	3,036,107	1,592,786	1,443,321
Total income.....	3,155,564	1,778,257	1,377,307
EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS			
Contributions, gifts, grants.....	59,500	11,000	48,500
Compensation of officers, etc.....	106,330	109,241	-2,911
Other salaries and wages.....	443,756	368,412	75,344
Interest.....	71	0	71
Taxes.....	46,623	40,499	6,124
Rents.....	64,207	66,885	-2,678
Depreciation and depletion.....	231	231	0
Other deductions.....	2,385,235	1,208,287	1,176,948
Total deductions.....	3,105,953	1,804,555	1,301,398
Excess of receipts over disbursements...	49,611	-26,298	75,909
FILING FEE			
Filing fee.....	0	0	0
Balance due.....	0	0	0