

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2015, and ending , 20	
B Check if applicable:	C Name of organization ADVANCED CONSERVATION STRATEGIES Doing business as _____ Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite PO BOX 1201 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MIDWAY, UT 84049 F Name and address of principal officer: SAME AS ABOVE
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	D Employer identification number 20-4002778 E Telephone number 617-227-9768 G Gross receipts \$ _____ H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶ _____
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
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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: 2005 M State of legal domicile: VA	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT		
	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	5
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	4
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	5
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	282,333	176,210
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	0
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	113	103
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	0	0
	12		282,446	176,313
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	90,000	116,000
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	0	0
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	69,823	122,009
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	159,823	238,009
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	122,623	(61,696)
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	239,203	177,507
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	0	0
			239,203	177,507

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		8-15-2016
	Signature of officer	Date
	DIRECTOR & SECRETARY	
	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
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no.			

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

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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			
	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
	Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶			Phone no.	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**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 \$ 95,601 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)CONTINUED THE DESIGN AND PILOTING OF A BIODIVERSITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR SMALL-SCALE CHILEAN FISHERMEN. THE PROGRAM PAYS FISHING CO-OPERATIVES AN ANNUAL FEE FOR ESTABLISHING NO-TAKE AREAS WITHIN THEIR FISHING GROUNDS. CONTINUED AN ANTI-POACHING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.**4b** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 59,284 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)CONTINUED A CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT FOCUSED ON IMPROVING SHOREBIRD AND WETLAND PROTECTION IN PANAMA BAY, PANAMA.**4c** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 35,424 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)BEGAN A MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING STUDY FOR THE PACIFIC COAST OF LATIN AMERICA.**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)(Expenses \$ 33,023 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)**4e** Total program service expenses **223,332**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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>	20a	✓
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	✓
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	✓
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	✓
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	✓
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	✓
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	✓
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	✓
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	✓
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	✓
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	✓
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>	26	✓
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>	27	✓
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>	28a	✓
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	✓
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>	28c	✓
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	✓
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	✓
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	✓
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	✓
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	✓
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	✓
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	✓
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	✓
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	✓
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	✓
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.	38	✓

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

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 3		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c		✓
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 0		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b		
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		✓
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		✓
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		✓
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		✓
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		✓
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		✓
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		✓
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		✓
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		✓
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
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a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a		
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		✓
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b		

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

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

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

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

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

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

C JOSH DONLAN III, PhD, 96 CANYON CREST DR, VICTOR, ID 83455

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See 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) C JOSH DONLAN III, PhD 96 CANYON CREST CR, VICTOR, ID 83455	35+	✓		✓				116,000	0	0
(2) RICHARD M DONLAN 1106 ARBOROAK PL, HERNDON, VA 20170	<5	✓						0	0	0
(3) HARRY GREENE CORNELL UNIV, CORSON HALL, ITHICA NY 15851	<5	✓						0	0	0
(4) KARL W LOHWATER 5331 HILLSIDE WAY, WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185	<5	✓		✓				0	0	0
(5) BERNIE TERSHY 100 SHAFFER RD, SANTA CRUZ, CA 96050	<5	✓						0	0	0
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(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)										
1b Sub-total								116,000	0	0
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								116,000	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**

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*

	Yes	No
3		✓
4		✓
5		✓

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*

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

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	176,210			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		176,210			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue .					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		103			103
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a	Gross rents					
	b	Less: rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶					
	8a	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 . ▶					
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 a					
	b	Less: direct expenses b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶					
	10a	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					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12	Total revenue. See instructions. ▶		176,313			103	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☒**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	116,000	104,400	11,600	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	3,761	3,385	376	
14 Information technology	4,340	3,906	434	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	22,671	20,404	2,267	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
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 PROGRAM-RELATED EXPENSES	91,237	91,237		
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	238,009	223,332	14,677	
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	239,203	2	177,507
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	239,203	16	177,507	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26	0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	239,203	27	177,507
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	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	239,203	33	177,507
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	239,203	34	177,507	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	176,313
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	238,009
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(61,696)
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	239,203
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
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	177,507

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		✓
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 type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		✓
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . .		✓
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.		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

ADVANCED CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

Employer identification number

20-4002778

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

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

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % 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 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33⅓% support test—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33⅓% support test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	125,809	57,805	181,851	282,333	176,210	824,008
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						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	125,809	57,805	181,851	282,333	176,210	824,008
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						824,008

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	125,809	57,805	181,851	282,333	176,210	824,008
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	38	195	95	113	103	364
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	38	195	95	113	103	364
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	125,847	58,000	181,946	282,446	176,313	824,372
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.96 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	99.94 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.04 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.06 %
19a 33¹/₃% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 ¹ / ₃ %, and line 17 is not more than 33 ¹ / ₃ %, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33¹/₃% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 ¹ / ₃ %, and line 18 is not more than 33 ¹ / ₃ %, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (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).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
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 .		

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.		
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.		

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).		

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?		
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).		
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.		

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.		
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.		
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 .		
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.		

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. **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):			
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6 Multiply line 5 by .035	6		
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
2 Enter 85% of line 1	2		
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4		
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6		
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).			

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year	
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes		
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity		
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations		
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets		
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)		
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.		
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.		
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.		
9	Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6		
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount		

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

Part VI

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

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Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015▶ **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**Name of the organization**

ADVANCED CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

Employer identification number

20-4002778

Organization type (check one):**Filers of:****Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

Name of organization ADVANCED CONSERVATION STRATEGIES	Employer identification number 20-4002778
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	THE DAVIS & LUCILE PAKARD FOUNDATION 343 SECOND ST LOS ALTON, CA 94022	\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION PO BOX 2030 BENTONVILLE, AR 72712	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	SHELLCATCH INC 901 MISSION ST, STE 105 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103	\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	CHARLES DONLON JR 204 WILLIAM BARKSDALE WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185	\$ 9,710	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	ISLAND CONSERVATION 2161 DELAWARE AVE, STE A SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060	\$ 1,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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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
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
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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.) ► \$ _____

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
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), such as legislation enacted after the schedule and its instructions were published, go to www.irs.gov/form990.

Note. Terms in **bold** are defined in the *Glossary* of the Instructions for Form 990.

Purpose of Schedule

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) is used to provide information on contributions the organization reported on:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, Part VIII, *Statement of Revenue*, line 1;
- Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, Part I, line 1; or
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation, Part I, line 1.

Who Must File

Every organization must complete and attach Schedule B to its Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF, unless it certifies that it does not meet the filing requirements of this schedule by taking the following action:

- Answering “No” on Form 990, Part IV, *Checklist of Required Schedules*, line 2, or
- Checking the box on
 - Form 990-EZ, line H, or
 - Form 990-PF, Part I, *Analysis of Revenue and Expenses*, line 2.

See the separate instructions for these lines on those forms.

If an organization is not required to file Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF but chooses to do so, it must file a complete return and provide all of the information requested, including the required schedules.

Accounting Method

When completing Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), the organization must use the same accounting method it checked on Form 990, Part XII, *Financial Statements and Reporting*, line 1; Form 990-EZ, line G; or Form 990-PF, line J.

Public Inspection

Note. Do not include social security numbers of contributors as this information may be made public.

- Schedule B is open to public inspection for an organization that files Form 990-PF.
- Schedule B is open to public inspection for a section 527 political organization that files Form 990 or 990-EZ.
- For all other organizations that file Form 990 or 990-EZ, the names and addresses of contributors are not required to be made available for public inspection. All other information, including the amount of contributions, the description of **noncash contributions**, and any other information, is required to be made available for public inspection unless it clearly identifies the contributor.

If an organization files a copy of Form 990 or 990-EZ, and attachments, with any state, it should not include its Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) in the attachments for the state, unless a schedule of contributors is specifically required by the state. States that do not require the information might inadvertently make the schedule available for public inspection along with the rest of the Form 990 or 990-EZ.

See the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF for information on telephone assistance and the public inspection rules for these forms and their attachments.

Contributors to be Listed on Part I

A *contributor* (person) includes individuals, fiduciaries, partnerships, corporations, associations, trusts, and exempt organizations. In addition, section 509(a)(2), 170(b)(1)(A)(iv), and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) organizations must also report **governmental units** as contributors.

Contributions

Contributions reportable on Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) are contributions, grants, bequests, devises, and gifts of money or property, whether or not for charitable purposes. For example, political contributions to section 527 political organizations are included. Contributions do not include fees for the performance of services. See the Instructions for Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, for more detailed information on contributions.

General Rule

Unless the organization is covered by one of the *Special Rules* below, it must list in Part I every contributor who, during the year, gave the organization, directly or indirectly, money, **securities**, or any other type of property that total \$5,000 or more for the organization's **tax year**. In determining the total amount,

separate and independent gifts of less than \$1,000 can be disregarded.

Include each contribution included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, in calculating a contributor's total contributions and determining whether that contributor must be reported on Schedule B under this General Rule (or one of the following *Special Rules*, if applicable). For example, if an organization that uses the accrual method of accounting reports a pledge of noncash property in Part VIII, line 1, it must include the value of that contribution in calculating whether the contributor meets the General Rule (or one of the *Special Rules*, if applicable), even if the organization did not receive the property during the tax year.

Special Rules

Section 501(c)(3) organizations that file Form 990 or 990-EZ. For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) that meets the 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and not just the 10% support test (whether or not the organization is otherwise described in section 170(b)(1)(A)), list in Part I only those contributors whose contribution of \$5,000 or more during the tax year is greater than 2% of the amount reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h(A), or Form 990-EZ, line 1. *An organization that claims the benefit of this special rule must either (1) establish on Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, that it met the 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % support test for the current year or prior year, or (2) check the box on Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part I, line 7 or 8, and the box on Schedule A, Part II, line 13, as a section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) organization in its first five years.*

Example. A section 501(c)(3) organization, of the type described above, reported \$700,000 in total contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h. The organization is only required to list in Parts I and II of its Schedule B each person who contributed more than the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of \$700,000 (\$14,000) during the tax year. Thus, a contributor who gave a total of \$11,000 would not be reported in Parts I and II for this section 501(c)(3) organization. Even though the \$11,000 contribution to the organization was greater than \$5,000, it did not exceed \$14,000.

Section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations. For contributions to these social and recreational clubs, fraternal beneficiary and domestic fraternal societies, orders, or associations that were not for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose, list in Part I each contributor who contributed \$5,000 or more during the tax year, as described under *General Rule*, earlier.

For contributions to a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization received for use exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals (sections 170(c)(4), 2055(a)(3), or 2522(a)(3)), list in Part I each contributor whose aggregate contributions for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose were more than \$1,000 during the tax year. To determine the more-than-\$1,000 amount, total all of a contributor's gifts for the tax year (regardless of amount). For a noncash contribution, complete Part II.

All section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that listed an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contribution in Part I or II must also complete Part III to provide further information on such contributions of more than \$1,000 during the tax year and show the total amount received from such contributions that were for \$1,000 or less during the tax year.

However, if a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization did not receive total contributions of more than \$1,000 from a single contributor during the tax year for exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purposes and consequently was not required to complete Parts I through III with respect to these contributions, it need only check the third *Special Rules* box on the front of Schedule B and enter, in the space provided, the total contributions it received during the tax year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose.

Specific Instructions



Do not attach substitutes for Schedule B or attachments to Schedule B with information on contributors. Parts I, II, and III of Schedule B may be duplicated as needed to provide adequate space for listing all contributors. Number each page of each part (for example, Page 2 of 5, Part II).

Part I. In column (a), identify the first contributor listed as No. 1 and the second contributor as No. 2, etc. Number consecutively. In column (b), enter the contributor's name, address, and ZIP code. Identify a donor as "anonymous" only if the organization does not know the donor's identity. In column (c), enter the amount of total contributions for the **tax year** for the contributor listed.

In column (d), check the type of contribution. Check all that apply for the contributor listed. If a *cash contribution* came directly from a contributor (other than through payroll deduction), check the "Person" box. A cash contribution

includes contributions paid by cash, credit card, check, money order, electronic fund or wire transfer, and other charges against funds on deposit at a financial institution.

If an **employee's** cash contribution was forwarded by an employer (indirect contribution), check the "Payroll" box. If an employer withholds contributions from employees' pay and periodically gives them to the organization, report only the employer's name and address and the total amount given unless you know that a particular employee gave enough to be listed separately.

Check the "Noncash" box in column (d) for any contribution of property other than cash during the tax year, and complete Part II of this schedule. For example, if an organization that uses the accrual method of accounting reports a pledge of noncash property on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g, it must check the "Noncash" box and complete Part II even if the organization did not receive the property during the tax year.

For a section 527 organization that files a Form 8871, Political Organization Notice of Section 527 Status, the names and addresses of contributors that are not reported on Form 8872, Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures, do not need to be reported in Part I if the organization paid the amount specified by section 527(j)(1). In this case, enter "Pd. 527(j)(1)" in column (b) instead of a name, address, and ZIP code; but you must enter the amount of contributions in column (c).

Part II. In column (a), show the number that corresponds to the contributor's number in Part I. In column (b), describe the **noncash contribution** received by the organization during the tax year, regardless of the value of that noncash contribution. Note the public inspection rules discussed earlier.

In columns (c) and (d), report property with readily determinable market value (for example, marked quotations for securities) by listing its **fair market value (FMV)**. If the organization immediately sells **securities** contributed to the organization (including through a broker or agent), the contribution still must be reported as a gift of property (rather than cash) in the amount of the net proceeds plus the broker's fees and expenses. See the Instructions for Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g, which provide an example to illustrate this point. If the property is not immediately sold, measure market value of marketable securities registered and listed on a recognized securities exchange by the average of the highest and lowest quoted selling prices (or the average between the *bona fide* bid and

asked prices) on the contribution date. See Regulations section 20.2031-2 to determine the value of contributed stocks and bonds. When FMV cannot be readily determined, use an appraised or estimated value. To determine the amount of a noncash contribution subject to an outstanding debt, subtract the debt from the property's FMV. Enter the date the property was received by the organization, but only if the donor has fully given up use and enjoyment of the property at that time.

The organization must report the value of any **qualified conservation contributions** and contributions of **conservation easements** listed in Part II consistently with how it reports revenue from such contributions in its books, records, and financial statements and in Form 990, Part VIII, Statement of Revenue.

For more information on noncash contributions, see the instructions for Schedule M (Form 990), Noncash Contributions.

If the organization received a partially completed Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, from a donor, complete it and return it so the donor can get a charitable contribution deduction. Keep a copy for your records.

Original (first) and successor donee (recipient) organizations must file Form 8282, Donee Information Return, if they sell, exchange, consume, or otherwise dispose of (with or without consideration) charitable deduction property (property other than money or certain publicly traded securities) within 3 years after the date the original donee received the property.

Part III. Section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that received contributions for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes during the tax year must complete Parts I through III for each person whose gifts totaled more than \$1,000 during the tax year. Show also, in the heading of Part III, the total of gifts to these organizations that were \$1,000 or less for the tax year and were for exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purposes. Complete this information only on the first Part III page if you use duplicate copies of Part III.

If an amount is set aside for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose, show in column (d) how the amount is held (for example, whether it is commingled with amounts held for other purposes). If the organization transferred the gift to another organization, show the name and address of the transferee organization in column (e) and explain the relationship between the two organizations.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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Name of the organization

ADVANCED CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

Employer identification number

20-4002778

FORM 990 - PART III - ITEM 4(d)

(1) CONDUCTED A CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT FOCUSED ON IMPROVING SHOREBIRD AND WETLAND PROTECTION

IN PANAMA BAY, PANAMA

(2) BEGAN A MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING STUDY FOR THE PACIFIC COAST OF LATIN AMERICA

(3) CONTRIBUTED TO A SCOPING STUDY FOCUSED ON IDENTIFYING MARKET-BASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEAFOOD TRACEABILITY

PROGRAMS IN MEXICO

FORM 990 - PART VI - SECTION A - ITEM 2

TWO DIRECTORS, C JOSH DONLAN III, PhD AND RICHARD M DONLAN, ARE BROTHERS

FORM 990 - PART VI - SECTION B - ITEM 11(b) & SECTION C - ITEM 19

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS REVIEWED THE FORM 990. ADVANCED CONSERVATION STRATEGIES MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS,
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990 - PART VI - SECTION B - ITEM 15

THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS COMPARABILITY DATA, AND INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS REVIEW AND APPROVE
COMPENSATION FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT.

FORM 990 - PART IX - ITEM 24(a)

CONTRACT PAYMENTS RELATED TO THE VARIOUS PROGRAM SERVICES.

Employer identification number

[illegible]

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), such as legislation enacted after the schedule and its instructions were published, go to www.irs.gov/form990.

Purpose of Schedule

An organization should use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), rather than separate attachments, to provide the IRS with narrative information required for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ, and to explain the organization's operations or responses to various questions. It allows organizations to supplement information reported on Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Do not use Schedule O to supplement responses to questions in other schedules of the Form 990 or 990-EZ. Each of the other schedules includes a separate part for supplemental information.

Who Must File

All organizations that file Form 990 and certain organizations that file Form 990-EZ must file Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ). At a minimum, the schedule must be used to answer Form 990, Part VI, lines 11b and 19. If an organization is not required to file Form 990 or 990-EZ but chooses to do so, it must file a complete return and provide all of the information requested, including the required schedules.

Specific Instructions

Use as many continuation sheets of Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) as needed.

Complete the required information on the appropriate line of Form 990 or 990-EZ prior to using Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

Identify clearly the specific part and line(s) of Form 990 or 990-EZ to which each response relates. Follow the part and line sequence of Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Late return. If the return is not filed by the due date (including any extension granted), attach a separate statement giving the reasons for not filing on time. **Do not use** this schedule to provide the late-filing statement.

Amended return. If the organization checked the *Amended return* box on Form 990, *Heading*, item B, or Form 990-EZ, *Heading*, item B, use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) to list each part or schedule and line item of the Form 990 or 990-EZ that was amended.

Group return. If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, line H(a), but "No" to line H(b), use a separate

attachment to list the name, address, and EIN of each affiliated organization included in the group return. **Do not use** this schedule. See the Instructions for Form 990, *I. Group Return*.

Form 990, Parts III, V, VI, VII, IX, XI, and XII. Use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) to provide any narrative information required for the following questions in the Form 990.

1. Part III, *Statement of Program Service Accomplishments*.

- a. "Yes" response to line 2.
- b. "Yes" response to line 3.
- c. Other program services on line 4d.

2. Part V, *Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance*.

- a. "No" response to line 3b.
- b. "Yes" or "No" response to line 13a.
- c. "No" response to line 14b.

3. Part VI, *Governance, Management, and Disclosure*.

- a. Material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body in line 1a.
- b. Delegation of governing board's authority to executive committee in line 1a.
- c. "Yes" responses to lines 2 through 7b.
- d. "No" responses to lines 8a, 8b, and 10b.
- e. "Yes" response to line 9.
- f. Description of process for review of Form 990, if any, in response to line 11b.
- g. "Yes" response to line 12c.
- h. Description of process for determining **compensation** in response to lines 15a and 15b.

i. If applicable, in response to line 18, an explanation as to why the organization checked the "Other" box or did not make any of Forms 1023, 1024, 990, or 990-T publicly available.

j. Description of public disclosure of documents in response to line 19.

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

a. Explain if reporting of compensation paid by a related organization is provided only for the period during which the related organization was related, not the entire calendar year ending with or within the tax year, and state the period during which the related organization was related.

b. Description of reasonable efforts undertaken to obtain information on compensation paid by related organizations, if the organization is unable to obtain such information to report in column (E).

5. Explanation for Part IX, *Statement of Functional Expenses*, line 11g (other fees

for services), including the type and amount of each expense included in line 11g, if the amount in Part IX, line 11g, exceeds 10% of the amount in Part IX, line 25 (total functional expenses).

6. Explanation for Part IX, *Statement of Functional Expenses*, line 24e (all other expenses), including the type and amount of each expense included in line 24e, if the amount on line 24e exceeds 10% of the amount in Part IX, line 25 (total functional expenses).

7. Part XI, *Reconciliation of Net Assets*. Explain any other changes in net assets or fund balances reported on line 9.

8. Part XII, *Financial Statements and Reporting*.

a. Change in accounting method or description of other accounting method used on line 1.

b. Change in committee oversight review from prior year on line 2c.

c. "No" response to line 3b.

Form 990-EZ, Parts I, II, III, and V. Use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) to provide any narrative information required for the following questions:

1. Part I, *Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances*.

a. Description of other revenue, in response to line 8.

b. List of grants and similar amounts paid, in response to line 10.

c. Description of other expenses, in response to line 16.

d. Explanation of other changes in net assets or fund balances, in response to line 20.

2. Part II, *Balance Sheets*.

a. Description of other assets, in response to line 24.

b. Description of total liabilities, in response to line 26.

3. Description of other program services in response to Part III, *Statement of Program Service Accomplishments*, line 31.

4. Part V, *Other Information*.

a. "Yes" response to line 33.

b. "Yes" response to line 34.

c. Explanation of why organization did not report unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more to the IRS on Form 990-T, in response to line 35b.

Other. Use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) to provide narrative explanations and descriptions in response to other specific questions. The narrative provided should refer and relate to a particular line and response on the form.



Do not include on Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) any social security number(s), because this schedule will be made available for public inspection.