

EXTENSION GRANTED TO NOVEMBER 17, 2025
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form **990**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
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Open to Public
Inspection**A** For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: Address change Name change Initial return Final return/terminated Amended return Application pending	C Name of organization SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY		D Employer identification number 95-1643378
	Doing business as		
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number 805-682-4711
	2559 PUESTA DEL SOL		
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code SANTA BARBARA, CA 93105-2936		G Gross receipts \$ 34,846,159.
F Name and address of principal officer: LUKE SWETLAND SAME AS C ABOVE		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No If "No," attach a list. See instructions H(c) Group exemption number	
I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527			
J Website: SBNATURE.ORG			
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation Trust Association Other		L Year of formation: 1916	M State of legal domicile: CA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE MUSEUM INSPIRES A THIRST FOR DISCOVERY AND A PASSION FOR THE NATURAL WORLD.		
	2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	22
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	22
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	178
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	570
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 6,438,191.	Current Year 4,886,822.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	2,593,981.	2,294,764.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	965,119.	2,895,075.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-476,633.	402,482.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	9,520,658.	10,479,143.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0.	0.
Expenses	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)	6,155,389.	6,244,021.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	1,368,440.	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	4,885,774.	5,699,952.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	11,041,163.	11,943,973.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-1,520,505.	-1,464,830.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 94,420,904.	End of Year 96,679,894.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	4,132,330.	4,584,238.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	90,288,574.	92,095,656.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer BRIAN STORR, CFO		Date		
	Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name CHRISLEY REED, CPA	Preparer's signature CHRISLEY REED, CPA	Date 11/07/25	Check if self-employed ☐	PTIN P00025230
	Firm's name PROSPERITY PARTNERS	Firm's EIN 65-1164012			
	Firm's address 200 E CARRILLO ST, STE 300 SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101		Phone no. 805-962-9175		

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:

THE FOLLOWING THREE GUIDING PRINCIPLES ARE THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL OF THE SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY'S ACTIVITIES: INSPIRING AN AWE FOR NATURE AND A THIRST FOR DISCOVERY; PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY; AND CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES. THROUGH THESE PRINCIPLES WE STRIVE TO

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 \$ 1,584,537. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 251,873.)**COLLECTIONS & RESEARCH:**

THIS PROGRAM ENCOMPASSES THE ACTIVITIES OF SIX RESEARCH DEPARTMENTS WITH A STAFF OF CURATORS AND ASSISTANTS. EACH DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUALLY INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING AND CONSERVING EXTENSIVE COLLECTIONS OF SPECIMENS, ARTIFACTS, BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS, ETC., THAT NUMBER OVER 3.5 MILLION ITEMS, AS WELL AS MAKING RESOURCES ACCESSIBLE TO RESEACHERS, EITHER DURING ACTUAL VISITS OR THROUGH WEB-BASED SERVICES. EXPENSES INCLUDE STAFF SALARIES, COLLECTION ACQUISITION, CONSERVATION, BIODIVERSITY AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, PRODUCTION OF PUBLICATIONS, ECOLOGICAL FIELD SURVEYS, PUBLIC EXHIBIT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 2,305,424. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,875,454.)**EXHIBITS & VISITOR SERVICES:****B. EXHIBITS AND VISITOR SERVICES:**

THE MUSEUM HAS TWO SITES: ITS MISSION CANYON CAMPUS AND THE SEA CENTER LOCATED ON STEARNS WHARF.

GATE ATTENDANCE AT THE MISSION CANYON CAMPUS IN 2024 WAS 109,666. IN ADDITION, 6829 CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, 1659 CAME FOR COMMUNITY USES AND 271 CAME SPECIFICALLY FOR RESEARCH, FOR A TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT THE MISSION CANYON CAMPUS OF 118,425+. (NOT COUNTING THE NATURE ADVENTURES CAMPERS SEE BELOW)

GATE ATTENDANCE AT THE SEA CENTER IN 2024 WAS OVER 104,000. IN

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,148,056. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 167,437.)**EDUCATION:**

THE MUSEUM'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC LITERACY AND INSTILL A PASSION FOR NATURE AND A COMMITMENT TO LEARNING. THESE RICH EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES ARE PROVIDED TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

THE MUSEUM PARTICIPATES IN THE "NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE" MOVEMENT AND A REGIONAL LEADER OF THE NATIONAL CHILDREN AND NATURE NETWORK.

TEEN PROGRAMS - QUASARS TO SEA STARS:

THE MUSEUM RUNS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PROGRAM, QUASARS TO SEA STARS, WHICH OFFER FOUR YEARS OF YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCES FOR

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 5,038,017.Form **990** (2024)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check 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	39
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	X

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

	Yes	No
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	178
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b	
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	X
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	X
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b	
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	X
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16	X
17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17	

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

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

☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a 22		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.			
b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 22		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		X
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		X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a The governing body?	8a	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O	9		X

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

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

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website Another's website ☒ Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)

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

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
THE ORGANIZATION - 805-682-4711
2559 PUESTA DEL SOL, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93105

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

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) LUKE SWETLAND PRESIDENT & CEO	40.00			X				239,907.	0.	20,080.
(2) CAROLINE BAKER DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	40.00				X			165,905.	0.	13,291.
(3) AMAL MASRI BUSINESS DEVELOP OFFICER	40.00				X				0.	
(4) AMY CARPENTER CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	40.00				X			141,180.	0.	13,092.
(5) ANDREA MCFARLING DIRECTOR GUEST EXPERIENCE	40.00				X				0.	
(6) PHILLIP MORONES DIRECTOR FACILITIES	40.00				X				0.	
(7) BRIAN STORR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	40.00			X				91,760.	0.	5,402.
(8) DIANE WONDOLOWSKI CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	38.00			X				55,765.	0.	5,135.
(9) BOBBIE KINNEAR VICE CHAIR GOVERNANCE	10.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(10) BRAD WILLIS IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR	10.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(11) HANK MITCHEL SECRETARY	10.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(12) SHARON BRADFORD TRUSTEE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) SUE PARKER TRUSTEE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) TORY MILAZZO BOARD CHAIR	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) MELISSA FASSETT CHAIR AUDIT	6.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) CORINNE LAVERTY VICE CHAIR FINANCE	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) LOREN BOOTH TRUSTEE	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) JOHN L. DEMOURKAS TRUSTEE	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) JULIE HEIDER-GRAY TRUSTEE	6.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) BARBARA HOLZMAN TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) TIM KOCHIS TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) KEITH REICHEL VICE CHAIR MASTER PLAN	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) SARAH SHESHUNOFF VICE CHAIR DEVELOPMENT	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) LOTUS VERMEER PH.D. TRUSTEE	6.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) HIROKO BENKO TRUSTEE	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) KENDRA EPLEY TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Subtotal								1,075,142.	0.	86,384.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,075,142.	0.	86,384.

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

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

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
GRAPHICINK 132 ROBIN HILL RD UNIT B, GOLETA, CA 93117	MARKETING	117,835.
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	1	

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

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

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

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b	712,964.				
	c Fundraising events	1c	227,417.				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	250,758.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	1f	3,695,683.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 58,477.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			4,886,822.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>ADMISSION FEES</u>	Business Code	900099	1,770,725.	1,770,725.		
	b <u>MISC PROGRAM REVENUE</u>		900099	251,873.	251,873.		
	c <u>EDUCATION PROGRAM FEES</u>		900099	167,437.	167,437.		
	d <u>CONTRACT FEES</u>		541700	104,729.	104,729.		
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			2,294,764.			
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			1,150,431.		
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
5 Royalties							
6 a Gross rents		6a	(i) Real 253,566.				
b Less: rental expenses ...		6b	102,156.				
c Rental income or (loss)		6c	151,410.				
d Net rental income or (loss)				151,410.			151,410.
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		7a	(i) Securities 25,118,822.				
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		7b	23,366,217.	7,961.			
c Gain or (loss)		7c	1,752,605.	-7,961.			
d Net gain or (loss)				1,744,644.			1744644.
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 227,417. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		8a	487,508.				
b Less: direct expenses		8b	391,854.				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				95,654.			95,654.
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		9a					
b Less: direct expenses	9b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	654,246.					
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b	498,828.					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			155,418.			155,418.	
Miscellaneous Revenue	11 a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
	12 Total revenue. See instructions			10,479,143.	2,294,764.	0.	3297557.

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

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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	418,049.	161,960.	202,511.	53,578.
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	4,841,676.	2,620,976.	1,423,017.	797,683.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	107,876.	59,265.	31,774.	16,837.
9 Other employee benefits	490,549.	270,670.	142,012.	77,867.
10 Payroll taxes	385,871.	209,062.	123,748.	53,061.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	209,632.		209,632.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	1,717,123.	373,644.	1,339,007.	4,472.
12 Advertising and promotion	143,677.	1,689.	548.	141,440.
13 Office expenses	238,055.	95,371.	125,678.	17,006.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	427,817.	123,459.	301,663.	2,695.
17 Travel	138,527.	41,963.	79,885.	16,679.
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	1,483,366.	428,099.	959,700.	95,567.
23 Insurance	458,950.	244,387.	214,563.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a SUPPLIES	356,473.	242,485.	89,385.	24,603.
b EQUIPMENT	202,668.	57,240.	145,070.	358.
c RENTALS	162,011.	33,755.	61,662.	66,594.
d REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	113,520.	25,859.	87,661.	
e All other expenses	48,133.	48,133.		
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	11,943,973.	5,038,017.	5,537,516.	1,368,440.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	531,839.	1	523,353.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	526,342.	3	215,500.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	5,860.	4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	123,151.	8	123,861.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	636,769.	9	356,256.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 43,061,778.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 18,322,501.		
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	24,172,356.	10c	24,739,277.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	46,128,975.	11	46,825,388.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11	10,444,452.	12	10,685,406.
	14 Intangible assets		13	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		14	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	11,851,160.	15	13,210,853.	
17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	94,420,904.	16	96,679,894.	
Liabilities	18 Grants payable	693,965.	17	1,085,118.
	19 Deferred revenue		18	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	130,398.	19	92,327.
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		20	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		21	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		22	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	2,962,200.	23	2,945,681.
	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		24	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	345,767.	25	461,112.
	27 Net assets or fund balances	4,132,330.	26	4,584,238.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	59,039,347.	27	58,378,491.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	31,249,227.	28	33,717,165.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	90,288,574.	32	92,095,656.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	94,420,904.	33	96,679,894.	

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	10,479,143.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	11,943,973.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,464,830.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	90,288,574.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	2,032,015.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	1,239,897.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	92,095,656.

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:		
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:		
☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on 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 Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Employer identification number	
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95-1643378

Part I	Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.
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The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

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

f Enter the number of supported organizations

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	4541477.	10720809.	4045407.	6438191.	4886822.	30632706.
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	4541477.	10720809.	4045407.	6438191.	4886822.	30632706.
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)						3230984.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						27401722.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	4541477.	10720809.	4045407.	6438191.	4886822.	30632706.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	995,180.	1489228.	1362261.	1125754.	2895075.	7867498.
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						38500204.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	10,390,210.
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	71.17	%
15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	76.79	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			
			☒
b 33 1/3% support test - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			
			☐
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			
			☐
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			
			☐
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions			
			☐

Schedule A (Form 990) 2024

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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						
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.)						

Section B. Total Support

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

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part VI

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

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

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95-1643378

Part I

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	☐ Yes	☐ No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part II

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of a historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

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

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III

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

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

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

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

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

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

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$

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

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

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

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

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

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

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

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	52,928,690.	47,908,342.	57,884,237.	53,550,800.	48,704,765.
b Contributions	500,000.	501,353.	205,090.	634,931.	502,885.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	5,490,803.	6,925,216.	-7,897,712.	5,848,183.	6,565,617.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	2,377,336.	2,406,221.	2,283,273.	2,149,677.	2,222,467.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	56,542,157.	52,928,690.	47,908,342.	57,884,237.	53,550,800.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 48.0000 %
 b Permanent endowment 48.0000 %
 c Term endowment 4.0000 %

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

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

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

	Yes	No
3a(i)	☒	☐
3a(ii)	☐	☒
3b	☐	☐

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? _____

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		314,388.		314,388.
b Buildings		39,152,255.	16,781,545.	22,370,710.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		2,963,069.	1,270,039.	1,693,030.
e Other		632,066.	270,917.	361,149.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				24,739,277.

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) NONMARKETABLE AND OTHER		
(B) INVESTMENTS	10,685,406.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))	10,685,406.	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) ASSETS HELD UNDER CHARITABLE AGREEMENTS	13,210,853.
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	13,210,853.

Part X Other Liabilities

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES	253,339.
(3) AGENCY FUNDS	67,282.
(4) ECONOMIC DISASTER LOAN	140,491.
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	461,112.

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	13,541,423.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	2,032,015.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	1,239,897.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	3,271,912.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	10,269,511.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	209,632.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	209,632.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	10,479,143.

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	11,734,341.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	11,734,341.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	209,632.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	209,632.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	11,943,973.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

PART III, LINE 1A:

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRACTICE FOLLOWED BY MUSEUMS, COLLECTION OBJECTS PURCHASED AND DONATED ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ASSETS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

THE MUSEUM IS CONTINUALLY DEVELOPING THE COLLECTIONS, WHICH CURRENTLY INCLUDE MORE THAN 3.5 MILLION SPECIMENS, ARTIFACTS, OTHER CULTURAL OBJECTS, BOOKS, AND MANUSCRIPTS. THESE HOLDINGS ARE USED BY MUSEUM SCIENTISTS AND A WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF RESEARCHERS FROM A VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES. THEIR USAGE FORMS THE BASIS OF PUBLISHED FINDINGS, AS WELL AS PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS. THE COLLECTION IS KEPT UNDER CURATORIAL CARE INCLUDING CONSERVATION PRACTICES, AND IS SUBJECT TO THE MUSEUM'S POLICY THAT REQUIRES PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF COLLECTION ITEMS TO BE USED ONLY FOR ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS. THE MUSEUM DOES NOT RECOGNIZE AS A CONTRIBUTION ANY INCOME FROM DONATED COLLECTION ITEMS, AS ITS COLLECTIONS ARE NOT CAPITALIZED.

PART III, LINE 4:

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRACTICE FOLLOWED BY MUSEUMS, COLLECTION OBJECTS PURCHASED AND DONATED ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ASSETS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

THE MUSEUM IS CONTINUALLY DEVELOPING THE COLLECTIONS, WHICH CURRENTLY INCLUDE MORE THAN 3.5 MILLION SPECIMENS, ARTIFACTS, OTHER CULTURAL OBJECTS, BOOKS, AND MANUSCRIPTS. THESE HOLDINGS ARE USED BY MUSEUM SCIENTISTS AND A WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF RESEARCHERS FROM A VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES. THEIR USAGE FORMS THE BASIS OF PUBLISHED FINDINGS, AS WELL AS

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS. THE COLLECTION IS KEPT UNDER CURATORIAL CARE INCLUDING CONSERVATION PRACTICES, AND IS SUBJECT TO THE MUSEUM'S POLICY THAT REQUIRES PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF COLLECTION ITEMS TO BE USED ONLY FOR ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS. THE MUSEUM DOES NOT RECOGNIZE AS A CONTRIBUTION ANY INCOME FROM DONATED COLLECTION ITEMS, AS ITS COLLECTIONS ARE NOT CAPITALIZED.

PART V, LINE 4:

INCOME FROM ENDOWMENT FUNDS IS USED TO FUND GENERAL OPERATIONS AS WELL AS BEING SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED TO SUPPORT MALACOLOGY, MUSEUM STUDIES, PUBLIC PROGRAMS, GEOLOGY, PALEONTOLOGY, INTERNSHIPS, THE MAXIMUS GALLERY FOR ANTIQUE NATURAL HISTORY PRINTS, INNOVATIVE EDUCATION, ENTOMOLOGY, THE LIBRARY AND THE SEA CENTER.

PART X, LINE 2:

THE MUSEUM EVALUATES UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS, WHEREBY THE EFFECT OF THE UNCERTAINTY WOULD BE RECORDED IF THE OUTCOME WAS CONSIDERED PROBABLE AND REASONABLY ESTIMABLE. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024, THE MUSEUM HAD NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS REQUIRING ACCRUAL.

THE MUSEUM FILES TAX RETURNS IN CALIFORNIA AND U.S. FEDERAL JURISDICTIONS. THE MUSEUM IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO U.S. FEDERAL AND STATE TAX EXAMINATIONS BY TAX AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS BEFORE 2021 AND 2020, RESPECTIVELY.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

CHANGE IN VALUE OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS	1,277,776.
CHANGE IN VALUE OF CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES	-37,879.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D	1,239,897.

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

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

	(a) Event #1 GALA (event type)	(b) Event #2 WINE FEST (event type)	(c) Other events 2 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross receipts	714,925.			714,925.
2 Less: Contributions	227,417.			227,417.
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	487,508.			487,508.
Direct Expenses				
4 Cash prizes				
5 Noncash prizes				
6 Rent/facility costs				
7 Food and beverages				
8 Entertainment				
9 Other direct expenses	391,854.			391,854.
10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				391,854.
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				95,654.

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

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

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

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name _____

Address _____

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

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

- 16 Gaming manager information:

Name _____

Gaming manager compensation \$ _____

Description of services provided _____

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

- 17 Mandatory distributions:

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

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

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

Part IV	Supplemental Information <i>(continued)</i>
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SCHEDULE J
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Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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

- b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain
- 2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

- 3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.
- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Compensation committee | ☒ Written employment contract |
| ☐ Independent compensation consultant | ☒ Compensation survey or study |
| ☒ Form 990 of other organizations | ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee |

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

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

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

- 5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:
- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.
- 6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:
- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.
- 7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III
- 8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III
- 9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b	X	
2	X	
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7	X	
8		X
9		

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) LUKE SWETLAND	(i)	239,907.	0.	0.	7,564.	12,516.	259,987.	0.
PRESIDENT & CEO	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) CAROLINE BAKER	(i)	165,905.	0.	0.	4,239.	9,052.	179,196.	0.
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) AMAL MASRI	(i)	145,792.	0.	0.	4,128.	6,120.	156,040.	0.
BUSINESS DEVELOP OFFICER	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(4) AMY CARPENTER	(i)	141,180.	0.	0.	4,442.	8,650.	154,272.	0.
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
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	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

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

PART I, LINE 1A:

AS A PART OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THE CEO, THE MUSEUM PROVIDES HOUSING ON MUSEUM PROPERTY. THIS PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OF SECURITY FOR THE MUSEUM. THE CEO IS ON CALL FOR MUSEUM EMERGENCIES AS WELL AS OCCASSIONALLY USES THE RESIDENCE FOR MUSEUM FUNCTIONS.

AS PART OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THE COO, THE MUSEUM PROVIDES DISCOUNTED HOUSING ON MUSEUM PROPERTY. THIS PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OF SECURITY FOR THE MUSEUM. THE COO IS ON CALL FOR MUSEUM EMERGENCIES AND RESPONDING TO AFTER-HOUR CALLS FROM THE ALARM COMPANY.

PART I, LINE 7:

TOTAL COMPENSATION INCLUDES A DISCRETIONARY BONUS DETERMINED BY THE CEO FOR STRONG PERFORMANCE.

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

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Noncash Contributions

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

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	5	58,477. FMV	
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other ...				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (.....)				
26 Other (.....)				
27 Other (.....)				
28 Other (.....)				

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

29

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

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

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

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

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

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

Yes No

30a		X
31	X	
32a		X

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2024

Part II

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

SCHEDULE M, PART I, LINE 33:

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRACTICE FOLLOWED BY MUSEUMS, COLLECTION OBJECTS
DONATED ARE NOT INCLUDED IN REVENUE.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

FOSTER A COMMUNITY THAT EXPLORES, UNDERSTANDS, AND PROTECTS THE NATURAL
WORLD.

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

LIBRARY:

2024 WAS A YEAR OF BIG THINGS FOR THE MUSEUM'S LIBRARY. FOLLOWING A
YEAR OF CLOSURE, CONSTRUCTION, AND STAFF DISPLACEMENT, THIS YEAR WAS
ABOUT ORGANIZATION, MOVE-IN, AND REFRESH. THE LIBRARY'S HISTORIC
READING ROOM WAS USED FOR IMPROVISED STORAGE THROUGHOUT THE
CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, STAFF RETURNED TO NEW
HEATING AND COOLING IN THE LIBRARY'S MAIN ROOM, UPDATED STAIRWAY
TREADING, NEW ROOFING, REINFORCED BEAMS AND TRUSSES, AND TWO BASEMENT
LEVEL ROOMS APPOINTED WITH SECURITY DOORS, CLIMATE SYSTEMS, AND
SHELVING APPROPRIATE FOR THE HOUSING OF THE MUSEUM'S VALUABLE ARCHIVE
COLLECTIONS. BY THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR THE LIBRARY STAFF AND
VOLUNTEERS WERE FULLY ENGAGED IN UNBOXING AND SHELFING. THE FOCUS FOR
LIBRARY STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND TEEN PROGRAM INTERNS SHIFTED TO MOVING
ARCHIVE COLLECTIONS INTO THE NEWLY PREPARED ARCHIVE I AND ARCHIVE II
BASEMENT LEVEL ROOMS. JUST BEFORE HALLOWEEN, LIBRARY STAFF MOVED THE
LAST BOXES AND BOOK LADEN ROLLING CARTS OUT OF THE READING ROOM. ON
NOVEMBER 1ST THE LIBRARY FINALLY UNLOCKED ITS DOORS AND INVITED THE
PUBLIC TO COME IN. AND WHAT DO RESEARCHERS AND BROWSERS VISITING THE
LIBRARY THINK? THE ANSWER IS IN THE DATA. IN JUST THE MONTHS OF
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, WITH LIMITED HOURS (MONDAY-SATURDAY, 1:00:00
PM) THE LIBRARY WELCOMED 1,025 GUESTS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ADDITION, OVER 1500 CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
AND OVER 3600 ATTENDED COMMUNITY EVENTS (FESTIVALS AND BEACH CLEAN UP)
FOR A TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT THE SEA CENTER OF 109,100.

BUTTERFLIES ALIVE!:

THE MUSEUM OPENED ITS OUTDOOR BUTTERFLY PAVILION IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS
GUESTS TO EXPERIENCE AN UP-CLOSE INTERACTION. GUESTS ARE ABLE TO MOVE
THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN WHILE APPROXIMATELY 1000 LIVE BUTTERFLIES
FLUTTER FREELY. THE EXHIBIT FEATURES DAZZLING VARIETIES OF BUTTERFLIES
FROM COSTA RICA AND FLORIDA. VISITORS LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE CYCLE AND
BEHAVIOR OF THESE SPECTACULAR INVERTEBRATES WHILE OBSERVING THEM UP
CLOSE.

0 TO 60: AN UNDERWATER ADVENTURE FROM THE EQUATOR TO ALASKA. A

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT BY RICHARD SALAS:

AN EXHIBIT OF UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY DOCUMENTING 4000 MILES OF
UNDERWATER ADVENTURE.

THE MUSEUM BACKYARD AND NATURE CLUB HOUSE:

THE MUSEUM BACKYARD AND NATURE CLUBHOUSE IS AN ADA ACCESSIBLE PLAY AREA
NESTLED IN THE OAK WOODLAND ALONG MISSION CREEK. GUESTS CAN RELAX,
EXPLORE AND PLAY ALONG THE BACKYARD CREEK. ACTIVITIES (MYSTERY BOX,
NATURE STORIES, AND ROCKS IN A BOX) SUPPORTED BY FRIENDLY NATURALISTS
ENGAGE VISITORS IN NATURE PLAY. THE CLUBHOUSE IS STAFFED WITH

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

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NATURALISTS THAT ANSWER QUESTIONS, SHARE ACTIVITIES ABOUT THE NATURAL WORLD AND WHAT MAKES THE SANTA BARBARA REGION UNIQUE. THEY SUPPORT THE POPULAR NATURE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, CREEPY CRAWLY ENCOUNTERS, AND ALLOW FOR NATURAL CURIOSITY THROUGH TACTILE INTERACTIONS.	

MAXIMUS GALLERY:

THE JOHN AND PEGGY MAXIMUS GALLERY, LOCATED AT THE MISSION CANYON CAMPUS, IS DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND DISPLAY OF ANTIQUE PRINTS AND PRESENTS TWO TO THREE ORIGINAL EXHIBITS A YEAR WHICH HIGHLIGHT THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCIENCES.

TWO ORIGINAL EXHIBITS WERE CREATED BY IN-HOUSE CURATOR AND STAFF EXHIBIT DESIGNER FOR THE MAXIMUS GALLERY IN 2024.

SPLENDID PLUMAGE SHOWCASED THE FEATHERY ADAPTATIONS DISPLAYED BY BIRDS OF AUSTRALIA, NEW GUINEA, ASIA, EUROPE, AND CENTRAL AMERICA AS PICTURED IN THE WORKS OF 19TH-CENTURY BRITISH ORNITHOLOGIST AND PUBLISHER JOHN GOULD AND OTHERS.

BIRDS OF PARADISE, HERONS, TOUCANS AND HUMMINGBIRDS ARE AMONG THE SPECIES THAT HAVE EVOLVED AN AMAZING DIVERSITY OF FORMS, COLORS AND FUNCTION. THE MOST DRAMATIC OUTCOME OF SEXUAL SELECTION IS THE MALE'S EXTRAVAGANT PLUMAGE, COMPLEX VOCAL ARRANGEMENTS AND THE SHAPE-SHIFTING DANCES OF THEIR MATING RITUALS. THEY CAME ALIVE IN A GALLERY VIDEO PUT TOGETHER BY STAFF EXHIBIT DESIGNER. MUSIC INTEGRATED WITH BIRD CALLS ACCOMPANIED THE EXHIBIT MAKING IT AN ALL-AROUND SENSORY EXPERIENCE.

REMARKABLE ANIMAL PORTRAITS OF THE FELINE AND CANINE FAMILIES WERE ON VIEW WHEN BIG CATS AND WILD DOGS OPENED IN THE FALL. ORIGINAL HAND-COLORED LITHOGRAPHS BY 19TH-CENTURY ARTISTS AND NATURALISTS JOHN JAMES AUDUBON AND DANIEL GIRAUD ELLIOT. AUDUBON'S THE QUADRUPEDS OF NORTH AMERICA, PUBLISHED FROM 1845-1848 IS OF IMMENSE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND ISSUED AT A TIME WHEN AMERICA'S MAMMALS WERE NOT WELL KNOWN OR STUDIED. THE BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATIONS AND THE HARDSHIPS AUDUBON ENDURED TO PUBLISH THEM ARE A TESTAMENT TO THE ARTIST AND HIS ENDURING LEGACY. A GALLERY GUIDE WAS CREATED TO PROVIDE MORE BACKGROUND ON AUDUBON'S "GRAND AND LAST JOURNEY" TO COLLECT MAMMALS IN THE FIELD.

AT THE SEA CENTER:

GUESTS TO THE SEA CENTER ARE ABLE TO LOOK AND LEARN MORE ABOUT SEA HORSES, CORAL REEF INHABITANTS, JELLIES, AND SIMILARLY ELEGANT ANIMALS. VISITORS GET THEIR HANDS WET AS THEY EXPLORE THE WONDERS AND BEAUTY OF LOCAL MARINE LIFE IN THE INTERTIDAL WONDERS TOUCH POOLS. TRAINED NATURALISTS GUIDE EXPLORERS IN THE DISCOVERY OF A VARIETY OF MARINE ANIMALS THAT CALL SANTA BARBARA COAST THEIR HOME. ALONG WITH THE NATURALISTS, THERE WERE 92 VOLUNTEERS WHO DONATED OVER 11,000 HOURS OF SERVICE TO INTERPRET THE INTERACTIVE STATIONS FOR VISITORS.

WHITE ABALONE CAPTIVE BREEDING PROGRAM:

AS A PARTNER IN THE WHITE ABALONE CAPTIVE BREEDING PROGRAM AND A MEMBER OF THE WHITE ABALONE RECOVERY CONSORTIUM, THE SEA CENTER CONTIUES TO CARE FOR THE WHITE ABALONE AND PARTICIPATE IN COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS SUCH AS SPAWING ATTEMPTS AND JUVENILE RELEASES. IN 2024, THE SEA CENTER DID NOT RELEASE JUVENILE COHORTS INTO THE WILD, BUT WILL MAKE ATTEMPTS IN 2025.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

17 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THROUGH MENTORSHIP, RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES, WORK SHIFTS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, THE TEENS LEARN AND DEVELOP TIME MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC SPEAKING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND SCIENTIFIC

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RESEARCH SKILLS. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, TEENS ASSIST IN THE BUTTERFLY PAVILION, MUSEUM BACKYARD, SEA CENTER INTERPRETATIONS AND AQUARIUM DUTIES.

DURING THE SUMMER, FRESHMEN QUASARS TOOK WEEKLY CLASSES OF MUSEUM 101, TAUGHT BY DEPARTMENT HEADS THROUGHOUT THE MUSEUM. THE FORMER USED THEIR GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF MUSEUM OPERATIONS AND HISTORY TO CONSTRUCT THEIR OWN HYPOTHETICAL MUSEUM. QUASARS LOGGED A TOTAL OF 2,276 VOLUNTEER HOURS DURING THE YEAR WHILE GAINING WORK EXPERIENCE.

TEEN PROGRAMS COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING

IN 2024, TEEN PROGRAMS SERVED 27 TEENS IN THE COUSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM WHERE PARTICIPANTS VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AS COUNSELORS FOR THE NATURE ADVENTURES SUMMER CAMPS. THIS YEAR, THE CITs LOGGED 1158 HOURS OF SERVICE.

NATURE ADVENTURES AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES AND CAMPS

THE MUSEUM OFFERED IN PERSON CAMPS AND CLASSES IN 2024 AND UNDERWENT PERSONNEL CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE NATURE THEMED CAMPS ENROLLED 45 PARTICIPANTS IN THE WINTER SESSION AND 27 IN THE INAUGURAL THANKSGIVING CAMPS. SUMMER CAMPS WERE OFFERED TO 336 CAMPERS, AGES 4-14 OVER A NINE WEEK PERIOD.

SCHOOL AND TEACHER SERVICES

THE MUSEUM'S SCHOOL AND TEACHER SERVICES (STS) PROGRAM PROVIDES GRADE SPECIFIC, STANDARDS ALIGNED FIELD TRIPS FOR VISITING SCHOOL GROUPS AT TWO SITES (MISSION CANYON CAMPUS AND SEA CENTER). MANY OF THE FIELD TRIP VISITS ARE FACILITATED BY MEMBERS OF THE MUSEUM EDUCATOR PROGRAM WHO GUIDE STUDENTS THROUGH THE SUBJECT MATTER. THE MUSEUM EDUCATOR PROGRAM PROVIDES MATERIALS, INFORMATION AND TEACHING TECHNIQUES TO THESE DOCENTS WHO ENGAGE KIDS IN FUN LEARNING EXPERIENCES. TOPICS INCLUDED GEODYSEY, MEET THE TEETH, CONNECTING WITH THE CHUMASH AND DINOSAUR CSI. FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, 5462 STUDENTS WERE SERVED ON THE MISSION CANYON CAMPUS, WHILST OVER 1,200 STUDENTS, CAME TO THE SEA CENTER AND OVER HALF OF THEM WERE FROM SCHOOLS THAT UTILIZED THE MUSEUM ACCESS FUND.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE FORM 990 WAS SENT TO ALL FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR REVIEW.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

SIGNED STATEMENTS REGARDING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE REQUIRED FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

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

THE SALARIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CFO ARE SET BY THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTER REVIEW OF CURRENT COMPARATIVE DATA OF CALIFORNIA NONPROFITS AND MUSEUMS.

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

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE POSTED ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	373,644.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	1,339,007.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	4,472.
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,717,123.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	1,717,123.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

CHANGE IN VALUE OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS	1,277,776.
CHANGE IN VALUE OF CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES	-37,879.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	1,239,897.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 2C

THE MUSEUM HAS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT. THIS PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR.

PART VI, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISCLOSURE

THE MUSEUM'S BYLAWS CALL FOR THE EXISTENCE OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD, CONSISTING OF NO FEWER THAN SIX TRUSTEES, INCLUDING THE VICE CHAIRS FOR GOVERNANCE, FINANCE, AND DEVELOPMENT, THE SECRETARY, THE IMMEDIATE PAST BOARD PRESIDENT, AND A MEMBER AT LARGE ELECTED FROM THE TRUSTEES AT THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. THE BOARD CHAIR OF THE MUSEUM SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE SUCH POWER AND AUTHORITY AS MAY BE DELEGATED TO IT BY THE BOARD, AND SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWER IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OR AS OTHERWISE DELEGATED BY THE BOARD. AN EMERGENCY SITUATION SHALL BE DEEMED TO EXIST IF TWO OFFICERS OF THE BOARD DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. MINUTES SHALL BE KEPT AND DECISIONS COMMUNICATED TO THE BOARD WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS.