

CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, California 91360
www.calleguas.com

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

October 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

The Calleguas Municipal Water District's Sponsorship Committee is a standing committee and is therefore noticed in compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board who are not assigned to the Sponsorship Committee may attend only as observers and cannot participate as members of the committee. In order to preserve the function of the committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to the Sponsorship Committee will not provide input on matters before the Sponsorship Committee.

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Raul Avila, Chair
Jacquelyn McMillan, Committee Member

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (Government Code Section 54954.3(a)). Please limit comments to three minutes.

C. COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. Sponsorship Certification Discussion for Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
2. Review and approval of Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County 2024-25 Sponsorship Request
3. Report on other District Sponsorships

D. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

F. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Calleguas Municipal Water District conducts in-person meetings in accordance with the Brown Act. In addition to in-person participation, members of the public may also participate by submitting comments by email to info@calleguas.com by 5:00 p.m. on the calendar day prior to the meeting. Email headers should refer to the committee meeting for which comments are offered. Comments received will be placed into the record and distributed appropriately.

Agendas, agenda packets, and additional materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Board after distribution of the agenda packet are available on the District website at www.calleguas.com.

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REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP CERTIFICATION

C1a COMMITTEE ITEMS

ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY (AWA)

Prepared by Kelle Pistone, Managing Director
Email: awa@awavc.org. Phone 805.644.0922

July 31, 2024

ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION

The Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWA) is a 501c6 non-profit business organization formed in 1976 for the purpose of Water: Education, Outreach, Communication, and Collaboration. The activities of AWA are in conformity with its bylaws, principles and mission to disseminate information to encourage cooperation for development, conservation, protection, and improvement of a reliable supply of quality, cost effective water in an environmentally and economically responsible manner for Ventura County. AWA is governed by a 21-member board of directors comprised of leaders representing various water related entities in our region (agriculture, municipalities, water purveyors, small systems, industrial water users, private business, concerned citizens, students, etc.). The Calleguas Municipal Water District is among the founding members of AWA and an integral part of the association.

FUNDING OBJECTIVES

To carry on the annual meetings and events to foster communication among the entities for collaboration and dissemination of credible water information. A 2024 Calendar of standing meetings is enclosed (may not include all workshops and special events), as well as a list of current programs.

Since Covid-19 struck our communities and businesses, inflation hit highest levels in decades. Nonprofit organizations, including AWA, have been negatively impacted by the outcome including rising costs for goods and services. Subsequently, the AWA Board is currently studying options to recover from annual budget deficits. During these times of recovery, nonprofits will need more understanding and resources from funders.

As an organization that primarily relies on membership dues and sponsorships, the Calleguas MWD contribution to AWA is more important now than ever before.

Consideration of 2024/25 increased funding, and opportunities for grant partnering (i.e. public outreach, education, etc.), would be most greatly appreciated.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Proof of good standing/qualification in California and as a nonprofit recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (on file)
- Financial Statements for three years preceding the request. (on file)
- Pro-forma budget for current year (enclosed)
- List of responsible directors and contact information (enclosed)
- List of 2024/25 program sponsorship opportunities (enclosed)



Entity Status Letter

Date: 7/30/2024

ESL ID: 8361248480

Why You Received This Letter

According to our records, the following entity information is true and accurate as of the date of this letter.

Entity ID: 1642696

Entity Name: ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY

- 1. The entity is in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board.
- 2. The entity is **not** in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board.
- 3. The entity is currently exempt from tax under Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 23701 e.
- 4. We do not have current information about the entity.
- 5. The entity was administratively dissolved/cancelled on _____ through the Franchise Tax Board Administrative Dissolution process.

Important Information

- This information does not necessarily reflect the entity's current legal or administrative status with any other agency of the state of California or other governmental agency or body.
- If the entity's powers, rights, and privileges were suspended or forfeited at any time in the past, or if the entity did business in California at a time when it was not qualified or not registered to do business in California, this information does not reflect the status or voidability of contracts made by the entity in California during the period the entity was suspended or forfeited (R&TC Sections 23304.1, 23304.5, 23305a, 23305.1).
- The entity certificate of revivor may have a time limitation or may limit the functions the revived entity can perform, or both (R&TC Section 23305b).

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 916-845-6500 from outside the United States

California
 Relay Service: 711 or 800-735-2929 (For persons with hearing or speech impairments)

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
2021 YEAR-END Balance Sheet
December 31, 2021

Cash Basis

	<u>Dec 31, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	23.90
Mission CD Acct	50,008.22
Mission Checking Account	86,374.67
Mission Money Market	30,003.24
Premiere America SAVINGS AC...	2,802.55
Total Checking/Savings	<u>169,212.58</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	<u>-2,458.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	-2,458.00
Other Current Assets	
Payments Received	<u>-26,240.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>-26,240.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>140,514.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>140,514.58</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	<u>-2,568.27</u>
Total Accounts Payable	<u>-2,568.27</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-2,568.27</u>
Total Liabilities	-2,568.27
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	15,749.48
Retained Earnings	139,450.69
Net Income	<u>-12,117.32</u>
Total Equity	<u>143,082.85</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>140,514.58</u></u>

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
2021 YEAR-END / Income & Expense Report
December 31, 2021

Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Grants	20,000.00
Interest Earned	256.02
Membership Dues	114,375.00
Membership dues CCWUC	3,200.00
Programs	
CCWUC	
ConfinedSpace_HazMat	3,931.00
CCWUC - Other	15,427.00
Total CCWUC	19,358.00
Holiday Corporate Night	11,790.00
Reagan Library Water Reception	31,215.24
Symposium	32,144.00
WaterWise	19,942.00
Total Programs	114,449.24
Total Income	252,280.26
Expense	
Computers	
Internet Services	227.99
Repairs	221.00
Website	553.43
Total Computers	1,002.42
Facility	
Holiday Corporate Night	6,675.24
Reagan	16,702.73
Total Facility	23,377.97
Insurance	
Liability Insurance	1,154.00
Total Insurance	1,154.00
Miscellaneous	
Paypal Fee	0.00
551.69	
Postage and Delivery	
CCWUC	55.00
General Office	220.25
Holiday Corporate Night	34.80
Reagan Library Water Reception	55.75
Postage and Delivery - Other	4.20
Total Postage and Delivery	370.00
Printing and Reproduction	
Reagan Library Water Reception	130.43
Total Printing and Reproduction	130.43
Professional Fees	
Consulting	136,743.00
Temporary Staff	72,416.80
Total Professional Fees	209,159.80
Program Expense-AWA	
CCWUC	7,000.00
Reagan Library Water Reception	2,200.00
Symposium	3,000.00
Program Expense-AWA - Other	3,000.00
Total Program Expense-AWA	15,200.00
Rent	9,422.00

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
2021 YEAR-END / Income & Expense Report
December 31, 2021

Cash Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 21</u>
Supplies	
Holiday Corporate Night	729.12
Office	398.96
Reagan Library Water Reception	318.87
WaterWise	2,029.02
Total Supplies	<u>3,473.97</u>
Taxes, Licenses, Fees, Permits	61.00
Utilities	
Telephone	494.30
Total Utilities	<u>494.30</u>
Total Expense	<u>264,397.58</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-12,117.32
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Other Expenses	0.00
Total Other Expense	<u>0.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-12,117.32</u></u>

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
2022 YEAR-END Balance Sheet
December 31, 2022

Cash Basis

	<u>Dec 31, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking Union Bank	23.90
Mission CD Acct	50,012.47
Mission Checking Account	60,582.07
Mission Money Market	30,018.25
Premiere America SAVINGS AC...	2,810.92
Total Checking/Savings	<u>143,447.61</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-403.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-403.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
Payments Received	-8,490.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>-8,490.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>134,554.61</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>134,554.61</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	-2,527.16
Total Accounts Payable	<u>-2,527.16</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-2,527.16</u>
Total Liabilities	-2,527.16
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	15,749.48
Retained Earnings	127,333.37
Net Income	-6,001.08
Total Equity	<u>137,081.77</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>134,554.61</u>

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County

2022-YEAR-END / Income & Expense Report

December 31, 2021

Cash Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Earned	73.40
Membership Dues	113,597.00
Membership dues CCWUC	4,153.00
Programs	
CCWUC	
ConfinedSpace_HazMat	3,436.00
Operator Tech Workshop	12,066.00
CCWUC - Other	18,091.00
Total CCWUC	<u>33,593.00</u>
Holiday Corporate Night	9,822.00
Misc	84.83
Reagan Library Water Reception	41,712.00
Symposium	54,289.00
WaterWise	14,455.00
Total Programs	<u>153,955.83</u>
Total Income	271,779.23
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	10.00
Computers	
Internet Services	239.40
Software	19.99
Website	202.50
Total Computers	<u>461.89</u>
Dues and Subscriptions	9.99
Facility	
Holiday Corporate Night	7,348.77
Operator Tech Workshop	4,629.00
Reagan	18,934.63
Symposium	6,893.22
WaterWise	827.03
Total Facility	<u>38,632.68</u>
Insurance	
Liability Insurance	1,154.00
Total Insurance	<u>1,154.00</u>
Paypal Fee	980.60
Postage and Delivery	
General Office	119.73
Member	115.50
Postage and Delivery - Other	57.75
Total Postage and Delivery	<u>292.98</u>
Printing and Reproduction	
Installation	134.69
Operator Tech Workshop	37.45
Reagan Library Water Reception	71.63
Symposium	107.51
Total Printing and Reproduction	<u>351.28</u>
Professional Fees	
Consulting	136,743.00
Temporary Staff	75,082.20
Total Professional Fees	<u>211,825.20</u>

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County

2022 YEAR-END / Income & Expense Report

December 31, 2022

Cash Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
Program Expense-AWA	
Holiday Corporate Night	625.00
Operator Tech Workshop	100.00
Reagan Library Water Reception	250.00
Symposium	100.00
Program Expense-AWA - Other	18,046.02
Total Program Expense-AWA	<u>19,121.02</u>
Rent	2,184.00
Supplies	
Board	79.09
CCWUC	251.55
ConfinedSpace_HazMat	220.79
Holiday Corporate Night	825.24
Installation	22.51
Office	216.44
Reagan Library Water Reception	201.25
Symposium	147.40
Water Issues	81.89
WaterWise	140.77
Supplies - Other	38.61
Total Supplies	<u>2,225.54</u>
Utilities	
Telephone	531.13
Total Utilities	<u>531.13</u>
Total Expense	<u>277,780.31</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-6,001.08</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-6,001.08</u></u>

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
2023 YEAR-END Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

Cash Basis

	<u>Dec 31, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Mission Checking Account	13,984.68
Mission Money Market	30,033.26
Premier America 12MOS CD	31,190.75
Premiere America 11MOS CD A...	50,497.05
Premiere America SAVINGS ACCT	<u>2,819.32</u>
Total Checking/Savings	128,525.06
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	<u>-12,273.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	-12,273.00
Other Current Assets	
Payments Received	<u>-1,395.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	-1,395.00
Total Current Assets	<u>114,857.06</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>114,857.06</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	<u>-2,547.16</u>
Total Accounts Payable	-2,547.16
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-2,547.16</u>
Total Liabilities	-2,547.16
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	15,749.48
Retained Earnings	121,302.29
Net Income	<u>-19,647.55</u>
Total Equity	<u>117,404.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>114,857.06</u>

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County

2023 YEAR-END / Income & Expense Report

Jan 1 through Dec 31, 2023

Cash Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Earned	1,752.88
Membership Dues	116,823.83
Membership dues CCWUC	3,207.00
Programs	
CCWUC	
ConfinedSpace_HazMat	1,958.00
Operator Tech Workshop	17,304.00
CCWUC - Other	18,813.00
Total CCWUC	<u>38,075.00</u>
Holiday Corporate Night	12,940.00
Reagan Library Water Reception	38,263.80
Symposium	61,039.00
Water Bus Tour	3,628.00
WaterWise	16,537.09
Total Programs	<u>170,482.89</u>
Total Income	<u>292,266.60</u>
Gross Profit	292,266.60
Expense	
Computers	
Internet Services	311.49
Software	119.99
Website	979.63
Total Computers	<u>1,411.11</u>
Facility	
CCWUC	3,444.38
Holiday Corporate Night	8,180.19
Operator Tech Workshop	5,505.34
Reagan	24,903.77
Symposium	7,870.67
WaterWise	2,752.52
Total Facility	<u>52,656.87</u>
Insurance	
Liability Insurance	693.00
Total Insurance	<u>693.00</u>
Paypal Fee	1,279.32
Postage and Delivery	
CCWUC	35.00
General Office	194.25
Holiday Corporate Night	65.75
Member	59.75
Symposium	35.40
Total Postage and Delivery	<u>390.15</u>
Printing and Reproduction	
Installation	145.55
Operator Tech Workshop	10.94
Reagan Library Water Reception	296.66
Symposium	301.69
Water Bus Tour	1,267.70
Printing and Reproduction - Other	21.89
Total Printing and Reproduction	<u>2,044.43</u>
Professional Fees	
Consulting	147,682.00
Temporary Staff	69,513.60
Total Professional Fees	<u>217,195.60</u>

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County

2023 YEAR-END / Income & Expense Report

Jan 1 through Dec 31, 2023

Cash Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
Program Expense-AWA	
CCWUC	2,200.00
Education	3,000.00
Holiday Corporate Night	2,600.00
Installation	2,000.00
Reagan Library Water Reception	4,550.00
Recognition/Awards	16.73
Symposium	5,476.71
Water Bus Tour	5,597.88
Program Expense-AWA - Other	5,000.00
Total Program Expense-AWA	30,441.32
Rent	2,002.00
Supplies	
Board	19.05
CCWUC	136.34
ConfinedSpace_HazMat	211.33
Holiday Corporate Night	892.51
Office	456.37
Operator Tech Workshop	96.38
Reagan Library Water Reception	432.29
Symposium	334.09
Water Bus Tour	222.60
Water Issues	101.90
WaterWise	347.58
Total Supplies	3,250.44
Taxes, Licenses, Fees, Permits	41.00
Utilities	
Telephone	508.91
Total Utilities	508.91
Total Expense	311,914.15
Net Ordinary Income	-19,647.55
Net Income	-19,647.55

Form **990**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2021

Open to Public Inspection

For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2021, and ending 12-31-2021

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY (AWA) Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 5156 McGrath Street 104 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Ventura, CA 93003	D Employer identification number 77-0232669 E Telephone number (805) 644-0922 G Gross receipts \$ 252,280
F Name and address of principal officer: Kelle Pistone 5156 McGrath Street Suite 104 Ventura, CA 93003		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions. H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (6) ◀(insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ▶ www.awavc.org		
K Form of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 1989 M State of legal domicile: CA

Part I Summary

	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Disseminate information to encourage cooperation for development, conservation, protection, and improvement of the total water resources in Ventura County. Create forums for communication; collaboration; and study of water issues. Assist in emergency response and disaster preparedness.						
Activities & Governance	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.						
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)		3				19
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)		4				19
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a)		5				0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)		6				19
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12		7a				0
	7b 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		Current Year		
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		119,040		137,575		
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		108,612		114,449		
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		838		256		
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		0		0		
			228,490		252,280		
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0		0		
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0		0		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0		0		
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0		0		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0						
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		250,292		264,397		
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		250,292		264,397			
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		-21,802		-12,117			
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year		End of Year		
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		152,673		169,213		
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		0		28,698		
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		152,673		140,515		

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer _____ Date 2022-05-13	
	Kelle Pistone, Managing Director Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶				Firm's EIN ▶
	Firm's address ▶				Phone no.

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Create a forum for communication to exchange ideas and work toward uniform standards and policies among water entities; Improve communication for mutual benefit of disaster response and emergency preparedness; Promote water education and discussions for development, protection, conservation and improvement of water resources.

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 \$	19,408	including grants of \$	0) (Revenue \$	31,215)
PUBLIC OFFICIALS/MEMBER RECEPTION - Held annually at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Learning and Banquet Center. Purpose of event for AWA members and guests to assemble and communicate with the region's local, state and federal elected officials and policymakers. Keynote dignitary speaker presents current, crucial water briefing. AWA presents annual water leadership award.					

4b	(Code:) (Expenses \$	7,439	including grants of \$	0) (Revenue \$	11,790)
YEAR END CORPORATE NIGHT - This annual program provides a forum for networking and briefing to members, community leaders, and guests to reflect on recent achievements and review upcoming projected program of work.					

4c	(Code:) (Expenses \$	7,055	including grants of \$	0) (Revenue \$	19,358)
CHANNEL COUNTIES WATER UTILITY CONTINUING EDUCATION PRORAM - This program provides information and instruction for water utility operators, technical field workers, supervisors, and water industry vendors, including safety training for water operators. Additionally, it provides California State Water Resources Board continuing education contact hours to meet license renewal requirements.					

(Code:) (Expenses \$	5,029	including grants of \$	0) (Revenue \$	52,086)
Part III, Line 4d. ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM, WATERWISE EDUCATIONAL SERIES, ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY BUS TOUR.				

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)	(Expenses \$	5,029	including grants of \$	0) (Revenue \$	52,086)
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4e	Total program service expenses		38,931			
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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		No
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions.		No
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>		No
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>		
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i> See instructions.		No
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>		No
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>		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements and reporting obligations.

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 []

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

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

Form 990 (2021) Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued). Includes sections 2a through 17 with various questions and input fields.

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



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 5 columns: Question, Line ID, Answer, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (19), 1b (19), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8, 8a (Yes), 8b (Yes), 9.

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

Table with 5 columns: Question, Line ID, Answer, Yes, No. Rows include 10a, 10b, 11a (Yes), 11b, 12a (Yes), 12b (Yes), 12c (Yes), 13, 14, 15, 15a (Yes), 15b (Yes), 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
Secretary KLong 5156 McGrath Street 104 Ventura, CA 93003 (805) 644-0922

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, 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, or 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 dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/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) Kelle Pistone Managing Director	40 0				X	X		136,743	0	0
(2) Steve Villegas President	6 0	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Joe Deakin President Elect	4 0	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Brian Brennan Vice President	3 0	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Sheldon Berger Treasurer	3 0	X		X				0	0	0
(6) Kelly Long Secretary	3 0	X		X				0	0	0

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

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position (with sub-columns for Individual trustee or director, Institutional Trustee, Officer, Key employee, Highest compensated employee, Former), (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 1

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, Yes, No. Contains questions 3, 4, and 5 regarding compensation reporting.

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.

Table with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation. Includes entry for Kelle Pistone.

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants, and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a	0				
	b Membership dues	1b	117,575				
	c Fundraising events	1c	0				
	d Related organizations	1d	0				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	20,000				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	0				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f: \$	1g	0				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		137,575				
Program Service Revenue	2a AWA Member Forums	Business Code	813910	11,790	11,790	0	0
	b Annual Water Symposium		813910	32,144	32,144	0	0
	c Library Water Keynote Address		813910	31,215	31,215	0	0
	d WaterWise Educational Series		813910	19,942	19,942	0	0
	e Water Operator Training		813910	19,358	19,358	0	0
	f All other program service revenue			0	0	0	0
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.			114,449			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			256	0	0	256
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds			0	0	0	0
	5 Royalties			0	0	0	0
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	6a				
			6b				
		(ii) Personal	6c	0	0		
			d Net rental income or (loss)				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	7a				
			7b				
		(ii) Other	7c	0	0		
			d Net gain or (loss)				
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		8a				
			8b				
			c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		9a				
9b							
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		10a					
		10b					
		c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
11a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			0				
12 Total revenue. See instructions			252,280	114,449	0	256	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	136,743			
b Legal				
c Accounting	72,417			
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	4,009			
14 Information technology	1,002			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	9,422			
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	38,578			
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	1,154			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Postage	370			
b Printing	130			
c Taxes and Fees	572			
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	264,397	0	0	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

Table with columns: (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Rows include Assets (1-16) and Liabilities (17-26). Sub-sections include Net Assets or Fund Balances (27-33) with checkboxes for FASB ASC 958 compliance.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	252,280
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	264,397
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	-12,117
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	152,673
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	0
7	Investment expenses	0
8	Prior period adjustments	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	-41
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	140,515

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2c As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		No
3b		

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the
Treasury

Internal Revenue
Service
ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY (AWA)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2021

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Employer identification number

77-0232669

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b	Form 990 Filing is reviewed by the organization Board of Directors as posted on meeting notices and provided upon request to members and the public.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c	The Board of Directors and Officers meet each month to discuss, review and monitor key staff and compliance with the conflict of interest policy by all.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15	The Association's CEO/Executive Director Compensation is based on experience, education, duties, and comparable data/salary surveys annually by Officers and the Board of Directors.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19	All records, financial statements, and governing documents of the Association are kept at the local office within the county of business and available upon request.
Form 990, Part XI, Line 9	\$41 payment from prior year accounting.

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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

For the **2022** calendar year, or tax year beginning **01-01-2022**, and ending **12-31-2022**

- B** Check if applicable:
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Final return/terminated
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

C Name of organization
ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
5156 McGrath Street 104

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Ventura, CA 93003

D Employer identification number
77-0232669

E Telephone number
(805) 644-0922

G Gross receipts \$ 271,779

F Name and address of principal officer:
Kelle Pistone
5156 McGrath Street 104
Ventura, CA 93003

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) (6) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ www.awavc.org

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 1989 **M** State of legal domicile: CA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Disseminate information to encourage cooperation for development, conservation, protection, and improvement of the total water resources in Ventura County. Create forums for communication; collaboration; and study of water issues. Assist in emergency response and disaster preparedness.		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	19	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	19	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a)	0	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	19	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0	
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	0		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	137,575	117,750
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	114,449	153,956
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	256	73
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	252,280	271,779
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0	0
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		264,397	277,780
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	264,397	277,780	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-12,117	-6,001	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	169,213	143,448
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	28,698	8,893
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	140,515	134,555

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer _____ Date 2023-05-26

Kelle Pistone Managing Director
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/type preparer's name Preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed PTIN

Firm's name ▶ Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ▶ Phone no.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Create a forum for communication to exchange ideas and work toward uniform standards and policies among water entities; Improve communication for mutual benefit of disaster response and emergency preparedness; Promote water education and discussions for development, protection, conservation and improvement of water resources.

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 \$ 24,090 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 41,712)
PUBLIC OFFICIALS/MEMBER RECEPTION - Held annually at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Learning and Banquet Center. Purpose: AWA members and guests assemble and communicate with region's local, state and federal officials and policymakers. Keynote dignitary speaker; current/crucial water briefing. Annual water leadership award presentation.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 8,799 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 9,907)
YEAR END CORPORATE NIGHT - Annual program provides a forum for networking and water briefing to members, community leaders, and guests to reflect on recent achievements and review upcoming program of work.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 12,248 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 54,289)
ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM - Day long conference open to members, general public, media, students, policymakers. Brings expert industry speakers to provide current briefing and critical information on water supply, quality, cost and sustainability planning. Interactive communication program.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 12,616 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 48,048)
Part III, Line 4d. WATERWISE EDUCATIONAL SERIES; CCWUC WATER OPERATOR CONTINUING EDUCATION; WATER BUS TOUR, VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ 12,616 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 48,048)

4e Total program service expenses 57,753

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>		No
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions.		No
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>		No
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10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i> See instructions.		No
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>		No
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>		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements and reporting obligations.

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 []

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

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

Table with 17 main rows and multiple sub-rows (a, b, c, etc.) for each. Columns include question text, a numeric column (2a-17), and two columns for 'Yes/No' or 'Amount'. Row 2a contains the value '0'. Row 17 contains the value '1'.

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



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 5 columns: Question, 1a, 1b, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (19); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (19); 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? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 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? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (No)

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

Table with 5 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11b 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 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (No); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (No); 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? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (Yes); 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? (No); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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 [x] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
Secretary KLong 5156 McGrath Street 104 Ventura, CA 93003 (805) 644-0922

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, or 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 dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/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) Kelle Pistone Managing Director	40 0				X	X		136,743	0	0
(2) Joe Deakin President	6 0	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Brian Brennan President Elect	4 0	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Raul Avila Vice President	3 0	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Sheldon Berger Treasurer	3 0	X		X				0	0	0
(6) Kelly Long Secretary	3 0	X		X				0	0	0

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

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation. Includes sub-totals and a total row showing 136,743.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization: 1
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual. No
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. No
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. No

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. Table with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation. Entry for Kelle Pistone, 136,743.

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants, and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a	0				
	b Membership dues	1b	117,750				
	c Fundraising events	1c	0				
	d Related organizations	1d	0				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	0				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	0				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f: \$	1g	0				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		117,750				
Program Service Revenue	2a AWA Member Forums	Business Code	813910	9,907	9,907	0	0
	b Annual Water Symposium		813910	54,289	54,289	0	0
	c Library Water Keynote Address		813910	41,712	41,712	0	0
	d WaterWise Educational Series		813910	14,455	14,455	0	0
	e Water Operator Training		813910	33,593	33,593	0	0
	f All other program service revenue			0	0	0	0
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.			153,956			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			73	0	0	73
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds			0	0	0	0
	5 Royalties			0	0	0	0
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	6a				
			(ii) Personal	6a			
		Less: rental expenses	6b				
			6c	0	0		
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	7a				
			(ii) Other	7a			
		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b				
			7c	0	0		
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
		Less: direct expenses	8b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
	Less: direct expenses	9b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a						
	Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
11a	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			0			
12 Total revenue. See instructions				271,779	153,956	0	73

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	136,743			
b Legal				
c Accounting	75,082			
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	2,767			
14 Information technology	462			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	2,184			
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	57,753			
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	1,154			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Postage	293			
b Printing	351			
c Taxes and Fees	991			
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	277,780	0	0	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

Table with columns: (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Rows include Assets (1-16) and Liabilities (17-26). Sub-sections include Net Assets or Fund Balances (27-33) with checkboxes for FASB ASC 958 compliance.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		271,779
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		277,780
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1		-6,001
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))		140,515
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments		0
6	Donated services and use of facilities		0
7	Investment expenses		0
8	Prior period adjustments		41
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))		134,555

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		No
3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue

Name of the organization
ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY

Employer identification number

77-0232669

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

Open to Public Inspection

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b	Form 990 filing is reviewed by the organization Board of Directors as posted on meeting notices and provided upon request to members and the public.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c	The Board of Directors and Officers meet each month to discuss, review and monitor key staff and compliance with the conflict of interest policy by all.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15	The Association's CEO/Executive Director compensation is based on experience, education, duties, and comparable data/salary surveys annually by Officers and the full Board of Directors.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19	All records, financial statements, and governing documents of the Association are kept at the local office within the county of business and available to all upon request.

990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2023

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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

C1h COMMITTEE ITEMS

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2023, and ending 12-31-2023

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY. Doing business as. Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 5156 McGrath Street 104. City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Ventura, CA 93003

D Employer identification number: 77-0232669. E Telephone number: (805) 644-0922. G Gross receipts \$ 292,267

F Name and address of principal officer: Kelle Pistone, 5156 McGrath Street 12904, Ventura, CA 93003

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No. H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c)(6) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: www.awavc.org

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: 1989 M State of legal domicile: CA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Water: Education, Outreach, Communication, and Collaboration. Disseminate information to encourage cooperation for development, conservation, protection, and improvement of the total water resources in Ventura County. Create forums for communication; collaboration; and study of water issues. Assist in emergency response and disaster preparedness.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows 2-7a, 7b. Includes voting members, employees, volunteers, and revenue.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows 8-12. Revenue section.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows 13-19. Expenses section.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year. Rows 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances section.

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 Kelle Pistone, Managing Director. Date: 2024-05-11

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date, Check if self-employed, PTIN, Firm's name, Firm's EIN, Firm's address, Phone no.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See Instructions. Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Create a forum for communication to exchange ideas and work toward uniform standards and policies among water entities; Improve communication for mutual benefit of disaster response and emergency preparedness; Promote water education and discussions for development, protection, conservation and improvement of water resources.

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 \$ **29,454** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **38,264**)
 PUBLIC OFFICIALS/MEMBER RECEPTION - Held annually at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Learning and Banquet Center. Purpose: AWA members and guests assemble and communicate with region's local, state and federal officials and policymakers. Keynote dignitary speaker; current/crucial water briefing. Annual water leadership award presentation.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **10,780** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **12,940**)
 YEAR END CORPORATE NIGHT - Annual program provides a forum for networking and water briefing to members, community leaders, and guests to reflect on recent achievements and review upcoming program of work.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **13,348** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **61,039**)
 ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM - Day long conference open to members, general public, media, students, policymakers. Brings expert industry speakers to provide current briefing and critical information on water supply, quality, cost and sustainability planning. Interactive communication program.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ **41,136** including grants of \$ **0**) (Revenue \$ **58,240**)
 Part III, Line 4d. WATERWISE EDUCATIONAL SERIES; CCWUC WATER OPERATOR CONTINUING EDUCATION; WATER BUS TOUR, VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ **41,136** including grants of \$ **0**) (Revenue \$ **58,240**)

4e **Total program service expenses** **94,718**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements, such as political activities, lobbying, and financial reporting.

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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
25b	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>		
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?		No
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>		No
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):		
28a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
28b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
28c	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>		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions?		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
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>		No
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?		No
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>		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
35b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
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>		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	Yes	

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

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

Main form area containing questions 2a through 17, including sub-questions like 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 8, 9a, 9b, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 13a, 13b, 13c, 14a, 14b, 15, 16, 17. Includes a '0' in a box for question 2a.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b 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 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 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? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization 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? 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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 in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: Secretary LHAMMAN 5156 McGrath Street 104 Ventura, CA 93003 (805) 644-0922

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, or 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 dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/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) Kelle Pistone Managing Director	40 0				X	X	147,682	0	0	
(2) Raul Avila President	6 0	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) Ann DeMartini President Elect	4 0	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) Susanne Cooper Vice President	3 0	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) Sheldon Berger Treasurer	3 0	X		X			0	0	0	
(6) Laura Hamman Secretary	3 0	X		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 dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/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			
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							147,682	0	0	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

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
Kelle Pistone, 5156 McGrath Street 104 Ventura, CA 93003	Planning and organization of the Association's operations and programs.	147,682

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**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

Table with 5 columns: (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514. Rows include Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts, and Federated campaigns, Membership dues, Fundraising events, etc.

Table for Program Service Revenue with columns for Business Code, (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include AWA Member Forums, Annual Water Symposium, Library Keynote Water Address, etc.

Table for Other Revenue with columns for (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include Investment income, Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds, Royalties, etc.

Table for Rental Income with columns for (i) Real, (ii) Personal, (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include Gross rents, Less: rental expenses, Rental income or (loss), Net rental income or (loss).

Table for Gain or Loss from Sales with columns for (i) Securities, (ii) Other, (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory, Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses, Gain or (loss), Net gain or (loss).

Table for Fundraising Events with columns for (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$0 of contributions reported on line 1c), Less: direct expenses, Net income or (loss) from fundraising events.

Table for Gaming Activities with columns for (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include Gross income from gaming activities, Less: direct expenses, Net income or (loss) from gaming activities.

Table for Sales of Inventory with columns for (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances, Less: cost of goods sold, Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory.

Table for Other Revenue with columns for Business Code, (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include Other Revenue Misc Amt, All other revenue, Total revenue. See instructions.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	147,682		147,682	
b Legal				
c Accounting	69,514		69,514	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	3,760	3,760		
14 Information technology	1,411	1,411		
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	2,002	2,002		
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	83,098	83,098		
20 Interest	0			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	693	693		
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Postage	390	390	0	0
b Printing	2,044	2,044	0	0
c Banking transaction fees	1,320	1,320	0	0
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	311,914	94,718	217,196	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	60,606	1	13,985
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	82,842	2	114,540
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		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		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		143,448	16	128,525
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	8,944	19	13,668
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25		
26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		8,944	26	13,668
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions		27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	29	0
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	0	30	0
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	134,504	31	114,857
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	134,504	32	114,857
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	143,448	33	128,525	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	292,267
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	311,914
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-19,647
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	134,504
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	114,857

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ****Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2023**Open to Public
Inspection**Name of the organization
ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY**Employer identification number**

77-0232669

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Header, Line D	Part III, Line 4d Other Program Services Accomplishments. Expense \$29,516. Grants -0-. Revenue \$58,240. WaterWise Educational Series; CCWUC Water Operator Continuing Education; Water Supply Bus Tour, Various Educational Meetings and Workshops.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b	Form 990 is placed on the Board of Directors Agenda for review and notice during regular scheduled meeting each year prior to final filing.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c	The conflict of interest policy is adopted by the full board of directors, noticed on meeting agendas, reviewed and signed annually.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15	Comparable salary surveys are conducted, and cost of living charts reviewed, each year for compensation of paid staff. The board of directors appoints an adhoc committee to review and evaluate salary and contract renewal. The adhoc committee is comprised of the association's top officers (President, President Elect, Treasurer and Immediate Past President). The adhoc committee conducts interview meeting with the staff member. The adhoc committee reports action item back to the full board of directors for discussion and ratification. All actions are agendized.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19	The association has a website with ability for public to view all of the organization's activities, directors, members, and a contact us form for easy access to retrieve information upon request.

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**Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
AWA Operating Budget
January through December 2024**

Cash Basis

		<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Grants		6,000.00
Interest Earned		3,768.00
Membership Dues		114,311.83
Membership dues CCWUC		3,207.00
Programs		
CCWUC		
ConfinedSpace_HazMat_Math	3,550.00	
Operator Tech Workshop	22,304.00	
CCWUC - Other	25,000.00	
Total CCWUC		<u>50,854.00</u>
Holiday Corporate Night	11,140.00	
Reagan Library Water Reception	43,263.80	
Symposium	60,000.00	
Water Bus Tour	3,628.00	
WaterWise	15,080.00	
Total Programs		<u>183,965.80</u>
Total Income		<u>311,252.63</u>
Gross Profit		311,252.63
Expense		
Catering		
CCWUC	24,000.00	
Holiday Corporate Night	0.00	
Reagan	18,000.00	
WaterWise	5,400.00	
Total Catering		<u>47,400.00</u>
Computers		
Internet Services	638.00	
Software	345.00	
Website	795.00	
Total Computers		<u>1,778.00</u>
Facility		
CCWUC	2,400.00	
Holiday Corporate Night	8,500.00	
Operator Tech Workshop	5,700.00	
Reagan	7,500.00	
Symposium	8,000.00	
WaterWise	0.00	
Total Facility		<u>32,100.00</u>
Insurance		
Liability Insurance	700.00	
Total Insurance		700.00
Paypal Fee		2,313.00

**Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
AWA Operating Budget
January through December 2024**

Cash Basis

	TOTAL
	Jan - Dec 24
Postage and Delivery	
General Office	263.00
Holiday Corporate Night	65.75
Member	65.75
Symposium	68.00
Total Postage and Delivery	462.50
Printing and Reproduction	
Installation	107.00
Reagan Library Water Reception	300.00
Symposium	0.00
Water Bus Tour	500.00
Total Printing and Reproduction	907.00
Professional Fees	
Consulting	147,682.00
Temporary Staff	96,570.00
Total Professional Fees	244,252.00
Program Expense-AWA	
Holiday Corporate Night	600.00
Operator Tech Workshop	200.00
Reagan Library Water Reception	550.00
Symposium	831.00
Water Bus Tour	3,600.00
Total Program Expense-AWA	5,781.00
Rent	2,158.00
Supplies	
Board	130.00
CCWUC	360.00
ConfinedSpace_HazMat	200.00
Holiday Corporate Night	860.00
Installation	100.00
Office	500.00
Operator Tech Workshop	170.00
Reagan Library Water Reception	400.00
Symposium	400.00
Water Bus Tour	250.00
Water Issues	180.00
WaterWise	250.00
Total Supplies	3,800.00
Taxes, Licenses, Fees, Permits	41.00
Utilities	
Telephone	518.40
Total Utilities	518.40
Total Expense	342,210.90
Net Ordinary Income	-30,958.27
Net Income	-30,958.27

✖ IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING BUDGET DEFICIT: Since Covid-19 struck our communities and businesses, inflation hit highest levels in decades. Nonprofit organizations, including AWA, have been negatively impacted by the outcome including rising costs for goods and services. During these times of recovery, nonprofits will need more understanding and resources from funders.

AWA is an organization that primarily relies on membership dues and sponsorships, the Calleguas MWD contribution to AWA is more important now than ever before. The AWA Board is studying all viable options to bring the operating budget back into balance.

Consideration of this sponsorship request, as well as potential 2024/25 increased funding, and opportunities for grant partnering (i.e. public outreach, education, etc.), is essential. Calleguas MWD is an integral part of the AWA, and its participation is key to the success of the association.



ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY

C1j COMMITTEE ITEMS

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CATEGORY	DIRECTOR	ALTERNATE
CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	Raul Avila, Director	Tibault Robert, Director
CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	Brian Brennan, Director	Pete Kaiser, Director
CITY OF OXNARD	Bryan MacDonald, Mayor-Pro-Tem	John Zaragoza, Mayor
CITY OF SIMI VALLEY	Fred Thomas, Mayor	Wanda Moyer, Dep. Public Works Dir.
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS	Kevin McNamee, Councilmember	Cliff Finley, Public Works Director
CITY OF VENTURA	Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios Dep. Mayor	Joe Schroeder, Mayor
CITY WATER SYSTEMS	Pedro Chavez, Vice Mayor City of Santa Paula	David Tennesen, Councilmember City of Camarillo
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Sponsorship Request Form

Date: 07/01/2024

Requesting Person: Kelli Pistone, Managing Director

Sponsorship Organization: Association of Water Agencies – Ventura County

Sponsorship Amount: \$13,400 Cash, Top Level for all events, \$400 for Symposium student partnership and \$2,200 in-Kind staffing for Elected Officials Reception

Contact information: Name: Kelli Pistone

Email: awa@awavc.org

Phone: 805-338-1755

Mission/Purpose of Organization:

To develop and encourage cooperation among the entities for the development, protection, conservation and improvement of the total water resources for Ventura County."

Description of project, program or event. (How does it relate to the District’s mission):

Description of each event is attached. The events offered by AWA-VC touch all three criteria the District has established for sponsorships. The events raise awareness of water issues in Ventura County, Builds stakeholder and community relationships and promotes collaboration with the District’s regional partners.



Total Request \$13,400

ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY

2024/25 CALENDAR YEAR CALLEGUAS MWD SPONSORSHIP PLEDGE

AWA respectfully requests consideration for sponsorship and partnership with Calleguas MWD to provide the following programs that advance the District's Mission: To provide the service area with a reliable supplemental supply of regional and locally developed water in an environmentally and economically responsible manner.

AWA is a nonprofit 501(c)6 business organization with over 48 years of history in bringing people, agencies and regional partners together for collaboration on water related issues. AWA depends on community support to help create forums for communication, education, awareness and discussion to promote water supply sustainability and emergency preparedness throughout the year. These efforts benefit the entire public.

Listed below you will find a variety of opportunities to support AWA programs and showcase your agency. AWA's programs are designed to meet the Association's mission and goals in Water: Education, Outreach, Communication, and Collaboration.

Your consideration of this sponsorship request, as well as potential increased funding for 2024/25 (due to inflationary rise in vendor goods and services), would be most greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate your support, participation and generosity.

2024/25 PLEDGE (2023/24)

29TH ANNUAL MEMBER/POLICYMAKERS (ELECTED OFFICIALS) RECEPTION \$ 5,000 \$5000 (Request: \$5000)

Program Information

AWA 29th Annual Member and Policymakers' Reception

Event Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024. 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Ronald Reagan Presidential Library – Simi Valley, Ca

Purpose: This event offers a tour of the national historic library of National Archives, primary source documents, photographs and artifacts, including Clean Water, Water & Soil Conservation, Water Resource Projects and more. A hosted reception for the purpose of creating a forum to bring the region's water community, elected officials and policymakers together for a water briefing by a high profile keynote speaker to raise public awareness of critical water supply issues; opportunity for networking and creating business relationships for potential collaboration on building local sustainable water supplies, communication, and to bestow the annual Water Leadership Award to reward and encourage the development of fiscally and environmentally responsible, cost effective, high quality water supplies for our region. The event typically draws 200 people, provides d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic refreshments. Members and invited guests are welcome. There is no cost for guest admission--the event is hosted by sponsorships.

The 2024 Keynote speaker is Jay R. Lund, PhD - Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Director for the Center for Watershed Sciences at UC Davis: Dr. Lund is an internationally renowned water policy expert with extensive research on water markets, climate change impacts, and collaborative water management solutions.

2024/25 PLEDGE (2023/24)

2ND ANNUAL CCWUC WATER OPERATOR AWARD LUNCHEON \$ 1,000 \$-0- (Request: \$1000)

Program Information

Channel Counties Water Utility Committee (CCWUC) Award Luncheon

Event Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024. 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Camarillo Grove Park

Purpose: This event is held outdoors in a public park for the purpose of water operator training, education and networking, as well as honoring our frontline water operator workers. Event components include hands-on demonstrations and education on industry technologies, expert speakers, Continuing Education Certifications, allotted time for open communication, and bestowing the annual "Water Operator of the Year Award" to reward and encourage industry workers who are at the helm to provide safe and reliable drinking water supplies in our local region, a goal that the Calleguas MWD board has emphasized as a high priority. Sponsorships help offset facility rentals, catering, award expenditures, and parking for 100+ attendees.

2024/25 PLEDGE (2023/24)

15TH ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY BUS TOUR

\$ 1,000 \$ 1000
(Request: \$1000)

Program Information

15th Annual Ventura County Water Supply Educational Facilities Tour

Event Date: Proposed Wednesday, November 14, 2024. 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Route includes stops at numerous water related facilities throughout Ventura County

Purpose: A full-day bus tour will provide education and awareness of local water supply resources (groundwater, surface water, recycled water, and imported water). Attendees will experience hands-on site tours, expert speakers, and a guided journey along Ventura County’s natural waterways and agricultural lands. Participants learn about the critical role of policy decisions, regulations, cost structures, conservation and wildlife protection, and competitive demands on our limited supplies. **The event specifically showcases Calleguas MWD’s: Mission; important briefing on their current issues; facilities; Lake Bard; and ecological protection of service area water supply and wildlife.**

2024/25 PLEDGE (2023/24)

30TH ANNUAL YEAR-END CORPORATE NIGHT

\$ 1,000 \$ 1000
(Request: \$1000)

Program Information

Event Date: Proposed Thursday, December 12, 2024. 5:00 PM

Location: The event revolves around Ventura County to showcase various areas and facilities.

Purpose: Celebrating its 30th of year of communication and collaboration on our region’s sustainable water supply, this event builds key stakeholder and community relationships. Bringing members, community leaders and invited guests together to reflect on achievements of the passing year and review the work program for the year ahead, it provides the opportunity **for forging relationships and networking toward ideas and solutions for a reliable supply of regional and locally developed water in an environmentally and economically responsible manner.** Members and invited guests are welcome. There is no cost for guest admission--the event is hosted by sponsorships.

2024/25 PLEDGE (2023/24)

32nd ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM *

\$ 5,000 \$ 5000
(Request: \$5000)

***ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM STUDENT PARTNERSHIP**

\$ 400 \$ -0-
(Request: \$400)

Program Information

Event Date: Proposed Thursday, April 17, 2025. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Courtyard by Marriott, Oxnard

Purpose: In its 32nd year, **the only event of its kind in the Calleguas MWD service area, held annually to examine our region’s water issues and solutions toward a reliable supply of drinking water.** This one-day conference is open to members, general public, media, students, elected officials and policymakers **promoting collaboration with regional water provider partners.** It brings knowledgeable speakers covering a multitude of current issues on water policy, quality, and supply. It is an interactive communication program encouraging ongoing future study sessions among attendees toward water sustainability solutions. **It is held in conjunction with the annual CCWUC Vendor Technology Workshop, and AWA Water Exposition** drawing hundreds of people to the conference. This is one of AWA’s largest forums for the dissemination of important water information and communication.

***The ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM STUDENT PARTNERSHIP** is a component of the Water Symposium, to foster partnerships with our local learning institutions and develop relationships with students and encourage our future workforce in the water industry. **This is a goal that the Calleguas MWD board has emphasized as a high priority.** The requested amount of \$400 will sponsor four students/faculty.

*** 32nd Annual Water Symposium Foot Note.** This event takes place during calendar year 2025. AWA’s Fiscal Year is January through December. As previously reported, there may be increases to the current sponsorship levels that the AWA Board will be discussing and possibly adopting soon that could potentially be effective in calendar year 2025 to help address the AWA budget shortfall. AWA will notify Calleguas MWD of any such increases upon board approval and would ask for consideration in continuing to honor the same sponsorship levels as pledged.



2024/25 CALENDAR YEAR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY DETAILS

~ ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM ~

- MAIN TITLE SPONSOR.....\$5000**
 - Top Billing on Program Invitation
 - Special Appreciation Listing on Website
 - Company Name and Logo on Welcome Screen
 - Special Acknowledgement on Screen Displays
 - Special Introduction during Program
 - Reserved VIP Table for 8 Conference Attendees
- Champion.....\$2500**
 - Prominent Recognition on Program Invitation
 - Appreciation Listing on Website
 - Company Name on Screen Display
 - Four Complimentary Conference Admissions
- Patron.....\$1000**
 - Recognition on Program Invitation
 - Acknowledgement on Website
 - Company Name on Screen Display
 - Two Complimentary Conference Admissions
- Sponsor.....\$500**
 - Listing on Website
 - Company Name on Screen Display
 - One Complimentary Conference Admission
- Sponsor Student Attendee.....\$100 ea.**

~ ANNUAL MEMBER/ELECTED OFFICIALS RECEPTION ~

(Ronald Reagan Presidential Library)

- Honorary.....\$5000**
 - Top Billing on all Printed Materials
 - Exclusive Honorary Sponsor Website Listing
 - Acknowledgement on Invitation & Program
 - Announcement by Agency Representative if Desired
 - Welcome/Intro of Keynote Speaker by Agency Rep
 - Agency Signage with Exclusive Placement near Stage
- Presidential.....\$2500**
 - Acknowledgement on Invitation &
 - Special Listing on all Printed Materials
 - Agency Introduction at Event
 - Agency Name on Signage
- Senatorial.....\$1000**
 - Acknowledgement on Invitation & Program
 - Agency Name on Signage
 - Agency Introduction at Event
- Representative.....\$500**
 - Acknowledgement on Invitation & Program
 - Agency Name on Signage

~ ANNUAL YEAR-END

CORPORATE NIGHT ~

- Noble Fir.....\$1000**
 - Top Billing on Invitation, Event Signage
 - Top Billing on Program & Materials
 - Exclusive Appreciation Banner on Website
 - Special Welcome and Introduction at Event
- Poinsettia.....\$750**
 - Listing in Event Program
 - Agency Name on Signage
 - Spotlight Recognition on AWA Website
- Holly.....\$500**
 - Agency Name on Signage
 - Listing on Event Program
- Mistletoe.....\$300**
 - Listing in Event Program

~ ANNUAL WATER BUS TOUR ~

- Gold Sponsor.....\$1000**
 - 4 Reserved Bus Passes, Company literature and Listing in Attendee Packets, Introduction on Bus, Acknowledgement at Luncheon.
- Silver Sponsor.....\$500**
 - 2 Reserved Passes/Introduction/Listing in Attendee Packets.
- Bronze Sponsor.....\$300**
 - 1 Reserved Bus Pass, Listing in Attendee Packets.

~ ANNUAL WATER OPERATOR AWARD LUNCHEON ~

- Grade 5.....\$1000**
 - Top Billing on all Printed Materials and on Website
 - Introduction at Luncheon. • 3 "Front of the Line" Event Passes
- Grade 4.....\$500**
 - Acknowledgement at Luncheon • Listing on website
 - 2 "Front of the Line" Event Passes
- Grade 3.....\$300**
 - Listing on website • 1 "Front of the Line" Event Pass

~ UNALLOCATED DONATION ~

Applied toward AWA annual operating budget to help offset inflationary costs of goods and services.

Thank you for your participation and support.
Your contribution keeps our water communities connected and collaborating on issues pertinent to maintaining our quality of life through sustainable water supplies for all.

District Sponsorships less than \$5,000

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| 1. Maven's Notebook | \$1,000 |
| Funding will be used to provide continued in-depth and unbiased coverage of critical statewide water policy and science issues as they progress through key agency meetings, public meetings, legislative hearings, conferences and seminars. | |
| Maven's Notebook strives to serve the water community by providing coverage of important meetings and events that is equivalent to attending in person, saving you staff time and money - as well as providing a written record of developments that can be referred to and referenced. | |
| 2. Turning Point Foundation – Growing Works Celebration & Fall Festival | \$1,000 |
| Funding used to promote the District's Water Use Efficiency program through interaction with the public. | |
| 3. Conejo Open Space – Plant-Palooza | \$3,500 |
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