

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

**2017**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: Address change Name change Initial return Final return/terminated Amended return Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.</b>		<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>31-0961448</b>
	Doing business as		<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>614-898-7791</b>
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	
	<b>601 DEMPSEY ROAD</b>		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>5,278,744.</b>
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>WESTERVILLE, OH 43081</b>			
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>TERRY MORSE</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( <b>6</b> ) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527		<b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>J</b> Website: <b>WWW.NGWA.ORG</b>		If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶	
<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1948</b>		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>OH</b>	

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>DEDICATED TO ADVANCING GROUNDWATER KNOWLEDGE.</b>
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) <b>3</b> <b>19</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) <b>4</b> <b>19</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a) <b>5</b> <b>36</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) <b>6</b> <b>250</b>
	<b>7 a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 <b>7a</b> <b>893,774.</b>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 <b>7b</b> <b>-2,386.</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) <b>8</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) <b>9</b> <b>5,159,304.</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) <b>10</b> <b>-16,145.</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) <b>11</b> <b>257,237.</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) <b>12</b> <b>5,400,396.</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) <b>13</b> <b>475.</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) <b>14</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) <b>15</b> <b>2,478,330.</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) <b>16a</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>16b</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) <b>17</b> <b>2,757,580.</b>
	<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) <b>18</b> <b>5,236,385.</b>
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 <b>19</b> <b>164,011.</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16) <b>20</b> <b>9,602,196.</b>
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) <b>21</b> <b>3,182,339.</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 <b>22</b> <b>6,419,857.</b>

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer	Date			
	<b>PAUL E. HUMES, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b> Type or print name and title				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>MARY ELIZABETH WRIGHT, CPA</b>	Preparer's signature <b>MARY ELIZABETH WRIGH</b>	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN <b>P00099212</b>
	Firm's name ▶ <b>REA &amp; ASSOCIATES, INC.</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>34-1310124</b>	Firm's address ▶ <b>941 STEUBENVILLE AVE., P.O. BOX 820 CAMBRIDGE, OH 43725-0820</b>		
Phone no. (740)-432-5658					

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 [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION IS THE HALLMARK ORGANIZATION FOR ANYONE AFFILIATED WITH THE GROUNDWATER INDUSTRY. A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, NGWA IS COMPOSED OF U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL GROUNDWATER PROFESSIONALS-CONTRACTORS, SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS, EQUIPMENT

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION - THE NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION (NGWA) HOSTS ON AVERAGE, EIGHT CONFERENCES EVERY YEAR, IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL GROUND WATER EXPO, GROUND WATER SUMMIT, 30 OR SO SHORT COURSES, AND NUMEROUS WEBINARS. IN ADDITION, NGWA ALSO OFFERS A VARIETY OF CUSTOMIZED, IN-HOUSE TRAINING COURSES. THE NGWA ALSO OFFERS TWO CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS AND A PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM. THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM INCLUDES THE "NWGA WELL CONSTRUCTION AND PUMP INSTALLATION CERTIFICATION" FOR CONTRACTORS AND THE "CERTIFIED GROUND WATER PROFESSIONAL" DESIGNATION FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS. NGWA OFFERS MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS THE "CERTIFIED SALES PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) MEMBERSHIP - THE NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION (NGWA) HAS OVER 10,350 MEMBERS AND IT PROVIDES GROUNDWATER PROFESSIONALS WITH PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY AND IN THE PROTECTION, PROMOTION AND RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESOURCES. NGWA PROVIDES GROUNDWATER PROFESSIONALS A VARIETY OF BENEFITS, INCLUDING: AWARD-WINNING PUBLICATION SUBSCRIPTIONS; NGWA COURSES, CONFERENCES, AND NGWA BOOKSTORE; OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN INTEREST GROUPS; VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES; NGWA PUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS, ARTICLE, AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS THROUGH GROUND WATER ON-LINE; NGWA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY; A LISTING IN ONE OF THE "FIND A GROUNDWATER PROFESSIONAL" ONLINE DIRECTORIES; COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM SURVEYS; INDUSTRIAL REPORTS; AS

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) TRADE SHOWS - THE NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION OFFERS/ORGANIZES REGIONAL TRADE SHOWS. THESE SHOWS ARE HELD YEARLY AND OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANUFACTURES AND SUPPLIES OF GROUND WATER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO EXHIBIT THEIR GOODS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? .....		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> .....	X	
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> .....		X
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> .....	X	
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? .....		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? .....		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? .....		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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> .....		
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		
<b>26</b> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> .....	X	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> .....		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O .....	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Main form table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), Yes/No checkboxes, and numerical input fields. Includes questions about Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, Form 990-T, Form 8886-T, Form 8899, Form 1098-C, Form 4947(a)(1), and Form 720.

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

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
	1a	19	
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
	1b	19	
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	X	
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	X	
<b>b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	X	
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b>	The governing body?	X	
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
<b>9</b>	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NONE**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website     Another's website     Upon request     Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **PAUL E. HUMES - 614-898-7791**  
**601 DEMPSEY ROAD, WESTERVILLE, OH 43081**

**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 instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ROBERT KEYES DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(2) RICHARD LAYMAN DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(3) GREG TECH DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(4) PATRICK CASAREZ DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) TORY DONNELLY DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) RYAN ARNETT DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) TIM PARKER DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) TODD TANNEHILL DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) DAVID TRAUT DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) JON CHISHOLM DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) JASON HOUSE VP-SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS	1.00 0.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(12) GREG BEACH VP-SUPPLIERS	1.00 0.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(13) ROBERT CAHO VP-MANUFACTURER	1.00 0.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(14) DENIS CRAYON VP-CONTRACTORS	1.00 0.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(15) BRIAN SNELTEN TREASURER	1.00 0.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(16) MERRITT PARTRIDGE SECRETARY	1.00 0.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(17) TODD E. HUNTER PAST PRESIDENT	5.00 0.00	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 line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) K. SCOTT KING PRESIDENT-ELECT	2.00 1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(19) DAVID HENRICH PRESIDENT	2.00 1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(20) TERRY MORSE CEO STARTING IN DEC. 2017	40.00 5.00			X				21,970.	0.	0.
(21) KEVIN MCCRAY CEO TILL DEC. 2017	40.00 5.00			X				182,568.	0.	16,962.
(22) PAUL HUMES CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	40.00 2.00			X				125,949.	0.	13,220.
<b>1b Sub-total</b> .....								330,487.	0.	30,182.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....								0.	0.	0.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....								330,487.	0.	30,182.

**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 **2**

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**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
MOHANNA SALES REPRESENTATIVES, 305 W. SPRING CREEK PARKWAY, BLDG C, STE 101, MITTERA GROUP	SALES OF ADV & EXPO	454,228.
PO BOX 310471, DES MOINES, IA 50331	COMMISSION OF SALE	226,635.
NIMBLE USER, 1100 PITTSFORD VICTOR RD, PITTSFORD, NY 14534	AMS SOFTWARE & SUPPORT	121,510.
MUSIC CITY CENTER 201 FIFTH AVE S, NASHVILLE, TN 37203	EXPOSITION HALL	104,206.

**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 **4**



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$						
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f						
Program Service Revenue	<b>2 a</b> CONVENTION AND EXPOSIT	Business Code 611430	1,609,780.	1,609,780.			
	<b>b</b> MEMBERSHIP DUES	900099	1,428,127.	1,428,127.			
	<b>c</b> PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	511120	1,087,632.	193,858.	893,774.		
	<b>d</b> COURSE AND CONFERENCE	611430	471,135.	471,135.			
	<b>e</b> OTHER PROGRAM SERVICE	611430	245,460.	245,460.			
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue	611430	26,500.	26,500.			
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f		4,868,634.				
	Other Revenue	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		115,256.			115,256.
<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
<b>5</b> Royalties			192,523.			192,523.	
<b>6 a</b> Gross rents		(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)							
<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other		10.			
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		5,217.	0.		
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)		-5,217.	10.		
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)			-5,207.			-5,207.	
<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		<b>a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses						
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>	91,036.					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold		52,327.				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		38,709.	38,709.			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
<b>11 a</b> MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		900099	11,285.	11,285.			
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b> All other revenue						
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d			11,285.			
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.			5,221,200.	4,024,854.	893,774.	302,572.	

**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	474,469.			
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	363,587.			
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	1,410,193.			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	49,085.			
9 Other employee benefits	237,561.			
10 Payroll taxes	131,114.			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	39,458.			
c Accounting	35,730.			
d Lobbying	257,719.			
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 Sch O.)	829,190.			
12 Advertising and promotion	72,111.			
13 Office expenses	685,492.			
14 Information technology	159,171.			
15 Royalties	421.			
16 Occupancy	178,357.			
17 Travel	223,346.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	129,482.			
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	65,169.			
23 Insurance	114,307.			
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 CREDIT CARD / BANK CHAR	92,135.			
b EVENT PROFIT SHARING EX	13,783.			
c STAFF TRAINING	12,980.			
d ATTRITION CHARGES	8,990.			
e All other expenses	-7,802.			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	5,576,048.			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here  if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	1,091,870.	<b>1</b>	1,092,447.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	1,408,906.	<b>2</b>	807,987.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	1,073,162.	<b>4</b>	530,330.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....	66,013.	<b>8</b>	52,817.
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	158,580.	<b>9</b>	160,805.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 2,314,151.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 1,705,752.	650,870.	<b>10c</b> 608,399.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	3,900,079.	<b>11</b>	4,787,197.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....	1,246,396.	<b>12</b>	1,239,194.
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	6,320.	<b>15</b>	6,320.
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	9,602,196.	<b>16</b>	9,285,496.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	1,827,793.	<b>17</b>	1,670,482.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	1,339,546.	<b>19</b>	1,342,020.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 .....	15,000.	<b>25</b>	5,100.
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	3,182,339.	<b>26</b>	3,017,602.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	6,419,857.	<b>27</b>	6,267,894.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	6,419,857.	<b>33</b>	6,267,894.	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	9,602,196.	<b>34</b>	9,285,496.	

**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	5,221,200.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	5,576,048.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-354,848.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	6,419,857.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	227,534.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-24,649.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	6,267,894.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
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		X
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Form 990 (2017)

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2017**

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527  
 ▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
 ▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization

**NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Employer identification number

**31-0961448**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....															
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....															
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....															
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....															
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....															
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.															
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....															
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....															
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....															
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members .....	<b>1</b>	1,428,127.
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year .....	<b>2a</b>	257,719.
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year .....	<b>2b</b>	-12,857.
<b>c</b> Total .....	<b>2c</b>	244,862.
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues .....	<b>3</b>	257,719.
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year? .....	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) .....	<b>5</b>	-12,857.

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

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

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**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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

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**2017**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization **NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.** Employer identification number **31-0961448**

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

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

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).  
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)     Preservation of a historically important land area  
 Protection of natural habitat     Preservation of a certified historic structure  
 Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements .....	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register .....	2d

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

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

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

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

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

- a  Public exhibition
- b  Scholarly research
- c  Preservation for future generations
- d  Loan or exchange programs
- e  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  %
- b Permanent endowment  %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment  %

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

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

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

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

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

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		70,000.		70,000.
b Buildings		961,366.	539,491.	421,875.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		1,267,584.	1,151,060.	116,524.
e Other		15,201.	15,201.	0.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				608,399.

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests	1,239,194.	COST
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	1,239,194.	

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

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

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	5,100.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	5,100.

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

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

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		<b>5</b>

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

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

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

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

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

**PART X, LINE 2:**

**"FEDERAL INCOME TAXES**

NGWA IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THE FOUNDATION AND FFADW ARE EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

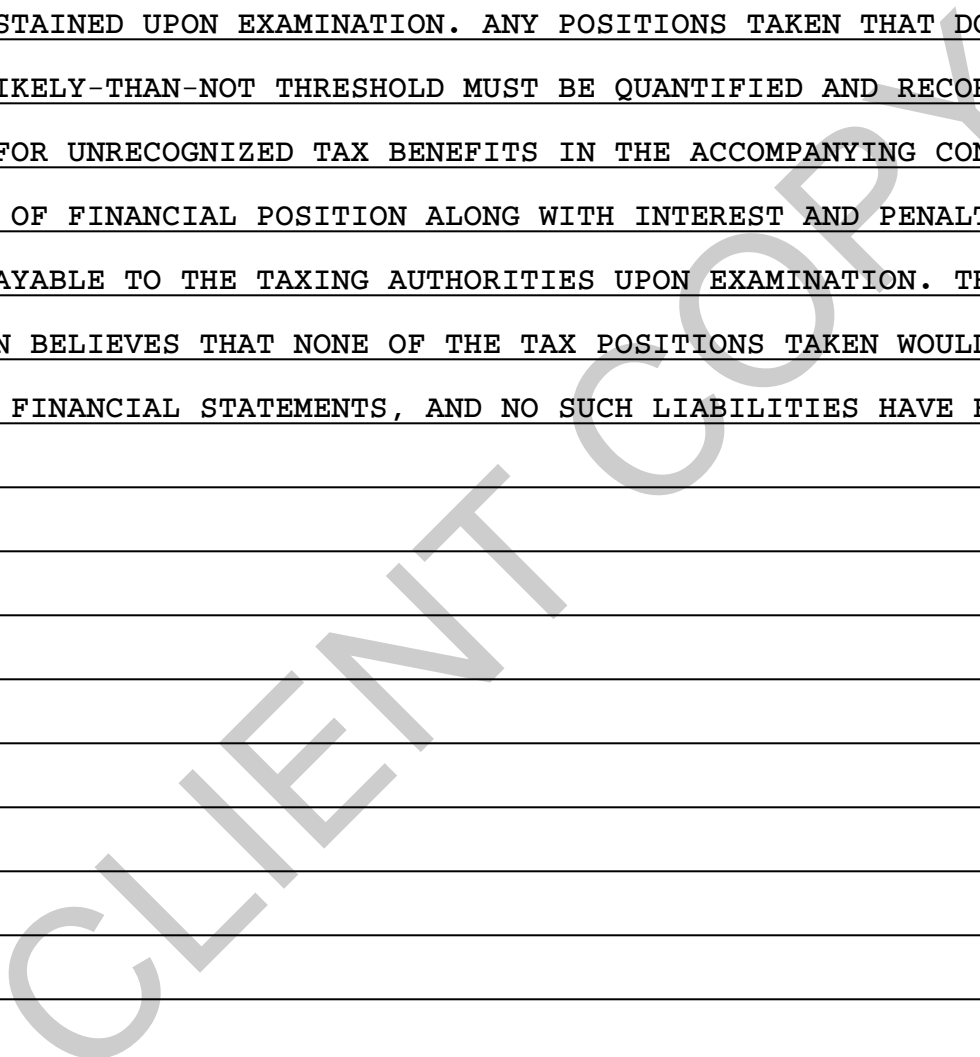
HOWEVER, CERTAIN UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME IS TAXABLE. NGWIA IS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL TAXES.

THE ASSOCIATION FOLLOWS THE LIABILITY METHOD OF ACCOUNTING FOR INCOME TAXES. THE LIABILITY METHOD PROVIDES THAT DEFERRED TAX ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARE RECORDED BASED ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TAX BASIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND THEIR CARRYING AMOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

PURPOSES. TEMPORARY DIFFERENCES CONSIST PRIMARILY OF NET OPERATING LOSS CARRYFORWARDS.

GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES REQUIRES THE ASSOCIATION TO EVALUATE THE LEVEL OF UNCERTAINTY RELATED TO WHETHER TAX POSITIONS TAKEN WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION. ANY POSITIONS TAKEN THAT DO NOT MEET THE MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT THRESHOLD MUST BE QUANTIFIED AND RECORDED AS A LIABILITY FOR UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IN THE ACCOMPANYING CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION ALONG WITH INTEREST AND PENALTIES THAT WOULD BE PAYABLE TO THE TAXING AUTHORITIES UPON EXAMINATION. THE ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THAT NONE OF THE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN WOULD MATERIALLY IMPACT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND NO SUCH LIABILITIES HAVE BEEN RECORDED."



**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

**2017**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization **NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.** Employer identification number **31-0961448**

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

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

<b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section (if applicable)	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of noncash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
FOUNDATION FOR AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER - 601 DEMPSEY ROAD - WESTERVILLE, OH 43081	52-2379363	501(C)(3)	473,426.	0.			PAID NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR THE FOUNDATION DURING DISSOLUTION PROCESS.

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

**3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table **0.**

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance

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

PART I, LINE 2:

THE ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING AS REQUIRED THE FUNDS EXPENDED ON BEHALF OF THE FOUNDATION FOR AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER. THIS WAS ORIGINALLY RECORDED AS AN INTERCOMPANY RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE BASED ON INVOICES AND UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE FOUNDATION FOR AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER, THESE ACCOUNTS WERE WRITTEN OFF. IT IS THEREFORE REFLECTED AS A GRANT TO THE THE SUBSIDIARY COMPANY.

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

**Compensation Information**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2017**

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees  
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.  
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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
**NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Employer identification number  
**31-0961448**

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

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

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

**b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

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

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

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

**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4c</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5a</b>		
<b>5b</b>		
<b>6a</b>		
<b>6b</b>		
<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2017

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) KEVIN MCCRAY CEO TILL DEC. 2017	(i)	182,568.	0.	0.	7,871.	10,090.	200,529.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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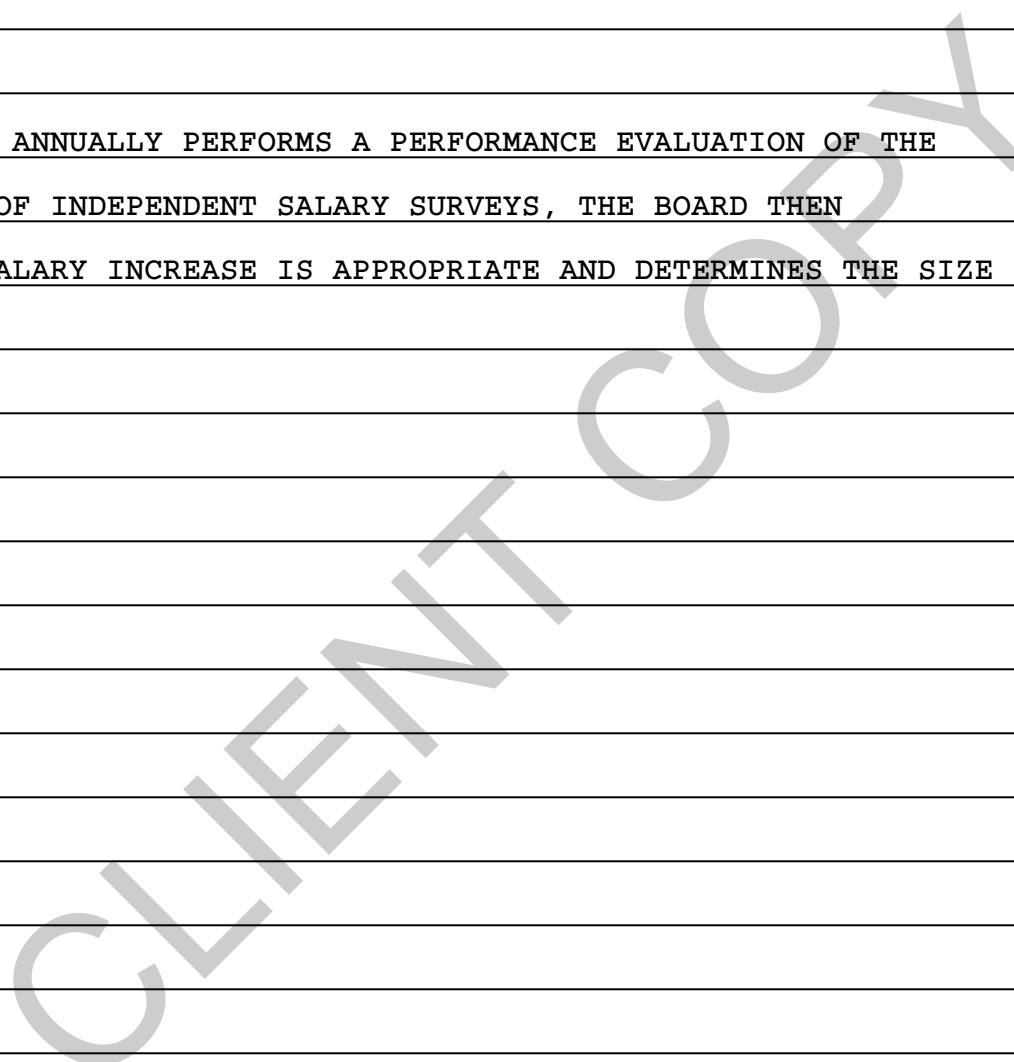


**Part III Supplemental Information**

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

PART I, LINE 3:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUALLY PERFORMS A PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE  
CEO. THROUGH THE USE OF INDEPENDENT SALARY SURVEYS, THE BOARD THEN  
DETERMINES WHETHER A SALARY INCREASE IS APPROPRIATE AND DETERMINES THE SIZE  
OF THE INCREASE.



**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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Employer identification number

31-0961448

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

MANUFACTURERS, AND SUPPLIERS. OUR PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO  
MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE PUBLIC FOR SOUND  
SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC, AND BENEFICIAL DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTION, AND  
MANAGEMENT OF THE WORLD'S GROUNDWATER RESOURCES.

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

WELL AS A VARIETY OF OTHER SERVICES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

SAFETY PROGRAM - CONFERENCES AND PROGRAMS TO EDUCATE AND PROMOTE  
INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION (NGWA) CONSISTS OF  
ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE, RETIRED/EMERITUS, LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERS, AS WELL AS  
AFFILIATED AND ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

ACTIVE MEMBERS - ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE NGWA ARE DIVIDED INTO FOUR

MEMBERSHIP DIVISIONS. THESE MEMBERSHIP DIVISIONS INCLUDE CONTRACTORS,

SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS, MANUFACTURERS, AND SUPPLIERS. THE CONTRACTORS

MEMBERSHIP DIVISION IS FOR ANY PERSON OR FIRM PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE

BUSINESS OF GROUND WATER-RELATED CONSTRUCTION OR SERVICE AND/OR PUMP

INSTALLATION OR SERVICE OR ANY INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN A HIGH SCHOOL,

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OR PREPARATORY SCHOOL OR VOCATIONAL CURRICULUM, PUBLIC

OR PRIVATE, STUDYING SUBJECT MATTER EMBRACING THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY.

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THE ASSOCIATION OF GROUND WATER SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS (SED) DIVISION INCLUDES ANY PERSON OR FIRM ENGAGED IN THE SUPERVISION, REGULATION, EVALUATION, DEVELOPMENT, REMEDIATION OR INVESTIGATION OF UNDERGROUND WATERS OR GROUND WATER SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS OR RELATED TECHNOLOGY OR ANY INDIVIDUAL IN AN UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OR PREPARATORY SCHOOL, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, STUDYING OR TEACHING SUBJECT MATTER EMBRACING THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY. THE MANUFACTURERS MEMBERSHIP DIVISION INCLUDES ANY PERSON OR FIRM ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS OR SUPPLIES USED IN THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY. SUPPLIERS MEMBERSHIP DIVISION INCLUDES ANY PERSON OR FIRM WHO DOES NO CONTRACTING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF GROUND WATER-RELATED WELLS AND/OR INSTALLATION AND SERVICING OF WATER PUMPS, AND WHICH: IS AN ESTABLISHED WHOLESALER MAINTAINING A WAREHOUSE AND STOCK OF PUMPS, PUMP PARTS AND OTHER WATER HANDLING EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE SOLD REGULARLY TO DEALERS AND/OR CONTRACTORS FOR RESALE; OR IS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT, RIGS, OR TOOLS OR RENDERING SPECIALIZED SERVICES TO THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY FROM AN ESTABLISHED PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ITS TRADING AREA.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - ASSOCIATE MEMBERS INCLUDE ANY PERSON, FIRM OR ORGANIZATION INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF THE NGWA WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED INTO A DIVISION OF THE NGWA.

RETIRED/EMERITUS MEMBERS - RETIRED/EMERITUS MEMBERS INCLUDE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE NGWA AND WHO, AS A RESULT OF RETIREMENT, DISABILITY OR OTHER GOOD CAUSE, ARE NO LONGER ACTIVE IN THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY. RETIRED/EMERITUS MEMBERS MUST BE RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATE ASSOCIATION; OR THE MEMBERSHIP

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COMMITTEE; OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DIVISION OF NGWA IN WHICH THE MEMBER HAD MEMBERSHIP, AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. RETIRED/EMERITUS MEMBERS MAY SERVE AS DELEGATES IF THE PERSON IS SO DESIGNATED BY THEIR AFFILIATED STATE ASSOCIATION OR BY THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP DIVISION.

LIFE MEMBERS - LIFE MEMBERS INCLUDE PERSONS OF ACKNOWLEDGED EMINENCE IN THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY, OR WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SOME SPECIAL SERVICE IN THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY OR TO NGWA, WHO ARE ELECTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP UPON RECOMMENDATION BY THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. LIFE MEMBERS RETAIN ALL PRIVILEGES OF ACTIVE MEMBERS. LIFE MEMBERS MAY SERVE AS DELEGATES IF THE PERSON IS SO DESIGNATED BY THEIR AFFILIATED STATE ASSOCIATION OR BY THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP DIVISION.

HONORARY MEMBERS - HONORARY MEMBERS INCLUDE PERSONS OF ACKNOWLEDGED EMINENCE FROM OUTSIDE THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SOME SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE INDUSTRY OR TO THE NGWA. HONORARY MEMBERS ARE ELECTED BY RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HONORARY MEMBERS ARE EXEMPT FROM MEMBERSHIP FEES AND ARE ENTITLED TO ALL PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

AFFILIATE STATE PROGRAM - AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED AND NGWA RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY. THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL RECOGNIZE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AFFILIATE STATE PROGRAM ONLY ONE AFFILIATE STATE-LEVEL ORGANIZATION PER STATE, U.S.

TERRITORY, U.S. POSSESSION, OR FOR A NATION OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES OF

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AMERICA. BENEFITS AND DUES ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ASSOCIATED STATE SOCIETY PROGRAM - ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE STATE-SPECIFIC GROUND WATER ORGANIZATIONS WITH NON-PROFIT STATUS. THE ASSOCIATED STATE SOCIETY PROGRAM DESIGNATION DOES NOT AFFECT THE DELEGATE PROCESS, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED SOLELY THROUGH THE AFFILIATE STATE PROGRAM. ASSOCIATED STATE SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS ARE FOR PURPOSES OF INCREASING COMMUNICATION AND SHARING EXPERTISE WITH THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:

THE MEETING OF DELEGATES IS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NGWA AND IS DIRECTED TO EXPRESS THE WILL OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE MEETING OF DELEGATES SHALL ELECT THE CONTRACTORS DIVISION MEMBERS TO THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(SEE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE O NOTES - "FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7: ELECTION OF DELEGATES" AND "FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7: QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES")

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B:

THE MEETING OF DELEGATES IS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NGWA AND IS DIRECTED TO EXPRESS THE WILL OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE MEETING OF DELEGATES SHALL: AMEND THE CODE OF REGULATION FROM TIME TO TIME; REVIEW THE ACTIONS OF THE OFFICERS AND OF THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ALL OTHER LAWFUL MATTERS WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT BEFORE IT.

(SEE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE O NOTES - "FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7: ELECTION OF DELEGATES" AND "FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7: QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES")

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

THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM. A DRAFT OF THE FORM 990 IS THEN REVIEWED BY THE CEO, CFO, PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT-ELECT. UPON COMPLETING THIS INITIAL REVIEW, COPIES ARE THEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE FILING.

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

THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS MONITORED AND ENFORCED BY THE CEO WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. A FILE OF SIGNED CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS IS MAINTAINED AND DIRECTORS WHO HAVE NOT PROVIDED SUCH STATEMENT ARE PROMPTED BY THE CEO AND/OR THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO RETURN THE STATEMENT.

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

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUALLY PERFORMS A PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE CEO. THROUGH THE USE OF INDEPENDENT SALARY SURVEYS, THE BOARD THEN DETERMINES WHETHER A SALARY INCREASE IS APPROPRIATE AND DETERMINES THE SIZE OF THE INCREASE.

THE CFO IS EVALUATED BY THE CEO AND ANY SALARY ADJUSTMENTS ARE DETERMINED BY ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE, INDEPENDENT SALARY SURVEYS FOR SIMILAR POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THE OVERALL ASSOCIATION'S BUDGET.

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

THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT NORMALLY MAKE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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

OTHER FEES-PROGSERV-990	374,962.
MARKETING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	454,228.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	829,190.

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

INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY	-7,202.
PY AUDIT ADJUSTMENT FOR BAD DEBT EXPENSE	-17,447.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	-24,649.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 2C, OVERSIGHT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT:

THE ORGANIZATION HAS A COMMITTEE THAT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE SELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT. THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE ORGANIZATION SELECTS THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT AND OVERSEES THE AUDIT HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 17

ELECTION OF DELEGATES:

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS: EACH ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY THE CODE OF REGULATIONS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ELECT OR APPOINT ONE DELEGATE FOR EACH TEN MEMBERS OF THE NGWA AND THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES SHALL BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST NUMBER OF MEMBERS DIVISIBLE BY TEN. THESE ELECTED DELEGATES WILL THEN REPRESENT THE WHOLE ORGANIZATION AT THE MEETING OF THE DELEGATES.

NON-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS: NGWA MEMBERS FROM A NON-AFFILIATED

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STATE-TERRITORY OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA OR A  
 NON-AFFILIATED FOREIGN NATION MAY BE ENTITLED TO ELECT OF APPOINT ONE  
 DELEGATE FOR EACH 10 MEMBERS OF THE NGWA AND THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES  
 SHALL BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST NUMBER DIVISIBLE BY TEN.

EACH ORGANIZATION THAT IS A PAID MEMBER UNDER THE AFFILIATE PROGRAM OR  
 OTHER SUCH PROGRAM RECOGNIZED BY THE NGWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL  
 RECEIVE ONE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE.

THE MANUFACTURERS DIVISION, SUPPLIERS DIVISION, AND THE SED DIVISION  
 MAY EACH ELECT OR APPOINT TEN DELEGATES. THESE DELEGATES SHALL HAVE  
 FULL POWERS AND DUTIES ACCORDED OTHER DELEGATES.

THE OFFICERS OF THE NGWA AND ALL PAST PRESIDENTS SHALL BE DEEMED  
 DELEGATES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A LINE 7

QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES:

NO PERSON SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO BE A DELEGATE UNLESS THE PERSON SHALL  
 BE A CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE NGWA AND BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE  
 ON THE DATE OF THE MEETING OF THE DELEGATES.

THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES THAT AN AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION MAY BE ENTITLED  
 TO SHALL BE DETERMINED FROM A COUNT OF THE STATE'S NGWA MEMBERSHIP WITH  
 NGWA SIXTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING.

EACH AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ITS LIST OF THE FULL  
 NAMES OF INTENDED DELEGATES TO THE NGWA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ASSIGNED STAFF FOR VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY NO



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LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.  
 THE LIST MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD OF THE AFFILIATE  
 ORGANIZATION AND MUST BE SIGNED BY THE AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION'S CURRENT  
 PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR EQUIVALENT OFFICE.

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**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
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**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
NGWA FOUNDATION - 31-1415293 601 DEMPSEY ROAD WESTERVILLE, OH 43081	EDUCATION ON THE GROUND WATER INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES	OHIO	501(C)(3)	509(A)(2)	NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION	X	
FOUNDATION FOR AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER - 52-2379363, 601 DEMPSEY ROAD, WESTERVILLE, OH 43081	FINANCING FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS FOR WATER WELL SYSTEMS	OHIO	501(C)(3)	509(A)(2)	NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION	X	
NGWA-PAC 601 DEMPSEY ROAD WESTERVILLE, OH 43081	POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (SEPARATELY SEGREGATED FUND)	OHIO	527	N/A	NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION	X	

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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

**Note:** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
<b>a</b> Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity .....		X
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) .....	X	
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) .....	X	
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) .....	X	
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) .....		X
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) .....		X
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) .....		X
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) .....	X	
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) .....	X	
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses .....	X	
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses .....	X	
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) .....		X

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) FOUNDATION FOR AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER	B	473,426.	COST
(2) NGWA FOUNDATION	B	1,043.	COST
(3) NGWA FOUNDATION	D	44,632.	COST
(4) NATIONAL GROUND WATER INSURANCE AGENCY	P	7,204.	COST
(5) NGWA FOUNDATION	O	32,874.	COST
(6)			





# Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

▶ **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at** [www.irs.gov/form8868](http://www.irs.gov/form8868) .

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile), click on Charities & Non-Profits, and click on e-file for Charities and Non-Profits.

**Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

	Enter filer's identifying number	
<b>Type or print</b>	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. <b>NATIONAL GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.</b>	Employer identification number (EIN) or <b>31-0961448</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>601 DEMPSEY ROAD</b>	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>WESTERVILLE, OH 43081</b>	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 1

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

**PAUL E. HUMES**

• The books are in the care of ▶ **601 DEMPSEY ROAD - WESTERVILLE, OH 43081**  
Telephone No. ▶ **614-898-7791** Fax No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**1** I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15, 2018**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ▶  calendar year **2017** or
- ▶  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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