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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions)

All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form

▶ *The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements*

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2010

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A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2010, and ending 12-31-2010

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
MONTANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite
PO BOX 4927

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
HELENA, MT 596044927

D Employer identification number
81-0340531

E Telephone number
(406) 235-4555

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website:▶ N/A

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Tax-Exempt status(check only one)—☐ 501(c)(3)☒ 501(c)(4) ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$50,000 A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 56,705

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)									
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒									
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1						
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2						
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	47,541					
	4	Investment income	4						
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a						
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b						
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c						
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a						
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceed \$15,000)							
Expenses	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c						
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (Add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d						
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a						
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b						
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c						
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	9,164					
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	56,705					
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10						
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11						
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	33,130					
Net Assets	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	640					
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	489					
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	339					
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	25,501					
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	60,099					
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-3,394					
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	5,960					
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0					
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	2,566					

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Part II

Balances Sheets

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

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(See the instructions for Part II)		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22	Cash, savings, and investments	5,600	22	2,343
23	Land and buildings		23	
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	360	24	223
25	Total assets	5,960	25	2,566
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) .	5,960	27	2,566

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments		Expenses	
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III		☒	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? REPRESENT WATER USERS ON WATER ISSUES		(Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title			
28	INFORM MEMBERS OF WATER RESOURCE ISSUES THROUGH NEWSLETTERS (THE MONTANA WATERLINE), MEETINGS, ETC. SERVING APPROXIMATELY 10,000 PEOPLE (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a	0
29	FOLLOW & SHARE WATER RESOURCES ISSUES THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	0
30	REPRESENT WATER USERS ON VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES FOR THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	0
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	0

Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

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(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

Part V

Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☒

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	No
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, explain in Schedule O why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? (see instructions)	35b	
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions  37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . 38b		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911  , section 4912  , section 4955 		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	No
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . .  0		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization  0		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 		
42a	The organization's books are in care of  JAMES A FOSTER Telephone no  (406) 442-3292 3840 NORTH MONTANA AVENUE Located at  HELENA, MT ZIP + 4  59602		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country  See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .	42b	No
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 	42c	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here   43		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44a	No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	

		Yes	No
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R must be completed instead of Form990-EZ		No
45a	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R must be completed instead of Form990-EZ		No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.

All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	
48	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

50(f) Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

51(d) Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE:** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A

☒ Yes☐ No

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

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer		2011-04-21 Date			
	X TREASURER Type or print name and title					
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	MARK J BLESSINGER CPA	Date	2011-04-21	Preparer's taxpayer identification number (See instructions)	
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	GALUSHA HIGGINS AND GALUSHA PO BOX 1699 HELENA, MT 596241699				EIN
						Phone no (406) 442-5520

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes☐ No

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 81-0340531
Name: MONTANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
MICHAEL MURPHY 2383 RECREATION ROAD WOLF CREEK, MT 59648	EXEC DIRECTOR/SECRETARY 30 00	33,130	0	0
LARRY MIERS 74 4TH STREET NORTH GLASGOW, MT 59230	DIRECTOR 0 25	0	0	0
PAUL BARTENI 566 TAMMANY LANE HAMILTON, MT 59640	DIRECTOR 0 25	0	0	0
PETER REBISH 3700 HIGHWAY 41 DILLON, MT 59725	DIRECTOR 0 25	0	0	0
RANDY REED RTE 1 BOX 8-B HAVRE, MT 59523	DIRECTOR 0 25	0	0	0
DAVE SCHWARZ PO BOX 907 TERRY, MT 59349	DIRECTOR 0 25	0	0	0
JOHN CROWLEY 1182 LAZY J LANE CORVALLIS, MT 59828	DIRECTOR 0 25	0	0	0
VERN STOKES BOX 324 VALIER, MT 59486	PRESIDENT 0 25	0	0	0
JOHN FITZPATRICK 208 N MONTANA AVE HELENA, MT 59601	DIRECTOR 0 25	0	0	0
ED EVERART PO BOX 31318 BILLINGS, MT 59107	DIRECTOR 0 50	0	0	0
JIM FOSTER 3840 N MONTANA AVE HELENA, MT 59602	TREASURER 1 00	0	0	0
HOLLY FRANZ 21 N LAST CHANCE GULCH HELENA, MT 59624	DIRECTOR 0 50	0	0	0

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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Name of the organization MONTANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 81-0340531
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
OTHER REVENUE	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	DESCRIPTION CONVENTION INCOME AMOUNT 7,489 DESCRIPTION FUND RAISING AMOUNT 1,675 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 8 9,164 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 14 489

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
OCCUPANCY , RENT, UTILITIES AND MAINTENENCE	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 14	DESCRIPTION DEPRECIATION AMOUNT 144 DESCRIPTION OTHER EXPENSES AMOUNT 345

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
OTHER EXPENSES	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	DESCRIPTION OFFICE SUPPLIES AMOUNT 604 DESCRIPTION TELEPHONE AMOUNT 1,096 DESCRIPTION INSURANCE AMOUNT 500 DESCRIPTION DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS AMOUNT 755 DESCRIPTION LOBBYING AMOUNT 375 DESCRIPTION PAYROLL TAXES AMOUNT 3,371 DESCRIPTION CONVENTION EXPENSE AMOUNT 6,700 DESCRIPTION BANK CHARGES AMOUNT 40 DESCRIPTION TRAVEL AMOUNT 1,614 DESCRIPTION PROMOTION AMOUNT 1,152 DESCRIPTION NWRA NATIONAL DUES AMOUNT 7,800 DESCRIPTION MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT 1,352 DESCRIPTION NEWSLETTER EXPENSE AMOUNT 142 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 25,501

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
OTHER ASSETS	FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	DESCRIPTION OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 360 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 223

**TY 2010 Transfers Personal Benefits
Contracts Declaration**

Name: MONTANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

EIN: 81-0340531

Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.