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

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
 The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047
2011
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

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

C Name of organization
 THE GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION
 Doing Business As
 Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 5561 SOUTH 48TH STREET
 ROOM/SUITE 215
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
 LINCOLN, NE 68516

D Employer identification number
 36-3413351
E Telephone number
 (402) 434-2740
G Gross receipts \$ 382,294

F Name and address of principal officer

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (Insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.GROUNDWATER.ORG

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶ **L** Year of formation 1985 **M** State of legal domicile NE

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO EDUCATE PEOPLE AND INSPIRE ACTION TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE, CLEAN GROUNDWATER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS				
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets				
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	13		
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	13		
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	8		
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6			
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0		
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b				
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	423,464	Current Year	330,641
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		7,704		28,442
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		111		61
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		19,452		18,390
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		450,731		377,534
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)			
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)					0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)			343,961		322,149
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)					0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 1,147					
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)			144,633		136,706
18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)			488,594		458,855
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		-37,863		-81,321	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year		End of Year	
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		196,915		108,149
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		46,903		39,458
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		150,012		68,691	

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here
 Signature of officer: *****
 Date: 2012-05-17
 Type or print name and title: JANE GRIFFIN PRESIDENT

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: LYNDEE J BLACK
 Date: 2012-07-20
 Check if self-employed:
 Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions):
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: THOMAS KUNC & BLACK LLP, 300 NORTH 44TH STREET SUITE 200, LINCOLN, NE 68503
 EIN:
 Phone no: (402) 467-2700

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 to any question in this Part III Yes No

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission
TO EDUCATE PEOPLE AND INSPIRE ACTION TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE, CLEAN GROUNDWATER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 345,875 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
1 GROWING GROUNDWATER AWARENESS IN NEBRASKA A PROGRAM TO INVOLVE AND ENGAGE COMMUNITIES IN LONG-TERM, PROACTIVE POLLUTION PROTECTION ACTIVITIES AND CREATE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF NEBRASKA'S WATER RESOURCES TOTAL 144,350 2 "LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN EXPLORING A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO GROUNDWATER PROTECTION" CONFERENCE THE 2011 GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE OFFERED PARTICIPANTS THE KNOWLEDGE AND TOOLS NEEDED TO BUILD A FAR-REACHING, COLLABORATIVE GROUNDWATER PROTECTION STRATEGY, ONE THAT WHEN IMPLEMENTED TRULY MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN PROTECTING GROUNDWATER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TOTAL 75,150 3 LEAP INTO GROUNDWATER AND LEAP INTO GROUNDWATER WITH NE GIRL SCOUTS LEARN, EDUCATE, ACT AND PROTECT A PROJECT-BASED EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPED TO ENGAGE STUDENTS AND GIRL SCOUTS IN LEARNING ABOUT GROUNDWATER AND TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT THEIR WATER RESOURCES TOTAL 55,698 4 GROUNDWATER GUARDIAN A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITIES INTERESTED IN GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMUNITY TEAMS DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT GROUNDWATER EDUCATION AND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES TAILORED TO LOCAL NEEDS TOTAL 32,705 5 GROUNDWATER GUARDIAN GREEN SITES A PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND EXPAND THE COMMUNITY-BASED GROUNDWATER GUARDIAN PROGRAM BY ENCOURAGING AND RECOGNIZING SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PRACTICES IN BOTH URBAN AND RURAL LAND USE AREAS TOTAL 17,381 6 WELLHEAD PROTECTION A PROJECT TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION AMONG INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES INVOLVED IN WELLHEAD PROTECTION IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA THE PROJECT WILL ENCOURAGE NEW AND ENHANCE EXISTING WELLHEAD AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ACTIVITIES IN SMALL NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES TOTAL 13,706 7 ALL OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS TOTAL 36,885 TOTAL PROGRAMS 345,875

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

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

4e Total program service expenses \$ 345,875

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.</i>		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i>		No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
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, XII, and XIII is optional.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i>		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV.</i>		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV.</i>		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i>		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i>		No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements.		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, sub-questions (1a, 1b, etc.), and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 1a-14a regarding Form 1096, W-2G, Form W-3, and various organizational requirements.

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (13); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (13); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (No); If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (No); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed; 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (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; 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. See Additional Data Table; 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: CINDY KREIFELS, 5561 SOUTH 48TH STREET SUITE 215, LINCOLN, NE 68516, (402) 434-2740.

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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, and **current** key employees 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, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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 organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(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) JANE GRIFFIN PRESIDENT	40 00	X					74,980	0	0	
(2) WARREN ARGANBRIGHT CHAIR		X					0	0	0	
(3) JAMES BEAUMONT VICE CHAIR		X					0	0	0	
(4) JAMES BURKS TREASURER		X					0	0	0	
(5) CATHERINE CHERTUDI DIRECTOR		X					0	0	0	
(6) JOHN CHAPO DIRECTOR		X					0	0	0	
(7) RICK KARLIN DIRECTOR		X					0	0	0	
(8) DON KRAUS DIRECTOR		X					0	0	0	
(9) STEVE SEGLIN DIRECTOR		X					0	0	0	
(10) THOMAS SPEARS DIRECTOR		X					0	0	0	
(11) DAYLE WILLIAMSON DIRECTOR		X					0	0	0	
(12) NANCY WRIGHT DIRECTOR		X					0	0	0	
(13) BOB MEANEY DIRECTOR		X					0	0	0	
(14) CINDY KREIFELS VICE PRESIDE	40 00			X			53,061	0	0	
(15) LORI DAVISON SECRETARY	40 00			X			20,788	0	0	
(16) CHANDLER MAZOUR DIRECTOR				X			0	0	0	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns 1a					
	b	Membership dues 1b	32,203				
	c	Fundraising events 1c					
	d	Related organizations 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e	142,192				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	156,246				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ ²⁵⁰					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶	330,641				
Program Service Revenue	2a	PROGRAM SERVICE	28,442	28,442			
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶	28,442				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶	61	61			
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c	Gain or (loss)						
d	Net gain or (loss) ▶						
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a						
b	Less direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶						
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a						
b	Less direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a		23,150				
		Less cost of goods sold b	4,760				
		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶	18,390	18,390			
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶	377,534	46,893				

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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 governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	273,324	199,589	73,009	726
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	25,240	17,880	7,295	65
10	Payroll taxes	23,585	17,424	6,099	62
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other				
12	Advertising and promotion	5,647	5,647		
13	Office expenses	25,362	15,935	9,363	64
14	Information technology	4,001	4,001		
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	34,680	27,206	7,412	62
17	Travel				
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest	710	507	202	1
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	4,848	3,806	1,033	9
23	Insurance	3,646	2,861	778	7
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	TRAVEL	28,140	26,728	1,412	
b	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	13,457	8,602	4,848	7
c	PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	12,132	11,801	187	144
d	TELEPHONE	2,621	2,426	195	
e					
f	All other expenses	1,462	1,462		
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	458,855	345,875	111,833	1,147
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	129,405	1	53,205
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	33,575	3	25,984
	4 Accounts receivable, net	994	4	50
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	14,141	8	13,372
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	4,981	9	5,125
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	33,880		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	23,467	13,819	10c 10,413
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	196,915	16	108,149	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,468	17	3,390
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	40,435	25	36,068
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	46,903	26	39,458
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	118,258	27	66,925
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	31,754	28	1,766
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	150,012	33	68,691	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	196,915	34	108,149	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	377,534
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	458,855
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-81,321
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	150,012
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	68,691

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 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	Yes	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued 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 separated basis		
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?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

36-3413351

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
 (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
 (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	502,991	364,748	417,661	423,464	330,641	2,039,505
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	502,991	364,748	417,661	423,464	330,641	2,039,505
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						2,039,505

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	502,991	364,748	417,661	423,464	330,641	2,039,505
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	3,902	3,163	410	111	61	7,647
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV.) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						2,047,152
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (See instructions)					12	51,653

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** **Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	99.630%
15 Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99.510%

16a 33 1/3% support test—2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **b 33 1/3% support test—2010.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **18 Private Foundation** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private Foundation** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2011

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization THE GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION

Employer identification number 36-3413351

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), 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?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may 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?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically important land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a-2d: Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06.

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

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, 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 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIV, 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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) Revenues included in 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 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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

3 Using the organization's 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 XIV

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" to 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 XIV and complete the following table

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

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 Investment earnings or 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 year end balance held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b** Permanent endowment ▶
- c** Term endowment ▶

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

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	No
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	No
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	No

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. 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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		33,880	23,467	10,413
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				10,413

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	377,534
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	458,855
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-81,321
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-81,321

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	420,253
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	37,959
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	4,760
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	42,719
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	377,534
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	377,534

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	501,574
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	37,959
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	4,760
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	42,719
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	458,855
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	458,855

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to 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, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
LIABILITY UNDER FIN 48 FOOTNOTE	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 3, PART X	THE FOUNDATION BELIEVES THAT INCOME TAX FILING POSITIONS WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION AND DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY ADJUSTMENTS THAT WOULD RESULT IN A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE FOUNDATION'S FINANCIAL POSITION, STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES OR CASH FLOWS. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOUNDATION HAS NOT RECORDED ANY RESERVES, OR RELATED ACCRUALS FOR INTEREST AND PENALTIES FOR UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010. THE FOUNDATION IS SUBJECT TO ROUTINE AUDITS BY TAXING JURISDICTIONS, HOWEVER, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO AUDITS FOR ANY TAX PERIODS IN PROGRESS. THE FOUNDATION BELIEVES IT IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX EXAMINATIONS PRIOR TO FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008. THE FOUNDATION'S POLICY IS TO CLASSIFY INCOME TAX RELATED INTEREST AND PENALTIES IN INTEREST EXPENSE AND OTHER EXPENSES, RESPECTIVELY.
RECONCILIATION OF CHANGES - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XI, LINE 8	COST OF GOODS SOLD 4,760 COST OF GOODS SOLD - 4,760
REVENUE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XII, LINE 2D	COST OF GOODS SOLD 4,760
EXPENSE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XIII, LINE 2D	COST OF GOODS SOLD 4,760

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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2011

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Name of the organization
THE GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

36-3413351

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
FIRST ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	GENERATIONS TOTAL 75,150 3 LEAP INTO GROUNDWATER AND LEAP INTO GROUNDWATER WITH NE GIRL SCOUTS LEARN, EDUCATE, ACT AND PROTECT A PROJECT-BASED EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPED TO ENGAGE STUDENTS AND GIRL SCOUTS IN LEARNING ABOUT GROUNDWATER AND TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT THEIR WATER RESOURCES TOTAL 55,698 4 GROUNDWATER GUARDIAN A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITIES INTERESTED IN GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMUNITY TEAMS DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT GROUNDWATER EDUCATION AND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES TAILORED TO LOCAL NEEDS TOTAL 32,705 5 GROUNDWATER GUARDIAN GREEN SITES A PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND EXPAND THE COMMUNITY-BASED GROUNDWATER GUARDIAN PROGRAM BY ENCOURAGING AND RECOGNIZING SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PRACTICES IN BOTH URBAN AND RURAL LAND USE AREAS TOTAL 17,381 6 WELLHEAD PROTECTION A PROJECT TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION AMONG INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES INVOLVED IN WELLHEAD PROTECTION IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA THE PROJECT WILL ENCOURAGE NEW AND ENHANCE EXISTING WELLHEAD AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ACTIVITIES IN SMALL NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES TOTAL 13,706 7 ALL OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS TOTAL 36,885 TOTAL PROGRAMS 345,875
ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	THE GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR ITS DESIGNATED COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE IRS FORM 990 INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT SCHEDULES THE FORM 990 SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED UNTIL REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OR A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD
ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING, THE CHAIR ASKS IF ANY ONE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST RELATING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA IF SO, THEY ARE EXCUSED WHEN THAT ITEM IS VOTED ON THE ORGANIZATION'S ACCOUNTANT AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ALSO REVIEW ALL VENDOR TRANSACTIONS FOR PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES BEFORE PROCESSING PAYMENTS
COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD REVIEWS AND APPROVES THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT, THE PROCESS INCLUDES REVIEW OF COMPARABILITY DATA
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION WILL MAKE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST ALL DOCUMENTS OF PUBLIC RECORD AS REQUIRED BY IRS REGULATIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FORM 990, FORM 1023, AND THE DETERMINATION LETTER COPIES WILL BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY IN THE CASE OF IN-PERSON REQUESTS REQUESTS RECEIVED BY WRITTEN, PHONE, FAX, OR EMAIL WILL BE HONORED IN A TIMELY MANNER THE GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION WILL CHARGE A REASONABLE COPYING FEE PLUS ACTUAL POSTAGE FOR A REQUEST OF VOLUMINOUS MATERIALS

Form **4562**

**Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)**

OMB No 1545-0172
2011
Attachment
Sequence No **179**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return THE GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION	Business or activity to which this form relates INDIRECT DEPRECIATION	Identifying number 36-3413351
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179
Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	500,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	2,000,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6 (a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2010 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2012 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	185

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2011	17	4,663
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	4,848
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

Table with 9 columns: (a) Type of property, (b) Date placed in service, (c) Business/investment use percentage, (d) Cost or other basis, (e) Basis for depreciation, (f) Recovery period, (g) Method/Convention, (h) Depreciation/deduction, (i) Elected section 179 cost.

25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions) **25**

26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use

27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use

28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1 **28**

29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1 **29**

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

Table for Section B with columns (a) through (f) for Vehicle 1 through 6. Rows include 30-33 (miles driven) and 34-36 (availability and use questions).

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

Table for Section C with columns Yes/No. Rows include 37-41 (policy and use questions).

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

Table for Section VI with columns (a) Description of costs, (b) Date amortization begins, (c) Amortizable amount, (d) Code section, (e) Amortization period or percentage, (f) Amortization for this year.

42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2011 tax year (see instructions)

43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2011 tax year **43**

44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report **44**

Additional Data

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