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Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No 1545-1150

**2012****Open to Public  
Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceUnder 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.

<b>A</b> For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending		<b>D</b> Employer identification number	
<b>B</b> Check if applicable		<b>E</b> Telephone number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change		86-0992092	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number ►	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return			
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated			
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return			
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending			
<b>C</b> Name of organization			
SOUTHERN ARIZONA WATER USERS ASSOCIATION			
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)		Room/suite	
P O BOX 35481			
City or town		state or country ZIP + 4	
TUCSON AZ		85740-5481	
<b>G</b> Accounting Method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ►		<b>H</b> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)	
<b>I</b> Website: ► www.sawua.org			
<b>J</b> Tax-exempt status (check only one) — <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( 6 ) ◀ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			

**K** Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 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. \$ 59,160

**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 ☒

<b>Revenue</b>	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	58,900
	4	Investment income	4	260
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	6b	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 exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
	6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	
	6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
	9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	59,160
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	8,609
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	43,284
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	191
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	9,323
	17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	61,407
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-2,247
	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	120,430
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21	<b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year.</b> Combine lines 18 through 20	21	118,183

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract 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
<b>33</b> Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O.		X
<b>34</b> 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).		X
<b>35 a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
<b>35 b</b> If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
<b>35 c</b> Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.		X
<b>36</b> 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.		X
<b>37 a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. <b>37a</b>		
<b>37 b</b> Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
<b>38 a</b> 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?		X
<b>38 b</b> If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved.		
<b>39</b> Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
<b>39 a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9.		
<b>39 b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities.		
<b>40 a</b> Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955.		
<b>40 b</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.		
<b>40 c</b> 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.		
<b>40 d</b> Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization.		
<b>40 e</b> 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.		X
<b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. <b>AZ</b>		
<b>42 a</b> The organization's books are in care of <b>Mary Bauer</b> . Telephone no. <b>(520) 406-2229</b> . Located at <b>P O Box 35481</b> City <b>Tucson</b> ST <b>AZ</b> ZIP + 4 <b>85740-5481</b>		
<b>42 b</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: <b>See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.</b>	Yes	No
<b>42 c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:		X
<b>43</b> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. <b>43</b>		
<b>44 a</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.		X
<b>44 b</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.		X
<b>44 c</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
<b>44 d</b> If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
<b>45 a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
<b>45 b</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)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions).		X

- 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

	Yes	No
46		X

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

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

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

- 49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

- b 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 title of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Name None				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			

- 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"

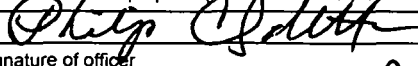
(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None		
City ST ZIP		
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- d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

- 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  Date 5/13/13  
 Signature of officer PHILIP C. SALETTA - TREASURER  
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only  
 Print/Type preparer's name MICHAEL LAND Preparer's signature Michael Land Date 5/11/2012 Check ☒ if self-employed PTIN P01329277  
 Firm's name MICHAEL LAND TAX & ACCOUNTING Firm's EIN 527-90-9066  
 Firm's address 9760 E STONER PL TUCSON AZ 85748 Phone no (520) 971-4303

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**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.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

86-0992092

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid: Activity: Sponsorship, Grantee: Central Arizona

Project: P O Box 42447 Phoenix AZ 85080-2447, Cash Grant: 109, Relationship:

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid: Activity: Fundraising Event, Grantee: Ride With A

Purpose: 1541 W Daybreak Cir Tucson AZ 85704, Cash Grant: 2,000, Relationship:

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid: Activity: Fundraising Event, Grantee: Water for

People-AZ Section P O Box 2021 Tucson AZ 85702, Cash Grant: 2,500, Relationship:

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid: Activity: Fundraising Event, Grantee: Water for

People-AZ Section P O Box 2021 Tucson AZ 85702, Cash Grant: 2,000, Relationship:

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid: Activity: Sponsorship, Grantee: Univ of Az Water

Resources: 350 N Campbell Tucson AZ 85721, Cash Grant: 2,000, Relationship:

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Briefing Luncheon for TEP Rate Case Study: 173

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Insurance: 986

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Miscellaneous (Mailings/Meeting Expenses): 948

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Office Supplies/Software: 444

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: SAWUA Forum 2012 expenses: 2,085

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: SAWUA TEP Rate Case Study costs: 4,687



## MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 2012

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