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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 private foundations)
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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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2016
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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016

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

C Name of organization
CALIFORNIA CHERRY EXPORT ASSOCIATION
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1521 I STREET
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

D Employer identification number
68-0124757
E Telephone number
(916) 441-1064
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) _____
I Website: N/A
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c)(6) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

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

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other _____

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, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 139,504

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 0
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts 0
3	Membership dues and assessments 139,503
4	Investment income 1
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory 5a
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses 5b 0
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) 5c 0
6	Gaming and fundraising events
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) 6a 0
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 exceeds \$15,000) 6b 0
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events 6c 0
d	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
b	Less cost of goods sold 7b 0
c	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	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 9 139,504
Expenses	
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
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 13 1,465
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance 14
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping 15 2,064
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) 16 163,135
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 17 166,664
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) 18 -27,160
Net Assets	
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 68,150
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) 20
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 21 40,990

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	68,668	22 42,802
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24
25 Total assets	68,668	25 42,802
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	518	26 1,812
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	68,150	27 40,990

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

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

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
To promote the export of California cherries

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 See Additional Data Table		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	32	

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.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
GUY COTTON President	2 00	0		
ANDREW DASSO Vice-President	2 00	0		
JOHN WARMERDAM Secretary	2 00	0		
RICH HANDEL Treasurer	2 00	0		
PATRICK ARCHIBEQUE Director	1 00	0		
MIKE JAMESON Director	1 00	0		
RANDY RAJKOVICH Director	1 00	0		
TIM SAMBADO Director	1 00	0		
PAUL POUTRE Director	1 00	0		
JACK BOZZANO Director	1 00	0		
MIKE COLLINS Director	1 00	0		

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and foreign accounts.

	Yes	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	46	

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

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

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	(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

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 business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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 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	2017-07-12 Date
CHRIS ZANOBINI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name KEITH C ROOD CPA	Preparer's signature	Date 2017-07-17	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶ Keith C Rood CPA			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶ 875 University Avenue Sacramento, CA 95825			Phone no (916) 929-4450	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 68-0124757

Name: CALIFORNIA CHERRY EXPORT ASSOCIATION

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
<p>28 CCEA's specific purpose is to, pursuant to an Export Trade Certification of Review, coordinate an uniform program between its members, the United States government, and all export markets for the export of fresh California cherries</p> <p>(Grants \$)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	28a	

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
CALIFORNIA CHERRY EXPORT ASSOCIATION**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.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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Inspection**

Employer identification number

68-0124757

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 8	FRANCHISE TAX BOARD REFUND

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Inspection Expenses 55543

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Inspection Fees 73915

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Insurance 1500

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Management Fee-AAMSI 4800

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Miscellaneous 485

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Office Expense 229

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Professional Fees - Export Management 25000

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Telephone 50

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Travel 1318

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Continuing Education 45

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Dues and Subscriptions 250

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part II, Line 26	Accounts Payable 518 1812