

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

2007Open to Public
Inspection**A** For the 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2007** and ending **JUN 30, 2008****B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Termination
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions

C Name of organization**AMERICAN RIVERS, INC.**

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

1101 14TH STREET, NW

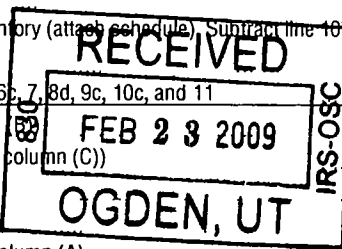
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

WASHINGTON, DC 20005**D** Employer identification number**23-7305963****E** Telephone number**202-347-7550****F** Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual
☐ Other (specify) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

H and **I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶ **N/A****H(c)** Are all affiliates included? **N/A** ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If "No," attach a list.)**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? ☐ Yes ☒ No**I** Group Exemption Number ▶ **N/A****M** Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).**G** Website: ▶ **WWW.AMERICANRIVERS.ORG****J** Organization type (check only one) ☒ 501(c) (**3**) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K** Check here ☐ if the organization is not a 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶ **8,031,335.****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	a	Contributions to donor advised funds	1a			
	b	Direct public support (not included on line 1a)	1b	6,403,279.		
	c	Indirect public support (not included on line 1a)	1c	98,748.		
	d	Government contributions (grants) (not included on line 1a)	1d	999,988.		
	e	Total (add lines 1a through 1d) (cash \$ 7,502,015. noncash \$)	1e	7,502,015.		
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2	17,175.		
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3			
	4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4			
	5	Dividends and interest from securities	5	428,701.		
Expenses	6 a	Gross rents	6a			
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b			
	c	Net rental income or (loss). Subtract line 6b from line 6a	6c			
	7	Other investment income (describe ▶)	7			
	8 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities		(B) Other	
			23,984.	8a		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	8b			
	c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	23,984.	8c		
	d	Net gain or (loss). Combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B)	8d	23,984.		
	9	Special events and activities (attach schedule) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>				
Net Assets	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 46,657. of contributions reported on line 1b)	9a	18,902.		
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b	24,859.		
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events. Subtract line 9b from line 9a	9c	-5,957.		
	10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a			
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b			
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule). Subtract line 10b from line 10a	10c	40,558.		
	11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11	8,006,476.		
	12	Total revenue. Add lines 1e, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11	12	6,195,400.		
	13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13	762,876.		
	14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14	1,405,753.		
Net Assets	15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15			
	16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16			
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 16 and 44, column (A)	17	8,364,029.		
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 17 from line 12	18	-357,553.		
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19	8,080,031.		
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	-531,310.		
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18, 19, and 20	21	7,191,168.		

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Revenue

Part II Statement of Functional Expenses

All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others.

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22a Grants paid from donor advised funds (attach schedule) (cash \$ <u>0</u> . noncash \$ <u>0</u> . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 22a				
22b Other grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ <u>624,646</u> . noncash \$ <u>0</u> . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 22b	624,646.	624,646.	STATEMENT 4	
23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25a Compensation of current officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-A	25a 780,884.	555,125.	119,832.	105,927.
b Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-B	25b 0.	0.	0.	0.
c Compensation and other distributions, not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	25c			
26 Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b, and c	26 3,129,460.	2,217,146.	393,791.	518,523.
27 Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b, and c	27 89,521.	64,602.	10,737.	14,182.
28 Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27	28 163,447.	118,665.	17,959.	26,823.
29 Payroll taxes	29 287,894.	207,147.	34,034.	46,713.
30 Professional fundraising fees	30 29,259.	19,018.		10,241.
31 Accounting fees	31 22,500.		22,500.	
32 Legal fees	32 55,778.	53,060.	714.	2,004.
33 Supplies	33 114,561.	87,840.	3,736.	22,985.
34 Telephone	34 85,506.	74,236.	3,742.	7,528.
35 Postage and shipping	35 315,062.	202,335.	3,356.	109,371.
36 Occupancy	36 508,390.	387,424.	46,350.	74,616.
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	37 56,009.	40,689.	6,514.	8,806.
38 Printing and publications	38 398,684.	257,818.	4,773.	136,093.
39 Travel	39 271,588.	228,901.	7,611.	35,076.
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40 150,015.	102,523.	6,374.	41,118.
41 Interest	41 596.		591.	5.
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42 88,285.	66,749.	7,873.	13,663.
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize)				
a OTHER	43a 35,694.	2,220.	32,311.	1,163.
b PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	43b 1,156,250.	885,256.	40,078.	230,916.
c	43c			
d	43d			
e	43e			
f	43f			
g	43g			
44 Total functional expenses. Add lines 22a through 43g. (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15)	44 8,364,029.	6,195,400.	762,876.	1,405,753.

Joint Costs. Check ☒ if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?

▶ ☒ Yes ☐ NoIf "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ 2,040,985. ; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ 706,756. ;(iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ 1,334,229.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions)

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ► **SEE STATEMENT 5**

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)

a SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE 1: PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

(Grants and allocations \$ **624,646.**) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐

6,195,400.

b

(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐

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(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐

d

(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐

e Other program services (attach schedule)

(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐

f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ► **6,195,400.**

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Part IV Balance Sheets (See the instructions)

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing	394,326.	45 277,867.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,530,457.	46 1,727,799.
	47 a Accounts receivable	47a 319,363.	
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	47c 319,363.
	48 a Pledges receivable	48a	
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	48b	48c
	49 Grants receivable	1,103,711.	49 1,437,557.
	50 a Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		50a
	b Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		50b
	51 a Other notes and loans receivable	51a	
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	51b	51c
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	152,852.	53 172,458.
	54 a Investments - publicly-traded securities STMT 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMV	5,087,517.	54a 3,950,752.
	b Investments - other securities <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54b
55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis	55a		
b Less: accumulated depreciation	55b	55c	
56 Investments - other		56	
57 a Land, buildings, and equipment basis	57a 710,513.		
b Less: accumulated depreciation STMT 6	57b 308,184.	57c 402,329.	
58 Other assets, including program-related investments (describe <input type="checkbox"/>)		58	
59 Total assets (must equal line 74) Add lines 45 through 58	8,741,800.	59 8,288,125.	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	222,646.	60 481,406.
	61 Grants payable	211,786.	61 260,708.
	62 Deferred revenue	8,375.	62 102,417.
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		63
	64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities		64a
	b Mortgages and other notes payable		64b
	65 Other liabilities (describe <input type="checkbox"/> SEE STATEMENT 7)	218,962.	65 252,426.
66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65	661,769.	66 1,096,957.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74		
	67 Unrestricted	1,060,257.	67 750,914.
	68 Temporarily restricted	5,351,584.	68 4,771,004.
	69 Permanently restricted	1,668,190.	69 1,669,250.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74		
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72
	73 Total net assets or fund balances. Add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72. (Column (A) must equal line 19 and column (B) must equal line 21)	8,080,031.	73 7,191,168.
	74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73	8,741,800.	74 8,288,125.

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Part V-A	Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (continued)
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Yes	No
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- 75 a Enter the total number of officers, directors, and trustees permitted to vote on organization business at board meetings ▶ _____ 28
- b Are any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," attach a statement that identifies the individuals and explains the relationship(s) **SEE STATEMENT 10**
- c Do any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to the organization? See the instructions for the definition of "related organization "
- If "Yes," attach a statement that includes the information described in the instructions
- d Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy?

SEE STATEMENT 10

75b	X
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75c	X
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75d	X
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Part V-B	Former Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees That Received Compensation or Other Benefits (If any former officer, director, trustee, or key employee received compensation or other benefits (described below) during the year, list that person below and enter the amount of compensation or other benefits in the appropriate column. See the instructions.)		100%	22

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Part VI	Other Information <i>(See the instructions.)</i>
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Yes	No
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| 76 | Did the organization make a change in its activities or methods of conducting activities? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement of each change | 76 | | X |
| 77 | Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS?
If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes | 77 | X | |
| 78 a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? | 78a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? | 78b | N/A | |
| 79 | Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement | 79 | | X |
| 80 a | Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization? | 80a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," enter the name of the organization N/A | | | |
| | _____ and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt | | | |
| 81 a | Enter direct and indirect political expenditures (See line 81 instructions.) | 81a | 0. | |
| b | Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? | 81b | | X |

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78a	X
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78b	
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79		X
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80a	X
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81b	X
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Part VI Other Information (continued)

		Yes	No
82 a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82a	X
b	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)	82b	43,561.
83 a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83a	X
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to <i>quid pro quo</i> contributions?	83b	X
84 a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84a	N/A
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84b	N/A
85 a	501(c)(4), (5), or (6). Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85a	N/A
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	85b	N/A
If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.			
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	N/A
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	N/A
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	N/A
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	N/A
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	N/A
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	N/A
86	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	N/A
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86b	N/A
87	501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	N/A
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	N/A
88 a	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX	88a	X
b	At any time during the year, did the organization, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Part XI	88b	X
89 a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911: 0.; section 4912: 0.; section 4955: 0.		
b	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 become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction	89b	X
c	Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		0.
d	Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization		0.
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	89e	X
f	All organizations. Did the organization acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract?	89f	X
g	For supporting organizations and sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	89g	N/A
90 a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	SEE STATEMENT 11	
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2007	90b	53
91 a	The books are in care of	THE ORGANIZATION	
	Located at	1101 14TH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC	
	Telephone no.	202-347-7550	
	ZIP + 4	20005	
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	91b	X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.			

Part VI Other Information (continued)

Yes No

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States?

91c

X

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country **N/A**

92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here

and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

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N/A

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See the instructions)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclu- sion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue					
a ADVISORY FEES					17,175.
b					
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
96 Dividends and interest from securities			14	428,701.	
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	23,984.	
101 Net income or (loss) from special events			01	-5,957.	
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue					
a ROYALTIES			15	19,137.	
b MISCELLANEOUS					21,421.
c					
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))		0.		465,865.	38,596.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					504,461.

Note: Line 105 plus line 1e, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See the instructions)

Line No	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
93A	ADVISORY FEES ARE RECEIVED IN RETURN FOR CONSERVATION ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO CORPORATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS.
103B	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE FROM ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSES.

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See the instructions)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
N/A	%			
	%			
	%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the instructions.)

(a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

Yes

X No

(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

Yes

X No

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Part XI Information Regarding Transfers To and From Controlled Entities. Complete only if the organization is a controlling organization as defined in section 512(b)(13) **N/A**

106 Did the reporting organization make any transfers to a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer	Yes	No
a	----- -----					
b	----- -----					
c	----- -----					
Totals						

107 Did the reporting organization receive any transfers from a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity

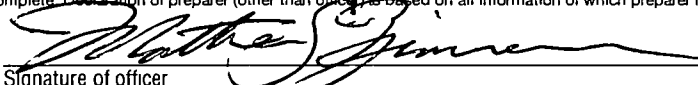
	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer	Yes	No
a	----- -----					
b	----- -----					
c	----- -----					
Totals						

108 Did the organization have a binding written contract in effect on August 17, 2006, covering the interest, rents, royalties, and annuities described in question 107 above?

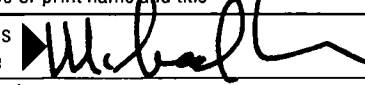
	Yes	No

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.

Please
Sign
Here

Signature of officer  Date 2/17/09
Type or print name and title MATTHEW J ZIMMERMANN/CFO

Paid
Preparer's
Use Only

Preparer's signature  Date 2/16/09 Check if self-employed ☐
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 GELMAN, ROSENBERG & FREEDMAN
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BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20814-2930 EIN
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Form 990 (2007)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

Supplementary Information-(See separate instructions.)

► **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

OMB No 1545-0047

2007

Name of the organization

AMERICAN RIVERS, INC.

Employer identification number

23 7305963

Part I

Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees

(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
<u>ROBERT MASONIS</u>	<u>SENIOR DIRECTOR</u>			
<u>ALL MAY BE REACHED C/O THE ORG.</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>82,250.</u>	<u>24,569.</u>	<u>0.</u>
<u>ELIZABETH OTTO</u>	<u>SENIOR DIRECTOR</u>			
	<u>40.00</u>	<u>78,359.</u>	<u>22,018.</u>	<u>0.</u>
<u>MELISSA SAMET</u>	<u>SENIOR DIRECTOR</u>			
	<u>40.00</u>	<u>87,500.</u>	<u>6,544.</u>	<u>0.</u>
<u>WILKE NELSON</u>	<u>DEPUTY VP</u>			
	<u>40.00</u>	<u>71,916.</u>	<u>19,841.</u>	<u>0.</u>
<u>ROBBIN MARKS</u>	<u>SENIOR DIRECTOR</u>			
	<u>40.00</u>	<u>84,800.</u>	<u>3,560.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000	► <u>21</u>			

Part II-A

Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
<u>DELCOR TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS</u>	<u>COMPUTER</u>	
<u>8380 COLESVILLE RD., #550, SILVER SPRING, MD 20910</u>	<u>CONSULTING</u>	<u>105,062.</u>
<u>CONVIO, INC</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>	
<u>11921 N MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, #200, AUSTIN, TX 78759</u>	<u>CONSULTING</u>	<u>91,158.</u>
<u>PRINCETON HYDRO</u>	<u>DAM REMOVAL</u>	
<u>1108 OLD YORK ROAD, SUITE 1, RINGOES, NJ 08551</u>	<u>CONSULTING</u>	<u>88,040.</u>
<u>MICHAEL BENTO</u>	<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>	
<u>1736 SHEPHERD ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20011</u>	<u>CONSULTING</u>	<u>78,750.</u>
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services	► <u>0</u>	

Part II-B

Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services

(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
<u>NONE</u>		
Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services	► <u>0</u>	

Part III **Statements About Activities** (See page 2 of the instructions)**Yes** **No**

- 1** During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ► \$ 87,027. (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.) **VI-A, LINE 38B**

1 **X**

Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

- 2** During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)

a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?

2a **X**

b Lending of money or other extension of credit?

2b **X**

c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?

2c **X**

d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)? **SEE PART V-A, FORM 990**

2d **X**

e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?

2e **X**

- 3 a** Did the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how the organization determines that recipients qualify to receive payments.)

3a **X**

b Did the organization have a section 403(b) annuity plan for its employees?

3b **X**

c Did the organization receive or hold an easement for conservation purposes, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement

3c **X**

d Did the organization provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?

3d **X**

- 4 a** Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," complete lines 4b through 4g. If "No," complete lines 4f and 4g

4a **X**

b Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?

N/A

c Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?

N/A

d Enter the total number of donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year

N/A

e Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year

N/A

f Enter the total number of separate funds or accounts owned at the end of the year (excluding donor advised funds included on line 4d) where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts

0.

g Enter the aggregate value of assets in all funds or accounts included on line 4f at the end of the tax year

0.

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 4 through 8 of the instructions.)I certify that the organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6 ☐ A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state **▶**
- 10 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b ☐ A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12 ☐ 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 charitable, etc., 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). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13 ☐ An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and otherwise meets the requirements of section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization:
☐ Type I ☐ Type II ☐ Type III-Functionally Integrated ☐ Type III-Other

Provide the following information about the supported organizations (See page 8 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Employer identification number (EIN)	(c) Type of organization (described in lines 5 through 12 above or IRC section)	(d) Is the supported organization listed in the supporting organization's governing documents?		(e) Amount of support
			Yes	No	
Total ▶					

- 14 ☐ An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 8 of the instructions.)

Part IV-A **Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12) **Use cash method of accounting.**
Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2005	(c) 2004	(d) 2003	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	5,991,211.	5,831,304.	7,288,209.	4,470,137.	23,580,861.
16 Membership fees received	983,152.	1,019,447.	1,074,359.	1,045,473.	4,122,431.
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	26,439.	39,968.	139,615.	135,358.	341,380.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, income from similar sources, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	227,823.	140,406.	110,536.	96,667.	575,432.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets	1,131.	127.	SEE STATEMENT 12 163.	8,530.	9,951.
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	7,229,756.	7,031,252.	8,612,882.	5,756,165.	28,630,055.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	7,203,317.	6,991,284.	8,473,267.	5,620,807.	28,288,675.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	72,298.	70,313.	86,129.	57,562.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24					26a 565,774.
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2003 through 2006 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts					26b 1,352,824.
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)					26c 28,288,675.
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 575,432. 19 22 9,951. 26b 1,352,824.					26d 1,938,207.
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)					26e 26,350,468.
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))					26f 93.1485%
27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year: N/A					
(2006) (2005) (2004) (2003)					
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year: N/A					
(2006) (2005) (2004) (2003)					
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 16 17 20 21					27c N/A
d Add: Line 27a total and line 27b total					27d N/A
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)					27e N/A
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount on line 23, column (e)			27f N/A		
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27g N/A %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27h N/A %

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2003 through 2006, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 9 of the instructions.)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

	Yes	No
29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	29	
30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	30	
31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	31	
32 Does the organization maintain the following:		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	32d	
33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b Admissions policies?	33b	
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e Educational policies?	33e	
f Use of facilities?	33f	
g Athletic programs?	33g	
h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	33h	
34 a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2007

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 11 of the instructions.)
(To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)Check ☐ **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group Check ☐ **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for all electing organizations
		N/A	
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	18,538.
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	68,489.
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	87,027.
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	8,277,002.
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	8,364,029.
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table - <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> If the amount on line 40 is - Not over \$500,000 Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 Over \$17,000,000 </div> <div> The lobbying nontaxable amount is - 20% of the amount on line 40 \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 \$1,000,000 </div> </div>	41	568,201.
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	142,050.
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	0.
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	0.

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 13 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2007	(b) 2006	(c) 2005	(d) 2004	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount	568,201.	519,108.	492,298.	472,749.	2,052,356.
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					3,078,534.
47 Total lobbying expenditures	87,027.	78,365.	62,228.	45,844.	273,464.
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount	142,050.	129,777.	123,075.	118,187.	513,089.
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					769,634.
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures	18,538.	10,505.	5,721.	8,801.	43,565.

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 14 of the instructions.)

N/A

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:

- a Volunteers
- b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h)
- c Media advertisements
- d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public
- e Publications, or published or broadcast statements
- f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes
- g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body
- h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means
- i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)

Yes	No	Amount
		0.

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

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Asset No	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Line No	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179	Current Year Deduction
1	FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	VARIES	SL	.000	16	522,798.			522,798.	210,501.		81,460.
2	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	VARIES	SL	.000	16	75,215.			75,215.	9,398.		6,825.
3	LAND	VARIES		.000	16	112,500.			112,500.			0.
* TOTAL 990 PAGE 2												
	DEPR					710,513.		0.	710,513.	219,899.	0.	88,285.

FORM 990 GAIN (LOSS) FROM NON-PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES STATEMENT 1

DESCRIPTION	DATE ACQUIRED	DATE SOLD	METHOD ACQUIRED	
GAIN ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	PURCHASED	
NAME OF BUYER	GROSS SALES PRICE	COST OR OTHER BASIS	EXPENSE OF SALE	NET GAIN OR (LOSS)
	23,984.	0.	0.	23,984.
TOTAL TO FM 990, PART I, LN 8	23,984.	0.	0.	23,984.

FORM 990 SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	GROSS RECEIPTS	CONTRIBUT. INCLUDED	GROSS REVENUE	DIRECT EXPENSES	NET INCOME OR (LOSS)
NORTHWEST OFFICE DINNER	41,632.	31,715.	9,917.	9,917.	0.
NORTHWEST OFFICE AUCTION	23,927.	14,942.	8,985.	14,942.	-5,957.
TO FM 990, PART I, LINE 9	65,559.	46,657.	18,902.	24,859.	-5,957.

FORM 990 OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	-531,310.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART I, LINE 20	-531,310.

FORM 990	CASH GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS TO OTHERS	STATEMENT	4
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CLASS OF ACTIVITY/DONEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS

AMOUNT

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE 2

624,646.

TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990, PART II, LINE 22B

624,646.

FORM 990	STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE PART III	STATEMENT	5
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EXPLANATION

TO PROMOTE AND RESTORE RIVER SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND TO
FOSTER A RIVER STEWARDSHIP ETHIC.

FORM 990	DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS NOT HELD FOR INVESTMENT	STATEMENT	6
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DESCRIPTION	COST OR OTHER BASIS	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	BOOK VALUE
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	522,798.	291,961.	230,837.
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	75,215.	16,223.	58,992.
LAND	112,500.	0.	112,500.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LN 57	710,513.	308,184.	402,329.

FORM 990	OTHER LIABILITIES	STATEMENT	7
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DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
ANNUITIES PAYABLE	60,054.	76,950.
DEFERRED RENT	158,908.	174,876.
DEPOSITS PAYABLE		600.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 65	218,962.	252,426.

FORM 990	NON-GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	STATEMENT	8
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SECURITY DESCRIPTION	COST/FMV	CORPORATE STOCKS	CORPORATE BONDS	OTHER PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	TOTAL NON-GOV'T SECURITIES
EQUITY MUTUAL FUNDS	FMV			2,403,142.	2,403,142.
FIXED INCOME MUTUAL FUNDS	FMV			1,547,610.	1,547,610.
TO FORM 990, LINE 54A, COL B				3,950,752.	3,950,752.

FORM 990	PART V-A - LIST OF CURRENT OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES	STATEMENT	9
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NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN-SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
REBECCA R. WODDER ALL MAY BE REACHED C/O THE ORGANIZATION	PRESIDENT 40.00	149,500.	29,936.	0.
ANN C. MILLS	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT 40.00	114,500.	25,591.	0.
DEBRA E. MONTANINO	VICE PRESIDENT 40.00	109,500.	25,753.	0.
ANDREW FAHLUND	VICE PRESIDENT 40.00	93,596.	19,284.	0.
RANDALL SNODGRASS	VICE PRESIDENT 40.00	109,241.	8,926.	0.
MATTHEW ZIMMERMANN	VICE PRESIDENT/CFO 40.00	95,057.	0.	0.

EDWARD B. WHITNEY	CHAIR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
DAVID J. HAYES	VICE CHAIR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
THOMAS HUGHES	SECRETARY 2.00	0.	0.	0.
DOROTHY BALLANTYNE	TREASURER 2.00	0.	0.	0.
RUSS DAGGATT	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
SYLVIA EARLE	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
CAROLINE GABEL	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
RAYMOND GARDNER	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
CHRISTIAN C. HOHENLOHE	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
NORA HOHENLOHE	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
RICK HOLTON	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
PAMELA JOHNSON	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
LANDON JONES	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.

LAURA KRACUM	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
DEE LEGGETT	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
RICK LEGON	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
LISA LOY	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
GEORGE LUND	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
ROBERT MCDERMOTT	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
SUSAN MCDOWELL	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
JUDY L. MEYER	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
JAY MILLS	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Z. CARTTER PATTEN	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
GORDON PHILPOTT	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
ANNE SHIELDS	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
TOM SKERRITT	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.

AMERICAN RIVERS, INC.

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ALEXANDER TAYLOR

DIRECTOR
2.00

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EDWARD WILLIAMS

DIRECTOR
2.00

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TOTALS INCLUDED ON FORM 990, PART V-A

671,394.

109490.

0.

FORM 990	EXPLANATION OF RELATIONSHIP PART V-A, LINE 75B	STATEMENT 10
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INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	TITLE OR ROLE
CHRISTIAN HOHENLOHE	BOARD MEMBER

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	TITLE OR ROLE
NORA HOHENLOHE	BOARD MEMBER

EXPLANATION OF RELATIONSHIP

SPOUSES

FORM 990	LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF RETURN PART VI, LINE 90	STATEMENT 11
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STATES

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, DC, FL, GA, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND
OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, WV, VA, WI, MN, WA, CT, MT

SCHEDULE A	OTHER INCOME	STATEMENT 12
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DESCRIPTION	2006 AMOUNT	2005 AMOUNT	2004 AMOUNT	2003 AMOUNT
MISCELLANEOUS	1,131.	127.	163.	8,530.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE A, LINE 22	1,131.	127.	163.	8,530.

AMERICAN RIVERS, INC.
FORM 990

EIN: 36-6009499
FOR THE YEAR ENDED, 30 JUNE 2008

PART IV, ITEM 77 - CHANGES TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

I certify that the attached document represents a complete and accurate copy of the BYLAWS OF AMERICAN RIVERS, INC., currently in effect, as amended from time to time.

Signed



Title:

CEO

Date:

2/17/09



Bylaws

AMERICAN RIVERS, INC.

**Adopted, March 12, 1988
(As amended through February 2, 2008)**

Article I. Name of the Organization

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be American Rivers, Inc.

Article II. Purpose

Section 1. The mission of American Rivers is to protect and restore rivers and the variety of life they sustain, for people, fish and wildlife. The Corporation is organized exclusively for not-for-profit educational and charitable purposes as such term is used in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Article III. Offices

Section 1. The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. The Corporation may have such other offices, either within or outside the District of Columbia as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the Corporation may require from time to time.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. Members

Members of the Corporation shall be non-voting and members shall not have the power to elect the Corporation's Board of Directors, to amend its corporate governing documents, or to otherwise vote on corporate matters. Any person may become a non-voting member by paying annual membership dues and completing a membership application. There shall be no limit to the number of non-voting members. Non-payment of annual dues forfeits membership.

Article V. Board of Directors

Section 1. Number of Directors

There shall be no more than thirty-six (36) Directors of the Corporation.

Section 2. Election of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the election of Directors of the Corporation. A Director may be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at a regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present, pursuant to the following procedures:

- A. The names of potential candidates may be submitted to the Board Governance Committee at any time. The Board Governance Committee shall review the qualifications of proposed candidates, and attest that all candidates approved and proposed by the Committee for election have the necessary qualifications to be members of the Board of Directors, are aware of the roles and responsibilities of Board membership and have agreed to uphold those duties.
- B. Candidates elect shall be invited to participate and vote immediately upon election.

Section 3. Removal of Directors

The Board may remove any officer or director at any meeting. A two-thirds (67%) vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors shall be required to remove a Director of the Corporation.

Article VI. Terms of Office of Members of the Board of Directors

Section 1. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to the office for a term of three years, in a manner such that approximately thirty-three percent (33%) of the members are subject to election annually. Each term shall begin on the day of the Corporation's annual meeting and shall expire on the day of the annual meeting three years thereafter. The term of Directors elected at a meeting other than the Annual Meeting shall be calculated as if they were elected at the Annual Meeting in the calendar year in which elected. For the purposes of this Article, a "year" is defined as the period between two successive annual meetings.

Section 2. No Director may serve more than three successive three-year terms. A person who has formerly served as a Director may be elected again to the Board of Directors provided there has been a period of at least one year between the expiration of the former term(s) and the new term.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the limitation of terms described in Section 2, a Director may be elected to serve successive one-year terms as Chairperson of the Board and may serve an additional year as a member of the Board of Directors following the expiration of his or her term as Chairperson.

Article VII. Duties of the Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall determine the policy and have fiduciary responsibility for the activities of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the election and removal of members of the Executive Committee, for the appointment and removal of members of the Board Governance Committee and Audit Committee, and for the election of additional Directors of the Corporation.

Article VIII. Voting Rights

Section 1. Each member of the Board of Directors, including the Chairperson, shall be entitled to one vote. Each vote shall be equal in weight to that of any other Director on any issue that is placed before the Corporation for voting.

Article IX. Quorum

Section 1. Thirty-three percent (33%) of current members of the Board of Directors shall comprise a quorum.

Article X. Compensation for Expenses

Section 1. By resolution of the Executive Committee, the Directors may be paid their expenses, if any, for their attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or for any other duly called Committee meeting of the Corporation.

Subject to the foregoing, members of the Board of Directors shall not be compensated for performing the normal duties of a Board member, such as attending Board meetings and participating on Board Committees. The Corporation shall not enter into contracts for goods or services with members of the Board of Directors without the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article XI. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be the Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The term of office shall be one year. Officers shall hold office until successors have been duly elected and qualified, or until death, resignation, or removal.

Article XII. Election of Officers

- Section 1.** Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting.
- Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall appoint a Board Governance Committee consisting of at least three (3) persons.
- Section 3.** The Board Governance Committee shall select candidates for nomination to the offices of Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Executive Committee to be voted upon by the Corporation at the Annual Meeting. If a vacancy occurs in any of the officer positions stated above between Annual Meetings of the Corporation, the Board Governance Committee shall appoint a new officer until a new candidate has been duly elected and qualified at the next Annual Meeting.
- Section 4.** The Board Governance Committee shall present a list of candidates for nomination to the offices of Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and at-large members of the Executive Committee to the Corporation at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting. There shall be at least one candidate nominated for each of these offices.
- Section 5.** In addition to the candidates for offices presented by the Board Governance Committee at the Annual Meeting, other candidates may be placed in nomination at the Annual Meeting.
- Section 6.** Election to any office shall be by ballot at the Annual Meeting in the presence of a quorum and the matter shall be carried by a majority vote of the Directors present.

Article XIII. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Duties of the Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be responsible for the (a) notice of meetings; (b) presiding over meetings, and; (c) the appointment of all other positions, including Board Committee positions, not specifically provided for elsewhere in these bylaws; and (d) performing all other duties as from time to time may be necessary. The Chairperson is authorized to enter into any contract and/or execute any document on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 2. Duties of the Vice Chair

In the absence of the Chairperson, or in the event that he or she is unable to perform his/her duties, the Vice Chair shall fulfill the duties of the Chairperson.

Section 3. Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings and have oversight responsibility for the archives and history of the Corporation, including minutes of all past Board and Executive Committee meetings, and the keeping of the Corporate Seal.

Section 4. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer has the responsibility to manage the Board's review of and actions related to key financial matters, including the annual budget and to work with the chief financial officer to ensure that appropriate financial reports are made available to the Board on a timely basis;

Article XIV. Meetings of the Corporation

Section 1. Annual Meeting

The Corporation will hold at least one meeting of the Board of Directors annually. Each Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time set by the Executive Committee for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Board of Directors, for any purpose or purposes, may be called by the Chairperson or the Executive Committee, unless otherwise prescribed by statute.

Section 3. Place of Meeting

The Executive Committee may designate any place, either within or outside the District of Columbia, as the place of the Annual Meeting. If no designation is made, the place of the meeting shall be in the District of Columbia.

Section 4. Meetings By Conference Telephone

Any meeting of the Corporation may be conducted by conference telephone or by any other means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear one another. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 5. Notice of Meeting

Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given in the manner prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors. Except as noted below, if the Board has not passed such a resolution, notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting, and in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is being

called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) and not more than fifty (50) days before the date of the meeting, at the direction of the President to each member of the Board of Directors. Such notice may be written or oral, may be given personally, by first class mail, by facsimile, by e-mail, by telegram, or by phone, and shall state the place, date and time of the meeting. If notice is given by oral communication or by phone, it must be confirmed promptly by first class mail, by facsimile, by e-mail, or by telegram. Notice shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the U.S. Mail with postage prepaid, addressed to the last known address of the member, or when delivered by fax, e-mail, or telegram to the last known fax number, e-mail address, or address of the member.

In the event of an emergency, as determined jointly by the Chairperson and President, such as, for example, in the event of an attack upon the United States, an emergency meeting may be convened without notice. Any action taken at such emergency meeting shall be effective until ratified or rejected by the Board of Directors at its next annual or special meeting.

Section 6. Rules of Procedure

Rules of parliamentary procedure, as identified by Roberts Rules of Order, shall govern all meetings of the Corporation unless contrary to the rules of procedure of these By-Laws, in which case the By-Laws shall govern.

Section 7. Action Without a Meeting

The Board of Directors may conduct any of its affairs without a meeting if all of the Directors entitled to vote on the relevant subject matter give signed, written consent to the action on a document which sets forth the specific action to be taken.

Article XV. Committees

Section 1. Required Committees

There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, a Board Governance Committee of the Board of Directors and an Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Executive Committee

The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected, and the Committee shall operate, in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI. It shall be the function of the Executive Committee to act for the Board of Directors as may be required in between Board meetings. A member may be elected to or removed from the Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the membership of the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting.

Section 3. Board Governance Committee

The members of the Board Governance Committee shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Article XII. The Committee will have the functions specified in Article XII, will nominate candidates for election to the Board of Directors, and will generally be responsible for Board governance matters

Section 4. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall oversee the selection, hiring, and monitoring of the outside auditor, review the auditor's report and submit the audit report to the full Board. The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Article VII.

Section 5. Establishment of Other Committees

The Board of Directors may establish such other committees as it deems necessary to conduct its business in an efficient manner, and shall determine the functions of such other committees.

Section 6. Rules

Each committee may adopt rules for its own governance not inconsistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

Article XVI. Executive Committee

Section 1. Selection, Number, Tenure, and Qualifications

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the election of members of the Executive Committee. The number of members of the Executive Committee shall be up to nine (9) in number. Members of the Executive Committee must be members of the Board of Directors to qualify for election.

Section 2. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held from time to time as warranted.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at the request of the Chairperson or any three members of the Committee.

Section 4. Notice of Special Meetings

Notice of a special meeting shall be given at least three (3) days previously thereto by written notice, e-mail, fax, or telephone, and shall include the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is being called. The participation of a member of the Committee in a Special Meeting shall constitute waiver of notice.

Section 5. Quorum

A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Manner of Acting

The act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee.

Section 7 Minutes

The Secretary shall prepare minutes describing any actions of the Committee and shall distribute them to the Board of Directors within a reasonable time following the meeting.

Article XVII. Management

Section 1. President

Subject to overall review by the Board of Directors, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the President elected by the Board of Directors. The President is authorized to hire staff and other personnel necessary to carry out the purposes of the organization and to incur and make payment for expenses necessary to permit efficient operation of the Corporation. The President is authorized to enter into contracts and sign legal documents on behalf of the Corporation and to designate signatory authority to enter into contracts not exceeding the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars. The Vice President for Finance and Administration is also authorized to sign contracts not exceeding the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars and sign legal documents on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 2. Loans

The President is authorized to contract for loans upon authorization by the Executive Committee. Such authorization shall be confined to specific instances. In no event shall any loan be made by the Corporation to any officer, director or member.

Section 3. Checks, Drafts, Etc.

All orders for the payment of money shall be signed by the Chairperson or President, or

by any vice president designated in writing by the President, provided that orders for the payment of money exceeding an amount to be determined by the Chairperson and the President shall require the signature of two authorized persons.

Section 4. Deposits

All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks or other depositories as the President shall select upon review by the Executive Committee.

Article XVIII. Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be July 1 - June 30.

Article XIX. Corporate Seal

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall provide a Corporate Seal.


Article XX. Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting, upon thirty days advance written notice prior to such meeting.

Article XXI. Effective Date

Section 1. These bylaws shall become effective upon adoption by the Directors of the Corporation.

By majority vote of a quorum of the voting members and Directors of American Rivers, Inc., these bylaws were approved and adopted the 2nd of February, 2008.



Chairperson

AMERICAN RIVERS, INC.
23-7305963
SCHEDULE 1
Program Service Accomplishments Fiscal Year 2008

River Restoration (Formerly River Renewal)

\$3,480,353

Throughout our history, Americans have tried to conquer nature to serve man's purpose. From the earliest colonial times, we dammed our rivers and streams to produce power and to irrigate crops. Over the 19th and 20th centuries, as our engineering capacity increased, so did our destruction of rivers and floodplains. Today, there are more than 75,000 large dams and uncounted millions of small dams across the country, and millions of acres of floodplains and wetlands have been destroyed by development.

But the future of America's rivers isn't necessarily bleak — nature has the power to renew itself once we remove the man-made obstacles. Over the past year, American Rivers has achieved major victories in river restoration — removing old, obsolete dams and reaching agreement for significant changes in the operation of existing dams. We've developed innovative new approaches to river restoration and we've engaged communities, civic leaders and the public as advocates for the rivers they love.

Major Victories – Dam Removal

More than 200 years ago, Lewis and Clark came upon a beautiful river flowing from the flanks of Oregon's Mount Hood, down through forests and beautiful deep gorges before joining the mighty Columbia, along the way providing crucial habitat for salmon and steelhead. Noticing the sediment-laden waters, they named it the Sandy River.

But for the past century, the Sandy has been trapped behind hydroelectric dams, unable to provide its benefits to the human or natural communities that depend on it. Today, thanks to a landmark agreement brokered by American Rivers, the Sandy River has been restored. First, the Marmot Dam was removed and then, the Little Sandy Dam was removed, in the Pacific Northwest's biggest dam removal project of the past 40 years. As part of the restoration agreement, more than 5,000 acres of riverside land are also being protected, consistent with American Rivers' strategy to broaden our protection efforts from rivers to include entire watersheds.

Today, the Sandy is free-flowing from its origins on Mt. Hood to its confluence with the Columbia. And those sediments first noted by Lewis and Clark have played a powerful role in the river's restoration, quickly rebuilding the sandbars and pools that are restoring wildlife habitat and creating an outstanding opportunity for outdoor recreation.

The Sandy is just one example of more than 50 dam removal projects American Rivers led over the past year. In Pennsylvania, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey and across the nation, American Rivers contributed technical assistance and grant funds to communities to help

restore rivers through removal of dams and other obsolete structures. Our innovative national partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) allows us to provide much-needed funding to local communities. And our state-based partnerships, like the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Growing Greener Program, put us on the ground bringing more than \$800,000 in grant funds to local river groups and civic leaders. Through this program, we've already taken down five dams, have ten more coming down this year, and more than 30 dam removal projects in the planning phase.

One of the most encouraging victories this year will provide funding for scores of victories in the coming years. Last fall, thanks to the advocacy efforts of American Rivers, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act (H.R. 3224) which authorizes \$200 million over five years for states to repair, replace, or remove public dams that fail to meet minimum dam safety standards or pose an unacceptable risk to the public. We're still fighting for passage of the Senate version of the bill, and this will be a powerful tool as we continue to work with states and local communities to restore their rivers.

Major Victories – Hydropower Reforms

As the nation struggles with the cost and impacts of producing energy, hydroelectric power has received renewed attention. American Rivers has been engaged in these issues for more than two decades, and today is recognized as the national leader in the reform of hydropower dam operations. Over the past year, American Rivers participated in 26 hydropower relicensing proceedings in seven states (Alabama, California, Georgia, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina and Washington) balancing the needs of the river and communities with the nation's needs for electricity.

- On the North Fork Skokomish River on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, American Rivers restored flows for the first time in 80 years through the relicensing of Cushman Dam, a hydroelectric project owned by the City of Tacoma. American Rivers represented several conservation and fishing groups throughout the process, providing expertise and leadership to their grassroots efforts.
- On the Yadkin and Pee Dee Rivers in North Carolina, American Rivers brokered a settlement that will lead to fish passage upstream of six dams for the first time since 1912. American shad, striped bass and American eel are among the species to be restored, bolstering outdoor recreation opportunities and the economies of the communities on these rivers.
- On the Congaree River in South Carolina, American Rivers partnered with the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and The Nature Conservancy to develop a consensus plan for re-operating the Saluda Dam that controls approximately 30 percent of the river flow to Congaree National Park. We'll advocate for the adoption of the plan as the utility seeks to renew its operating license for the dam.

On a national basis, American Rivers reached agreement with the hydropower industry on a renewable energy incentive policy that includes new hydropower development at some existing dams. The agreement decreases the likelihood for development of hydropower on dams that

would otherwise be decommissioned and prohibits any harmful changes to the operations of existing dams.

New Approaches – Klamath River Basin

As water becomes increasingly valuable to a wide variety of stakeholders and global warming causes increasingly frequent and intense droughts and floods, river restoration becomes even more challenging. At American Rivers, we are constantly developing new approaches. A case in point is the Klamath River basin, a massive watershed spanning southern Oregon and northern California. American Rivers is leading a complex process that has produced a landmark basin-wide settlement agreement with federal and state agencies, tribes, farmers and fishermen that improves water supplies, water quality, fisheries habitat, and cultural resources. Having now reached a unified position with all the stakeholders, we're poised to reach final settlement with the dam owner, PacifiCorp, on the disposition and eventual removal of four dams on the Klamath. This complex effort to bring all stakeholders together offers a hopeful template for ambitious river restoration projects in the future.

New Approaches – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

No federal agency has had more impact on the health of America's rivers and floodplains than the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For years, we have battled misguided Corps projects, but in 2007 we secured comprehensive reform of the agency as part of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). We sought, and won, major reforms that will for the first time hold the Corps to the same standards that it has for private industry and establish an independent review process for all new projects over a certain size.

In the same legislation, American Rivers obtained a comprehensive closure plan for the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, a structure that led to great loss of life and property in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. We also obtained an authorization for \$1.8 billion in ecosystem restoration for the Upper Mississippi River. By fundamentally changing the way the Corps does business, we can protect and restore thousands of miles of rivers and hundreds of thousands of acres of floodplains and wetlands.

Engaging Civic Leaders and Citizens

When it comes to restoring rivers, the role of American Rivers is to be the catalyst — to jump start the effort; to provide technical assistance; and advocate for federal and state policies and funding sources for local communities to undertake their own restoration efforts. Through this model, a relatively small organization like American Rivers can have a major national impact. This strategy is grounded in engaging civic leaders and the general public to restore their own local rivers.

National River Cleanup™ is one of our best tools to begin that engagement process, with more than 1,500 cleanups on rivers across the country in 2008 alone, active participation by mayors and other civic leaders, and strong local media coverage of the cleanups. The program has attracted corporate supporters like Tom's of Maine, Subaru, Green Mountain Coffee

Roasters, Thule and others, and has led to a partnership with the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts in the nation's capital and surrounding states. A day of direct action can lead to a lifetime of river advocacy, and that's the strategy driving National River Cleanup.

We're also using the **media** to engage civic leaders and citizens as advocates for river restoration. American Rivers produced a short film: "Unexpected Things Come Together on the River" — a film about dam removal on Oregon's Sandy River. We've taken it to film festivals and posted it to YouTube. In addition to the Sandy River story, we've produced a film about the Klamath dam removal and river restoration, using cutting edge animation to paint a picture of the future when the Klamath is restored.

River Protection (Formerly River Heritage)

\$1,032,495

Our inheritance as Americans includes more than three million miles of rivers that criss-cross this great country and provide the foundation of healthy communities.

But rivers are increasingly threatened by encroaching development, widespread pollution and increased demands for water. Added to these threats is global warming, which is bringing more frequent and more intense droughts and floods.

Across the country, communities are recognizing these threats and coming together to protect their rivers, thanks to the leadership of American Rivers.

Major Victories – Yazoo Pumps

Of all the bad ideas in engineering history, few can compare to the Yazoo Pumps.

Originally authorized by Congress in 1941, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed constructing the world's largest hydraulic pumping plant, at a cost to federal taxpayers of well over \$220 million. The Yazoo Pumps would drain and damage some 200,000 acres of wetlands, more acreage than all five boroughs of New York City!

The area that the Yazoo Pumps would damage is home to four national wildlife refuges that would be drained by this project. These wetlands have been described by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "some of the richest natural resources in the nation." They sit at the heart of the Mississippi River flyway, a critical migration route for the nation's duck population, and a thriving ecosystem that provides habitat for hundreds of wetland species.

For more than ten years, American Rivers led the fight against this ridiculous and dangerous project. We organized scientists to quantify the damage the pumps would cause, worked with the media to build opposition and supported local groups fighting to protect this critical watershed.

In the Spring of 2008 the US Environmental Protection Agency invoked provisions of the Clean Water Act, and vetoed the project, the first veto by the EPA in 18 years! Ten years of hard work by American Rivers paid off, and the Yazoo Pumps have finally been stopped.

Major Victories – Wild and Scenic

2008 marked the 40th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, one of the great river protection success stories. Today, the Act protects more than 11,000 miles of 166 rivers in 38 states and Puerto Rico. American Rivers used the 40th anniversary to push for the largest single expansion of the system in the last two decades.

As this report went to press, we had achieved designation of seven new Wild and Scenic River segments: Black Butte and Cold Creek in California; Musconetcong River in New Jersey; and the Eightmile River in Connecticut. More than a dozen additional bills have been introduced in Congress that would protect over 100 river segments in ten more states. Of these bills, we are tantalizingly close to achieving Wild and Scenic Rivers designation for 66 segments in six states. These include the Snake Headwaters in Wyoming, rivers in the Owyhee River basin in Idaho, rivers flowing off of Mt. Hood in Oregon and the Taunton River in Massachusetts.

We'll continue to fight for these rivers through the remainder of this Congress, and will be prepared to begin again in the next Congress, starting in January 2009.

We're also building local river protectors, through **Blue Trails**. For many, outdoor recreation is the first step in becoming an advocate for river protection. From a walk along the river, or a family paddle through free flowing waters, is born the commitment to protecting the river you love. To help communities engage their citizens in river protection through recreation, we've produced the comprehensive guide to developing Blue Trails, river-based outdoor recreation trails.

Engaging Civic Leaders and Citizens

For more than twenty years, our annual report *America's Most Endangered Rivers*TM has turned a spotlight on threats to rivers, and prompted civic leaders, the media and the general public to press for protection for their threatened rivers. The *America's Most Endangered Rivers*TM 2008 edition was our most successful report ever. Working with local river groups, we identified ten immediately threatened rivers, and then generated a torrent of media coverage for the report, reaching an audience of almost 40 million people. Within weeks of the report's release, local civic leaders took action on threats to five of the rivers. We're continuing to work with our local partners to sustain the momentum on those five, and to keep up the pressure to protect the remaining rivers.

Twice this fiscal year, we brought river advocates from across the nation to Washington D.C. to participate in **River Action Day**. In September 2007, more than 80 river advocates from 26 states met with more than 100 congressional offices about the importance of protecting and restoring healthy rivers. In addition to speaking about important local issues, advocates urged Members of Congress to support two legislative priorities--Sewage Overflow Right-to-Know Act and Wild and Scenic River bills. The event resulted in eight new cosponsors for the bills.

In June, 2008, we hosted another River Action Day with 100 river advocates from 37 states to participate in a final push for Wild and Scenic River designations. Several civic leaders participated this year, including an Arizona mayor, a North Carolina county commissioner, and tribal leaders from Arizona and Washington State. In conjunction with River Action Day in June, we marked the 40th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the 35th Anniversary of American Rivers with a **Watershed Event**, a Capitol Hill gala featuring celebrities like Tom Skerritt and Michael Keaton, several Members of Congress, American Rivers Board, and leaders from national conservation organizations.

And finally we partnered with the History Channel to produce a film marking American Rivers 35th Anniversary. We were honored that Tom Brokaw, a longtime river protector, agreed to narrate the film, which we premiered at the Watershed Event gala.

Clean Water (Formerly Healthy Waters)

\$925,061

Water is literally the essence of life — vital for community health, environmental quality and economic development. For the majority of America's communities, the chief source of clean water is a local river.

But today, our rivers are under increasing stress. Mindless development and increasing irrigation demands have required more and more water to be drawn out of rivers and at the same time, have produced more polluted runoff fouling the very rivers that supply our drinking water. And on top of the threats we've fought for the past 35 years, now we're also confronted with global warming, which is bringing more frequent and more intense droughts and floods.

We address these threats with two complementary strategies — ensuring that human and natural communities have reliable supplies of water, and ensuring that the water is clean. By pursuing strategies to ensure both water quantity and water quality, we're able to help communities adapt and thrive in the face of global warming.

Major Victories – Expanding Community Partnerships

Our Great Lakes effort expanded this year when we were invited by the City of **Milwaukee** to partner on a series of green stormwater management projects. This expansion to Milwaukee builds on our success in **Toledo**, where we've been working for several years to implement comprehensive green stormwater management projects — consumer-based programs such as rain barrels; changes in zoning regulations to require pervious surfaces for parking lots; and civic leader engagement through stormwater workshops and field trips.

Around the **Chesapeake Bay region**, and across the **nation**, we've presented the findings of our stormwater message research to more than 15 different gatherings of local organizations and civic leaders, helping them build their local capacity for effective storm water management. To support these workshops and to extend the use of this research, American Rivers published a guidebook detailing model local codes and ordinances for non-structural stormwater management. Through the combination of professional message research and model codes and

ordinances, we're equipping communities to implement effective stormwater ordinances to protect their rivers.

Major Victories – National Legislation

American Rivers secured major legislative victories this year — changing the agenda to ensure clean water was prominently addressed and securing funding for clean water initiatives at the national and local level.

Our lobbyists and experts helped shape the debate and set the agenda on key pieces of legislation:

- American Rivers developed language for the **Energy bill** that for the first time, inserted “green infrastructure” provisions into federal legislation. The provision we promoted will require local governments to integrate environmentally effective infrastructure and on-site stormwater management into local government projects.
- American Rivers successfully shaped the **National Infrastructure Commission**, so that its founding legislation requires it to address “green infrastructure” as part of its final recommendations.

The centerpiece of our clean water advocacy is the **Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act**. This crucial bill will require sewage treatment operators to notify the public, drinking water facilities, and local health authorities when a sewage spill threatens human health. We know that if people are made aware of the frequency of sewage spills, they will be motivated to act on behalf of their rivers. American Rivers built support from microbiologists and public health scientists, and through careful negotiation with the industry association that represents sewage plant operators, we brokered a compromise and gained their support. The legislation passed the House, and as this report goes to press is awaiting action by the Senate.

Engaging Civic Leaders and Citizens

In communities around the Great Lakes, the Southeast, the Chesapeake, and across the country, we've proven American Rivers is a valuable partner. Now we're scaling that effort up and taking it nationwide through a new partnership with the **U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM)**. Based on our track record, American Rivers was invited to join their Urban Water Council as the only conservation organization member. American Rivers is working closely with USCM staff to develop briefing papers, model policies, speeches and media materials on issues such as climate change, stormwater management, waste water treatment and water conservation. We also engaged the USCM in supporting the Clean Water Restoration Act (CWRA), crafting a resolution in support of the CWRA legislation offered by several mayors at the Conference of Mayors' June meeting.

American Rivers is engaging thought leaders around new paradigms for green infrastructure. Working with the New York City based **Regional Plan Association (RPA)**, our staff led discussions on climate change and water impacts to communities, and the need for a

bold new vision for water infrastructure. These talks are the beginning of a broader dialogue with civic leaders, academics and conservation leaders to grapple with issues surrounding global warming and clean water. American Rivers also participated in a prestigious **Aspen Institute** dialogue on a new paradigm for water infrastructure investment.

Water Supply (Formerly Water for Life)

\$757,491

As we mentioned above, we consider water to be the essence of life. In addition to ensuring that our water is clean, we have a complementary strategy to ensuring that human and natural communities have reliable supplies of water, as well. By pursuing strategies to ensure both water quantity and water quality, we're able to help communities adapt and thrive in the face of global warming.

Major Victories – National Legislation

American Rivers secured major legislative victories this year — changing the agenda to ensure clean water was prominently addressed and securing funding for clean water initiatives at the national and local level.

- Our lobbyists and experts helped shape the debate and set the agenda on key pieces of legislation: American Rivers succeeded in amending the first major piece of global warming legislation, the **Climate Security Act of 2008**, to include as much as \$1 billion annually for sustainable water conservation and management. While the legislation was not enacted this year, American Rivers successfully advocated for significant new sources of funding for progressive approaches to water supply that will be included when the bill is passed next year.
- American Rivers organized a broad coalition of almost forty industry, utility, government and non-profit organizations to advocate for a 250 percent increase in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's budget for water-efficient labeling, called **WaterSense**. Designed on the model of the popular EnergyStar program, WaterSense gives consumers the information they need to choose products that will help them conserve water, and money!

Major Victories – Expanding Community Partnerships

In the Southeast, our proven approaches have been welcomed by civic leaders suddenly facing serious droughts. We worked closely with **Atlanta's DeKalb County** to develop a model water conservation ordinance that requires buyers of homes built before 1993 to install more efficient toilets and plumbing fixtures. Beginning in areas like Atlanta where residents are highly aware of the impact of droughts, we're developing model ordinances that other communities can then adopt.

In **Georgia**, we convened more than 150 water utility directors, managers and chief financial officers for a conference entitled "Can Water Efficiency Really Work for a Water System's Bottom Line?" In partnership with the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, the Alliance for Water Efficiency, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, and the

Georgia WaterWise Council, the conference presented the economic and business reasons why water efficiency makes sense for communities and for rivers.

New Approaches – Balancing Water Needs

At meetings in state capitals across the country, a new phrase is becoming common: “Water is the new gold.” From the fields of California to casinos in Las Vegas to the suburbs of Atlanta, the availability of water has become a major issue. As competition for water increases, we’re developing new approaches to meet community needs **and** keep enough water in rivers to maintain their fundamental health.

In Washington state, we developed an innovative collaborative forum designed to bring major water stakeholders together to seek common ground on urgently needed state water policy reform. From agriculture to recreation, municipal water managers and Indian tribes, we brought together everyone that has a stake in water in Washington. Thanks to a grant we received from the Bullitt Foundation, we used professional facilitators to help reach consensus among the many competing interests.

And we’ve taken the lessons of that forum, and turned it into a report for policy makers and elected officials. “Before the Well Runs Dry: Water Solutions for Washington,” which we produced with our partners at the Washington Environmental Council and Washington Rivers Conservancy, outlines problems and needed water policy reforms in Washington state, and has been distributed to state legislators and civic leaders.

We’re applying the lessons from our success in Washington to other states where water battles loom.

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES

\$6,195,400

American Rivers
Grant Expense
FY 2008

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Alabama Rivers Alliance	2027 2nd Avenue North Suite A	Birmingham	AL	35203	12,000 00	Hydropower Reform
Allegheny Soil Conservation District	12407 Naves Cross Road NE	Cumberland	MD	21502	25,000.00	Dam Removal - NOAA
American Whitewater	PO Box 1540	Cullowhee	NC	28723	4,000 00	Hydropower Reform
Berks County Conservancy	25 North 11th Street	Reading	PA	19601	2,000 00	Dam Removal
Borough of Lehighton	Municipal Building PO Box 29	Lehighton	PA	18235	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Borough of Lehighton	Municipal Building PO Box 29	Lehighton	PA	18235	10,000 00	Dam Removal
California Trout	870 Market St Ste 528	San Francisco	CA	94102	10,000.00	Hydropower Reform
Catawba Wateree Relicensing Coalition	222 South Blvd	Anderson	SC	29621	5,000 00	Hydropower Reform
Clearwater Conservancy	2555 N Atherton Street	State College	PA	16803	100,000 00	Dam Removal
Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation	545 Main Street Ste B1	Morro Bay	CA	93442	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Columbia River Estuary Study Task Force	750 Commercial Street Rm 205	Astoria	OR	97103	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Community Environmental Council	930 Miramonte Drive	Santa Barbara	CA	93109	3,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Connecticut River Watershed Council	545 Main Street	Morro Bay	CA	93442	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Connecticut River Watershed Council	15 Bank Row	Greenfield	MA	01301	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Friends of the Crooked River	2390 Kensington	Akron	OH	44333	5,000 00	Hydropower Reform
Hydropower Reform Coalition	1101 14th Street, NW, Suite 1400	Washington	DC	20005	62,162 50	Hydropower Reform
Kirtitas Conservation Trust	PO Box 428, 205 Alaska Avenue	Roslyn	WA	98941	24,000.00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition	PO Box 828	Pentwater	MI	49449	13,000 00	Hydropower Reform
Mid Columbia Fish Enhancement Group	PO Box 1271	White Salmon	WA	98672	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Natural Heritage Institute	100 Pine St Suite 1550	San Francisco	CA	94111	30,000 00	Hydropower Reform
Natural Heritage Institute	100 Pine St Suite 1550	San Francisco	CA	94111	3,783 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
New York Rivers United	PO Box 1460	Rome	NY	13442	13,000 00	Hydropower Reform
River Alliance of Wisconsin	306 E Wilson Street Suite 2W	Madison	WI	53703	3,000 00	Hydropower Reform
San Mateo Resource Conservation District	625 Miramonte Street Ste 103	Half Moon Bay	CA	94019	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
SC Coastal Conservation League	PO Box 1765	Charleston	SC	29402	27,500 00	Hydropower Reform
Somes Meynell Wildlife Sanctuary	57 Pretty Marsh Road PO Box 171	Mount Desert	ME	04660	10,700 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Southeastern Reg Planning and Economic Developm	88 Broadway	Taunton	MA	02780	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Town of Fort Covington	PO Box 489	Fort Covington	NY	12937	23,000 00	Dam Removal
Town of Riverhead	200 Howell Avenue	Riverhead	NY	11901	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	3 Puritan Mill 916 Joseph Lowery	Atlanta	GA	30318	10,000 00	Hydropower Reform
Virginia Organizing Project	703 Concord Avenue	Charlottesville	VA	22903	(25,000.00)	Dam Removal - NOAA (Grant Returned)
Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation	2325 River Road Ste 3	The Dalles	OR	97058	25,000 00	Dam Removal - NOAA
West Michigan Environmental Action Council	1007 Lake Dr SE	Grand Rapids	MI	49506	3,500 00	Healthy Waters

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