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Form 990
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2006

Open to Public Inspection

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

A For the 2006 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2006 and ending 08-31-2007

- B Check if applicable
Address change
Name change
Initial return
Final return
Amended return
Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
COPIRG Colorado Public Interest
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1536 Wynkoop St Suite 100
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Denver, CO 80202

D Employer identification number
84-1188748
E Telephone number
(303) 573-3871
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).

G Web site: www.copirg.org

J Organization type (check only one) 501(c) (4) (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

L Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 41,817

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
H(c) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No
I Group Exemption Number
M Check if the organization is not required to attach Sch B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.)

Table with columns for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets. Rows include Contributions, Program service revenue, Membership dues, Interest on savings, Dividends, Gross rents, Gross amount from sales of assets, Special events, Gross sales of inventory, Other revenue, Total revenue, Program services, Management and general, Fundraising, Payments to affiliates, Total expenses, Excess or (deficit) for the year, Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year, Other changes in net assets or fund balances, Net assets or fund balances at end of year.

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 (See the instructions.)

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 \$ _____ noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22a			
22b Other grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22b			
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 (attach schedule)	25a	16,978	12,459	3,099
b Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees etc listed in Part V-B (attach schedule)	25b			
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) (attach schedule)	25c			
26 Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b and c	26	3,390	2,488	619
27 Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b and c	27			
28 Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27	28			
29 Payroll taxes	29	1,670	1,225	305
30 Professional fundraising fees	30			
31 Accounting fees	31	3,200	2,348	584
32 Legal fees	32			
33 Supplies	33	426	313	78
34 Telephone	34	1,003	736	183
35 Postage and shipping	35	99	73	18
36 Occupancy	36	2,149	1,577	392
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	37	202	148	37
38 Printing and publications	38	1,760	1,291	322
39 Travel	39	79	58	14
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40			
41 Interest	41			
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42	614	451	112
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize)				
a Payroll processing	43a	979	718	179
b Matching contrib	43b	-1,067	783	-195
c Insurance	43c	978	718	178
d Dues	43d	9,392	6,892	1,715
e Advertising	43e	88	65	16
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	41,940	30,777	7,656

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 No
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____, (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____, and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

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.

<p>What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ▶ <u>To promote the public interest on a non-profit basis</u></p> <p>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.)</p>	<p>Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs, and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)</p>
<p>a Public Education - Informing the public about environmental, consumer & government reform issues, primarily by media and publications. Main projects include growth, transportation, energy and consumer rights.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>9,802</p>
<p>b Research & Advocacy - Regarding environmental & consumer issues, including land use protections, alternative transportation options, clean energy & consumer rights.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>20,975</p>
<p>c</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>d</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>e Other program services (attach schedule)</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ▶</p>	<p>30,777</p>

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	3,625	45	4,750
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46	
	47a Accounts receivable	47a		
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	47c	
	48a Pledges receivable	48a		
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	48b	48c	
	49 Grants receivable		49	
	50a Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50a	
	b Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule)		50b	
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)	51a		
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	51b	51c	
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52	
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		53	
	54a Investments—publicly-traded securities <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54a	
	b Investments—other securities (attach schedule) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	62,353	54b	62,353
55a Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis	55a			
b Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	55b	55c		
56 Investments—other (attach schedule)		56		
57a Land, buildings, and equipment basis	57a 3,071			
b Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	57b 2,635	1,050	57c 436	
58 Other assets, including program-related investments (describe <input type="checkbox"/> _____)			58	
59 Total assets (must equal line 74) Add lines 45 through 58	67,028	59	67,539	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,695	60	3,325
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue		62	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)	325,000	64b	325,000
	65 Other liabilities (describe <input type="checkbox"/> _____)		65	1
66 Total liabilities Add lines 60 through 65	327,695	66	328,326	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74			
	67 Unrestricted		67	
	68 Temporarily restricted		68	
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" 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	-260,667	72	-260,787
	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)	-260,667	73	-260,787
74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances Add lines 66 and 73	67,028	74	67,539	

Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return (See the instructions.)

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	a	41,817
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12		
1	Net unrealized gains on investments	b1	
2	Donated services and use of facilities	b2	
3	Recoveries of prior year grants	b3	
4	Other (specify) _____	b4	
	Add lines b1 through b4	b	
c	Subtract line b from line a	c	41,817
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line a		
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1	
2	Other (specify) _____	d2	
	Add lines d1 and d2	d	
e	Total revenue (Part I, line 12) Add lines c and d	e	41,817

Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	a	41,940
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17		
1	Donated services and use of facilities	b1	
2	Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20	b2	
3	Losses reported on Part I, line 20	b3	
4	Other (specify) _____	b4	
	Add lines b1 through b4	b	
c	Subtract line b from line a	c	41,940
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line a :		
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1	
2	Other (specify) _____	d2	
	Add lines d1 and d2	d	
e	Total expenses (Part I, line 17) Add lines c and d	e	41,940

Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated.) (See the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Matt Baker 1536 Wynkoop St Suite 100 Denver, CO 80202	Treasurer 0	0		
Rex Wilmouth 1536 Wynkoop St Suite 100 Denver, CO 80202	Executive Direc 30	16,000	978	
Mara Thermos 1536 Wynkoop St Suite 100 Denver, CO 80202	Secretary 0	0		
Pete Maysmith 1536 Wynkoop St Suite 100 Denver, CO 80202	President 0	0		

Part VI Other Information (continued)

Form 990 (2006) Part VI Other Information (continued)
82a 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?
82b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here
83a Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?
83b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?
84a Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?
84b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?
85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?
85b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?
85c Dues assessments, and similar amounts from members
85d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures
85e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices
85f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)
85g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?
85h 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?
86 501(c)(7) orgs. Enter a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12
86b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities
87 501(c)(12) orgs. Enter a Gross income from members or shareholders
87b Gross income from other sources
88a 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?
88b At any time during the year, did the organization directly or indirectly own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
89a 501(c)(3) organizations Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955
89b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. 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?
89c Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
89d Enter Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization
89e All organizations. At any time during the tax year was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
89f All organizations. Did the organization acquire direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract?
89g 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?
90a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
90b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2006
91a The books are in care of
91b 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?

Part VI Other Information (continued)

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States?	91c	Yes		No
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If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____

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 **92**

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) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue					
a _____					
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			14	349	
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a debt-financed property					
b non 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					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))				349	
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					349

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)

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
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

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 No

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

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	Yes	No
		No

	(A) Name and address of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
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	Yes	No
		No

	(A) Name and address of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
Totals				

108 Did the organization have a binding written contract in effect on August 17, 2006 covering the interests, rents, royalties and annuities described in question 107 above?	Yes	No
		No

Please Sign Here

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.

***** Signature of officer	2008-07-15 Date
Jaime Sereno Admin Director Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature Carol A Davis	Date	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen Inst W)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 Davis & Co CPAs PC 9457 S University Blvd 410 Highlands Ranch, CO 80126			EIN Phone no (303) 791-6800

Additional Data

Software ID: 06000146

Software Version: 2006v4.1

EIN: 84-1188748

Name: COPIRG Colorado Public Interest

Form 990, Part VI, Line 80b - If "Yes", enter the name of the organization and whether it is exempt or nonexempt:

Name of the Organization	Exempt	Nonexempt
Environment Colorado Inc	X	
Environment Colorado Research&PolicyCtr	X	
Colorado Public Interest Research Fdtn	X	

TY 2006 Investments - Securities Schedule

Name: COPIRG Colorado Public Interest

EIN: 84-1188748

Software ID: 06000146

Software Version: 2006v4.1

Description	Book Value	Cost/FMV
Paradigm Partners	62,353	C

TY 2006 Land etc. Schedule

Name: COPIRG Colorado Public Interest

EIN: 84-1188748

Software ID: 06000146

Software Version: 2006v4.1

Category/Item	Cost/Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value
Machinery and Equipment	3,071	2,635	436

TY 2006 Mortgages and Notes Payable Schedule

Name: COPIRG Colorado Public Interest

EIN: 84-1188748

Software ID: 06000146

Software Version: 2006v4.1

Total Mortgage Amount:

Item No.	1
Lender's Name	Var state PIRG groups
Lender's Title	
Relationship to Insider	
Original Amount of Loan	325000
Balance Due	325000
Date of Note	
Maturity Date	
Repayment Terms	on demand
Interest Rate	
Security Provided by Borrower	none
Purpose of Loan	
Description of Lender Consideration	
Consideration FMV	

TY 2006 Other Changes in Net Assets Schedule

Name: COPIRG Colorado Public Interest

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Software Version: 2006v4.1

Description	Amount
Rounding	3

TY 2006 Other Liabilities Schedule

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Software Version: 2006v4.1

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Rounding		1