Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2015

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions); or
- [X] a single-employer plan;
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report;
- [ ] the final return/report;
- [ ] an amended return/report;
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558;
- [ ] automatic extension;
- [ ] the DFVC program;
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1992

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

1777 BOTELHO DR, SUITE 300
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-0000

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
925-945-0900

2d Business code (see instructions)
531110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2016	MARK CARTER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)

Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

1777 BOTELHO DR, SUITE 300
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-0000

3b Administrator's EIN: 94-2223344

3c Administrator's telephone number: 925-945-0900

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

4c PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	391
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	361
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	321
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	56
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	377
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	377
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	326
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	☐	Insurance
(2)	☐	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	☒	Trust
(4)	☐	General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	☐	Insurance
(2)	☐	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	☒	Trust
(4)	☐	General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1)	☒	**R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2)	☐	**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3)	☐	**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1)	☒		**H** (Financial Information)
(2)	☐		**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)	☐	0	**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	☒		**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)	☐		**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)	☐		**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III **Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ……..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2015 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2015 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2015** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

A Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERV
111 SUTTER STREET, SUITE 1800
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

CALIFORNIA RETIREMENT PLANS, INC.

590 LENNON LANE, SUITE 100
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	CONTRACT ADMIN	8558	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

CAPITAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT CO.

333 SOUTH HOPE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	2901	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a	Name:	**b** EIN:
c	Position:	
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

a	Name:	**b** EIN:
c	Position:	
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c	Position:	
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

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A Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	28844	17435
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	139757	118846
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	4669903	4706746
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	4838504	4843027
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	4838504	4843027

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	553717	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	119103	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		672820
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	6425	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		6425
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	229818	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		229818
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-240114
c Other income	2c		9507
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		678456
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	647768	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		647768
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		14355
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	10535	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	1275	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		11810
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		673933
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		4523
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [ ] Unqualified (2) [ ] Qualified (3) [X] Disclaimer (4) [ ] Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? [X] Yes [ ] No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: SHEA LABAGH DOBBERSTEIN (2) EIN: 94-2290202

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	N/A	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a	X			19574
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X		

		Yes	No	N/A	Amount
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X		
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X		
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X			500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X		
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X		
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X		
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X			
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X		
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X		
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X		
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n				
o Did the plan trust incur unrelated business taxable income?	4o				
p Were in-service distributions made during the plan year?	4p				

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian	**6d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2015

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

A Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 20-3691658

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: 0.0% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
20b If "Yes," how does the 401(k) plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2)?	☐ Design-based safe harbor method	☐ ADP/ACP test
20c If the ADP/ACP test is used, did the 401(k) plan perform ADP/ACP testing for the plan year using the "current year testing method" for nonhighly compensated employees (Treas. Reg sections 1.401(k)-2(a)(2)(ii) and 1.401(m)-2(a)(2)(ii))?	☐ Yes	☐ No
21a Check the box to indicate the method used by the plan to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b):	☐ Ratio percentage test	☐ Average benefit test
21b Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes	☐ No
22a Has the plan been timely amended for all required tax law changes?	☐ Yes	☐ No ☐ N/A

22b Date the last plan amendment/restatement for the required tax law changes was adopted ____/____/____. Enter the applicable code _____ (See instructions for tax law changes and codes).

22c If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved master and prototype (M&P) or volume submitter plan that is subject to a favorable IRS opinion or advisory letter, enter the date of that favorable letter _____/_____/_____ and the letter's serial number _____.

22d If the plan is an individually-designed plan and received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the plan's last favorable determination letter _____/_____/_____.

23 Is the Plan maintained in a U.S. territory (i.e., Puerto Rico (if no election under ERISA section 1022(i)(2) has been made), American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or the U.S. Virgin Islands)?	☐ Yes	☐ No

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Year Ended December 31, 2015

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN

Year Ended December 31, 2015

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SHEA LABAGH DOBBERSTEIN
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR AND PARTICIPANTS
OF SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Plan management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 4, which was certified by Capital Bank and Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and for the year ended December 31, 2015, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient, appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

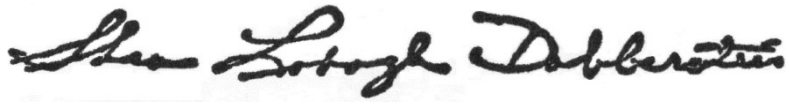
Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules

The supplemental schedules, Schedule H – Line 4a: Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions and Schedule H – Line 4i: Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), are required by the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on these supplemental schedules.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

SHEA LABAGH DOBBERSTEIN
Certified Public Accountants, Inc.



San Francisco, California
October 11, 2016

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	$ 4,706,746	$ 4,669,903
RECEIVABLES		
Participant Contributions	17,435	28,844
Notes Receivable from Participants	118,846	139,757
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	136,281	168,601
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 4,843,027	$ 4,838,504

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year Ended December 31, 2015

ADDITIONS

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
INVESTMENT LOSS	
Net Depreciation in Fair Value of Investments	$ (240,114)
Interest and Dividend Income	229,818
TOTAL INVESTMENT LOSS	(10,296)
INTEREST INCOME ON NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	6,425
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Participants	553,717
Rollover	119,103
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	672,820
OTHER INCOME	9,507
TOTAL ADDITIONS	678,456

DEDUCTIONS

DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
BENEFITS PAID TO PARTICIPANTS	662,123
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	11,810
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	673,933
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	4,523
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,838,504
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT END OF YEAR	$ 4,843,027

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General – The Plan was established on April 1, 1992 to provide retirement benefits for employees of Sequoia Equities, Inc. ("Sequoia") and Sequoia Property Services, Inc. (hereinafter together referred to as the "Company"). The Plan was restated effective January 1, 2016 (Note 11). The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the Company who meet certain eligibility requirements. All employees, except employees classified by the Company as temporary or casual employees as defined by the Plan who are scheduled to work less than 1,000 hours in a year, become eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the quarter after reaching the age of 21 and completing 3 months of service, as defined by the Plan. Temporary or casual employees who complete a year of service, however, become eligible employees and may enter the Plan on the first day of the quarter after completing a year of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") and certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC").

The Plan provides for a plan administrator who is responsible for keeping accurate and complete records with regard to the Plan's operations, informing participants of changes or amendments to the Plan's provisions, ensuring that the Plan conforms to the law and government regulations, and providing participants with any reports and documents required by law. The Company's 401(k) Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

Contributions – Each year, participants may voluntarily contribute up to 100% of their annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, on a tax-deferred basis, up to a maximum amount allowed by the IRC. The maximum allowed deferral amount was $18,000 for the year ended December 31, 2015. Participants who are age 50 or older at the end of the Plan year are also eligible to make additional catch-up contributions ($6,000 in 2015). Participants may also make rollover contributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Newly eligible participants are automatically enrolled with a contribution of 2% of eligible compensation, unless the employee affirmatively elects otherwise.

The Company may make discretionary matching or other contributions, subject to certain limitations imposed by the IRC, at the option of the Company. No such contributions were made during the year ended December 31, 2015.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Participant Accounts – Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, rollover contributions and the Company's discretionary matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's other discretionary contributions, if any, and Plan earnings or losses. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that may be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting – Participants are vested immediately in their voluntary contributions and rollover contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching and other discretionary contributions plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. The vesting schedule is as follows:

Years of Service	Vesting Percentage
Less than 1	0%
1	20%
2	40%
3	60%
4	80%
5 or more	100%

Investment Options – Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct the investment of their account balance into various investment options available under the Plan.

Notes Receivable from Participants – Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years, or up to fifteen years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts and bear a fixed interest rate as determined under the loan policy. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. Any outstanding loans will become due and payable within 30 days after termination of employment.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Payment of Benefits – Participants are eligible to receive distributions from the Plan upon reaching the age of 59 ½ years, termination of service, disability, or death. A participant may also be eligible for a withdrawal due to financial hardship in certain circumstances. Distributions to the participant or beneficiary are made in the form of a lump sum payment of the entire vested account balance. Terminated participants with account balances in excess of $5,000 may delay the receipt of distributions; however, the Company will roll over terminated participants' account balances between $1,000 and $5,000 to an individual retirement account, as designated by the plan administrator, unless directed otherwise by the terminated participant. Vested account balances of less than $1,000 are automatically cashed out as a single lump-sum distribution. Mandatory distributions are required to begin no later than April 1st following the later of the end of the year a participant retires, or reaches age 70 ½, in the form of a lump sum payment of the entire vested account balance or installments over a period of not more than the assumed life expectancy of the participant or beneficiary.

Forfeited Accounts – Non-vested portions of a participant's account are forfeited on separation of employment. Forfeitures may be applied to reduce future employer contributions and plan administrative expenses at the discretion of the Company. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, forfeited non-vested accounts amounted to $2,310 and $2,247, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, no forfeitures were used to pay for administrative expenses or reduce employer contributions.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting – The Plan's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the trustee and investment advisor. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation or depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants – Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2015 or 2014. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payments of Benefits – Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses – Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses paid by the Plan are proportionately allocated to the accounts of all participants in the Plan. Such expenses include fees for investment advisory and recordkeeping services. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation or depreciation of fair value of investments.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Adoption of Recent Accounting Pronouncements – Effective January 1, 2015, the Plan adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2015-07, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent).* Under the guidance in ASU 2015-07, investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient will no longer be categorized within the fair value hierarchy levels, but will be presented as a reconciling item. Investments that calculate net asset value per share (or its equivalent), but for which the practical expedient is not applied, will continue to be included in the fair value hierarchy. ASU 2015-07 also eliminates the requirement to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the net asset value by limiting those disclosure requirements to investments for which the entity has elected to measure the fair value using that practical expedient.

Effective January 1, 2015, the Plan adopted FASB ASU 2015-12, *Plan Accounting: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Topic 960), Defined Contribution Pension Plans (Topic 962), Health and Welfare Benefit Plans (Topic 965): (Part I) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts, (Part II) Plan Investment Disclosures, (Part III) Measurement Date Practical Expedient* (consensuses of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force). The overall objective of this ASU is to reduce complexity in employee benefit plan accounting. Some of its key provisions include the designation of contract value as the only required measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and the elimination of certain disclosure requirements for investments.

These ASUs have been applied retrospectively. Accordingly, certain disclosures related to 2014 have been modified to be in accordance with these new standards. These modifications have had no effect on previously reported net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 3 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level l) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

All of the Plan's investments are mutual funds and have been valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund at both December 31, 2015 and 2014. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Since the Plan's mutual funds are valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the individual funds are traded, they are classified as Level 1 investments within the fair value hierarchy.

NOTE 4 – INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE OF THE PLAN

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Capital Bank and Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the supplemental Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2015, and the related investment loss and interest income earned on the notes receivable from participants reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2015.

NOTE 5 – TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a volume submitter plan that has received an opinion letter dated March 31, 2014, in which the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stated that the volume submitter plan, as then designed, was in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has not received a determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the federal and state taxing authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress (see Note 11).

NOTE 6 – PLAN TERMINATION

The Company has established the Plan with the expressed intention and expectation that it will continue the Plan. However, if circumstances make it impossible or inadvisable to continue the Plan, the Company reserves the right to terminate it at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts. Benefits will be held in the trust fund which will remain in existence until the Company requests the discontinuance of the trust agreement.

NOTE 7 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Plan's assets are mutual funds managed by American Funds, an affiliate of Capital Bank and Trust Company. Capital Bank and Trust Company is the Plan's trustee, as defined by the Plan, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for certain Plan recordkeeping and administrative expenses are included in net appreciation or depreciation in the value of investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment.

American Funds provides certain administrative services to the Plan pursuant to a Recordkeeping Services Agreement (RSA) between the Company and American Funds. American Funds receives revenue from investment fund service providers for services American Funds provides to the funds. This revenue is used to offset certain amounts owed to American Funds for its administrative services to the Plan. If the revenue received by American Funds from such investment fund service providers exceeds the amount owed under the RSA, American Funds remits the excess to the Plan's trust on a quarterly basis. Such amounts may be applied to pay other Plan administrative expenses or allocated to participant accounts. At December 31, 2015, excess amount available to fund future Plan administrative expenses was approximately $7,300. The Plan or Plan sponsor may make a payment to American Funds for administrative expenses not covered by revenue sharing.

NOTE 8 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination from among the funds sponsored by the Plan. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market fluctuation and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in investment value in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

NOTE 9 – DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2015 and 2014, there were unintentional delays by the Plan sponsor in remitting certain participant deferrals in the amount of $658 and $18,916, respectively, to the trustee. The Company computed the lost earnings on these 2015 and 2014 deposits, respectively, and made contributions for lost earnings to the Plan in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

NOTE 10 – DOL EXAMINATION

Pursuant to Title I of the provisions of ERISA, the San Francisco Regional Office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration ("EBSA"), U.S. Department of Labor, conducted an investigation of the Plan, and the activities of the Company and Plan fiduciaries (collectively, the "Plan fiduciaries"). Title I establishes standards governing the operation of employee benefit plans.

On July 20, 2015, EBSA concluded its investigation and issued a conclusion letter to advise the Plan fiduciaries of its findings and acknowledge the corrections made by the Plan fiduciaries. Based on the investigation, EBSA had some findings regarding plan distributions. EBSA acknowledged that the Plan fiduciaries have taken certain corrective actions, including adopting and instituting an updated policy for locating missing participants and direct rollover of terminated participants' account balances between $1,000 and $5,000 to an individual retirement account, and thus concluded that it will take no further action with respect to these matters.

NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan was restated effective January 1, 2016. New provisions of the restated plan include the exclusion of employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, leased employees or non-resident aliens with no U.S. source income, to permit Roth elective deferrals and In-Plan Roth rollovers, and to change the allocation conditions for the Company's discretionary matching contributions.

Effective April 1, 2016, the Company will make discretionary matching contributions at 50% of participant deferrals. These matching contributions have annual and monthly caps of $1,200 and $100, respectively.

Effective January 1, 2017, the automatic enrollment default deferral amount will increase from 2% to 3% of eligible compensation. This will apply to all eligible participants who contribute less than 3% of eligible compensation, unless new affirmative elections are made.

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN

SCHEDULE H – LINE 4a: SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

FEIN: 94-2223344

Plan Number: 001

Year Ended December 31, 2015

			Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
Year	Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included:	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
2014	$ 18,916	☒	$ -	$ 18,916	$ -	$ -
2015	$ 658	☐	$ 658	$ -	$ -	$ -

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN

SCHEDULE H – LINE 4i: SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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Plan Number: 001

December 31, 2015

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					4,706,746
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	27 loans with interest rates of 5.25%, maturity dates from March 2016 to October 2028.		-	118,846
					$ 4,825,592

* Denotes Party-In-Interest as defined by ERISA.

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Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2015

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

A This return/report is for:
- ☐ a multiemployer plan;
- ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions); or
- ☒ a single-employer plan;
- ☐ a DFE (specify) ___

B This return/report is:
- ☐ the first return/report;
- ☐ the final return/report;
- ☐ an amended return/report;
- ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐

D Check box if filing under:
- ☒ Form 5558;
- ☐ automatic extension;
- ☐ the DFVC program;
- ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1992

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
Sequoia Equities Inc.

1777 Botelho Dr, Suite 300

Walnut Creek CA 94596-0000

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
925-945-0900

2d Business code (see instructions)
531110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Signature of plan administrator	Date 10/13/16	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator: Mark Carter
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)

Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor Sequoia Equities Inc. 1777 Botelho Dr, Suite 300 Walnut Creek CA 94596-0000	**3b** Administrator's EIN 94-2223344	
	3c Administrator's telephone number 925-945-0900	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: **a** Sponsor's name	**4b** EIN	
	4c PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	391
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1)**, **6a(2)**, **6b**, **6c**, and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	361
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	321
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	56
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	377
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	377
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	326
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1) ☐	Insurance	(1) ☐	Insurance
(2) ☐	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) ☐	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) ☒	Trust	(3) ☒	Trust
(4) ☐	General assets of the sponsor	(4) ☐	General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules		**b General Schedules**	
(1) ☒	**R** (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) ☒	**H** (Financial Information)
(2) ☐	**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) ☐	**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
		(3) ☐	**A** (Insurance Information)
		(4) ☒	**C** (Service Provider Information)
(3) ☐	**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(5) ☐	**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
		(6) ☐	**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2015 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2015 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN

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