

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

High Plains Conservation District
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For the Year Ended
12/31/17
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL
FAX

PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am skilled in governmental accounting and that the information in the application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

NAME:
TITLE
FIRM NAME (if applicable)
ADDRESS
PHONE
DATE PREPARED
(Must be prepared prior to
Board approval)

Joy Johnson
District Manager
P O Box 127, Hugo CO 80821
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3/12/2018

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)



Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types

GOVERNMENTAL
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)

PROPRIETARY
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)



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Office of the State Auditor

March 20, 2018

PART 2 - REVENUE

REVENUE: All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section, including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment, and proceeds from debt or lease transactions. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar
2-1	Taxes: Property	\$ -
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ -
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ -
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -
2-9	Other (specify): Direct Assistance	\$ 6,293
2-10	Charges for services	\$ -
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -
2-13	Investment income	\$ -
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ -
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree with line 4-4, column 2)	\$ -
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -
2-20	Donations	\$ -
2-21	Other (specify): Equipment rental	\$ 25
2-22		\$ -
2-23		\$ -
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 6,318

Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES: All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section, including the purchase of capital assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar
3-1	Administrative	\$ -
3-2	Salaries	\$ 3,957
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ 694
3-4	Contract services	\$ -
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -
3-6	Insurance	\$ 92
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ -
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -
3-9	Supplies	\$ 125
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ -
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -
3-13	Public health	\$ -
3-14	Culture and recreation	\$ -
3-15	Utility operations	\$ -
3-16	Capital outlay	\$ -
3-17	Debt service principal (should agree with Part 4)	\$ -
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest	\$ -
3-21	Contribution to pension plan (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc. (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -
3-23	Other (specify): Advertising, awards, donations, dues, education, meetings, mileage, postage	\$ 1,400
3-24		\$ -
3-25		\$ -
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,267

Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations

If TOTAL REVENUE (Line 2-24) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-26) are GREATER than \$100,000 - **STOP**. You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit - LONG FORM".

PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

	Yes	No
4-1 Does the entity have outstanding debt? If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-3 Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-4 Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)	Outstanding at end of prior year*	Issued during year
General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -
Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -
Leases	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -

*must tie to prior year ending balance

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

	Yes	No
4-5 Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt? If yes: How much? \$ - Date the debt was authorized: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-6 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? If yes: How much? \$ -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-7 Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for? If yes: What is the amount outstanding? \$ -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-8 Does the entity have any lease agreements? If yes: What is being leased? _____ What is the original date of the lease? _____ Number of years of lease? _____ Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? _____ What are the annual lease payments? \$ -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-9 Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy? If yes: Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bond Redemption	-	
General/Other	-	
TOTAL	-	

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.

	Amount	Total
5-1 YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings Accounts	\$ 5,661	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ 12,997	
Total Cash Deposits		\$ 18,659
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
5-3 <i>Money Man</i>	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
Total Investments		\$ -
Total Cash and Investments		\$ 18,659

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes

	Yes	No	N/A
5-4 Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et. seq., C.R.S.?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-5 Are the entity's deposits in an eligible (Public Deposit Protection Act) public depository (Section 11-10.5-101, et seq. C.R.S.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations:

PART 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

- | | | Yes | No |
|-----|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 6-1 | Does the entity have capital assets? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6-2 | Has the entity performed an annual inventory of capital assets in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.,? If no, MUST explain: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions (Must be included in Part 3)	Deletions	Year-End Balance
6-3 Complete the following capital assets table:				
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*must tie to prior year ending balance

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

- | | | Yes | No |
|-----|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7-1 | Does the entity have an "old hire" firemen's pension plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7-2 | Does the entity have a volunteer firemen's pension plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- If yes: Who administers the plan?

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	\$ -
State contribution amount:	\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -
What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1?	\$ -

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

- | | | Yes | No | N/A |
|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8-1 | Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for the current year in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If no, MUST explain:

- | | | | | |
|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8-2 | Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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If yes: Please indicate the amount appropriated for each fund for the year reported:

General Fund	\$ 5,490

PART 9 - TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

		Yes	No
9-1	Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: An election to exempt the government from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the government from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All governments should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.

If no, MUST explain:

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

		Yes	No
10-1	Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	Date of formation: <input style="width: 450px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		
10-2	Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name: <input style="width: 500px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		
10-3	Is the entity a metropolitan district? Please indicate what services the entity provides: <input style="width: 500px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10-4	Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided: <input style="width: 500px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		
10-5	Has the district filed a <i>Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status</i> during the year? [Applicable to Title 32 special districts only, pursuant to Sections 32-1-103 (9.3) and 32-1-104 (3), C.R.S.]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	Date Filed: <input style="width: 450px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

YES

NO

- | | | | |
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| 12-1 | If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedure

Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as DocuSign or Echosign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
- The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards note their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:

- 1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
- 2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
 - a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, or
 - b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or Echosign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

Print the names of ALL current governing board members below.

A MAJORITY of the governing board members must complete and sign in the column below.

Board Member	Print Board Member's Name	
Board Member 1	Todd Thompson	I, Todd Thompson, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: <u>5/2018</u>
Board Member 2	Shawn Boyd	I, Shawn Boyd, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed <u>Shawn Boyd</u> Date: <u>3/13/18</u> My term Expires: <u>5/2020</u>
Board Member 3	Steve Beedy	I, Steve Beedy, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed <u>Steve Beedy</u> Date: <u>3-13-18</u> My term Expires: <u>5/2020</u>
Board Member 4	Jacki Andersen-Higgins	I, Jacki Andersen-Higgins, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed <u>Jacki Andersen-Higgins</u> Date: <u>3/13/18</u> My term Expires: <u>5/2018</u>
Board Member 5	Dale Felzien	I, Dale Felzien, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed <u>Dale Felzien</u> Date: <u>3-13-2018</u> My term Expires: <u>5/2020</u>
Board Member 6		I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
Board Member 7		I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 FOR THE High Plains Conservation District, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the High Plains Conservation District wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, neither revenue nor expenditures for High Plains Conservation District exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption for audit for High Plains Conservation District has been prepared by Joy Johnson, a person skilled in governmental accounting; and

WHEREAS, said application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulations, issued by the State Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the High Plains Conservation District that the application for exemption from audit for High Plains Conservation District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2017, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the High Plains Conservation District; that those members of the Board of Supervisors have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of, the application for exemption from audit of the High Plains Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

ADOPTED THIS 13th day of March, A.D. 2018.

Stacy Boyd
Vice President

ATTEST:

Stacy Boyd
Secretary

Members of Governing Body

Print Name	Date Term Expires	Signature
Todd Thompson	5/2018	
Shawn Boyd	5/2020	<i>Shawn Boyd</i>
Steve Beedy	5/2018	<i>Steve Beedy</i>
Jacki Andersen-Higgins	5/2018	<i>Jacki Andersen-Higgins</i>
Dale Felzien	5/2020	<i>Dale Felzien</i>