

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

3190.00

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Morgan Conservation District  
200 W. Railroad Avenue  
Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701

For the Year Ended  
12/31/17  
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL  
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970-427-3362  
morganconservationdistrict@gmail.com  
888-496-7212

## 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)

Scott Szabo  
Certified Public Accountant  
Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.  
205 Main Street - P.O. Box 1886, Sterling, Colorado 80751  
970-522-2218  
March 1, 2018

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report.

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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March 15, 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	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
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	\$ 16,157	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ 39,735	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 416	
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):	\$ -	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 56,308</b>	

## 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	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	Administrative	\$ 5,276	
3-2	Salaries	\$ 13,589	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ 3,500	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 4,232	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 950	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 65	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 28,046	
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):	\$ -	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 55,658</b>	

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.

- 4-1 Does the entity have outstanding debt?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule.

- 4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain:  Yes  No  
 The District does not have any outstanding debt; therefore, there is no debt repayment schedule attached.

- 4-3 Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain:  Yes  No

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	Retired during year	Outstanding at year-end
General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\*must tie to prior year ending balance

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

- 4-5 Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?  Yes  No  
 If yes: How much? \$ -  
 Date the debt was authorized: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-6 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?  Yes  No  
 If yes: How much? \$ -
- 4-7 Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?  Yes  No  
 If yes: What is the amount outstanding? \$ -
- 4-8 Does the entity have any lease agreements?  Yes  No  
 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?  Yes  No  
 What are the annual lease payments? \$ -
- 4-9 Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?  Yes  No  
 If yes: Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):

Bond Redemption	-
General/Other	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>

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	\$ 29,858	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		\$ 29,858
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
Colotrust	\$ 37,425	
5-3	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
<b>Total Investments</b>		\$ 37,425
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>		<b>\$ 67,283</b>

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes

- 5-4 Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et. seq., C.R.S.?  Yes  No  N/A
- 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.)?  Yes  No  N/A

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Complete the following capital assets table:	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions (Must be included in Part 3)	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ 27,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,050
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ (27,050)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (27,050)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\*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.):	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1?  

	\$ -
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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.?<br>If no, MUST explain: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- |     |  |                                     |                          |                          |
|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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"/> |
|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|

If yes: Please indicate the amount appropriated for each fund for the year reported:

General Fund	\$ 53,295

## 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)]?

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?

If yes: Date of formation:

- 10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?

If yes: Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:

- 10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district?

Please indicate what services the entity provides:

Conservation services.

- 10-4 Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?

If yes: List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:

- 10-5 Has the district filed a *Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status* 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.]

If yes: Date Filed:

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

12-1 Have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy and do you plan on submitting signatures in accordance with this policy?  YES  NO

### 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.  
Print Board Member's Name

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

Board Member  
1

Todd Wickstrom

I Todd G Wickstrom, 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 Todd G Wickstrom  
Date: 3-8-2016  
My term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member  
2

Print Board Member's Name

G. Allyn Wind

I G. ALLYN WIND, 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 G. Allyn Wind  
Date: 03-08-2018  
My term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member  
3

Print Board Member's Name

Margo Mesch

I MARGO P. MESCH, 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 Margo Mesch  
Date: 3.8.2018  
My term Expires: 2022

Board Member  
4

Print Board Member's Name

Larry Hoozee

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 Larry D Hoozee  
Date: 3/9/18  
My term Expires: 2020

Board Member  
5

Print Board Member's Name

Scott Baumgartner

I Scott Baumgartner, 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 Scott Baumgartner  
Date: 3-9-2018  
My term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member  
6

Print Board Member's Name

Stephen Smith

I STEPHEN SMITH, 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 Stephen Smith  
Date: 12 MARCH 2018  
My term Expires: 2020

Board Member  
7

Print Board Member's Name

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **Independent Accountants' Compilation Report**

To the Board of Supervisors  
Morgan Conservation District  
Fort Morgan, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Morgan Conservation District as of December 31, 2017, and for the year then ended, included in the accompanying prescribed form. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with requirements of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, and are not intended to be a complete presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Morgan Conservation District and the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.*

Sterling, Colorado  
March 1, 2018