

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

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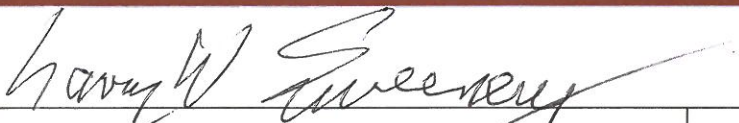
For the Year Ended
12/31/17
or fiscal year ended:

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:	LARRY W. SWEENEY
TITLE	
FIRM NAME (if applicable)	
ADDRESS	3419 CO RD 226, RIFLE, CO 81650
PHONE	970-876-2854
DATE PREPARED (Must be prepared prior to Board approval)	1/31/2018

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

		
Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	GOVERNMENTAL (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PROPRIETARY (CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS) <input type="checkbox"/>

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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	\$ -	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify): Counties and Direct Ass	\$ 85,319	
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): Tree sales, meeting income	\$ 10,357	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 95,676	

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	\$ 18,858	
3-2	Salaries	\$ 34,476	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ 2,637	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 1,828	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ -	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 819	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
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	\$ 372	
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): Grant Expense	\$ 21,826	
3-24	Pitkin County Grant Exp	\$ 6,300	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 87,116	

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	Retired during year		
	Outstanding at year-end				
	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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Date the debt was authorized: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		
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"/>
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		
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"/>
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements? If yes: What is being leased?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	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"/>
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		
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	\$ 123,776	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ 22,912	
	Total Cash Deposits		\$ 146,688
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	\$ -	
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5-3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	\$ -	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	\$ -	
	Total Investments		\$ -
	Total Cash and Investments		\$ 146,688

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 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"/> |

6-3

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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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.?
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	\$ 130,122

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:

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:
Natural Resources Conservation Service: they provide office space and equipment

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:

RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT
(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, CRS)

A RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 FOR THE MOUNT SOPRIS CONSERVATION DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the district board of the Mount Sopris Conservation District wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, CRS; and

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

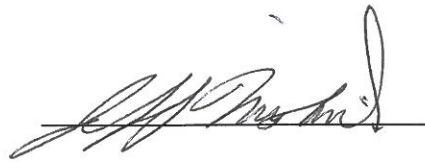
WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for the Mount Sopris Conservation District exceeded \$100,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the Mount Sopris Conservation District has been prepared by Larry Sweeney, a person skilled in governmental accounting and;

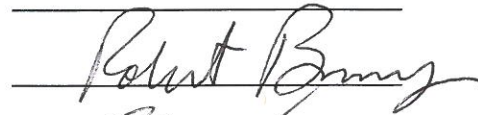
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved / ordained by the district board of the Mount Sopris Conservation District that the exemption from audit for Mount Sopris Conservation District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2017 has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the district board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

ADOPTED THIS 7th day of February, A.D. 2018.

Jeff Nieslanik, President May 2020



Sandy Jackson, Vice President May 2018



Robert Burry, Secretary / Treas May 2020



Sean Martin, Board Member May 2018

Mike Wilde, Board Member May 2020

