

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

COPE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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For the Year Ended
12/31/20
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON
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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

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3/22/2020

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

Carolyn Payne

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

GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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 (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$ -	
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 Assistan	\$ 7,077	
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	\$ 435	
2-21	Other (specify): Tree sales, supplies, equipment rent	\$ 11,760	
2-22	ARS land rent, interest income, freight income	\$ 4,565	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 23,837	

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

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	\$ 10,377	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ -	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ -	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ -	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
3-14	Capital outlay	\$ -	
3-15	Utility operations	\$ -	
3-16	Culture and recreation	\$ -	
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): seedling trees, weedbarrier, staples purchased	\$ 7,292	
3-24	Grant Expense	\$ 1,484	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 19,153	

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; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">We have o debt therefore no schedule attacched</div> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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; margin-top: 5px;"></div> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

	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

- | | | Yes | No |
|---------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4-5 | Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | How much?
Date the debt was authorized: | | |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">\$ -</div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 15px; margin-top: 2px;"></div> | | |
| 4-6 | Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | How much? | | |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">\$ -</div> | | |
| 4-7 | Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | What is the amount outstanding? | | |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">\$ -</div> | | |
| 4-8 | Does the entity have any lease agreements? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | What is being leased?
What is the original date of the lease?
Number of years of lease? | | |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">53.3 ac of owned land</div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">May 1978</div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">year by years</div> | | |
| | Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | What are the annual lease payments? | | |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">\$ 1.00</div> | | |

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	\$ 14,482	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ 5,226	
Total Cash Deposits			\$ 19,708
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):			
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
Total Investments			\$ -
Total Cash and Investments			\$ 19,708

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? Yes No
- 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: Yes No

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	\$ 8,935	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,935
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 8,935	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,935

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? Yes No
- 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firemen's pension plan? Yes No
- 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 \$ -

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.? Yes No N/A

- 8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain: Yes No N/A

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

Fund Name	Budgeted Expenditures/Expenses
GEMERA; FUND	\$ 23,646

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)]?
<small>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.</small> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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;" 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: 600px;" type="text"/> | | |
| 10-3 | Is the entity a metropolitan district?
Please indicate what services the entity provides:
<input style="width: 600px;" 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: 600px;" type="text"/> | | |
| 10-5 | Has the district filed a Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status during | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | Date Filed: <input style="width: 450px;" type="text"/> | | |
| 10-6 | Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts): | | |

Bond Redemption mills	-
General/Other mills	-
Total mills	-

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 If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature 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.

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 2020 FOR THE COPE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors of the Cope Conservation District wishes to claim exemption from 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 expenders exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provisions of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S., and

WHEREAS, neither revenue or expenditures for the Cope Conservation District, exceed \$100,000 for the fiscal Year of 2020 and

WHEREAS, an application for Exemption from Audit for the Cope Conservation District has been prepared by Carolyn Payne a person skilled in government accounting, and

WHEREAS, said application for Exemption from Audit has been completed in accordance with regulations, issued by the State Auditors.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Cope Conservation District, that the application for Exemption from Audit for the Cope Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 has been personally reviewed and is here by approved by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the Cope Conservation District that those members of the Board of Supervisors have signed 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 Cope Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

ADOPTED THIS 23 day of MARCH A.D. 2021



Harley Ernst President

Steve Baker Vice-President



Hans Manley Member



Lanny Payne Secretary/Treasurer



James Cecil Member