

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

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

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

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL  
FAX

Todd Wickstrom  
970-768-2717  
morganconservationdistrict@gmail.com

### 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

Roger M. Schaefer  
Certified Public Accountant  
Roger M. Schaefer, CPA  
319 W Platte Avenue, Fort Morgan, CO 80701  
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3/22/2021

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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## 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	\$ 17,077	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ 40,959	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 206	
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	\$ 3,725	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ 1,892	
2-21	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 63,860	

## 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	\$ 8,074	
3-2	Salaries	\$ 4,462	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ 1,847	
3-4	Contract services	\$ 7,269	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 1,776	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 950	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 130	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 22,975	
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):	\$ -	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 47,483	

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?<br>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:<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">The District does not have any outstanding debt; therefore, there is not debt repayment schedule</div> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4-3 | Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain:<br><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):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\*must tie to prior year ending balance

- |     |  | Yes                      | No                                  |
|-----|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4-5 | Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?<br>If yes: How much? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span><br>Date the debt was authorized: <span style="float: right;">_____</span>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4-6 | Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?<br>If yes: How much? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4-7 | Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?<br>If yes: What is the amount outstanding? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4-8 | Does the entity have any lease agreements?<br>If yes: What is being leased? _____<br>What is the original date of the lease? _____<br>Number of years of lease? _____<br>Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? <span style="float: right;">_____</span><br>What are the annual lease payments? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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	\$ 24,915	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ 28,397	
	<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 53,312</b>
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
5-3	_____	\$ -	
	_____	\$ -	
	_____	\$ -	
	_____	\$ -	
	<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
	<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>		<b>\$ 53,312</b>

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 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"/> |

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	\$ 21,291	\$ -	\$ 2,600	\$ 18,691
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (21,291)	\$ -	\$ (2,600)	\$ (18,691)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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	\$ -

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"/> |
|  |                                     |                          |                          |
| 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 budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Fund Name	Budgeted Expenditures/Expenses
General Fund	\$ 59,819

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

- |   | Yes                                 | No                       |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>9-1 Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?</b><br><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                                  |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>10-1 Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?</b><br>If yes: <b>Date of formation:</b> <input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: <b>Please list the NEW name &amp; PRIOR name:</b><br><input style="width: 600px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>  |                          |                                     |
| <b>10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district?</b><br><b>Please indicate what services the entity provides:</b><br><input style="width: 600px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-4 Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?</b><br>If yes: <b>List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:</b><br><input style="width: 600px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-5 Has the district filed a Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status during</b><br>If yes: <b>Date Filed:</b> <input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-6 Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?</b><br>If yes: <b>Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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?

### 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 members of current governing body below.

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

Board Member	Print Board Member's Name	
Board Member 1	Todd Wickstrom	I <u>Todd Wickstrom</u> , 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>Todd Wickstrom</u> Date: <u>3/28/2021</u> My term Expires: <u>5/2023</u>
Board Member 2	G. Allyn Wind	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 3	Derek Gerken	I <u>Derek Gerken</u> , 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>Derek Gerken</u> Date: <u>3/26/21</u> My term Expires: <u>5/2022</u>
Board Member 4	Kyle Kembel	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 5	Nathan Northup	I <u>Nathan Northup</u> , 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>Nathan Northup</u> Date: <u>3/25/21</u> My term Expires: <u>5/2023</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 2020 FOR THE MORGAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Morgan 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 and 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 expenditure for Morgan Conservation District exceeds \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for Morgan Conservation District has been prepared by Roger M. Schaefer, CPA, an independent accountant with knowledge of 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 Directors of the Morgan Conservation District that the application for exemption from audit for Morgan Conservation District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2018, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Morgan Conservation District; that those members of the Board of Directors have signified their approval by signing below; and that their resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of the application for exemption from audit of the Morgan Conservation District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2020.

ADOPTED THIS 26 day of March, A.D. 2021

Todd & Wickstrom

President

ATTEST:

Derek Gerken

Secretary

Type or Print Names of  
Member of Governing Body

Date  
Term  
Expires

Signature

Derek Gerken

5/22

Derek Gerken

Todd Wickstrom

5/23

Todd & Wickstrom

Nathan Northrup

8/2023

N. Northrup

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*Roger M. Schaefer*  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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**Independent Accountants' Compilation Report**

Board of Directors  
Morgan Conservation District  
200 W. Railroad Avenue  
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Morgan Conservation District as of December 31, 2020, 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.

*Roger M. Schaefer, CPA*

Fort Morgan, Colorado  
March 23, 2021