

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

**NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS**

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|---|
| <b>UPPER HUERFANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT</b> |
| <b>711 WALSEN AVENUE, SUITE A</b>           |
| <b>WALSENBURG, CO 81089</b>                 |
|   |
| <b>JENNIFER LOPEZ</b>                       |
| <b>719-695-3335</b>                         |
| <b>JENNIFERJ.LOPEZ@CO.NACDNET.NET</b>       |
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For the Year Ended  
12/31/20  
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**

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| <b>JENNIFER LOPEZ</b>             |
| <b>DISTRICT MANAGER</b>           |
|                                   |
| <b>711 WALSEN AVENUE, SUITE A</b> |
| <b>719-695-3335</b>               |
| <b>3/22/2021</b>                  |

### PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

J
 Jennifer Lopez

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|--|---|---|
| Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types | <b>GOVERNMENTAL</b><br>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS) | <b>PROPRIETARY</b><br>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS) |
|  | <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)   | \$ 41,898               |   |
| 2-2   | Specific ownership                                       | \$ 4,728                |   |
| 2-3   | Sales and use  | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-4   | Other (specify):   | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-5   | Licenses and permits                                     | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-6   | Intergovernmental: Grants                                | \$ 6,077                |   |
| 2-7   | Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)                       | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-8   | Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)                           | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-9   | Other (specify):   | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-10  | Charges for services                                     | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-11  | Fines and forfeits                                       | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-12  | Special assessments                                      | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-13  | Investment income  | \$ 259                  |   |
| 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): Carryover                               | \$ 46,712               |   |
| 2-22  |  | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-23  |  | \$ -                    |   |
| 2-24  | (add lines 2-1 through 2-23) <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>        | \$ 99,675               |   |

## 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  | \$ 14,438               |   |
| 3-2   | Salaries  | \$ -                    |   |
| 3-3   | Payroll taxes   | \$ 1,108                |   |
| 3-4   | Contract services   | \$ 4,503                |   |
| 3-5   | Employee benefits   | \$ -                    |   |
| 3-6   | Insurance   | \$ 339                  |   |
| 3-7   | Accounting and legal fees   | \$ -                    |   |
| 3-8   | Repair and maintenance  | \$ -                    |   |
| 3-9   | Supplies  | \$ 1,518                |   |
| 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): Cost-Share Payouts                                     | \$ 21,660               |   |
| 3-24  | Membership & Dues   | \$ 1,980                |   |
| 3-25  | Meetings, Workshops, Information, Education & Advertisements            | \$ 750                  |   |
| 3-26  | (add lines 3-1 through 3-24) <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>         | \$ 46,296               |   |

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?  
If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule. Yes  No
- 4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain: Yes  No

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

| Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable:<br>(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? \$ -

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                           | \$ 67,141 |                  |
| 5-2 Certificates of deposit   | \$ -      |                  |
| <b>Total Cash Deposits</b>  |           | <b>\$ 67,141</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>\$ 67,141</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?  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                           | \$ -                             | \$ -                                   | \$ -        | \$ -             |
| Buildings                      | \$ -                             | \$ -                                   | \$ -        | \$ -             |
| Machinery and equipment        | \$ -                             | \$ -                                   | \$ -        | \$ -             |
| Furniture and fixtures         | \$ -                             | \$ -                                   | \$ -        | \$ -             |
| Infrastructure                 | \$ -                             | \$ -                                   | \$ -        | \$ -             |
| Construction In Progress (CIP) | \$ -                             | \$ -                                   | \$ -        | \$ -             |
| Other (explain):               | \$ -                             | \$ -                                   | \$ -        | \$ -             |
| Accumulated Depreciation       | \$ -                             | \$ -                                   | \$ -        | \$ -             |
| <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?  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.):  | \$ -        |
| <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.?  Yes       No       N/A
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- 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 |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$ 46,296                      |
|              |                                |
|              |                                |

## 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:

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

If yes: Date Filed:

**10-6** Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?

If yes: Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Bond Redemption mills |       |
| General/Other mills   | 0.500 |
| Total mills           | 0.500 |

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.

Print the names of ALL members of current governing body below.  
Print Board Member's Name

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

|                |               |  |
|----------------|---------------|--|
| Board Member 1 | JAMES HRIBAR  | I James Hribar, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.<br>Signed <u>James Hribar</u><br>Date: <u>3-25-2021</u><br>My term Expires: 2022      |
| Board Member 2 | JACK FISCHER  | I Jack Fischer, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.<br>Signed <u>Jack Fischer</u><br>Date: <u>3-23-2021</u><br>My term Expires: 2023      |
| Board Member 3 | TAMI BUSCH    | I Tami Busch, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.<br>Signed <u>Tami Busch</u><br>Date: <u>3-24-2021</u><br>My term Expires: 2023          |
| Board Member 4 | SUZANNE KEYES | I Suzanne Keyes, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.<br>Signed <u>Suzanne M. Keyes</u><br>Date: <u>3-23-2021</u><br>My term Expires: 2023 |
| Board Member 5 | DUSTIN HRIBAR | I Dustin Hribar, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.<br>Signed <u>Dustin Hribar</u><br>Date: <u>3-25-21</u><br>My term Expires: 2022      |
| 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.<br>Signed _____<br>Date: _____<br>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.<br>Signed _____<br>Date: _____<br>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 UPPER HUERFANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Upper Huerfano 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 revenues nor expenditures for the Upper Huerfano Conservation District exceeded \$100,000 for fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for Upper Huerfano Conservation District has been prepared by Jennifer Lopez, 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 Auditor,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Upper Huerfano Conservation District that the application for exemption from audit for Upper Huerfano Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, has been reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the Upper Huerfano 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 Upper Huerfano Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

ADOPTED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, A.D. 2021.




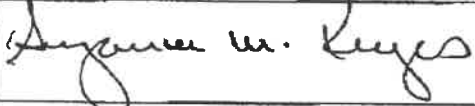

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest:

SEAL

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Approval by Board of Supervisors:

|   | Name          | Term Expires | Signature  |
|---|---------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | James Hribar  | 2022         |  |
| 2 | Jack Fischer  | 2023         |  |
| 3 | Tami Busch    | 2023         |  |
| 4 | Suzanne Keyes | 2023         |  |
| 5 | Dustin Hribar | 2022         |  |