

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

IF EITHER REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES EXCEED \$100,000, USE THE **LONG FORM**.

Under the Local Government Audit Law (Section 29-1-601, et seq., C.R.S.) any local government may apply for an exemption from audit if neither revenues nor expenditures exceed \$750,000 in the year.

EXEMPTIONS FROM AUDIT ARE NOT AUTOMATIC

To qualify for exemption from audit, a local government must complete an Application for Exemption from Audit EACH YEAR and submit it to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA).

Any preparer of an Application for Exemption from Audit-SHORT FORM must be a person skilled in governmental accounting.

Approval for an exemption from audit is granted only upon the review by the OSA.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THIS FORM

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE OSA WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE ACCOUNTING YEAR-END.

FOR EXAMPLE, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OSA ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31 FOR GOVERNMENTS WITH A DECEMBER 31 YEAR-END.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY SHOULD BE REPORTED ON THE MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS
PROPRIETARY ACTIVITY SHOULD BE REPORTED ON A BUDGETARY BASIS

POSTMARK DATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF SUBMISSION ON OR BEFORE THE STATUTORY DEADLINE

PRIOR YEAR FORMS ARE OBSOLETE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ON FORMS OTHER THAN THOSE PRESCRIBED BY THE OSA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FULLY AND ACCURATELY COMPLETED.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES CAN BE FOUND AT:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/Colorado/>

CHECKLIST

Has the preparer signed the application?

Has the entity corrected all Prior Year Deficiencies as communicated by the OSA?

Has the application been PERSONALLY reviewed and approved by the governing body?

Did you include any relevant explanations for unusual items in the appropriate spaces at the end of each section?

Will this application be submitted electronically?

If yes, have you read and understand the new Electronic Signature Policy? See new policy -> [here](#)

--OR--

If yes, have you included a resolution?

Does the resolution state that the governing body PERSONALLY reviewed and approved the resolution in an open public meeting?

Has the resolution been signed by a MAJORITY of the governing body? (See sample resolution.)

Will this application be submitted via a mail service? (e.g. US Post Office, FedEx, UPS, courier.)

If yes, does the application include ORIGINAL INK SIGNATURES from the MAJORITY of the governing body?

FILING METHODS

NEW METHOD! Register and submit your Applications at our new portal!

WEB PORTAL: <https://apps.leg.co.gov/osa/lq>

MAIL: Office of the State Auditor

Local Government Audit Division

QUESTIONS? Email: osa.lg@coleg.gov OR Phone: 303-869-3000

IMPORTANT!

All Applications for Exemption from Audit are subject to review and approval by the Office of the State Auditor.

Governmental Activity should be reported on the Modified Accrual Basis

Proprietary Activity should be reported on the Cash or Budgetary Basis

Failure to file an application or denial of the request could cause the local government to lose its exemption from audit for that year and the ensuing year.

In that event, AN AUDIT SHALL BE REQUIRED.

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SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
 ADDRESS

Central Colorado Conservation District
5610 Industrial PI #100
Colorado Springs, CO 80916

For the Year Ended
 12/31/22
 or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON
 PHONE
 EMAIL

Mariah Hudson, District Manager
719-600-4706
centralcoconservationdist@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

Maggie Hanna
 Central Colorado Conservation District Board Treasurer
 5610 Industrial PI #100 | Colorado Springs, CO 80916
 719-600-4706
 March 27, 2023

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)



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>
	X	

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	
2-1	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$ -	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ -	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: State Dept of Ag	\$ -	
2-7	State Additional	\$ -	
2-8	E! Paso County MOU	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify): Direct Assistan	\$ -	
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):		\$	-
2-22	Store purchases		\$	-
2-23			\$	-
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE		\$	-

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			
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):			
3-24	Dormant account fees		\$ 60	
3-25			\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES		\$ 60	

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.		x	
4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain: no outstanding debt			n/a
4-3 Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain: no outstanding debt			n/a
4-4 Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)			
General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lease Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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?			x

If yes: How much? \$ -

Date the debt was authorized: _____

4-6 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? x

If yes: How much? \$ -

4-7 Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for? x

If yes: What is the amount outstanding? \$ -

4-8 Does the entity have any lease agreements? x

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?

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	\$ 31,146	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ 10,354	
Total Cash Deposits		\$ 41,500
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
Total Investments		\$ -
Total Cash and Investments		\$ 41,500

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.?
- 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.)?

If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations:

The Certificate of Deposit was identified as issued on March 1, 1995; it matures on April 1, 2023.

PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes No

- 6-1 Does the entity have capital assets? x
- 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: x

no capital assets

6-3 Complete the following capital & right-to-use 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)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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" firefighters' pension plan? x
- 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan? x
- 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?

\$ -

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
 For 2023, yes. Filings for 2021 and 2022 were missed.
- 8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section
 Yes
 For 2023, yes. Filings for 2021 and 2022 were missed.

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

Fund Name	Budgeted Expenditures
Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
Estimated Expenditures	\$ 60

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:

unknown; The Central Colorado Conservation District was generally inactive from April 2020 to November 2022.

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?
 Yes No
- If yes: Date of formation: _____
- 10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?
 Yes No
- If yes: Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name: _____
- 10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district?
 Yes No
- Please indicate what services the entity provides: _____
- 10-4 Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?
 Yes No
- 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
 Yes No
- If yes: Date Filed: _____
 n/a; Conservation Districts are a Part 1 of Article 70 of Title 35, C.R.S.
- 10-6 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 mills	-
General/Other mills	-
Total mills	-

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

The Central Colorado Conservation District was generally inactive from April 2020 to November 2022. Account statements and other notes during this timeframe were reviewed to create requisite documentation for this period. Where estimates were calculated, care was taken to review all available data and ensure reported information is as accurate as possible.

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

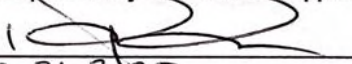
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Print the names of ALL members of current governing body below. Print Board Member's Name		A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must complete and sign in the column below.
Board Member 1	Duke Phillips IV	<p>I <u>Duke Phillips IV</u>, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.</p> <p>Signed <u></u></p> <p>Date: <u>MAR 31 2023</u></p> <p>My term Expires: <u>2026</u></p>
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