

MESA SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2022



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

January 31, 2023

Board of Directors
Mesa Soil Conservation District
2738 Crossroads Blvd. Ste 102
Grand Junction, CO 81506-3960

We have compiled the balance sheet of Mesa Soil Conservation District (a government), as of December 31, 2022, and the related operating statement and supplemental information for the year then ended included in the accompanying prescribed form. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements and supplemental information 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 and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion nor provide any assurance about whether the financial statements and supplemental information are in accordance with the form prescribed by the Colorado Local Government Audit Division.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and supplemental information included in the form prescribed by the Colorado Local Government Audit Division and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and supplemental information.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements and supplemental information.

These financial statements and supplemental information included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado Local Government Audit Division and are not intended to be a 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 the Colorado Local Government Audit Division and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

Blair and Associates, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

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|---------------------------------|
| MESA SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT |
| 27.8 CROSSROADS BLVD. STE 102 |
| GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81506-3960 |
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For the Year Ended
12/31/22
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL

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

| |
|---|
| PAUL D MILLER |
| STAFF |
| BLAIR AND ASSOCIATES, P. C. |
| 105 S.E.FRONTIER AVE, STE A, CEDAREEDGE, CO 81413 |
| 970-856-7550 |
| 1/31/2023 |

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

BLAIR AND ASSOCIATES, P.C.

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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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 | \$ 8,243 | |
| 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 | \$ - | |
| 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): REFUND | \$ 100 | |
| 2-22 | | \$ - | |
| 2-23 | | \$ - | |
| 2-24 | (add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 8,343 | |

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 | \$ 450 | |
| 3-2 | Salaries | \$ - | |
| 3-3 | Payroll taxes | \$ - | |
| 3-4 | Contract services | \$ 940 | |
| 3-5 | Employee benefits | \$ - | |
| 3-6 | Insurance | \$ 90 | |
| 3-7 | Accounting and legal fees | \$ 500 | |
| 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): GRANT REFUND | \$ 5,000 | |
| 3-24 | DUES | \$ 1,249 | |
| 3-25 | TRAINING | \$ 165 | |
| 3-26 | (add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES | \$ 8,394 | |

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.

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|-----|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | 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 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; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Lease Liabilities | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | How much? Date the debt was authorized: | | |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; text-align: center;">\$ -</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></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; width: 100%; text-align: center;">\$ -</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; width: 100%; text-align: center;">\$ -</div> | | |
| 4-8 | Does the entity have any lease agreements? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></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; width: 100%; text-align: center;">\$ -</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 | \$ 25,052 | |
| 5-2 Certificates of deposit | \$ - | |
| Total Cash Deposits | | \$ 25,052 |
| Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments): | | |
| | \$ - | |
| | \$ - | |
| 5-3 | \$ - | |
| | \$ - | |
| Total Investments | | \$ - |
| Total Cash and Investments | | \$ 25,052 |

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 checked="" 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 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? 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

| 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? Yes No
- 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan? Yes No
- If yes: Who administers the plan? Yes No

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.? 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:

| Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name | Total Appropriations By Fund |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CONSERVATION DISTRICT | \$ 16,475 |
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PART 9 - TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

9-1 Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?

Yes No

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 | - |
| 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.

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 | Michael Lobato | I <u>Michael Lobato</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>Michael Lobato</u> Date: <u>2-16-23</u> My term Expires: <u>2026</u> |
| Board Member 2 | Albert Ruckman | I <u>Albert C. Ruckman</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>Albert C. Ruckman</u> Date: <u>2/16/23</u> My term Expires: <u>2023</u> |
| Board Member 3 | Brian Adams | I <u>Brian Adams</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>Brian Adams</u> Date: <u>2/16/23</u> My term Expires: <u>2023</u> |
| Board Member 4 | Hannah Holm | I <u>Hannah Holm</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>Hannah Holm</u> Date: <u>3/6/23</u> My term Expires: <u>2025</u> |
| Board Member 5 | Judi DeVore. | I <u>Judi D. DeVore</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>Judi DeVore</u> Date: <u>3/6/23</u> My term Expires: <u>2025</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 2022 FOR THE **Mesa Soil Conservation District**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **Conservation District Board** of **Mesa Soil 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 one hundred thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

(1)WHEREAS, neither revenue nor expenditures for **Mesa Soil Conservation District** exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **Mesa Soil Conservation District** has been prepared by **Paul D. Miller, CPA**, a person skilled in governmental accounting; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the **Conservation District Board** of the **Mesa Soil Conservation District** that the application for exemption from audit for **Mesa Soil Conservation District** for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2022, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the **Conservation District Board of Supervisors** of the **Mesa Soil Conservation District**; that those members of the **Conservation District** 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 **Mesa Soil Conservation District** for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

ADOPTED THIS 20th day of March, A.D. 2023.

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

Albert C. Ruckman

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Albert Ruckman, President

Type or Print Names of
Members of Governing Body

Date Term
Expires

Signature

DocuSigned by:

Albert C. Ruckman

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DocuSigned by:

Michael Lobato

DocuSigned by:

Judi DeVore

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Albert Ruckman, President

2023

Michael Lobato, Vice President

2025

Judi DeVore, Sec/Treasurer

2025