

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

CENTRAL CONEJOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PO BOX 686
MANASSA, CO 81141
FELIX GALLEGOS
(719) 580-1721
centralconejosfpd@gmail.com

For the Year Ended

or fiscal year ended:

12/31/2023

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

MARLO ANDERSON
CPA
PO BOX 545 MANASSA, CO 81141
(719) 298-6036

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

DATE PREPARED

(No exemption shall be granted prior to the close of said fiscal year)

*Marlo W Anderson*

1/28/2026

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

**GOVERNMENTAL**  
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)

**PROPRIETARY**  
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)

## PART 2 - REVENUES

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 the nearest dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-1	<b>Taxes:</b>		
2-2	Property (report mills levied in question 10-7)	\$ 45,648	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-3	Specific ownership	\$ 8,047	
2-4	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	<b>Intergovernmental:</b>		
2-7	Grants	\$ -	
2-8	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-9	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	\$ 697	
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Issued during year')	\$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Issued during year')	\$ -	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ -	
2-21	Other (specify):	\$ 100	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24		\$ -	
2-25		\$ -	
2-26	(add lines 2-1 through 2-25) <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	\$ 54,492	

## PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

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 the nearest dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	<b>Administrative</b>		Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-2	Salaries	\$ 2,958	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ -	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 8,093	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 1,500	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ -	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ 3,184	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ 4,555	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
3-14	Capital outlay	\$ -	
3-15	Utility operations	\$ -	
3-16	Culture and recreation	\$ -	
3-17	Debt service principal (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Retired during year')	\$ -	
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Retired during year')	\$ -	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest	\$ -	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan	\$ -	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	
3-23	Other (specify):	\$ -	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26		\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	
3-28	(add lines 3-1 through 3-27) <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	\$ 20,290	

If TOTAL REVENUES (Line 2-26) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-28) 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 'No' is checked, skip to question 4-5)  
 (If 'Yes' is checked, 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 below:

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

4-4 Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable:  
 (please only include principal amounts)  
 (enter all amounts 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 & SBITA** Liabilities [GASB 87 & 96]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\*\*Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

\*Must agree to prior year-end balance

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

4-5 Does the entity have any authorized but unissued debt as of its fiscal year-end?

Yes  No

How much?

\$ -

Date the debt was authorized:

-

NEW 4-6 Is the authorized but unissued debt further limited by the entity's most recent Service Plan?

Yes  No

If yes: How much?

\$ -

Date of the most recent Service Plan:

-

4-7 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?

Yes  No

If yes: How much?

\$ -

4-8 Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?

Yes  No

If yes: What is the amount outstanding?

\$ -

4-9 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?

\$ -

Part 4 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach separate documentation, if needed

## PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.

5-1 YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings Accounts

Amount Total

5-2 Certificates of deposit

\$ 265,585

\$ 80,307

**TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS**

**\$ 345,892**

5-3 Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):

\$ -

\$ -

\$ -

\$ -

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS**

**TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

**\$ -**  
**\$ 345,892**

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

Part 5 - 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.

- 6-1 Does the entity have capital assets?  
(If 'No' is checked, skip the rest of Part 6) 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 & right-to-use assets table:	Balance - beginning of the year	Additions	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ 21,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,638
Buildings	\$ 127,301	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127,301
Machinery and equipment	\$ 100,721	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,721
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ (185,800)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (185,800)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 64,385</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 64,385</b>

\*Must agree to prior year-end balance

^Generally capital asset additions should be reported as capital outlay on line 3-14 and capitalized in accordance with the government's capitalization policy. Please explain any discrepancy

Part 6 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach documentation, if needed

## PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

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

- 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?

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 1?

\$ -	
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Part 7 - 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.

- 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

If no, MUST explain:

- 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 appropriated for each fund separately for the year reported (Please make sure each individual fund's appropriation agrees to how the budget was adopted. Do not combine funds)

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
GENERAL FUND	\$98,150.00

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box.

- |            |  |  |                                |
|------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>9-1</b> | Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]? | Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
|------------|--|--|--------------------------------|

*Note: An election to exempt the entity from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the entity from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All entities should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.*

**Part 9 - If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations**

## PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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|-------------|---|--|---|
| <b>10-1</b> | Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?<br>If yes: Date of formation: <input style="width: 400px;" type="text"/>  | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/>            | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-2</b> | Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?<br>If yes: Please list the NEW name: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/><br>Please list the PRIOR name: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/>  | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/>            | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-3</b> | Is the entity a metropolitan district?  | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/>            | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-4</b> | Please indicate what services the entity provides:<br><input style="width: 500px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>  | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/>            | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-5</b> | Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?<br>If yes: List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:<br><input style="width: 500px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>   | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/>            | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-6</b> | Has the district filed a <i>Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status</i> during the year? [Applicable to Title 32 special districts only, pursuant to Sections 32-1-103 (9.3) and 32-1-104 (3), C.R.S.]<br>If yes: Date filed: <input style="width: 400px;" type="text"/> | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/>            | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-7</b> | Does the entity have a certified mill levy?<br>If yes: Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):   | Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/>            |

Bond redemption mills	-
General/other mills	4.905
<b>Total mills</b>	<b>4.905</b>

- |             |  |                                 |                                |  |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>10-8</b> | If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed after 7/1/2000, has the entity filed its preceding year annual report with the State Auditor as required under SB 21-262 [Section 32-1-207 C.R.S.]? If NO, please explain.<br><input style="width: 500px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/> | N/A<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|

**Please use this space to provide any additional explanations or comments not previously included**

## PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box.

Yes

No

11-1 If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the Electronic Signature Policy?

### Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signature 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 two 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 or type the names of ALL members of current governing body below.  
A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.

Board Member 1	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	Jacob Ortiz Signature <u>Jacob Ortiz</u> Date <u>03-16-26</u>
Board Member 2	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	Rodney King Signature <u>Rodney King</u> Date <u>3/16/26</u>
Board Member 3	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	Douglas Bagwell Signature <u>D. Bagwell</u> Date <u>3/16/26</u>
Board Member 4	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	Tim King Signature <u>Tim King</u> Date <u>3/16/26</u>
Board Member 5	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	Ross D. Lopez Signature <u>Ross D. Lopez</u> Date <u>3/16/26</u>
Board Member 6	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	_____ Signature _____ Date _____
Board Member 7	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	_____ Signature _____ Date _____

**Central Conejos Fire Protection District  
Resolution 2026-02**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR YEAR 2023 FOR  
THE SOUTH CONEJOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, The Central Conejos Fire Protection 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 either revenues nor expenditures exceed seven hundred and 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**, said application for exemption from audit for the Central Conejos Fire Protection District has been completed in accordance with the regulations issued by the State Auditor.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Central Conejos Fire Protection District that the application for exemption from audit for the Central Conejos Fire Protection District for the year ended December 31, 2023 had been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Central Conejos Fire Protection District: That those members of the Board of Directors 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 Central Conejos Fire Protection District for the year ended December 31, 2023.

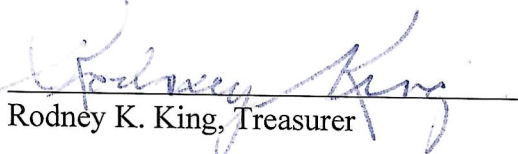
Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 2026.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jacob D. Ortiz, Chairperson

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ross D. Lopez, Assistant Treasurer

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy P. King, Vice Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas T. Bagwell, Secretary

  
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Rodney K. King, Treasurer