

Accountant's Compilation Report

To the Board of Directors
Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District

Management is responsible for the accompanying Application for Exemption from Audit – Long Form, Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, included in the accompanying prescribed form by the Colorado State Auditor. 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 Application for Exemption from Audit – Long Form nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on the financial statements included in the Application for Exemption from Audit – Long Form.

The Application For Exemption From Audit – Long Form is present in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District and the Colorado State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

FredrickZink & Associates, PC

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March 29, 2024

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT LONG FORM

FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH EITHER REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES MORE THAN \$100,000 BUT NOT MORE THAN \$750,000

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 for 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) for approval. Any preparer of an Application for Exemption from Audit must be an independent accountant with knowledge of 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. APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME.

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

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

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

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FULLY AND ACCURATELY COMPLETED.

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?
- Are all sections of the form complete, including responses to all of the questions?
- 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](#)

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- 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?

[Click here to go to the portal](#)

FILING METHODS

WEB PORTAL: Register and submit your Applications at our web portal:

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

For faster processing the web portal is the preferred method for submission

MAIL: Office of the State Auditor

Local Government Audit Division
1525 Sherman St., 7th Floor
Denver, CO 80203

Please Note: The OSA's email addresses have changed as of December 1, 2023. Please ensure you are using the email address noted below.

Email: osa.lg@colleg.gov or Phone: 303-869-3000

QUESTIONS?

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 -- A Budget to GAAP reconciliation is provided in Part 3

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.

IMPORTANT!

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

LONG FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District
164 County Road 130
Hesperus, CO 81326

For the Year Ended
12/31/2023
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL

Jeannine Glasby
970-588-3400
office@lhmfire.org

CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting and that the information in the Application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that the Audit Law requires that a person independent of the entity complete the application if revenues or expenditure are at least \$100,000 but not more than \$750,000, and that independent means someone who is separate from the entity.

NAME:

Michelle Sainio

TITLE

Shareholder

FIRM NAME (if applicable)

FredrickZink & Associates, PC

ADDRESS

954 East Second Avenue, Suite # 201, Durango, CO 81301

PHONE

970-247-0506

RELATIONSHIP TO ENTITY

Independent CPA

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

Michelle Sainio

DATE PREPARED

3/29/2024

Has the entity filed for, or has the district filed, a Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status 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.]

YES

NO

If Yes, date filed:

PART 1 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - BALANCE SHEET

* Indicate Name of Fund
NOTE: Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Line #	Description	Governmental Funds		Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds	Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
		General Fund	Fund*		
	Assets				
1-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 239,277	-	-	
1-2	Investments	-	-	-	
1-3	Receivables	\$ 513,042	-	-	
1-4	Due from Other Entities or Funds	-	-	-	
1-5	Property Tax Receivable	-	-	-	
	All Other Assets [specify...]	-	-	-	
1-6	Lease Receivable (as Lessor)	-	-	-	
1-7		-	-	-	
1-8		-	-	-	
1-9		-	-	-	
1-10		-	-	-	
1-11		\$ 752,319	-	-	
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 752,319	-	-	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources:				
1-12	[specify...]	-	-	-	
1-13	[specify...]	-	-	-	
1-14		-	-	-	
1-15		\$ 752,319	-	-	
	TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ 752,319	-	-	
	Liabilities				
1-16	Accounts Payable	-	-	-	
1-17	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ 14,025	-	-	
1-18	Unearned Revenue	-	-	-	
1-19	Due to Other Entities or Funds	-	-	-	
1-20	All Other Current Liabilities	-	-	-	
1-21		\$ 14,025	-	-	
1-22		-	-	-	
1-23		-	-	-	
1-24		-	-	-	
1-25		-	-	-	
1-26		-	-	-	
1-27		\$ 14,025	-	-	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 14,025	-	-	
	Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
1-28	Deferred Property Taxes	\$ 513,130	-	-	
1-29	Lease related (as lessor)	-	-	-	
1-30		\$ 513,130	-	-	
	TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	\$ 513,130	-	-	
	Fund Balance				
1-31	Nonspendable Prepaid	-	-	-	
1-32	Nonspendable Inventory	-	-	-	
1-33	Restricted [Emergency Reserves]	\$ 22,398	-	-	
1-34	Committed [specify...]	-	-	-	
1-35	Assigned [specify...]	-	-	-	
1-36	Unassigned:	\$ 202,766	-	-	
1-37		-	-	-	
	TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 225,164	-	-	
1-38		-	-	-	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 752,319	-	-	

PART 2 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - OPERATING STATEMENT - REVENUES

Line #	Description	Governmental Funds		Description	Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
		General Fund	Fund*		Fund*	Fund*	
Tax Revenue							
2-1	Property [include mills levied in Question 10-6]	\$ 510,407	-	Property [include mills levied in Question 10-6]	\$ -	-	
2-2	Specific Ownership	\$ 53,010	-	Specific Ownership	\$ -	-	
2-3	Sales and Use Tax	\$ -	-	Sales and Use Tax	\$ -	-	
2-4	Other Tax Revenue [specify...]:	\$ -	-	Other Tax Revenue [specify...]:	\$ -	-	
2-5		\$ -	-		\$ -	-	
2-6		\$ -	-		\$ -	-	
2-7		\$ -	-		\$ -	-	
2-8	Add lines 2-1 through 2-7	\$ 563,417	-	Add lines 2-1 through 2-7	\$ -	-	
	TOTAL TAX REVENUE			TOTAL TAX REVENUE			
2-9	Licenses and Permits	\$ -	-	Licenses and Permits	\$ -	-	
2-10	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	-	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	-	
2-11	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	-	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	-	
2-12	Community Development Block Grant	\$ -	-	Community Development Block Grant	\$ -	-	
2-13	Fire & Police Pension	\$ -	-	Fire & Police Pension	\$ -	-	
2-14	Grants	\$ 73,246	-	Grants	\$ -	-	
2-15	Donations	\$ 1,300	-	Donations	\$ -	-	
2-16	Charges for Sales and Services	\$ 32,790	-	Charges for Sales and Services	\$ -	-	
2-17	Rental Income	\$ -	-	Rental Income	\$ -	-	
2-18	Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	-	Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	-	
2-19	Interest/Investment Income	\$ 968	-	Interest/Investment Income	\$ -	-	
2-20	Tap Fees	\$ -	-	Tap Fees	\$ -	-	
2-21	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	\$ -	-	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	\$ -	-	
2-22	All Other [specify...]:	\$ -	-	All Other [specify...]:	\$ -	-	
2-23		\$ -	-		\$ -	-	
2-24	Add lines 2-8 through 2-23	\$ 671,721	-	Add lines 2-8 through 2-23	\$ -	-	
	TOTAL REVENUES			TOTAL REVENUES			
Other Financing Sources							
2-25	Debt Proceeds	\$ -	-	Debt Proceeds	\$ -	-	
2-26	Lease Proceeds	\$ -	-	Lease Proceeds	\$ -	-	
2-27	Developer Advances	\$ -	-	Developer Advances	\$ -	-	
2-28	Other [specify...]:	\$ -	-	Other [specify...]:	\$ -	-	
2-29	Add lines 2-25 through 2-28	\$ -	-	Add lines 2-25 through 2-28	\$ -	-	
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
2-30	Add lines 2-24 and 2-29	\$ 671,721	-	Add lines 2-24 and 2-29	\$ -	-	
	TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
		\$ 671,721	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	GRAND TOTALS			GRAND TOTALS			
		\$ 671,721	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	

IF GRAND TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES for all funds (Line 2-29) are GREATER than \$750,000 -STOP. You may not use this form. An audit may be required. See Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., or contact the OSA Local Government Division at (303) 869-3000 for assistance.

PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

- 4-1 Does the entity have outstanding debt? 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

4-4 Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)

	Outstanding at beginning of 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):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

****Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements** *Must agree to prior year-end balance

- 4-5 Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes. YES NO
- 4-5 Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt [Section 29-1-605(2) C.R.S.]? YES NO
- If yes: How much? \$ -
- 4-6 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? \$ -

PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

	AMOUNT	TOTAL
5-1 YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings accounts	\$ 239,277	\$ 239,277
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS	\$ -	\$ 239,277

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

	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS	\$ -	\$ 239,277

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

- 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.)? If no, **MUST** explain: YES NO

PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

YES NO

6-1 Does the entity have capitalized assets?
 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:

Complete the following Capital & Right-To-Use Assets table for GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions*	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ 124,070	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 127,570
Buildings	\$ 1,469,311	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,469,311
Machinery and equipment	\$ 2,015,857	\$ 55,100	\$ -	\$ 2,070,957
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intangible Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Amortization Right to Use Assets (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ (2,015,249)	\$ (130,227)	\$ -	\$ (2,145,476)
TOTAL	\$ 1,593,989	\$ (71,627)	\$ -	\$ 1,522,362
Complete the following Capital & Right-To-Use Assets table for PROPRIETARY FUNDS:	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions*	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intangible Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Amortization Right to Use Assets (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

* Must agree to prior year-end balance
 * Generally capital asset additions should be reported at capital outlay on line 3-14 and capitalized in accordance with the government's capitalization policy. Please explain any discrepancy

PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

YES NO

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
 The District contributes to a defined benefit pension plan which is affiliated with the Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (FPPA) to provide retirement income for all its volunteer fire fighters in recognition of their service to the District. FPPA administers an agent multiple-employer Public Employee Retirement System ("PERS"). The PERS represents the assets of numerous separate plans that have been pooled for investment purposes. The pension plans have elected to affiliate with FPPA for plan administration and investment only. FPPA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that can be obtained at <http://fppaco.org>.

7-1 Does the entity have an "old hire" firefighters' pension plan?
 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?
 If yes: Who administers the plan?

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	\$ 10,000
State contribution amount:	\$ 24,300
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 34,300

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 question by marking in the appropriate box

- 8-1 Did the entity file a current year budget with the Department of Local Affairs, in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.? If no, **MUST** explain: 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 appropriated for each fund separately for the year reported

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	\$ 976,904
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 9 - TAX PAYER'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 N/A

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.

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

- 10-1 Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity? YES NO N/A

If yes: Date of formation:

- 10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year? YES NO N/A

If Yes: NEW name

PRIOR name

- 10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district? YES NO N/A

- 10-4 Please indicate what services the entity provides:

- 10-5 Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services? YES NO N/A

If yes: List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:

- 10-6 Does the entity have a certified mill levy? YES NO N/A

If yes: Please provide the number of mills levied for the year reported (do not enter \$ amounts):

Bond Redemption mills	0.000
General/Other mills	10.125
Total mills	10.125

- 10-7 **NEW 2023!** If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed on or 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. YES NO N/A

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

PART 12 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

YES NO

12.1. If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signatures Policy?

Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedures

Public 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 Exchange. Required elements and subparts are as follows:

- The purpose of the application is to request exemption from obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 26-1-404 (S, C.P.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 what the document was entitled to be reviewed.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not concern themselves with signatures.

The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards use their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:

- Submit the application in hard copy on the US that including original signatures.
- Submit the application electronically via email and eSign.
- Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or Exchange in accordance with the requirements noted above.

except for the signature and approval of the governing body. By signing, each individual member is certifying that they are a duly elected or appointed member of the governing body and that they are a duly elected or appointed member of the governing body. The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards use their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:

MUST Print the names of ALL members of the governing body below.

Signature	Name	Signature	Name	Signature	Name	Signature	Name
	Virginia DeJong		Debra S. Lee		TED STANK		Bob Babbitt
	Virginia DeJong		Debra S. Lee		TED STANK		Bob Babbitt
	Virginia DeJong		Debra S. Lee		TED STANK		Bob Babbitt
	Virginia DeJong		Debra S. Lee		TED STANK		Bob Babbitt

A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.

	Virginia DeJong		Debra S. Lee		TED STANK		Bob Babbitt
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