

**MINERAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT**

**December 31, 2023**



**Wall,  
Smith,  
Bateman** Inc.  
Certified Public Accountants

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT



Wall,  
Smith,  
Bateman Inc.

To the Board of Directors  
Mineral County Fire Protection District  
Creede, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Mineral County Fire Protection District (the District), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the related operating statement for the year then ended, included in the accompanying prescribed form. 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 accompanying prescribed 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 accompanying prescribed form.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, 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 Mineral County Fire Protection District and the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.*

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Alamosa, Colorado

February 5, 2024

**Certified Public Accountants**

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# 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:

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

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

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 [here](#) policy
  - or--
  - 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?

Checkout our web portal. Register your account and submit electronic Applications for Exemption From Audit, Extension of Time to File requests, Audited Financial Statements, and more! See the link below.

[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.*

**QUESTIONS?** Email: [osa.lg@coleg.gov](mailto: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 -- 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.

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## LONG FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Mineral County Fire Protection District
P.O. Box 298
Creede, Colorado 81130
Liz Curry
719-588-6679

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

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL

## 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:  
TITLE  
FIRM NAME (if applicable)  
ADDRESS  
PHONE  
RELATIONSHIP TO ENTITY

<b>See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report</b>

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)	DATE PREPARED

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:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

# PART 1 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - BALANCE SHEET

\* Indicate Name of Fund

NOTE: Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Line #	Description	Governmental Funds		Description	Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		
		General Fund*	Fund*		Pension Fund	Fund*	
<b>Assets</b>				<b>Assets</b>			
1-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 464,910	\$ -	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 515,372	\$ -	
1-2	Investments	\$ 330,921	\$ -	Investments	\$ -	\$ -	
1-3	Receivables	\$ -	\$ -	Receivables	\$ 71,476	\$ -	
1-4	Due from Other Entities or Funds	\$ 644	\$ -	Due from Other Entities or Funds	\$ 17,174	\$ -	
1-5	Property Tax Receivable	\$ 83,470	\$ -	Other Current Assets [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	
	All Other Assets [specify...]						
1-6	Lease Receivable (as Lessor)	\$ -	\$ -	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 604,022</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
1-7	Prepaid Expense	\$ 9,388	\$ -	Capital & Right to Use Assets, net (from Part 6-4)	\$ -	\$ -	
1-8		\$ -	\$ -	Other Long Term Assets [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	
1-9		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
1-10		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
1-11	<b>(add lines 1-1 through 1-10) TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 889,333</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-1 through 1-10) TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 604,022</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>				<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
1-12	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	
1-13	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	
1-14	<b>(add lines 1-12 through 1-13) TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-12 through 1-13) TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
1-15	<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 889,333</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 604,022</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>				<b>Liabilities</b>			
1-16	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,696	\$ -	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	
1-17	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ 2	\$ -	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	
1-18	Unearned Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	Accrued Interest Payable	\$ -	\$ -	
1-19	Due to Other Entities or Funds	\$ 786	\$ -	Due to Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	\$ -	
1-20	All Other Current Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	All Other Current Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	
1-21	<b>(add lines 1-16 through 1-20) TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 2,484</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-16 through 1-20) TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
1-22	All Other Liabilities [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Proprietary Debt Outstanding (from Part 4-4)	\$ -	\$ -	
1-23		\$ -	\$ -	Other Liabilities [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	
1-24		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
1-25		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
1-26		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
1-27	<b>(add lines 1-21 through 1-26) TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 2,484</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-21 through 1-26) TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>				<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
1-28	Deferred Property Taxes	\$ 83,470	\$ -	Pension/OPEB Related	\$ -	\$ -	
1-29	Lease related (as lessor)	\$ -	\$ -	Other [-: Deferred Property Taxes]	\$ 71,476	\$ -	
1-30	<b>(add lines 1-28 through 1-29) TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 83,470</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-28 through 1-29) TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 71,476</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Fund Balance</b>				<b>Net Position</b>			
1-31	Nonspendable Prepaid	\$ 9,388	\$ -	Net Investment in Capital and Right-to Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	
1-32	Nonspendable Inventory	\$ -	\$ -				
1-33	Restricted - TABOR	\$ 3,427	\$ -	Emergency Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	
1-34	Committed [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Other Designations/Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	
1-35	Assigned [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Restricted	\$ 532,546	\$ -	
1-36	Unassigned:	\$ 790,564	\$ -	Undesignated/Unreserved/Unrestricted	\$ -	\$ -	
1-37	<b>Add lines 1-31 through 1-36 This total should be the same as line 3-33 TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 803,379</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 1-31 through 1-36 This total should be the same as line 3-33 TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 532,546</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
1-38	<b>Add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37 This total should be the same as line 1-15 TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 889,333</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37 This total should be the same as line 1-15 TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 604,022</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page

## 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*		Pension Fund	Fund*	
<b>Tax Revenue</b>				<b>Tax Revenue</b>			
2-1	Property [include mills levied in Question 10-6]	\$ 95,767	\$ -	Property [include mills levied in Question 10-6]	\$ 82,004	\$ -	
2-2	Specific Ownership	\$ 11,184	\$ -	Specific Ownership	\$ 9,578	\$ -	
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	<b>Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 106,951</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 91,582</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
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	\$ -	\$ -	Grants	\$ -	\$ -	
2-15	Donations	\$ 32,250	\$ -	Donations	\$ -	\$ -	
2-16	Charges for Sales and Services	\$ -	\$ -	Charges for Sales and Services	\$ -	\$ -	
2-17	Rental Income	\$ -	\$ -	Rental Income	\$ -	\$ -	
2-18	Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	\$ -	Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	\$ -	
2-19	Interest/Investment Income	\$ 17,088	\$ -	Interest/Investment Income	\$ 4,347	\$ -	
2-20	Tap Fees	\$ -	\$ -	Tap Fees	\$ -	\$ -	
2-21	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ -	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ -	
2-22	All Other - Miscellaneous:	\$ 2,828	\$ -	All Other [State Contribution]:	\$ 16,623	\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
2-24	<b>Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 159,117</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 112,552</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
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	<b>Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>
2-30	<b>Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 159,117</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 112,552</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 271,669</b>

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 3 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - OPERATING STATEMENT - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

Line #	Description	Governmental Funds		Description	Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
		General Fund*	Fund*		Pension Fund	Fund*	
	<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>Expenses</b>			
3-1	General Government	\$ 9,815	\$ -	General Operating & Administrative	\$ -	\$ -	
3-2	Judicial	\$ -	\$ -	Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	
3-3	Law Enforcement	\$ -	\$ -	Payroll Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	
3-4	Fire	\$ 55,778	\$ -	Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	
3-5	Highways & Streets	\$ -	\$ -	Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	
3-6	Solid Waste	\$ -	\$ -	Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	
3-7	Contributions to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	\$ -	Accounting and Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	
3-8	Health	\$ -	\$ -	Repair and Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	
3-9	Culture and Recreation	\$ -	\$ -	Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	
3-10	Transfers to other districts	\$ -	\$ -	Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	
3-11	Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	Contributions to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	\$ -	
3-12		\$ -	\$ -	Other - Pension Payment	\$ 94,850	\$ -	
3-13		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
3-14	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Debt Service</b>			<b>Debt Service</b>			
3-15	Principal (should match amount in 4-4)	\$ -	\$ -	Principal (should match amount in 4-4)	\$ -	\$ -	
3-16	Interest	\$ -	\$ -	Interest	\$ -	\$ -	
3-17	Bond Issuance Costs	\$ -	\$ -	Bond Issuance Costs	\$ -	\$ -	
3-18	Developer Principal Repayments	\$ -	\$ -	Developer Principal Repayments	\$ -	\$ -	
3-19	Developer Interest Repayments	\$ -	\$ -	Developer Interest Repayments	\$ -	\$ -	
3-20	All Other - Miscellaneous:	\$ 2,450	\$ -	All Other [Miscellaneous]:	\$ 291	\$ -	
3-21		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
3-22	<b>Add lines 3-1 through 3-21 TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 68,043	\$ -	<b>Add lines 3-1 through 3-21 TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 95,141	\$ -	<b>\$ 163,184</b>
3-23	Interfund Transfers (In)	\$ -	\$ -	Net Interfund Transfers (In) Out	\$ -	\$ -	
3-24	Interfund Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ -	Other [specify...][enter negative for expense]	\$ -	\$ -	
3-25	Other Expenditures (Revenues):	\$ -	\$ -	Depreciation/Amortization	\$ -	\$ -	
3-26		\$ -	\$ -	Other Financing Sources (Uses) (from line 2-28)	\$ -	\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	\$ -	Capital Outlay (from line 3-14)	\$ -	\$ -	
3-28		\$ -	\$ -	Debt Principal (from line 3-15, 3-18)	\$ -	\$ -	
3-29	<b>(Add lines 3-23 through 3-28) TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ -	\$ -	<b>(Line 3-27, plus line 3-28, less line 3-26, less line 3-25, plus line 3-24) TOTAL GAAP RECONCILING ITEMS</b>	\$ -	\$ -	
3-30	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures Line 2-29, less line 3-22, less line 3-29	\$ 91,074	\$ -	Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Position Line 2-29, less line 3-22, plus line 3-29, less line 3-23	\$ 17,411	\$ -	
3-31	Fund Balance, January 1 from December 31 prior year report	\$ 712,305	\$ -	Net Position, January 1 from December 31 prior year report	\$ 515,135	\$ -	
3-32	Prior Period Adjustment (MUST explain)	\$ -	\$ -	Prior Period Adjustment (MUST explain)	\$ -	\$ -	
3-33	Fund Balance, December 31 Sum of Lines 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32 This total should be the same as line 1-37.	\$ 803,379	\$ -	Net Position, December 31 Sum of Lines 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32 This total should be the same as line 1-37.	\$ 532,546	\$ -	

**IF GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES for all funds (Line 3-22) 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.

YES                      NO

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

4-1	Does the entity have outstanding debt?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<input style="width: 450px;" type="text" value="N/A"/>				
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<input style="width: 450px;" type="text" value="N/A"/>				
4-4	Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)	<b>Outstanding at beginning of year*</b>	<b>Issued during year</b>	<b>Retired during year</b>	<b>Outstanding at year-end</b>
	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.		YES	NO
4-5	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt [Section 29-1-605(2) C.R.S.]?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If yes: How much? <input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="\$ -"/>		
	Date the debt was authorized: <input style="width: 70px;" type="text"/>		
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? <input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="\$ -"/>		
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? <input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="\$ -"/>		
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If yes: What is being leased? <input style="width: 370px;" type="text"/>		
	What is the original date of the lease? <input style="width: 370px;" type="text"/>		
	Number of years of lease? <input style="width: 370px;" type="text"/>		
	Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	What are the annual lease payments? <input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="\$ -"/>		

## PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

AMOUNT                      TOTAL

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

5-1	YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings accounts	\$ 396,176	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ 584,106	
	<b>TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS</b>		<b>\$ 980,282</b>
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
5-3	Colotrust	\$ 330,921	
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 330,921</b>
	<b>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 1,311,203</b>

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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.)? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input style="width: 450px;" type="text"/>			

## PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box YES NO Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

- 6-1 Does the entity have capitalized 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,  YES  NO  
**MUST** explain:

6-3 Complete the following Capital & Right-To-Use Assets table for GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:

	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions*	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ 88,323	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,323
Machinery and equipment	\$ 836,830	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 836,830
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)	\$ (673,164)	\$ (37,661)	\$ -	\$ (710,825)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 251,989</b>	<b>\$ (37,661)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 214,328</b>

6-4 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)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\* 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:

- 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.):		\$ 91,582		
State contribution amount:		\$ 16,623		
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):		\$ 4,347		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 112,552</b>		
What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1?		\$ 350		

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:  
 Mineral County Fire Protection District.

## PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box				YES	NO	N/A	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
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, <b>MUST</b> explain:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pension Fund expenses exceeded budgeted expense by \$2,241, this may be a violation of state statute.	
8-2	Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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		\$	790,585				
Pension Fund		\$	92,900				
		\$	-				
		\$	-				

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box				YES	NO	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
9-1	Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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.						

## PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box				YES	NO	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:	
10-1	Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
If yes: Date of formation: <input style="width: 150px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>							
10-2	Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
If Yes: NEW name <input style="width: 400px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>							
PRIOR name <input style="width: 400px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>							
10-3	Is the entity a metropolitan district?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
10-4	Please indicate what services the entity provides:	<input style="width: 460px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>					
10-5	Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
If yes: List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided: <input style="width: 460px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>							
10-6	Does the entity have a certified mill levy?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes: Please provide the number of <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not enter \$ amounts):							
		Bond Redemption mills	0.000				
		General/Other mills	5.374				
		Total mills	5.374				
			YES	NO	N/A		
10-7	<b>NEW 2023!</b> 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.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<input style="width: 460px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>							

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

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<b>Entity Wide:</b>		<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Governmental Funds</b>		<b>Notes</b>			
Unrestricted Cash & Investments	\$	1,311,203	Unrestricted Fund Balan	\$	790,564	Total Tax Revenue	\$	106,951	
Current Liabilities	\$	2,484	Total Fund Balance	\$	803,379	Revenue Paying Debt Service	\$	-	
Deferred Inflow	\$	154,946	PY Fund Balance	\$	712,305	Total Revenue	\$	159,117	
			Total Revenue	\$	159,117	Total Debt Service Principal	\$	-	
			Total Expenditures	\$	68,043	Total Debt Service Interest	\$	-	
						Total Assets	\$	889,333	
						Total Liabilities	\$	2,484	
<b>Governmental</b>			Interfund In	\$	-	<b>Enterprise Funds</b>			
Total Cash & Investments	\$	795,831	Interfund Out	\$	-	Net Position	\$	532,546	
Transfers In	\$	-	<b>Proprietary</b>			PY Net Position	\$	515,135	
Transfers Out	\$	-	- Current Assets	\$	604,022				
Property Tax	\$	95,767	Deferred Outflow	\$	-	<b>Government-Wide</b>			
Debt Service Principal	\$	-	- Current Liabilities	\$	-	- Total Outstanding Debt	\$	-	
Total Expenditures	\$	68,043	Deferred Inflow	\$	71,476	Authorized but Unissued	\$	-	
Total Developer Advances	\$	-	- Cash & Investments	\$	515,372	Year Authorized		1/0/1900	
Total Developer Repayments	\$	-	- Principal Expense	\$	-				

**PART 12 - 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?

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

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.

Below is the certification and approval of the governing body. By signing, each individual member is certifying they are a duly elected or appointed officer of the local government. Governing members may be verified. Also by signing, the individual member certifies that this Application for Exemption from Audit has been prepared consistent with Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., which states that a governmental agency with revenue and expenditures of \$750,000 or less must have an application prepared by an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting; completed to the best of their knowledge and is accurate and true. Use additional pages if needed.

<b>MUST Print the names of ALL members of the governing body below.</b>		<b>A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.</b>	
	Full Name		
1	Dannie Rogers	I, <u>Dannie Rogers</u> , attest that 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>Dannie Rogers</u> Date: <u>3/20/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>May 2025</u>	
2	William Fairchild	I, <u>William Fairchild</u> , attest that 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>William Fairchild</u> Date: <u>3/20/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>May 2025</u>	
3	Robert Hosselkus JR.	I, <u>Robert Hosselkus JR.</u> , attest that 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>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>3/20/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>May 2025</u>	
4	Karl Kolisch / Absent	I, <u>Karl Kolisch</u> , attest that 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>Absent</u> Date: _____ My term Expires: <u>May 2027</u>	
5	Jimmy Adelman	I, <u>Jimmy Adelman</u> , attest that 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>Jimmy Adelman</u> Date: <u>3/20/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>May 2027</u>	
6		I, _____, attest that 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: _____	
7		I, _____, attest that 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 FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR YEAR 2023 FOR THE MINERAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Board Members of the Mineral County 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 neither revenues nor expenditures exceed seven hundred 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 Mineral County Fire Protection District exceeded \$750,000 for Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the Mineral County Fire Protection District has been prepared by Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc, an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental 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 by the Board Members of the Mineral County Fire Protection District that the application for exemption from the audit for the Mineral County Fire Protection District for the year ended December 31, 2023, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board Members of the Mineral County Fire Protection District, that those members of the Mineral County Fire Protection District have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution will be attached to, and shall become a part of, the application for exemption from audit of the Mineral County Fire Protection District for the year ended December 31, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 20 day of march, A.D. 2024

William Lohll  
William Fairchild, Chairman

ATTEST:

Liz Curry  
Liz Curry, Secretary/Treasurer

Members of Governing Body	Date term expires:	Signature
William Fairchild	5/2025	<u>William Lohll</u>
Dannie Rogers	5/2025	<u>Dannie Rogers</u>
Karl Kolisch	5/2027	<u>ABsent</u>
Robert Hosselkus, Jr.	5/2025	<u>[Signature]</u>
Jimmy Adelman	5/2027	<u>Jimmy Adelman</u>