



## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Ridgewood Water District

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Ridgewood Water District (a Colorado local government), 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 in accordance with the requirements of 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 accompanying prescribed form nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form.

### Other Matter

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado State Auditor, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Hoelting & Company, Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
March 19, 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 28-1-601, 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**

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

<http://www.lawis.netis.com/hotspots/Colorado/>

PRIOR YEAR FORMS ARE OBSOLETE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.  
APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ON FORMS OTHER THAN THOSE PRESCRIBED BY THE OSA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.  
APPLICATIONS MUST BE FULLY AND ACCURATELY COMPLETED.

### 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](#)
- 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?

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

### FILING METHODS

**WEB PORTAL:** Register and submit your Applications at our web portal: <https://apps.lga.co.gov/osa/lga> 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.lga@collegov.org](mailto:osa.lga@collegov.org) or Phone: 303-869-3000

### QUESTIONS?

### 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

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

<b>NAME OF GOVERNMENT ADDRESS</b>	Ridgewood Water District 1876 Spruce Road Woodland Park, CO 80863
<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	Robert Panick
<b>PHONE</b>	734-925-1523
<b>EMAIL</b>	ridgewoodh2o@gmail.com

## 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.

<b>NAME:</b>	Thomas G. Sistiare
<b>TITLE</b>	Shareholder
<b>FIRM NAME (if applicable)</b>	Hoelling & Company, Inc.
<b>ADDRESS</b>	31 East Platte Avenue, Suite 300, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
<b>PHONE</b>	719-530-1091
<b>RELATIONSHIP TO ENTITY</b>	We provide services to the District as independent Certified Public Accountants.

**PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)**

*T. Sistiare*

**DATE PREPARED**

3/19/2024

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	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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	
		Fund#	Fund#	Water Fund*	Fund*
<b>Assets</b>					
1-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 197,241	\$ -
1-2	Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-3	Receivables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,227	\$ -
1-4	Due from Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-5	Property Tax Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	All Other Assets (specify...)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-6	Lease Receivable (as Lessor)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226,468	\$ -
1-7		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285,539	\$ -
1-8		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-9		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-10		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-11	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 512,007	\$ -
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>					
1-12	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-13	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-14	<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-15	<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 512,007	\$ -
<b>Liabilities</b>					
1-16	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-17	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-18	Unearned Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-19	Due to Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-20	All Other Current Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-21	<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-22	All Other Liabilities (specify...)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-23		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-24		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-25		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-26		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-27	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>					
1-28	Deferred Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-29	Lease related (as lessor)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,185	\$ -
1-30	<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,185	\$ -
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
1-31	Nonspendable Prepaid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-32	Nonspendable Inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-33	Restricted (specify...)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,900	\$ -
1-34	Committed (specify...)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-35	Assigned (specify...)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-36	Unassigned:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 485,922	\$ -
1-37	<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 488,822	\$ -
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE</b>					
1-38		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 512,007	\$ -

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

# PART 2 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - OPERATING STATEMENT - REVENUES

Line #	Description	Governmental Funds		Fund*	Fund*	Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		Fund*	Fund*
		Fund*	Fund*			Water Fund*	Fund*		
<b>Tax Revenue</b>									
2-1	Property (include mills levied in Question 16-6)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	22,012	\$	-
2-2	Specific Ownership	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,370	\$	-
2-3	Sales and Use Tax	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-4	Other Tax Revenue (specify...):	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-5		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-6		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-7		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-8	<b>Add lines 2-1 through 2-7</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	24,382	\$	-
<b>TOTAL TAX REVENUE</b>									
2-9	Licenses and Permits	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-10	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-11	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-12	Community Development Block Grant	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-13	Fire & Police Pension	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-14	Grants	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-15	Donations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-16	Charges for Sales and Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	69,262	\$	-
2-17	Rental Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-18	Fines and Forfeits	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-19	Interest/Investment Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$	188	\$	-
2-20	Tap Fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-21	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-22	All Other (specify...):	\$	-	\$	-	\$	124	\$	-
2-23		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-24	<b>Add lines 2-8 through 2-23</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	93,956	\$	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>									
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>									
2-25	Debt Proceeds	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-26	Lease Proceeds	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-27	Developer Advances	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-28	Other (specify...):	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2-29	<b>Add lines 2-25 through 2-28</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>									
2-30	<b>Add lines 2-24 and 2-29</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	93,956	\$	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>									
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>									

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

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 28-1-604, 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		Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
		Fund#	Fund#	Water Fund#	Fund#	
<b>Expenditures</b>						
3-1	General Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-2	Judicial	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,400	\$ -	
3-3	Law Enforcement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-4	Fire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-5	Highways & Streets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-6	Solid Waste	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,040	\$ -	
3-7	Contributions to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,020	\$ -	
3-8	Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,120	\$ -	
3-9	Culture and Recreation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,354	\$ -	
3-10	Transfers to other districts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,812	\$ -	
3-11	Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-12		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,488	\$ -	
3-13		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-14	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,200	\$ -	
<b>Debt Service</b>						
3-15	Principal (should match amount in 4-4)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-16	Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-17	Bond Issuance Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-18	Developer Principal Repayments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-19	Developer Interest Repayments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-20	All Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-21		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-22	<b>Add lines 3-1 through 3-21</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,434	\$ -	
3-23	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,434	\$ -	<b>64,434</b>
<b>TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>						
3-23	Interfund Transfers (In)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-24	Interfund Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-25	Other Expenditures (Revenue):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,450	\$ -	
3-26		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,200	\$ -	
3-28		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-29	<b>(Add lines 3-23 through 3-28)</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,250)	\$ -	
3-30	<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,250)	\$ -	
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures</b>						
	Line 2-29, less line 3-22, less line 3-29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,272	\$ -	
3-31	Fund Balance, January 1 from December 31 prior year report	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-32	Prior Period Adjustment (MUST explain)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 464,550	\$ -	
3-33	Fund Balance, December 31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Sum of Lines 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32</b>						
	This total should be the same as line 1-37.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 488,822	\$ -	

**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.

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

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):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\*Must agree to prior year-end balance

- \*\*Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements**
- 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 Does the debt was authorized: YES  NO
- If yes: Date the debt was authorized: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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? \$ -
- 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:

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

	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Certificates of deposit	\$ 197,241	\$ 197,241
<b>TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 197,241</b>

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

	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	

	YES	NO	N/A
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 5-3 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 use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

- 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, **MUST** explain:  YES  NO

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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	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>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Complete the following Capital & Right-To-Use Assets table for PROPRIETARY FUNDS:				
	Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Machinery and equipment	\$ 602,988	\$ 17,200	\$ -	\$ 620,188
	Furniture and fixtures	\$ 202	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 202
	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)	\$ (312,401)	\$ (22,450)	\$ -	\$ (334,851)
	Accumulated Depreciation (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ 290,789	\$ (5,250)	\$ -	\$ 285,539
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 290,789	\$ (5,250)	\$ -	\$ 285,539

\* 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**

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

- 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, SD, sales, etc.):	\$ -
State contribution amount:	\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -

What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 17

**PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

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
Water Fund	\$ 175,645
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -

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

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

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

Notes: 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 use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

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:

Water services

- 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	11.777
<b>Total mills</b>	<b>11.777</b>

- 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

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

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

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

1	<b>Mike Thomas</b> Full Name	I, <u>Mike Thomas</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> My term Expires: <u>2025</u> Date: <u>3-20-24</u>	
2	<b>Charles Parnell</b> Full Name	I, <u>Charles Parnell</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> My term Expires: <u>2027</u> Date: <u>3-20-24</u>	
3	<b>Robert Panick</b> Full Name	I, <u>Robert Panick</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> My term Expires: <u>2025</u> Date: <u>3-20-24</u>	
4	<b>Kathy Furrow</b> Full Name	I, <u>Kathy Furrow</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> My term Expires: <u>2027</u> Date: <u>3-20-24</u>	
5	<b>David Burgess</b> Full Name	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: _____ My term Expires: _____ Date: _____	
6	<b>Steve Ghioto</b> Full Name	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: _____ My term Expires: _____ Date: _____	
7	<b>Stephanie Thomas</b> Full Name	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: _____ My term Expires: _____ Date: _____	

**Ridgewood Water District  
Other Expenditures  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

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Director fees	\$ 7,300
Treasurer fees	621
Miscellaneous	53
Postage	155
Dues and subscriptions	175
Water treatment	<u>2,184</u>
	<u><u>\$ 10,488</u></u>

*Ridgewood Water District*

PO BOX 523

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March 24, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ridgewood Water District Board met at 6:02 pm on March 24, 2024 and after review of the application for audit exemption, passed a resolution to approve and accept the auditor's report by Hoelting & Co. for the audit exemption.

Board President, Michael Thomas made the resolution to accept and Vice President, Charles Parnell seconded. All members present agreed.

Respectfully,

*Kathy Furrow*

Kathy Furrow  
Secretary  
Ridgewood Water District