

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Turkey Canon Ranch Water District
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For the Year Ended  
12/31/23  
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL

### PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am skilled in governmental accounting and that the information in the application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

NAME:  
TITLE  
FIRM NAME (if applicable)  
ADDRESS  
PHONE

Ellen Ellson
District Administrator
n/a
15582 Cala Rojo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80926
719.352.5257

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)	DATE PREPARED				
<i>Ellen Ellson</i>	<i>3/27/2024</i>				
Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small></th> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small></th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				



*Recd 3/27/24*

## PART 2 - REVENUE

**REVENUE:** All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section, including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment, and proceeds from debt or lease transactions. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-1	<b>Taxes: Property</b> (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$ 29,061	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ 3,043	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	<b>Intergovernmental: Grants</b>	\$ -	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ 35,535	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 5,337	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ -	
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree with line 4-4, column 2)	\$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ -	
2-21	Other (specify):		
2-22	HOA Reimbursement	\$ 2,302	
2-23	Insurance Safety Grant Reimbursement	\$ 165	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$ 75,442	

## PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

**EXPENDITURES:** All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section, including the purchase of capital assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	<b>Administrative</b>	\$ 1,109	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ 20,207	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 7,586	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 7,227	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 16,409	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 1,883	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 4,608	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
3-14	Capital outlay	\$ 9,086	
3-15	Utility operations	\$ 23,288	
3-16	Culture and recreation	\$ -	
3-17	Debt service principal (should agree with Part 4)	\$ -	
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest	\$ -	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc. (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -	
3-23	Other (specify):		
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	\$ 91,403	

If TOTAL REVENUE (Line 2-24) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-26) are GREATER than \$100,000 - **STOP**. You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit - LONG FORM".

## PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

		Yes	No		
4-1	Does the entity have outstanding debt? If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain below: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain below: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4-4	Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)				
	Outstanding at end of prior year*	Issued during year	Retired during year		
	Outstanding at year-end				
	General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Lease & 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

		Yes	No
Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.			
4-5	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	How much? Date the debt was authorized:	\$ -	
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?	\$ -	
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?	\$ -	
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	What is being leased? What is the original date of the lease? Number of years of lease? Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? 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.

		Amount	Total
5-1	YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings Accounts	\$ 15,948	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
	<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 15,948</b>
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	ColoTrust	\$105,206	
5-3		\$ -	
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
	<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ 105,206</b>
	<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>		<b>\$ 121,154</b>

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes

		Yes	No	N/A
5-4	Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et seq., C.R.S.?	<input 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.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no, **MUST** use this space to provide any explanations:

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

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

- |   | Yes                                 | No                       |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6-1 Does the entity have capital assets?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6-2 Has the entity performed an annual inventory of capital assets in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6-3 Complete the following capital & right-to-use assets table:

	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions (Must be included in Part 3)	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ 229,268	\$ 3,171	\$ -	\$ 232,439
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ (119,003)	\$ (11,347)	\$ -	\$ (130,350)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 110,265</b>	<b>\$ (8,176)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 102,089</b>

\*must tie to prior year ending balance

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.

- |  | Yes                      | No                                  |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7-1 Does the entity have an "old hire" firefighters' pension plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- 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.

- |  | Yes                                 | No                       | N/A                      |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8-1 Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for the current year in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  |                                     |                          |                          |
| 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 budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
Enterprise Fund	\$ 91,972

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

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

**If no, MUST explain:**

## PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

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

	Yes	No
<b>10-1 Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?</b> If yes: Date of formation: <input style="width: 450px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If yes: Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:

<b>10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district?</b> Please indicate what services the entity provides: <input style="width: 550px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>10-4 Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If yes: List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:

<b>10-5 Has the district filed a Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status during</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If yes: Date Filed:

<b>10-6 Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes: Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):

Bond Redemption mills	-
General/Other mills	9.500
<b>Total mills</b>	<b>9.500</b>

	Yes	No	N/A
<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.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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

- |      |  |                          |                          |
|------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12-1 | If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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### Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedure

#### Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as DocuSign or EchoSign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
- The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

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

- 1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
- 2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
  - a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, or
  - b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or EchoSign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

Print the names of ALL members of current governing body below.		A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.
Board Member 1	Print Board Member's Name  James Rose	I <u>James Rose</u> , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>March 20, 2024</u> My term Expires: <u>May 2027</u>
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name  Jimmy Potts	I <u>Jimmy Potts</u> , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>March 20, 2024</u> My term Expires: <u>May 2025</u>
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name  Bernie Janusz	I <u>Bernie Janusz</u> , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed: _____ Date: <u>March 20, 2024</u> My term Expires: <u>May 2025</u>
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name  Mark Norman	I <u>Mark Norman</u> , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>March 20, 2024</u> My term Expires: <u>May 2025</u>
Board Member 5	Print Board Member's Name  Ben Makkinje	I <u>Ben Makkinje</u> , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed: _____ Date: <u>March 20, 2024</u> My term Expires: <u>May 2025</u>
Board Member 6	Print Board Member's Name	I _____ , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed: _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
Board Member 7	Print Board Member's Name	I _____ , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed: _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FY2023**

(Pursuant to § 29-1-604, C.R.S.)

**Turkey Canon Ranch Water District**  
**El Paso County, Colorado**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FOR THE TURKEY CANON RANCH WATER DISTRICT, EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Turkey Canon Water District wishes to claim exemption for 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 and 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 Turkey Canon Ranch Water District exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2023; and


WHEREAS, an application for exemption for the Turkey Canon Ranch Water District has been prepared by Ellen Ellson, a person skilled in 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 of Directors of the Turkey Canon Ranch Water District that the application for exemption from audit for the Turkey Canon Ranch Water District for Fiscal Year ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2023, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Turkey Canon Ranch Water 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 Turkey Canon Ranch Water District for the Fiscal Year ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2023.

ADOPTED on the 20th day of March, 2024.

**TURKEY CANON RANCH WATER DISTRICT**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Rose, President

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Potts, Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bernie Janusz, Treasurer

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Norman, Director

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben Makkinje, Director