

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Sandhills Groundwater Management District
342 Main Street
Wray, CO 80758

For the Year Ended  
12/31/23  
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL


Philip A. Mitchell
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### 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

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PREPARER <small>(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)</small>	DATE PREPARED
	

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	<b>GOVERNMENTAL</b> <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>PROPRIETARY</b> <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small> <input type="checkbox"/>
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## 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	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$ 7,813	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ -	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ 8,000	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ 2,681	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ 29,683	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 115	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ 1,560	
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		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$ 49,853	

## 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	Administrative	\$ -	
3-2	Salaries	\$ 15,324	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ 1,172	
3-4	Contract services	\$ 4,002	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ 2,434	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 3,017	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 4,001	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 1,020	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
3-14	Capital outlay	\$ -	
3-15	Utility operations	\$ -	
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	Miscellaneous	\$ 4,587	
3-25	Rent	\$ 7,790	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	\$ 43,347	

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)				
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

	Yes	No
4-5 Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt? If yes: How much? \$ -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date the debt was authorized:		
4-6 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? If yes: How much? \$ -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-7 Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for? If yes: What is the amount outstanding? \$ -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-8 Does the entity have any lease agreements? 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? \$ 7,790.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**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	\$ 30,756	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ 19,279	
<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		\$ 50,036
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
<b>Total Investments</b>		\$ -
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>		\$ 50,036

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

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	\$ 893	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 893
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)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 893</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 893</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?
- 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.):	\$ -
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, **MUST** explain:
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- 8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, **MUST** explain:
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If yes: Please indicate the amount budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	\$ 87,342

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

- |            |   | Yes                                 | No                       |
|------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>9-1</b> | <b>Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?</b><br><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</b> | <b>Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?</b>                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes:     | <b>Date of formation:</b> <input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> |                          |                                     |
| <b>10-2</b> | <b>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</b> | <b>Is the entity a metropolitan district?</b><br><b>Please indicate what services the entity provides:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|

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| <b>10-4</b> | <b>Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|

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

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

If yes: **Date Filed:**

- |             |  |                                     |                          |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>10-6</b> | <b>Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|

If yes: **Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):**

Bond Redemption mills	-
General/Other mills	0.200
Total mills	0.200

- |             |   | Yes                      | No                       | N/A                                 |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>10-7</b> | <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"/> |

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

# RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FOR THE **Sandhills GWMD**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **Board of Directors** of the **Sandhills GWMD** 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 five hundred 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 revenue nor expenditures for the **Sandhills GWMD** exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the **Sandhills GWMD** has been prepared by **Phillip A. Mitchell**, 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/ordained by the **Board of Directors** of the **Sandhills GWMD** that the application for exemption from audit for the **Sandhills GWMD** for the Fiscal Year ended December, 2023, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the **Board of Directors** of the **Sandhills GWMD**; 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 **Sandhills GWMD** for the fiscal year ended December, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 22nd day of March, 2024

Printed Name of Director	Date Term Expires	Signature
Grant Bledsoe	2026	<u>N/A</u>
Vacant	2028	<u>N/A</u>
Rod Lenz	2026	<u>Rodney L Lenz</u>
Steve Hayes	2026	<u>Steve L. Hayes</u>
Jim Hendrix	2028	<u>Jim Hendrix</u>