

HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION 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
High Desert Conservation District
Cortez, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of High Desert Conservation 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 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 High Desert Conservation 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

March 7, 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/lg> 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 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

High Desert Conservation District
628 West 5th Street
Cortez, CO 81321

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

CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL

Erica Holm
(970)533-7317

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

See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report

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	
<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		Description	Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds	
		General Fund*	Fund*		Fund*	Fund*
Assets				Assets		
1-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 223,900	\$ -	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ -
1-2	Investments	\$ -	\$ -	Investments	\$ -	\$ -
1-3	Receivables	\$ (100)	\$ -	Receivables	\$ -	\$ -
1-4	Due from Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	\$ -	Due from Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	\$ -
1-5	Property Tax Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	Other Current Assets [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -
	All Other Assets [specify...]					
1-6	Lease Receivable (as Lessor)	\$ -	\$ -			
1-7	Inventory	\$ 682	\$ -	Total Current Assets	\$ -	\$ -
1-8		\$ -	\$ -	Capital & Right to Use Assets, net (from Part 6-4)	\$ -	\$ -
1-9		\$ -	\$ -	Other Long Term Assets [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -
1-10		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
1-11	(add lines 1-1 through 1-10) TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 224,482	\$ -	(add lines 1-1 through 1-10) TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred Outflows of Resources:				Deferred Outflows of Resources		
1-12	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -
1-13	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -
1-14	(add lines 1-12 through 1-13) TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ -	\$ -	(add lines 1-12 through 1-13) TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ -	\$ -
1-15	TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ 224,482	\$ -	TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ -	\$ -
Liabilities				Liabilities		
1-16	Accounts Payable	\$ 186	\$ -	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
1-17	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ 173	\$ -	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
1-18	Unearned Revenue	\$ 20,000	\$ -	Accrued Interest Payable	\$ -	\$ -
1-19	Due to Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	\$ -	Due to Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	\$ -
1-20	All Other Current Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	All Other Current Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
1-21	(add lines 1-16 through 1-20) TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 20,359	\$ -	(add lines 1-16 through 1-20) TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -
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	(add lines 1-21 through 1-26) TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 20,359	\$ -	(add lines 1-21 through 1-26) TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				Deferred Inflows of Resources		
1-28	Deferred Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	Pension/OPEB Related	\$ -	\$ -
1-29	Lease related (as lessor)	\$ -	\$ -	Other [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -
1-30	(add lines 1-28 through 1-29) TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	\$ -	\$ -	(add lines 1-28 through 1-29) TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balance				Net Position		
1-31	Nonspendable Prepaid	\$ -	\$ -	Net Investment in Capital and Right-to Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -
1-32	Nonspendable Inventory	\$ -	\$ -			
1-33	Restricted [TABOR]	\$ 3,650	\$ -	Emergency Reserves	\$ -	\$ -
1-34	Committed [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Other Designations/Reserves	\$ -	\$ -
1-35	Assigned [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -
1-36	Unassigned:	\$ 200,473	\$ -	Undesignated/Unreserved/Unrestricted	\$ -	\$ -
1-37	Add lines 1-31 through 1-36 This total should be the same as line 3-33 TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 204,123	\$ -	Add lines 1-31 through 1-36 This total should be the same as line 3-33 TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ -	\$ -
1-38	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	\$ 224,482	\$ -	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	\$ -	\$ -

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*		Fund*	Fund*	
Tax Revenue				Tax Revenue			
2-1	Property [include mills levied in Question 10-6]	\$ -	\$ -	Property [include mills levied in Question 10-6]	\$ -	\$ -	
2-2	Specific Ownership	\$ -	\$ -	Specific Ownership	\$ -	\$ -	
2-3	Sales and Use Tax	\$ -	\$ -	Sales and Use Tax	\$ -	\$ -	
2-4	Other Tax Revenue [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	Other Tax Revenue [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	
2-5		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
2-6		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
2-7		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
2-8	Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$ -	\$ -	Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$ -	\$ -	
2-9	Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ -	Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ -	
2-10	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	\$ -	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	\$ -	
2-11	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	\$ -	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	\$ -	
2-12	Community Development Block Grant	\$ -	\$ -	Community Development Block Grant	\$ -	\$ -	
2-13	Fire & Police Pension	\$ -	\$ -	Fire & Police Pension	\$ -	\$ -	
2-14	Grants	\$ 82,512	\$ -	Grants	\$ -	\$ -	
2-15	Donations	\$ -	\$ -	Donations	\$ -	\$ -	
2-16	Charges for Sales and Services	\$ 37,842	\$ -	Charges for Sales and Services	\$ -	\$ -	
2-17	Rental Income	\$ 100	\$ -	Rental Income	\$ -	\$ -	
2-18	Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	\$ -	Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	\$ -	
2-19	Interest/Investment Income	\$ 1,128	\$ -	Interest/Investment Income	\$ -	\$ -	
2-20	Tap Fees	\$ -	\$ -	Tap Fees	\$ -	\$ -	
2-21	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ -	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets			
2-22	All Other [Miscellaneous]:	\$ 19	\$ -	All Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
2-24	Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 121,601	\$ -	Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Financing Sources				Other Financing Sources			
2-25	Debt Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	Debt Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	
2-26	Lease Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	Lease Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	
2-27	Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	
2-28	Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	
2-29	Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ -	\$ -	Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ -	\$ -	GRAND TOTALS
2-30	Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 121,601	\$ -	Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121,601

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

		Governmental Funds				Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
Line #	Description	General Fund*	Fund*	Description	Fund*	Fund*		
	Expenditures			Expenses				
3-1	General Government	\$ 76,792	\$ -	General Operating & Administrative	\$ -	\$ -		
3-2	Judicial	\$ -	\$ -	Salaries	\$ -	\$ -		
3-3	Law Enforcement	\$ -	\$ -	Payroll Taxes	\$ -	\$ -		
3-4	Fire	\$ -	\$ -	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 [Grant Expenses]:	\$ 600	\$ -	Contributions to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	\$ -		
3-12	Payroll Expense	\$ 36,478	\$ -	Other [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -		
3-13		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
3-14	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -		
	Debt Service			Debt Service				
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 [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	All Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -		
3-21		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
3-22	Add lines 3-1 through 3-21 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 113,870	\$ -	Add lines 3-1 through 3-21 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113,870	
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	(Add lines 3-23 through 3-28) TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	(Line 3-27, plus line 3-28, less line 3-26, less line 3-25, plus line 3-24) TOTAL GAAP RECONCILING ITEMS	\$ -	\$ -		
3-30	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures Line 2-29, less line 3-22, less line 3-29	\$ 7,731	\$ -	Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Position Line 2-29, less line 3-22, plus line 3-29, less line 3-23	\$ -	\$ -		
3-31	Fund Balance, January 1 from December 31 prior year report	\$ 196,392	\$ -	Net Position, January 1 from December 31 prior year report	\$ -	\$ -		
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.	\$ 204,123	\$ -	Net Position, December 31 Sum of Lines 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32 This total should be the same as line 1-37.	\$ -	\$ -		

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, MUST explain: <input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain: <input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4-4	Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)			
	Outstanding at beginning of year *	Issued during year	Retired during year	Outstanding at year-end
	General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Lease & SBITA** Liabilities (GASB 87 & 96)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

****Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements**

***Must agree to prior year-end balance**

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: 60px; text-align: right;" type="text" value="\$ -"/>		
	Date the debt was authorized: <input style="width: 60px;" 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: 60px; text-align: right;" 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: 60px; text-align: right;" 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; height: 15px;" 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: 60px; text-align: right;" 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	\$ 223,900		
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ -		
	TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS		\$ 223,900	
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):			
	<input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	\$ -		
	<input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	\$ -		
	<input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	\$ -		
	<input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	\$ -		
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$ -	
	TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		\$ 223,900	

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 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.)? If no, MUST explain: <input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	\$ 2,514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,514
Machinery and equipment	\$ 36,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,450
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)	\$ (35,254)	\$ (530)	\$ -	\$ (35,784)
TOTAL	\$ 3,710	\$ (530)	\$ -	\$ 3,180

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)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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

PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

* YES NO Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

- 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.):	\$	-
State contribution amount:	\$	-
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$	-
TOTAL	\$	-

What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1? \$ -

PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box		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, MUST 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, MUST 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															
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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"/>	
<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>				

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: 450px; 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: 450px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>							
10-6	Does the entity have a certified mill levy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
If yes: Please provide the number of <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not enter \$ amounts):		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Bond Redemption mills</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General/Other mills</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.000</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #808080; color: white;"> <td>Total mills</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Bond Redemption mills	0.000	General/Other mills	0.000	Total mills	0.000
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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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

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

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Entity Wide:		General Fund		Governmental Funds		Notes
Unrestricted Cash & Investments	\$ 223,900	Unrestricted Fund Balan	\$ 200,473	Total Tax Revenue	\$ -	
Current Liabilities	\$ 20,359	Total Fund Balance	\$ 204,123	Revenue Paying Debt Service	\$ -	
Deferred Inflow	\$ -	PY Fund Balance	\$ 196,392	Total Revenue	\$ 121,601	
		Total Revenue	\$ 121,601	Total Debt Service Principal	\$ -	
		Total Expenditures	\$ 113,870	Total Debt Service Interest	\$ -	
				Total Assets	\$ 224,482	
				Total Liabilities	\$ 20,359	
Governmental		Interfund In	\$ -			
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 223,900	Interfund Out	\$ -	Enterprise Funds		
Transfers In	\$ -	Proprietary		Net Position	\$ -	
Transfers Out	\$ -	- Current Assets	\$ -	- PY Net Position	\$ -	
Property Tax	\$ -	- Deferred Outflow	\$ -	- Government-Wide		
Debt Service Principal	\$ -	- Current Liabilities	\$ -	- Total Outstanding Debt	\$ -	
Total Expenditures	\$ 113,870	Deferred Inflow	\$ -	- Authorized but Unissued	\$ -	
Total Developer Advances	\$ -	- Cash & Investments	\$ -	- 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.

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

A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must complete and sign in the column below.

	Full Name	
1	David Temple	I, <u>DAVID TEMPLE</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>3/12/24</u> My term Expires: <u>2027</u>
2	Joe Lanier	I, <u>Joseph Lanier</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>3/12/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>2027</u>
3	Scott Watson	I, <u>SCOTT WATSON</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>3/12/24</u> My term Expires: <u>2025</u>
4	Cindy Wallace	I, <u>Cindy Wallace</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>3/12/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>2025</u>
5	Alysen Tarrant	I, <u>Alysen Tarrant</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>3/12/24</u> My term Expires: <u>2025</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/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM
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(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FOR THE **HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** of THE **HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION 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 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

(2)WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for the **HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT** exceeded \$750,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT** has been prepared by **Wall, Smith and Bateman**, a CPA Accounting Firm with knowledge of government accounting; and

WHEREAS, said application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulation issued by the state auditor.

THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** of the **HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT** that the application for exemption from audit for **HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT** for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** of the **HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT**; that those members of the **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 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 **HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT** for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.


ADOPTED THIS 12th day of March, A.D. 2024.

**RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM
AUDIT – Page 2 of 2**

SUPERVISORS

David Temple / President

Name of Supervisor/Title



Signature

Joe Lanier / Vice President

Name of Supervisor/Title



Signature

Scott Watson / Treasurer

Name of Supervisor/Title



Signature

Name of Supervisor/Title

Signature

Alysen Tarrant / Secretary

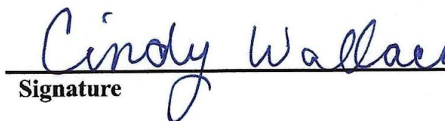
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Signature

Cindy Wallace / Member at large

Name of Supervisor/Title



Signature