

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

<b>NAME OF GOVERNMENT ADDRESS</b>	El Paso County Conservation District 5610 Industrial Pl Ste 100 Colorado Springs CO 80916-1727
<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	Mariah Hudson, District Manager
<b>PHONE</b>	719-600-4706
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For the Year Ended  
12/31/23  
or fiscal year ended:

### 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.

<b>NAME:</b>	Katherine "Katie" Miller
<b>TITLE</b>	Secretary/Treasurer
<b>FIRM NAME (if applicable)</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	5610 Industrial Pl Ste 100   Colorado Springs CO 80916-1727
<b>PHONE</b>	719-600-4706

PREPARER <small>(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)</small>	DATE PREPARED				
<i>Katie Belle Miller</i>	March 27, 2024				
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%; font-size: 0.7em;">GOVERNMENTAL (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</th> <th style="width: 50%; font-size: 0.7em;">PROPRIETARY (CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	GOVERNMENTAL (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)	PROPRIETARY (CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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)	\$ -	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ -	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ -	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify): Direct Assistance	\$ 8,625	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ -	
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): Bank CD Interest	\$ 1,996	
2-22	Intergovernmental: El Paso County MOU	\$ 16,600	
2-23	Program Sales	\$ 1,026	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 28,248	

## 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	\$ 1,240	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ 19,120	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ -	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ -	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 875	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 548	
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): Dues	\$ 1,521	
3-24	Education/Meetings/Programs	\$ 1,810	
3-25	Travel	\$ 2,283	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 27,397	

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; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">The entity has no outstanding debt.</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; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">The entity has no outstanding debt.</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

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

	Yes	No
4-5 Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt? If yes: How much? <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$ -</span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date the debt was authorized: <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span>		
4-6 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? If yes: How much? <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$ -</span>	<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? <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$ -</span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-8 Does the entity have any lease agreements? If yes: What is being leased? <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
What is the original date of the lease? <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span>		
Number of years of lease? <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span>		
Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What are the annual lease payments? <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$ -</span>		

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	\$ 34,111	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ 75,698	
<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 109,809</b>
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
5-3	\$ -	
	\$ -	
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>		<b>\$ 109,809</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?  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

The entity has no capital assets.

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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</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?  Yes       No
- 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?  Yes       No

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?	\$ -

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:  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 budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	\$ 153,761

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

Yes      No

**9-1** Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?      

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.

**If no, MUST explain:**

## PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Yes      No

**10-1** Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?      

If yes: Date of formation:

**10-2** Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?      

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

**10-3** Is the entity a metropolitan district?      

Please indicate what services the entity provides:

**10-4** Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?      

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

El Paso County (Government) annual watershed dam inspection

**10-5** 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.]      

If yes: Date Filed:

**10-6** Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?      

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

Bond Redemption mills		-
General/Other mills		-
Total mills		-
	Yes	No

**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.            

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

### 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  KEN BARKER	I <u>KEN BARKER</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>3/27/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>2025</u>
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name  KATIE MILLER	I <u>KATIE MILLER</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>3/27/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>2025</u>
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name  ERICA CARTER	I <u>ERICA CARTER</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>3/27/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>2027</u>
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name  BILLY RICHARD	I <u>BILLY RICHARD</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>3.27.2024</u> My term Expires: <u>2027</u>
Board Member 5	Print Board Member's Name  CASSIE OLGREN	I <u>CASSIE OLGREN</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: _____ My term Expires: <u>2027</u>
Board Member 6		
Board Member 7		



**RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT**  
(Pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-1-604)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR **2023** FOR THE **EL PASO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **Board of Supervisors** of the **EL PASO COUNTY Conservation District** wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Colorado Revised Statutes § 29-1-603; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 29-1-604 states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed one hundred thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of C.R.S. § 29-1-603; and





WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for **EL PASO COUNTY Conservation District** exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **EL PASO COUNTY Conservation District** has been prepared by **Katie Miller, Secretary/Treasurer**, 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 Supervisors** of the **EL PASO COUNTY Conservation District** that the application for exemption from audit for the **EL PASO COUNTY Conservation District** for the Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved in an open public meeting by a majority of the **Board of Supervisors** of the **EL PASO COUNTY Conservation District**; that those members of the **Board of Supervisors** have signified their approval by signing below, and that the resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of, the application for exemption from audit of the **EL PASO COUNTY Conservation District** for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

<u>Members of Governing Body</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Signature</u>
KEN BARKER, Board President	2025	
vacant, Board Vice President		_____
KATIE MILLER, Secretary/Treasurer	2025	
ERICA MILLER, Board Supervisor	2027	
BILLY RICHARD, Board Supervisor	2027	
CASSIE OLGREN, Board Supervisor	2027	_____

