APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

IF EITHER REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES EXCEED $100,000, USE THE LONG FORM.

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 in 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).

Any preparer of an Application for Exemption from Audit-SHORT FORM must be a person skilled in 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 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 STATUATORY DEADLINE

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.

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

http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/Colorado/

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?
- ☐ 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 policy -> Click Here

  --or--

  - ☐ If yes, 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

Register and submit your Applications at our web portal! For faster processing the web portal is the preferred method for submission

WEB PORTAL: https://apps.leg.co.gov/osa/lg

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

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

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT	Kiowa Conservation District	For the Year Ended 12/31/23 or fiscal year ended:
ADDRESS	P.O. Box 368	
	Elbert, CO 80106	
CONTACT PERSON	Barbara Fillmore	
PHONE	303-648-9972	
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:	Barbara Fillmore
TITLE	Financial Officer
FIRM NAME (if applicable)	KCD
ADDRESS	P.O. Box 368
PHONE	303-648-9972

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)	DATE PREPARED
Barbara Fillmore	3-20-24

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	GOVERNMENTAL (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)	PROPRIETARY (CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)
	☑	☐

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	$ 29,499	
2-7			Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	$ -	
2-8			Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	$ -	
2-9			Other (specify):	$ -	
2-10	Charges for services			$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits			$ -	
2-12	Special assessments			$ -	
2-13	Investment income			$ 6,253	
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			$ 1,428	
2-21	Other (specify):			$ -	
2-22				$ -	
2-23				$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23)		TOTAL REVENUE	$ 37,180	

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		$ 2,338	
3-2	Salaries		$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes		$ -	
3-4	Contract services		$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits		$ -	
3-6	Insurance		$ 1,025	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees		$ 17	
3-8	Repair and maintenance		$ -	
3-9	Supplies		$ 363	
3-10	Utilities and telephone		$ -	
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): Cost Sharing program		$ 4,154	
3-24	Dues		$ 3,487	
3-25	Publications/news		$ 134	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24)	TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	$ 11,518	

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.	☐	☑
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain below:	☐	☐
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain below:	☐	☐

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):	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
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?		☐	☑
If yes:	How much?	$ -		
	Date the debt was authorized:			
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?		☐	☑
If yes:	How much?	$ -		
4-7	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?		☐	☑
If yes:	What is the amount outstanding?	$ -		
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?	$ -		

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	$ 173,874	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	$ -	
	Total Cash Deposits		$ 173,874
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
5-3		$ -	
		$ -	
		$ -	
		$ -	
	Total Investments		$ -
	Total Cash and Investments		$ 173,874

	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.?	☑	☐	☐
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 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	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
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)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

*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.):	$ -
TOTAL	$ -

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:	☑	☐	☐
8-2	Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain:	☑	☐	☐

If yes: Please indicate the amount budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	$ 35,500

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:** USDA NRCS provides the district technical services		
10-5	**Has the district filed a *Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status* during**	☐	☑
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	N/A
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?**	☑	☐

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 Charlie Carnahan	I Charlie Carnahan, 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 Charlie Carnahan Date: 3-20-24 My term Expires: May 2027
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name Barbara Fillmore	I Barbara Fillmore, 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 Barbara Fillmore Date: 3-20-24 My term Expires: May 2025
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name Thomas Conley	I Thomas Conley, 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: 20 March 2024 My term Expires: May 2027
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name Danny Ardrey	I Danny Ardrey, 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 Danny Ardrey Date: MARCH 20, 2024 My term Expires: May 2025
Board Member 5	Print Board Member's Name Cevey Pennington	I Cevey Pennington, 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: May 2027
Board Member 6	Print Board Member's Name Jerry Byers	I Jerry Byers, 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 3/20/24 Date: My term Expires: May 2025
Board Member 7	Print Board Member's Name Robert Whitehead	I Robert Whitehead, 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: May 2025

KIOWA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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 KIOWA CONSERVATION DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Kiowa 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 fifty thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provisions of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for the Kiowa Conservation District exceeded $100,000 for fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the Kiowa Conservation District has been prepared by Janet Maloney, a person skilled in government accounting; and

WHERAS, 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 Kiowa Conservation District that the application for exemption from audit for the Kiowa 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 Kiowa 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 Kiowa Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS __20___ day of March, A.D. 2024.

Charlie Carnahan
President

ATTEST:

Barbara Fillmore
Treasurer

Members of Governing Body	Term Expires	Signature
Charlie Carnahan	May 2027	Charlie Carnahan
Robert Whitehead	May 2025	

Barbara Fillmore	May 2025	Barbara Fillmore
Dan Ardrey	May 2025	Dan Ardrey
Jerry Byers	May 2025	Jerry Byers
Tom Conley	May 2027	Tom Conley
Cevey Pennington	May 2027	