

**RIO GRANDE 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  
Rio Grande Conservation District  
Center, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Rio Grande 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 the 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 Rio Grande 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.*

Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.  
Alamosa, Colorado

March 5, 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](mailto: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

<b>NAME OF GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>Rio Grande Conservation District</b>
<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>0048 W County Road 10N</b> <b>Center, CO 81125</b>
<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>Mattea Freel</b>
<b>PHONE</b>	<b>719-754-3400</b>
<b>EMAIL</b>	<a href="mailto:riograndecd@gmail.com">riograndecd@gmail.com</a>

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

## 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.

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	
<b>FIRM NAME (if applicable)</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>PHONE</b>	
<b>RELATIONSHIP TO ENTITY</b>	

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

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*
<b>Assets</b>				<b>Assets</b>		
1-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 22,271	\$ -	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ -
1-2	Investments	\$ 39,599	\$ -	Investments	\$ -	\$ -
1-3	Receivables	\$ -	\$ -	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)	\$ -	\$ -	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	\$ -	\$ -
1-7		\$ -	\$ -	Capital & Right to Use Assets, net (from Part 6-4)	\$ -	\$ -
1-8		\$ -	\$ -	Other Long Term Assets [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -
1-9		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
1-10		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
1-11	<b>(add lines 1-1 through 1-10) TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 61,870</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-1 through 1-10) TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>				<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
1-12	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -
1-13	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -
1-14	<b>(add lines 1-12 through 1-13) TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-12 through 1-13) TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
1-15	<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 61,870</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				<b>Liabilities</b>		
1-16	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
1-17	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
1-18	Unearned Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	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	<b>(add lines 1-16 through 1-20) TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-16 through 1-20) TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
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	<b>(add lines 1-21 through 1-26) TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-21 through 1-26) TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>				<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
1-28	Deferred Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	Pension/OPEB Related	\$ -	\$ -
1-29	Lease related (as lessor)	\$ -	\$ -	Other [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -
1-30	<b>(add lines 1-28 through 1-29) TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(add lines 1-28 through 1-29) TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>				<b>Net Position</b>		
1-31	Nonspendable Prepaid	\$ -	\$ -	Net Investment in Capital and Right-to Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -
1-32	Nonspendable Inventory	\$ -	\$ -			
1-33	Restricted [TABOR]	\$ 3,400	\$ -	Emergency Reserves	\$ -	\$ -
1-34	Committed [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Other Designations/Reserves	\$ -	\$ -
1-35	Assigned [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -
1-36	Unassigned:	\$ 58,470	\$ -	Undesignated/Unreserved/Unrestricted	\$ -	\$ -
1-37	<b>Add lines 1-31 through 1-36</b> This total should be the same as line 3-33 <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 61,870</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 1-31 through 1-36</b> This total should be the same as line 3-33 <b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
1-38	<b>Add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37</b> This total should be the same as line 1-15 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 61,870</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37</b> This total should be the same as line 1-15 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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*		
<b>Tax Revenue</b>				<b>Tax Revenue</b>				
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	<b>Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
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	\$ -	\$ -	Grants	\$ -	\$ -		
2-15	Donations	\$ -	\$ -	Donations	\$ -	\$ -		
2-16	Charges for Sales and Services	\$ -	\$ -	Charges for Sales and Services	\$ -	\$ -		
2-17	Rental Income	\$ 92,424	\$ -	Rental Income	\$ -	\$ -		
2-18	Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	\$ -	Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	\$ -		
2-19	Interest/Investment Income	\$ 1,918	\$ -	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]:	\$ 15,458	\$ -	All Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -		
2-23	Farm Project Income	\$ 12,001	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
2-24	<b>Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 121,801</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
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	<b>Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	
2-30	<b>Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 121,801</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 121,801</b>	

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

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*	
<b>Expenditures</b>				<b>Expenses</b>			
3-1	General Government	\$ 60,014	\$ -	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 [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	Contributions to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	\$ -	
3-12		\$ -	\$ -	Other [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	
3-13		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
3-14	Capital Outlay	\$ 7,391	\$ -	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Debt Service</b>				<b>Debt Service</b>			
3-15	Principal (should match amount in 4-4)	\$ 13,444	\$ -	Principal (should match amount in 4-4)	\$ -	\$ -	
3-16	Interest	\$ 27,189	\$ -	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 [Miscellaneous]:	\$ 701	\$ -	All Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	
3-21		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
3-22	<b>Add lines 3-1 through 3-21 TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 108,739	\$ -	<b>Add lines 3-1 through 3-21 TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ -	\$ -	<b>\$ 108,739</b>
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	<b>(Add lines 3-23 through 3-28) TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ -	\$ -	<b>(Line 3-27, plus line 3-28, less line 3-26, less line 3-25, plus line 3-24) TOTAL GAAP RECONCILING ITEMS</b>	\$ -	\$ -	
3-30	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures Line 2-29, less line 3-22, less line 3-29	\$ 13,062	\$ -	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	\$ 48,808	\$ -	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.	\$ 61,870	\$ -	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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	\$ 431,685	\$ -	\$ 418,241
	Lease & SBITA** Liabilities (GASB 87 & 96)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 431,685</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 418,241</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 [Section 29-1-605(2) C.R.S.]?	<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	What are the annual lease payments?			\$ -

## 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	\$ 22,271		
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ -		
		<b>TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS</b>	\$ 22,271	
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):				
	Edward Jones - Cash	\$ 832		
	Edward Jones - Corporate Bonds	\$ 4,011		
5-3	Edward Jones - Government and Agency Securities	\$ 9,997		
	Edward Jones - Mutual Funds: Franklin	\$ 24,759		
		<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	\$ 39,599	
		<b>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</b>	\$ 61,870	

The District has funds invested in mutual funds. This may be a violation of State statute.

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 checked="" 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.)? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain:	<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	\$ 199,550	\$ -		\$ 199,550
Buildings	\$ 454,394	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 454,394
Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ 41,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,925
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intangible Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (Wells, Pumps, and Sprinkler Panel):	\$ 86,914	\$ 7,391	\$ -	\$ 94,305
Accumulated Amortization Right to Use Assets (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ (224,768)	\$ (19,582)	\$ -	\$ (244,350)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 558,015</b>	<b>\$ (12,191)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 545,824</b>

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)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\* 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.):	\$	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	

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, <b>MUST</b> explain:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total expenditures exceeded budget appropriations in the General Fund by \$8,739. This may be a violation of Colorado Revised Statutes 29-1-110.										
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 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)]? <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"/>	

## 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? If yes: Date of formation: <input style="width: 150px; height: 30px; margin-left: 10px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
10-2	Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year? If Yes: NEW name <input style="width: 400px; height: 25px; margin-left: 10px;" type="text"/> PRIOR name <input style="width: 400px; height: 25px; margin-left: 10px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
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: 25px; margin-left: 10px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
10-5	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: <input style="width: 450px; height: 25px; margin-left: 10px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
10-6	Does the entity have a certified mill levy? If yes: Please provide the number of <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not enter \$ amounts):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
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10-7	<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 style="width: 450px; height: 30px; margin-left: 10px;" type="text"/>	<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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<b>Entity Wide:</b>		<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Governmental Funds</b>		<b>Notes</b>
Unrestricted Cash & Investments	\$ 61,870	Unrestricted Fund Balan	\$ 58,470	Total Tax Revenue	\$ -	
Current Liabilities	\$ -	Total Fund Balance	\$ 61,870	Revenue Paying Debt Service	\$ 121,801	
Deferred Inflow	\$ -	PY Fund Balance	\$ 48,808	Total Revenue	\$ 121,801	
		Total Revenue	\$ 121,801	Total Debt Service Principal	\$ 13,444	
		Total Expenditures	\$ 108,739	Total Debt Service Interest	\$ 27,189	
				Total Assets	\$ 61,870	
				Total Liabilities	\$ -	
<b>Governmental</b>		Interfund In	\$ -	<b>Enterprise Funds</b>		
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 61,870	Interfund Out	\$ -	Net Position	\$ -	
Transfers In	\$ -	<b>Proprietary</b>		PY Net Position	\$ -	
Transfers Out	\$ -	- Current Assets	\$ -	<b>Government-Wide</b>		
Property Tax	\$ -	- Deferred Outflow	\$ -	- Total Outstanding Debt	\$ 418,241	
Debt Service Principal	\$ 13,444	Current Liabilities	\$ -	- Authorized but Unissued	\$ -	
Total Expenditures	\$ 108,739	Deferred Inflow	\$ -	- Year Authorized	1/0/1900	
Total Developer Advances	\$ -	- Cash & Investments	\$ -			
Total Developer Repayments	\$ -	- Principal Expense	\$ -			

**PART 12 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL**

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

YES                      NO

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**

I. Requirements

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. The following 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 members, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.  
 The 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:  
 Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.  
 Submit the application electronically via email and either,  
 Attach a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, or  
 Attach electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or Echosign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

This 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.

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

**A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.**

	Full Name	
1	TYLER NEELY	I, <u>TYLER NEELY</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>3-21-24</u> My term Expires: <u>3-1-2025</u>
2	Brydon Burkhardt	I, <u>Brydon Burkhardt</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>3-21-24</u> My term Expires: <u>3-1-2027</u>
3	Chay C. Yund	I, <u>Chay C. Yund</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>3/21/2024 AD</u> My term Expires: <u>12/1/2027</u>
4	Michael Jay Schaefer	I, <u>Michael Jay Schaefer</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>3/21/2024</u> My term Expires: <u>3-1-2027</u>
5	Leah Clark	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: _____
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: _____
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## **RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT**

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Rio Grande 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

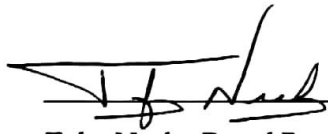
WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for the Rio Grande Conservation District exceeded \$750,000 for Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the Rio Grande Conservation District has been prepared by Wall, Smith, Bateman, Inc., an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting; and

WHEREAS, said application for exemption from audit has been completed in according with regulations, issued by the State Auditor.

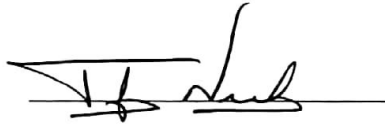

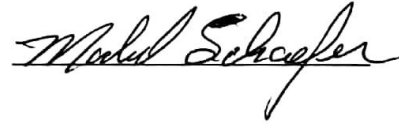

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Rio Grande Conservation District that the application for exemption from audit for the Rio Grande Conservation District for the year ended December 31, 2023, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the Rio Grande 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 Rio Grande Conservation District for the year ended December 31, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 21 day of March, A.D. 2024.

  
Tyler Neely, Board President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Schaefer, Secretary-Treasurer

Printed Name of Supervisor	Date Term Expires	Signature
<u>Tyler Neely</u>	<u>3/1/2025</u>	
<u>Chay Yund</u>	<u>12/1/2027</u>	
<u>Mike Schaefer</u>	<u>3/1/2027</u>	
<u>Bryton Burkhardt</u>	<u>3/1/2027</u>	
<u>Leah Clark</u>	<u>10/1/2027</u>	_____

Rio Grande Conservation District  
 Loan Amortization Schedule  
 12/31/2023

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 12,261	\$ 26,694	\$ 38,955
2025	13,139	25,816	38,955
2026	13,996	24,959	38,955
2027	14,909	24,046	38,955
2028-2032	90,326	104,445	194,771
2033-2037	123,995	70,776	194,771
2038-2042	149,615	24,777	174,392
	<u>\$ 418,241</u>	<u>\$ 301,513</u>	<u>\$ 719,754</u>