

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

**South Side Conservation District**  
**258 Center Drive**  
**Glenwood Springs, CO 81601**

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

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL


**Emily Schwaller**  
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### PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am skilled in governmental accounting and that the information in the application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

NAME:  
TITLE  
FIRM NAME (if applicable)  
ADDRESS  
PHONE

Tiffanie Rudow  
CPA  
Barnes, Pearson & Rudow, PC  
P.O. Box 2298, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602  
970 384-0400

PREPARER <small>(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)</small>	DATE PREPARED				
	<p><b>03.14.2024</b></p>				
<p>Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small></th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small></th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small>	<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	\$ 73,625	
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	\$ 407	
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):	\$ -	
2-22	Other Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,450	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 77,482	

## 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	\$ 8,316	
3-2	Salaries	\$ 41,260	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ 3,276	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 4,241	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 1,522	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 574	
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):		
3-24	Agri Noxious Weed Assistance	\$ 31,326	
3-25	Other Miscellaneous	\$ 5,776	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 96,291	

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.

- 4-1 Does the entity have outstanding debt?  
If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule. Yes  No
- 4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, **MUST** explain below: Yes  No

- 4-3 Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, **MUST** explain below: Yes  No

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.
- 4-5 Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt? Yes  No   
If yes: How much? \$ -  
Date the debt was authorized: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-6 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? Yes  No   
If yes: How much? \$ -
- 4-7 Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for? Yes  No   
If yes: What is the amount outstanding? \$ -
- 4-8 Does the entity have any lease agreements? Yes  No   
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? Yes  No   
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	\$ 152,655	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ 8,673	
<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 161,328</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>\$ 161,328</b>

- Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes
- 5-4 Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et. seq., C.R.S.? Yes  No  N/A
- 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.)? Yes  No  N/A

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

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?  Yes       No

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	\$ -
State contribution amount:	\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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

\$ -
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**Part 7 - Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:**

## PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

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

Yes                      No                      N/A

- 8-1 Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for the current year in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.? If no, **MUST** explain:  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	\$ 82,880

## 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?



10-1

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:

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?	<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 Brett Solley	I <u>Brett Solley</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>3/02/24</u> My term Expires: _____
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name Angela Ryden	I <u>Angela Ryden</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>Angela L. Ryden</u> Date: <u>03/14/24</u> My term Expires: _____
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name Brit McLin	I <u>BRIT C. McLIN</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>15 MARCH 2024</u> My term Expires: _____
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, 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: _____
Board Member 5	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, 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: _____
Board Member 6	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, 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: _____
Board Member 7	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, 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: _____

RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT  
(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, CRS)

A RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FOR THE SOUTH SIDE DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the district board of the South Side Conservation District wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, CRS; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604, CRS, 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, CRS, and

WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for the South Side Conservation District exceeded \$750,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the South Side Conservation District has been prepared by Tiffanie Rudow, a person skilled in governmental accounting and;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved / ordained by the district board of the South Side Conservation District that the exemption from audit for South Side Conservation District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2023 has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the district board of the South Side Conservation District; that those members of the district board have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of, the application from audit of the South Side Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 22nd day of March, A.D. 2023.


Brett Jolley, President



Brit McLin, Secretary/Treasurer



Angela Ryden, Board Member



Kyle Laidlaw, Board Member

