

Town of Merino

Application for Exemption from Audit

December 31, 2023



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Certified Public Accountants

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Independent Accountants' Compilation Report

To the Mayor and Members of Town Council
Town of Merino
Merino, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Town of Merino, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the related operating statements 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 Town of Merino 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.

Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.

Sterling, Colorado
September 7, 2024

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

LONG FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

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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.

NAME:	Scott Szabo
TITLE	Certified Public Accountant
FIRM NAME (if applicable)	Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.
ADDRESS	205 Main Street - P.O. Box 1886, Sterling, Colorado, 80751
PHONE	970-522-2218
RELATIONSHIP TO ENTITY	We are an independent firm of certified public accountants.

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

DATE PREPARED

See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report.

September 7, 2024

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
☐	☒

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		Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
		General Fund	Streets Fund		Water Fund	Sewer Fund	
Assets							
1-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 162,148	\$ 33,631	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 51,357	\$ 186,754	
1-2	Investments	\$ 49,185	\$ -	Investments	\$ 12,280	\$ -	
1-3	Receivables	\$ 518	\$ 1,189	Receivables	\$ 12,000	\$ 7,000	
1-4	Due from Other Entities or Funds	\$ 44,522	\$ 24,941	Due from Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	\$ 136,657	
1-5	Property Tax Receivable	\$ 23,224	\$ -	Other Current Assets [specify...]			
	All Other Assets [specify...]						
1-6	Lease Receivable (as Lessor)	\$ -	\$ -	Total Current Assets	\$ -	\$ -	
1-7		\$ -	\$ -	Capital & Right to Use Assets, net (from Part 6-4)	\$ 75,637	\$ 330,411	
1-8		\$ -	\$ -	Other Long Term Assets [specify...]	\$ 1,930,481	\$ 247,806	
1-9		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
1-10		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
1-11		\$ 279,597	\$ 59,761	(add lines 1-1 through 1-10)	\$ 2,006,118	\$ 578,217	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	\$	TOTAL ASSETS	\$	\$	
Deferred Outflows of Resources:							
1-12	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	
1-13	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	[specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	
1-14	(add lines 1-12 through 1-13)	\$ -	\$ -	(add lines 1-12 through 1-13)	\$ -	\$ -	
1-15	TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$	\$	TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$	\$	
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS		\$ 279,597	\$ 59,761	TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ 2,006,118	\$ 578,217	
Liabilities							
1-16	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	
1-17	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ 2,266	\$ -	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	
1-18	Unearned Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	Accrued Interest Payable	\$ 393	\$ -	
1-19	Due to Other Entities or Funds	\$ 161,597	\$ -	Due to Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	\$ -	
1-20	All Other Current Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	All Other Current Liabilities	\$ -	\$ 1,963	
1-21	(add lines 1-16 through 1-20)	\$ 163,863	\$ -	(add lines 1-16 through 1-20)	\$ 393	\$ 1,963	
1-22	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	\$	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	\$	
	All Other Liabilities [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Proprietary Debt Outstanding (from Part 4-4)	\$ 235,471	\$ -	
1-23		\$ -	\$ -	Other Liabilities [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	
1-24		\$ -	\$ -	Unearned Grant Revenue	\$ -	\$ 60,501	
1-25		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
1-26		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
1-27	(add lines 1-21 through 1-26)	\$ 163,863	\$ -	(add lines 1-21 through 1-26)	\$ 235,864	\$ 62,464	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	\$	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	\$	
Deferred Inflows of Resources:							
1-28	Deferred Property Taxes	\$ 23,224	\$ -	Pension/OPEB Related	\$ -	\$ -	
1-29	Lease related (as lessor)	\$ -	\$ -	Other [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	
1-30	(add lines 1-28 through 1-29)	\$ 23,224	\$ -	(add lines 1-28 through 1-29)	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS		\$	\$	TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	\$	\$	
Fund Balance							
1-31	Nonspendable Prepaid	\$ -	\$ -	Net Investment in Capital and Right-to Use Assets	\$ 1,695,010	\$ 247,806	
1-32	Nonspendable Inventory	\$ -	\$ -				
1-33	Restricted [specify...] TABOR and Public Works	\$ 4,400	\$ 59,761	Emergency Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	
1-34	Committed [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Other Designations/Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	
1-35	Assigned [specify...]	\$ -	\$ -	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	
1-36	Unassigned:	\$ 88,110	\$ -	Undesignated/Unreserved/Unrestricted	\$ 75,244	\$ 267,947	
1-37	(add lines 1-31 through 1-36)			(add lines 1-31 through 1-36)			
	This total should be the same as line 3-33	\$ 92,510	\$ 59,761	This total should be the same as line 3-33	\$ 1,770,254	\$ 515,753	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		\$	\$	TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	\$	
1-38	(add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37)			(add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37)			
	This total should be the same as line 1-15			This total should be the same as line 1-15			
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE		\$ 279,597	\$ 59,761	TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION	\$ 2,006,118	\$ 578,217	

PART 2 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - OPERATING STATEMENT - REVENUES

Line #		Description	Governmental Funds		Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
			General Fund	Streets Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	
Tax Revenue							
2-1	Property [include mills levied in Question 10-6]		\$ 32,383	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2-2	Specific Ownership		\$ -	\$ 2,608	\$ -	\$ -	
2-3	Sales and Use Tax		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2-4	Other Tax Revenue [specify...]: Motor Vehicle Taxes		\$ -	\$ 2,037	\$ -	\$ -	
2-5	Franchise Taxes		\$ 7,524	\$ 8,542	\$ -	\$ -	
2-6	Severance Taxes		\$ 609	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2-7	Cigarette Taxes		\$ 315	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2-8	Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE		\$ 40,831	\$ 13,187		\$ -	
2-9	Licenses and Permits		\$ 905	\$ -		\$ -	
2-10	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)		\$ -	\$ 14,430		\$ -	
2-11	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
2-12	Community Development Block Grant		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
2-13	Fire & Police Pension		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
2-14	Grants		\$ -	\$ 5,928		\$ -	4,200
2-15	Donations		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-16	Charges for Sales and Services		\$ 4	\$ 35		\$ 109,272	\$ 59,489
2-17	Rental Income		\$ 6,105	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-18	Fines and Forfeits		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-19	Interest/Investment Income		\$ 1,156	\$ -		\$ 307	\$ -
2-20	Tap Fees		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-21	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-22	All Other [specify...]:		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-23	Miscellaneous		\$ 8,088	\$ -		\$ 5,433	\$ -
2-24	Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 57,089	\$ 33,580		\$ 115,012	\$ 63,689
Other Financing Sources							
2-25	Debt Proceeds		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-26	Lease Proceeds		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-27	Developer Advances		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-28	Other [specify...]:		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-29	Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2-30	Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		\$ 57,089	\$ 33,580		\$ 115,012	\$ 63,689
					GRAND TOTALS		269,370
IF GRAND TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES for all funds (Line 2-29) are GREATER than \$750,000 - STOP. You may not use this form. An audit may be required. See Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., or contact the OSA local Government Division at (303) 869-3000 for assistance.							

PART 3 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - OPERATING STATEMENT - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

Governmental Funds			Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds			Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
Line #	Description	General Fund	Streets Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	
Expenditures						
3-1	General Government	\$ 37,793	\$ -	\$ 6,298	\$ 3,269	
3-2	Judicial	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,862	\$ 20,514	
3-3	Law Enforcement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,687	\$ 1,841	
3-4	Fire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 856	\$ 245	
3-5	Highways & Streets	\$ -	\$ 32,607	\$ -	\$ -	
3-6	Solid Waste	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,003	\$ 2,590	
3-7	Contributions to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,299	\$ 4,079	
3-8	Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,329	\$ 456	
3-9	Culture and Recreation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,197	\$ 1,072	
3-10	Transfers to other districts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,456	\$ 170	
3-11	Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-12		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,910	\$ 3,829	
3-13		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-14	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,105	\$ -	
Debt Service						
3-15	Principal (should match amount in 4-4)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,506	\$ -	
3-16	Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,410	\$ -	
3-17	Bond Issuance Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-18	Developer Principal Repayments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-19	Developer Interest Repayments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-20	All Other [specify...]:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-21		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-22	Add lines 3-1 through 3-21 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 37,793	\$ 32,607	\$ 158,918	\$ 38,065	
3-23	Interfund Transfers (In)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-24	Interfund Transfers out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-25	Other Expenditures (Revenues):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,301	\$ 1,879	
3-26		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,105	\$ -	
3-28		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,506	\$ -	
3-29	(Add lines 3-23 through 3-28) TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,690)	\$ (1,879)	
3-30	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures Line 2-29, less line 3-22, less line 3-29	\$ 19,296	\$ 973	\$ (54,596)	\$ 23,745	
3-31	Fund Balance, January 1 from December 31 prior year report	\$				
3-32	Prior Period Adjustment (MUST explain)	\$ 73,214	\$ 58,788	\$ 1,824,850	\$ 492,008	
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.	\$ 92,510	\$ 59,761	\$ 1,770,254	\$ 515,753	
GRAND TOTAL \$ 267,383						

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PART 1 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - BALANCE SHEET

* Indicate Name of Fund

NOTE: Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Line #	Description	Governmental Funds		Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
		Conservation Trust Fund	Fire Department Fund	Fire Pension Fund	Fund*	
Assets						
1-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 31,855	\$ 67,838	\$ 67,137	\$ -	
1-2	Investments	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-3	Receivables	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-4	Due from Other Entities or Funds	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-5	Property Tax Receivable	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-6	All Other Assets [specify...]	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-6	Lease Receivable (as Lessor)	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-7		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-8		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-9		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-10		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-11		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
		TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 31,855 \$ 67,838	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 67,137 \$ -	
(add lines 1-1 through 1-10)				(add lines 1-1 through 1-10)		
Deferred Outflows of Resources:						
1-12	[specify...]	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-13	[specify...]	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-14		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
(add lines 1-12 through 1-13)		TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ -	TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ -	
1-15		TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ 31,855 \$ 67,838	TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ 67,137 \$ -	
Liabilities						
1-16	Accounts Payable	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-17	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-18	Unearned Revenue	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-19	Due to Other Entities or Funds	\$ 44,105	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-20	All Other Current Liabilities	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-21	(add lines 1-16 through 1-20)	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 44,105 \$ -	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ - \$ -	
1-22	All Other Liabilities [specify...]	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-23		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-24		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-25		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-26		\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-27		TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 44,105 \$ -	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ - \$ -	
(add lines 1-21 through 1-26)				(add lines 1-21 through 1-26)		
Deferred Inflows of Resources:						
1-28	Deferred Property Taxes	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-29	Lease related (as lessor)	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-30	(add lines 1-28 through 1-29)	TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	\$ -	TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	\$ -	
(add lines 1-28 through 1-29)				(add lines 1-28 through 1-29)		
Fund Balance						
1-31	Nonspendable Prepaid	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-32	Nonspendable Inventory	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-33	Restricted [specify...]	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-34	Committed [specify...] Public Safety	\$ -	-	\$ 67,838	\$ -	
1-35	Assigned [specify...]	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
1-36	Unassigned:	\$ (12,250)	\$ -	\$ 67,137	\$ -	
1-37		TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ (12,250) \$ 67,838	TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 67,137 \$ -	
(add lines 1-31 through 1-36)				(add lines 1-31 through 1-36)		
This total should be the same as line 3-33				This total should be the same as line 3-33		
1-38		TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 31,855 \$ 67,838	TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION	\$ 67,137 \$ -	
(add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37)				(add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37)		
This total should be the same as line 1-15				This total should be the same as line 1-15		

PART 2 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - OPERATING STATEMENT - REVENUES

Governmental Funds		Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
Conservation Trust Fund	Fire Department Fund	Fire Pension Fund	Fund*	
Line #	Description			
Tax Revenue				
2-1	Property (include mills levied in Question 10-4)	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-2	Specific Ownership	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-3	Sales and Use Tax	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-4	Other Tax Revenue (specify...):	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-5	City Participation	\$ -	\$ 49,112	-
2-6		\$ -	\$ -	-
2-7		\$ -	\$ -	-
2-8	Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$ -	\$ 49,112	-
2-9	Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-10	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-11	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ 2,811	\$ -	-
2-12	Community Development Block Grant	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-13	Fire & Police Pension	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-14	Grants	\$ -	\$ 2,823	-
2-15	Donations	\$ -	\$ 1,650	-
2-16	Charges for Sales and Services	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-17	Rental Income	\$ 245	\$ -	-
2-18	Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-19	Interest/Investment Income	\$ 38	\$ 85	-
2-20	Tap Fees	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-21	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-22	All Other (specify...):	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-23	Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 1,815	-
2-24	Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,094	\$ 55,485	-
Other Financing Sources				
2-25	Debt Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-26	Lease Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-27	Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-28	Other (specify...):	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-29	Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ -	\$ -	-
2-30	Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 3,094	\$ 55,485	-
GRAND TOTALS				63,792

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		Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
			Conservation Trust Fund	Fire Department Fund	Fire Pension Fund	Fund*	
Expenditures							
3-1	General Government		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-2	Judicial		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-3	Law Enforcement		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-4	Fire		\$ -	46,428	\$ -	\$ -	
3-5	Highways & Streets		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-6	Solid Waste		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-7	Contributions to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-8	Health		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-9	Culture and Recreation		\$ -	8,230	\$ -	\$ -	
3-10	Transfers to other districts		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-11	Other [specify...]:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-12			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-13			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-14	Capital Outlay		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Debt Service						
3-15	Principal (should match amount in 4-4)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-16	Interest		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-17	Bond Issuance Costs		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-18	Developer Principal Repayments		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-19	Developer Interest Repayments		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-20	All Other [specify...]:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-21			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-22	Add lines 3-1 through 3-21	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,230	\$ 46,428	\$ -	\$ -	GRAND TOTAL
3-23	Interfund Transfers (In)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	54,658
3-24	Interfund Transfers Out		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-25	Other Expenditures (Revenues):		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-26			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-27			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-28			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-29	(Add lines 3-23 through 3-28)	TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3-30	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures						
	Line 2-29, less line 3-22, less line 3-29		\$ (5,136)	\$ 9,057	\$ 5,213	\$ -	
3-31	Fund Balance, January 1 from December 31 prior year report						
			\$ (7,114)	\$ 58,781	\$ 61,924	\$ -	
3-32	Prior Period Adjustment (MUST explain)						
3-33	Fund Balance, December 31		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Sum of Lines 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32		\$ (12,250)	\$ 67,838	\$ 67,137	\$ -	
	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.

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PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

4-1 Does the entity have outstanding debt?

☒

☐

4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, **MUST** explain:

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

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	\$ 244,977	\$ -	\$ 9,506	\$ 235,471
Lease & SBITA** Liabilities (GASB 87 & 96)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 244,977	\$ -	\$ 9,506	\$ 235,471

****Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements**

4-5 Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt [Section 29-1-605(2) C.R.S.]?

☐

☒

How much?

\$ -

4-6 Does the debt was authorized:

☐

☒

4-7 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?

☐

☒

4-8 Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?

☐

☒

What is the amount outstanding?

\$ -

Does the entity have any lease agreements?

☐

☒

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 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

5-1 YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings accounts

	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	\$ 600,720	
	\$ 61,465	
TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS	\$	\$ 662,185

5-2 Certificates of deposit

Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):

5-3

	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ -
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS	\$ 662,185

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.?	☐	☒	☐
5-5 Are the entity's deposits in an eligible (Public Deposit Protection Act) public depository (Section 11-10.5-101, et seq. C.R.S.)? If no, MUST explain:	☒	☐	☐

PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

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, **MUST** explain: YES ☒ NO ☐

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	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000
Buildings	\$ 257,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 257,885
Machinery and equipment	\$ 503,455	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 503,455
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)	\$ (566,005)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (566,005)
Accumulated Depreciation (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ (23,540)	\$ (23,540)	\$ -	\$ (209,335)
TOTAL	\$ 232,875	\$ (23,540)	\$ -	\$ 209,335

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	\$ 101,933	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,933
Buildings	\$ 84,692	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,692
Machinery and equipment	\$ 279,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279,100
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ 2,073,575	\$ 37,105	\$ -	\$ 2,110,680
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intangible Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain): Engineering Fees	\$ 219,775	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219,775
Accumulated Amortization Right to Use Assets (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ (558,713)	\$ (59,180)	\$ -	\$ (617,893)
Accumulated Depreciation (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 2,200,362	\$ (22,075)	\$ -	\$ 2,178,287

* 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

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

The Plan is administered by the Local Pension Board.

- 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.):	\$ 5,000
State contribution amount:	\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 5,000
	\$ 75

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

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

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 appropriated for each fund separately for the year reported

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
See attached schedule.	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 9 - TAX PAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

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.

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

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:

NEW name

PRIOR name

10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district?

10-4 Please indicate what services the entity provides:

(General government services including fire protection, water and sewer)

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:

10-6 Does the entity have a certified mill levy?

If yes:

Please provide the number of mills levied for the year reported (do not enter \$ amounts):

Bond Redemption mills	0.000
General/Other mills	16.092
Total mills	16.092

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:

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Entity Wide:			General Fund			Governmental Funds			Notes		
Unrestricted Cash & Investments	\$		662,185	Unrestricted Fund Balan	\$	88,110	Total Tax Revenue	\$	54,018		
Current Liabilities	\$		166,219	Total Fund Balance	\$	92,510	Revenue Paying Debt Service	\$	-		
Deferred Inflow	\$		23,224	PY Fund Balance	\$	73,214	Total Revenue	\$	90,669		
				Total Revenue	\$	57,089	Total Debt Service Principal	\$	-		
				Total Expenditures	\$	37,793	Total Debt Service Interest	\$	-		
							Total Assets	\$	339,359		
							Total Liabilities	\$	163,863		
Governmental											
Total Cash & Investments	\$			Interfund In	\$	-	Enterprise Funds				
Transfers In	\$		244,964	Interfund Out	\$	-	Net Position	\$	2,286,007		
Transfers Out	\$		-	Proprietary	\$	406,048	PY Net Position	\$	2,316,858		
Property Tax	\$		32,383	- Current Assets	\$	-	Government-Wide				
Debt Service Principal	\$		-	- Deferred Outflow	\$	2,356	Total Outstanding Debt	\$	235,471		
Total Expenditures	\$		70,400	- Current Liabilities	\$	-	- Authorized but Unissued	\$	-		
Total Developer Advances	\$		-	- Deferred Inflow	\$	250,391	Year Authorized	\$	110/1900		
Total Developer Repayments	\$		-	- Cash & Investments	\$	9,506					
				- Principal Expense	\$						

PART 12 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

12-1 If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedures

Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as DocuSign or EchoSign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
- The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards note their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:

- 1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
- 2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
 - a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, or
 - b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or EchoSign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

Below is the certification and approval of the governing body. By signing, each individual member is certifying they are a duly elected or appointed officer of the local government. Governing members may be verified. Also by signing, the individual member certifies that this Application for Exemption from Audit has been prepared consistent with Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., which states that a governmental agency with revenue and expenditures of \$750,000 or less must have an application prepared by an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting, completed to the best of their knowledge and is accurate and true. Use additional pages if needed.

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

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

1	Full Name Carol Nye	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: _____
2	Full Name Ken Salmon	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: _____
3	Full Name John Barber	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: _____
4	Full Name Craig Cook	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: _____
5	Full Name Charles Amen	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	Full Name Adam Krier	I, _____, attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
7	Full Name Garie County	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: _____

TOWN OF MERINO
Water Fund
Debt Service Schedule
December 31, 2023

Payment Date	\$110,000 Note		\$355,000 Note		Totals	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
5/1/2024	\$ 1,771.91	\$ 380.47	\$ 3,016.60	\$ 796.89	\$ 4,788.51	\$ 1,177.36
11/1/2024	1,780.77	371.61	3,031.68	781.81	4,812.45	1,153.42
5/1/2025	1,789.68	362.70	3,046.84	766.65	4,836.52	1,129.35
11/1/2025	1,798.63	353.75	3,062.07	751.42	4,860.70	1,105.17
5/1/2026	1,807.62	344.76	3,077.39	736.10	4,885.01	1,080.86
11/1/2026	1,816.66	335.72	3,092.77	720.72	4,909.43	1,056.44
5/1/2027	1,825.74	326.64	3,108.24	705.25	4,933.98	1,031.89
11/1/2027	1,834.87	317.51	3,123.78	689.71	4,958.65	1,007.22
5/1/2028	1,844.04	308.34	3,139.40	674.09	4,983.44	982.43
11/1/2028	1,853.26	299.12	3,155.09	658.40	5,008.35	957.52
5/1/2029	1,862.53	289.85	3,170.87	642.62	5,033.40	932.47
11/1/2029	1,871.84	280.54	3,186.72	626.77	5,058.56	907.31
5/1/2030	1,881.20	271.18	3,202.66	610.83	5,083.86	882.01
11/1/2030	1,890.61	261.77	3,218.67	594.82	5,109.28	856.59
5/1/2031	1,900.06	252.32	3,234.76	578.73	5,134.82	831.05
11/1/2031	1,909.56	242.82	3,250.94	562.55	5,160.50	805.37
5/1/2032	1,919.11	233.27	3,267.19	546.30	5,186.30	779.57
11/1/2032	1,928.70	223.68	3,283.53	529.96	5,212.23	753.64
5/1/2033	1,938.35	214.03	3,299.95	513.54	5,238.30	727.57
11/1/2033	1,948.04	204.34	3,316.44	497.05	5,264.48	701.39
5/1/2034	1,957.78	194.60	3,333.03	480.46	5,290.81	675.06
11/1/2034	1,967.57	184.81	3,349.69	463.80	5,317.26	648.61
5/1/2035	1,977.41	174.97	3,366.44	447.05	5,343.85	622.02
11/1/2035	1,987.29	165.09	3,383.27	430.22	5,370.56	595.31
5/1/2036	1,997.23	155.15	3,400.19	413.30	5,397.42	568.45
11/1/2036	2,007.22	145.16	3,417.19	396.30	5,424.41	541.46
5/1/2037	2,017.25	135.13	3,434.28	379.21	5,451.53	514.34
11/1/2037	2,027.34	125.04	3,451.45	362.04	5,478.79	487.08
5/1/2038	2,037.48	114.90	3,468.70	344.79	5,506.18	459.69
11/1/2038	2,047.66	104.72	3,486.05	327.44	5,533.71	432.16
5/1/2039	2,057.90	94.48	3,503.48	310.01	5,561.38	404.49
11/1/2039	2,068.19	84.19	3,521.00	292.49	5,589.19	376.68
5/1/2040	2,078.53	73.85	3,538.60	274.89	5,617.13	348.74
11/1/2040	2,088.92	63.46	3,556.29	257.20	5,645.21	320.66
5/1/2041	2,099.37	53.01	3,574.08	239.41	5,673.45	292.42
11/1/2041	2,109.87	42.51	3,591.95	221.54	5,701.82	264.05
5/1/2042	2,120.42	31.96	3,609.91	203.58	5,730.33	235.54
11/1/2042	2,131.02	21.36	3,627.96	185.53	5,758.98	206.89
5/1/2043	2,141.53	10.71	3,646.09	167.40	5,787.62	178.11
11/1/2043	-	-	3,664.33	149.16	3,664.33	149.16
5/1/2044	-	-	3,682.65	130.84	3,682.65	130.84
11/1/2044	-	-	3,701.06	112.43	3,701.06	112.43
5/1/2045	-	-	3,719.57	93.92	3,719.57	93.92
11/1/2045	-	-	3,738.16	75.33	3,738.16	75.33
5/1/2046	-	-	3,756.85	56.64	3,756.85	56.64
11/1/2046	-	-	3,775.64	37.85	3,775.64	37.85
5/1/2047	-	-	3,794.66	18.97	3,794.66	18.97
	<u>\$ 76,093.16</u>	<u>\$ 7,849.52</u>	<u>\$ 159,378.16</u>	<u>\$ 19,856.01</u>	<u>\$ 235,471.32</u>	<u>\$ 27,705.53</u>

See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report

TOWN OF MERINO
Amounts Appropriated by Fund
December 31, 2023

Fund	Appropriated Amount
General Fund	\$ 56,140
Streets Fund	70,713
Water Fund	301,050
Sewer Fund	257,323
Conservation Trust Fund	252
Fire Department Fund	145,218
Fire Pension Fund	62,952
Total	\$ 893,648

See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report.

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 **Town of Merino**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **Town Council** of **Town of Merino** wishes to claim exemption from audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

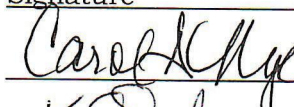
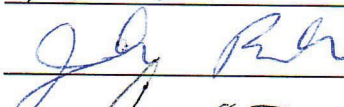
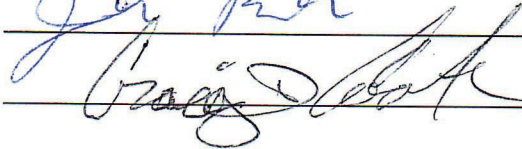
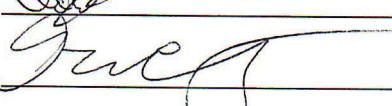
WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for **Town of Merino** exceeded \$750,000 for Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **Town of Merino** has been prepared by **Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.**, an independent accounting firm with knowledge of 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/ordained by the **Town Council** of the **Town of Merino** that the application for exemption from audit for **Town of Merino** for the year ended December 31, 2023, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the **Town Council** of the **Town of Merino**; that those members of the **Town Council** 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 **Town of Merino** for the year ended December 31, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 9th day of September 2024.

<u>Printed Name of Director</u>	<u>Date Term Expires</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Carol Nye	<u>2026</u>	
Ken Salmon	<u>2026</u>	
John Barber	<u>2026</u>	
Craig Cook	<u>2026</u>	
Charles Amen	<u>2026</u>	
Adam Krier	<u>2026</u>	
Garie County	<u>2026</u>	