

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT	Vermilion Creek Metropolitan District
ADDRESS	304 Inverness Way South Suite 490 Englewood, CO 80112
CONTACT PERSON	Diane Wheeler
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For the Year Ended
12/31/24
or fiscal year ended:

PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

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

NAME:	Diane Wheeler
TITLE	District Accountant
FIRM NAME (if applicable)	Simmons & Wheeler, P.C.
ADDRESS	304 Inverness Way South, Suite 490 Englewood, CO 80112
PHONE	303-689-0833

PREPARER <u>(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)</u>	DATE PREPARED <small>(No exemption shall be granted prior to the close of said fiscal year)</small>
<i>Diane S. Wheeler</i>	25/03/25

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PART 2 - REVENUES

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 the nearest dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-1	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in question 10-7)	\$ 17,044	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ 1,811	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ -	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 2,353	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ -	
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Issued during year')	\$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Issued during year')	\$ 62,574	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ -	
2-21	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24		\$ -	
2-25		\$ -	
2-26	(add lines 2-1 through 2-25) TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 83,782	

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

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 the nearest dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	Administrative	\$ 2,018	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 2,671	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 68,399	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
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 to table 4-4, column 'Retired during year')	\$ -	
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Retired during year')	\$ -	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest	\$ -	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan	\$ -	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	
3-23	Other (specify):	\$ -	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26		\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	
3-28	(add lines 3-1 through 3-27) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 73,088	

If TOTAL REVENUES (Line 2-26) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-28) are GREATER than \$100,000 - **STOP**.
You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit - LONG FORM".

PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.		Yes	No
4-1	Does the entity have outstanding debt? <i>(If 'No' is checked, skip to question 4-5)</i> <i>(If 'Yes' is checked, please attach a copy of the entity's debt repayment schedule)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain below: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Developer Advance Note Payable</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain below: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-4	Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: <small>(please only include principal amounts) (enter all amounts as positive numbers)</small>		
	General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -
	Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -
	Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -
	Lease & SBITA** Liabilities [GASB 87 & 96]	\$ -	\$ -
	Developer Advances	\$ 752,060	\$ 814,634
	Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 752,060	\$ 814,634

**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 as of its fiscal year-end? How much? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ 195,000,000.00</div> Date the debt was authorized: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">11/7/2006</div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEW 4-6	Is the authorized but unissued debt further limited by the entity's most recent Service Plan? If yes: How much? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ 15,000,000.00</div> Date of the most recent Service Plan: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">9/27/2006</div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-7	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? If yes: How much? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ -</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-8	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for? If yes: What is the amount outstanding? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ -</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-9	Does the entity have any lease agreements? If yes: What is being leased? <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-left: 10px;"></div> What is the original date of the lease? <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-left: 10px;"></div> Number of years of lease? <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-left: 10px;"></div> Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? <div style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> What are the annual lease payments? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ -</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	\$ 3,269	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS			\$ 3,269
5-3	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	Csafe	\$ 43,014	
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			\$ 43,014
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS			\$ 46,283

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.		Yes	No	N/A
5-4	Are the entity's investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et. seq., C.R.S.?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-5	Are the entity's deposits in an eligible (Public Deposit Protection Act) public depository (Section 11-10.5-101, et seq. C.R.S.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 5 - 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?
<i>(If 'No' is checked, skip the rest of Part 6)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Complete the following capital & right-to-use assets table:	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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization <i>(Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*Must agree to prior year-end balance

^Generally capital asset additions should be reported as capital outlay on line 3-14 and capitalized in accordance with the government's capitalization policy. Please explain any discrepancy

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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If yes: Who administers the plan?

Indicate the contributions from:

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

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

Part 7 - Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments

PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

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

- | | Yes | No | N/A |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8-1 Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for the current year in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.?
If no, MUST explain: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST 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
(Please make sure each individual fund's appropriation agrees to how the budget was adopted.
Do not combine funds)

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	\$33,666.00
Capital Fund	\$10,000,000.00

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)]? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Note: An election to exempt the entity from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the entity from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All entities should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.

Part 9 - If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations

Total expenditures in the general fund exceeded total appropriations, which may be a violation of State budget law, however, it is a

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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If yes: Date of formation:

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|

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

- | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|

10-4 Please indicate what services the entity provides:

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10-5 Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|

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

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10-6 Has the district filed a <i>Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status</i> 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.] | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|

If yes: Date filed:

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10-7 Does the entity have a certified mill levy? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|

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

Bond redemption mills	-
General/other mills	74.817
Total mills	74.817

- | | Yes | No | N/A |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10-8 If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

11-1 If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the Electronic Signature Policy? Yes No

Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signature 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 two 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 or type 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	Board Member's Name:	Adain Birkhead
	I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit.	Signature <u>Adain Birkhead</u> <small>Adain Birkhead (Mar 25, 2025 17:01 MDT)</small>
	My term expires: _____ May 2025 _____	Date <u>25/03/25</u>
Board Member 2	Board Member's Name:	John Fetters Jr
	I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit.	Signature <u>John Fetters Jr</u> <small>John Fetters Jr (Mar 25, 2025 17:03 MDT)</small>
	My term expires: _____ May 2027 _____	Date <u>25/03/25</u>
Board Member 3	Board Member's Name:	Joann Fetters
	I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit.	Signature <u>Joann Fetters</u> <small>Joann Fetters (Mar 25, 2025 16:58 MDT)</small>
	My term expires: _____ May 2027 _____	Date <u>25/03/25</u>
Board Member 4	Board Member's Name:	Gary Birkhead
	I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit.	Signature <u>Gary Birkhead</u> <small>Gary Birkhead (Mar 26, 2025 15:38 MDT)</small>
	My term expires: <u> </u> May 2025 <u> </u>	Date <u>26/03/25</u>
Board Member 5	Board Member's Name:	John Fetters III
	I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit.	Signature <u>John Fetters III</u> <small>John Fetters III (Mar 25, 2025 14:53 MDT)</small>
	My term expires: _____ May 2025 _____	Date <u>25/03/25</u>
Board Member 6	Board Member's Name:	Five member board
	I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit.	Signature _____
	My term expires: _____	Date _____
Board Member 7	Board Member's Name:	Five member board
	I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit.	Signature _____
	My term expires: _____	Date _____












Vermilion Creek 2024

Final Audit Report


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