

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

**NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS**

Marks Butte Groundwater Management District
342 Main Street
Wray, CO 80758

**For the Year Ended
12/31/24
or fiscal year ended:**

**CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL**

Philip A. Mitchell
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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**

Philip A. Mitchell
CPA
Premier Accounting Services, LLC
501 Main Street, Wray, CO 80758
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PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

DATE PREPARED
(No exemption shall be granted prior to the close of said fiscal year)



3/24/2025

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types

GOVERNMENTAL
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)

PROPRIETARY
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)



PART 2 - 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)	\$ 8,753	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ -	
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	\$ 975	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ 8,466	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 2,515	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ 800	
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')	\$ -	
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	\$ 21,509	

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	\$ -	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-2	Salaries	\$ 5,874	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ 449	
3-4	Contract services	\$ 995	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ 885	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 1,400	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 1,886	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 232	
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	Miscellaneous	\$ 2,100	
3-25	Rent	\$ 4,398	
3-26		\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	
3-28	(add lines 3-1 through 3-27) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 18,219	

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain below: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input 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>	Outstanding at end of prior year	Issued during year	Retired during year	Outstanding at year-end
General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lease & SBITA** Liabilities [GASB 87 & 96]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

*Must agree to prior year-end balance

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

	Yes	No
4-5 Does the entity have any authorized but unissued debt as of its fiscal year-end? How much? \$ - Date the debt was authorized: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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? \$ - Date of the most recent Service Plan: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-7 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? If yes: How much? \$ -	<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? \$ -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-9 Does the entity have any lease agreements? If yes: What is being leased? Office & Pickup What is the original date of the lease? 1/1/2024 Number of years of lease? 1 Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? _____ What are the annual lease payments? \$ 4,397.61	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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	\$ 44,533	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ 73,057	
TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS		\$ 117,590
5-3 Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments)	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$ -
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		\$ 117,590

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.

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| | | Yes | No |
| 6-1 | Does the entity have capital assets?
<i>(If 'No' is checked, skip the rest of Part 6)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 checked="" 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	\$ 267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 267
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	\$ 267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 267

*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.

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| | | 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.

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|-----|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 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"/> |

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|-----|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 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: | <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	\$129,547.00

PART 9 - TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box.

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| 9-1 | Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]? | Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No
<input type="checkbox"/> |
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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

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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| 10-1 | Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity? | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> | No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: Date of formation: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/> | | | |
| 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: <input style="width: 250px;" type="text"/> | | | |
| Please list the PRIOR name: <input style="width: 250px;" type="text"/> | | | |
| 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: 500px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | |
| 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: | | | |
| <input style="width: 500px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | | | |
| 10-6 | 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.] | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: Date filed: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/> | | | |
| 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	0.322
Total mills	0.322

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|-------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 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. | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> | No
<input type="checkbox"/> | N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Please use this space to provide any additional explanations or comments not previously included

RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR THE **Marks Butte GWMD**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **Board of Directors** of the **Marks Butte GWMD** 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 five hundred 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 revenue nor expenditures for the **Marks Butte GWMD** exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the **Marks Butte GWMD** has been prepared by **Phillip A. Mitchell**, a person skilled in 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 by the **Board of Directors** of the **Marks Butte GWMD** that the application for exemption from audit for the **Marks Butte GWMD** for the Fiscal Year ended December, 2024, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the **Board of Directors** of the **Marks Butte GWMD**; that those members of the **Board of Directors** 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 **Marks Butte GWMD** for the fiscal year ended December, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 25th day of March, 2025

Printed Name of Director	Date Term Expires	Signature
Brandon Bieseimeier	2028	Not Available
Tim Fetzer	2026	
Vacant	2026	VACANT
David Schram	2028	
Joe Kinnie	2026	