

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

Branson-Trinchera Conservation District
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For the Year Ended
12/31/24
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL

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

Mike Dixon
Accountant
623 Willow St
Trinidad, Colorado 81082

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

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

Mike Dixon

3/17/25

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

GOVERNMENTAL
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)

PROPRIETARY
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)

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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)	\$ 9,705	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ 1,427	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify): SB 22 Reimbursement	\$ 14,982	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ 8,689	
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	\$ 30	
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')	\$ -	
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	\$ 34,833	

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	\$ 5,239	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-2	Salaries	\$ 6,000	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ -	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 525	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 921	
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	Cost share conservation projects	\$ 13,086	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26		\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	
3-28	(add lines 3-1 through 3-27) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 25,771	

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:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-3 Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-4 Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: <i>(please only include principal amounts)</i> <i>(enter all amounts as positive numbers)</i>		
	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 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? 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? \$ -	<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	\$ 55,163	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ 1,176	
TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS		\$ 56,339
5-3 Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$ -
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		\$ 56,339

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.

Yes No

- 6-1 Does the entity have capital assets?
(If 'No' is checked, skip the rest of Part 6) 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	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ 4,952	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,952
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)	\$ (4,952)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,952)
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? 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.):	\$ -
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.? Yes No N/A
- 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: Yes No N/A

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	\$19,083.00

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

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:

- | | | |
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| 10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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If yes: Please list the NEW name:
 Please list the PRIOR name:

- | | | |
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| 10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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10-4 Please indicate what services the entity provides:

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

- | | | |
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| 10-7 Does the entity have a certified mill levy? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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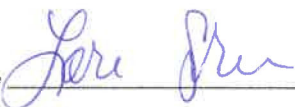
If yes: Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):

Bond redemption mills	-
General/other mills	0.500
Total mills	0.500

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

Please use this space to provide any additional explanations or comments not previously included

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: 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. My term expires: 2027	Dale Yokum  Signature _____ Date March 21, 2025
Board Member 2	Board Member's Name: 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. My term expires: 2025	Dick Louden Signature _____ Date March 21, 2025
Board Member 3	Board Member's Name: 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. My term expires: 2027	Harold Unwin  Signature _____ Date March 21, 2025
Board Member 4	Board Member's Name: 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. My term expires: 2027	Will Ward  Signature _____ Date March 21, 2025
Board Member 5	Board Member's Name: 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. My term expires: 2025	Lori Green  Signature _____ Date March 21, 2025
Board Member 6	Board Member's Name: 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. My term expires: _____	_____ Signature _____ Date _____
Board Member 7	Board Member's Name: 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. My term expires: _____	_____ Signature _____ Date _____