

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

TURKEY CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
200 S SANTA FE AVE, 4TH FLOOR  
PUEBLO, CO 81003-4270

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

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL

JANE RHODES, BOARD PRESIDENT  
719-544-9758  
c.jane.rhodes@gmail.com

### 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

GARY TAFOYA  
BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER  
200 S SANTA FE AVE, 4TH FLOOR | PUEBLO, CO 81003-4270  
719-600-4706

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

DATE PREPARED

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

*Gary Tafoya*

3-11-2025

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

**GOVERNMENTAL**  
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)

**PROPRIETARY**  
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)

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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	<b>Taxes: Property</b> (report mills levied in question 10-7)	\$ -	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	<b>Intergovernmental: Grants</b>	\$ -	
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	\$ 101	
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	Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) Direct Assistance	\$ 6,689	
2-23	Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) Senate Bill 22-195	\$ 2,000	
2-24		\$ -	
2-25		\$ -	
2-26	(add lines 2-1 through 2-25) <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	\$ 8,790	

## 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	<b>Administrative</b>	\$ 131	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations  Resignation loss for weed program to Pueblo County (\$7,450)
3-2	Salaries	\$ 12,973	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ 7,450	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ -	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ -	
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	Org Board Travel Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 1,119	
3-25	Org Dues and Professional Fees	\$ 750	
3-26	Org Informational/Educational Sponsorship	\$ 1,300	
3-27	Org Meetings and Elections	\$ 502	
3-28	(add lines 3-1 through 3-27) <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	\$ 24,225	

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: n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4-3 Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain below: n/a	<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>				
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.

	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: n/a	<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? 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	\$ 16,897	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ 28,919	
<b>TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS</b>		<b>\$ 45,816</b>
5-3 Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 45,816</b>

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

n/a

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>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\*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? n/a

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	\$ -
State contribution amount:	\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -
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.?<br>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	\$8,200.00

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

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

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

**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.

<b>10-1</b>	<b>Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?</b>	Yes	No						
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
If yes:	Date of formation: <input style="width: 250px;" type="text"/>								
<b>10-2</b>	<b>Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
If yes:	Please list the NEW name: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text" value="(some records) Turkey Creek SOIL Conservation Dist"/> Please list the PRIOR name: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text" value="Turkey Creek Conservation District"/>								
<b>10-3</b>	<b>Is the entity a metropolitan district?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
<b>10-4</b>	<b>Please indicate what services the entity provides:</b>								
	<input style="width: 300px;" type="text" value="The Turkey Creek Conservation District works with landowners, educators, and natural resource users to provide guidance and information to promote natural resource conservation."/>								
<b>10-5</b>	<b>Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
If yes:	List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text" value="N0821MOU0011572 3-way MOU US Dept of Ag Natural Resources Conservation Service, Turkey Creek Conservation Dist, &amp; CO Dept of Ag State Conservation Board"/>								
<b>10-6</b>	<b>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.]</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
If yes:	Date filed: <input style="width: 250px;" type="text" value="n/a"/>								
<b>10-7</b>	<b>Does the entity have a certified mill levy?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
If yes:	Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts): <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Bond redemption mills</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">General/other mills</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>Total mills</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">-</td> </tr> </table>	Bond redemption mills	-	General/other mills	-	<b>Total mills</b>	-		
Bond redemption mills	-								
General/other mills	-								
<b>Total mills</b>	-								
<b>10-8</b>	<b>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.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	<input style="width: 350px;" type="text" value="n/a"/>								

**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?

### 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: 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: May 2025	JANE RHODES Signature <u>Jane Rhodes</u> Date <u>3-11-25</u>
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: May 2027	SONNY PROCTOR Signature <u>Sonny Proctor</u> Date <u>3/11/2025</u>
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: May 2027	GARY TAFOYA Signature <u>Gary Tafuya</u> Date <u>3-11-2025</u>
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: May 2025	BETTY HARVEY Signature <u>Betty Harvey</u> Date <u>3-11-2025</u>
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: May 2027	FRANK KRUPKA Signature <u>Frank Krupka</u> Date <u>3/11/2025</u>

**RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT**

(Pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-1-604)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR **2024** FOR THE **TURKEY CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **Board of Supervisors** of the **TURKEY CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT** wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Colorado Revised Statutes § 29-1-603; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 29-1-604 states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed one hundred thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of C.R.S. § 29-1-603; and



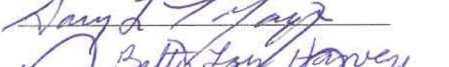
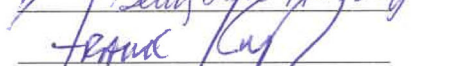
WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for **TURKEY CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT** exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **TURKEY CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT** has been prepared by **GARY TAFOYA**, **Secretary/Treasurer**, 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 Supervisors** of the **TURKEY CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT** that the application for exemption from audit for the **TURKEY CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT** for the Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved in an open public meeting by a majority of the **Board of Supervisors** of the **TURKEY CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT**; that those members of the **Board of Supervisors** have signified their approval by signing below, and that the resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of, the application for exemption from audit of the **TURKEY CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT** for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

<u>Members of Governing Body</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Signature</u>
JANE RHODES, Board President	2025	
SONNY PROCTOR, Board Vice President	2027	
GARY TAFOYA, Secretary/Treasurer	2027	
BETTY HARVEY, Board Supervisor	2025	
FRANK KRUPKA, Board Supervisor	2027	