APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT

CONTACT PERSON

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For the Year Ended 12/31/23 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:

PHONE

EMAIL

TITLE

FIRM NAME (if applicable)

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Accountant for the District CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

8390 East Crescent Parkway, Suite 300, Greenwood Village, CO 80111-2814

PHONE 303-779-5710				
PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)			ATE PREPARED	
SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT		2/5/2024		
Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded	GOVERNI (MODIFIED ACC		PROPRIETARY (CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)	
using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	✓.			

PART 2 - REVENUE

REVENUE: 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#		Des	scription	Round to nearest Dollar		Please use this
2-1	Taxes: Prope	erty	(report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$	76	space to provide
2-2	Speci	fic owners	ship	\$	7	any necessary
2-3	Sales	and use		\$	-	explanations
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			\$	-	
2-14	Charges for utility services	S		\$	-	
2-15	Debt proceeds		(should agree with line 4-4, column 2)		-	
2-16	Lease proceeds			\$	-	
2-17	Developer Advances recei	ved	(should agree with line 4-4)	\$	-	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of cap	ital assets		\$	-	
2-19	Fire and police pension			\$	-	
2-20	Donations			\$	-	
2-21	Other (specify):			\$	-	
2-22				\$	-	
2-23				\$	-	
2-24		(add line	es 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$	83	

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

EXPENDITURES: 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

	interest payments on long-term debt. Financial information will not include fund equity information.				
Line#	Description		Round to nearest Dollar		Please use this
3-1	Administrative		\$	1	space to provide
3-2	Salaries		\$	-	any necessary
3-3	Payroll taxes		\$	-	explanations
3-4	Contract services		\$	-	
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 wit	th Part 4)	\$	-	
3-18	Debt service interest		\$	-	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree with	line 4-4)	\$	-	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest		\$	-	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan (should agree to	line 7-2)	\$	-	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc. (should agree to			-	
3-23	Other (specify):				
3-24	Transfer to District No. 6		\$	82	
3-25			\$	-	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPE	ENSES	\$	83	<u> </u>

If TOTAL REVENUE (Line 2-24) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-26) are GREATER than \$100,000 - <u>STOP</u>. You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit -<u>LONG FORM</u>".

	PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING	G, IS	SUED	, AND RI	ETIRED	
	Please answer the following questions by marking the	appropri	iate boxes.		Yes	No
4-1	Does the entity have outstanding debt?					7
4.0	If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment S					
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no. MUST explain	n belov	w:		1 🗆	 ✓
	N/A - The District has no debt					
4.0] _	
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUS N/A - The District has no debt	I expla	iin below:		1	 ✓
	N/A - The District has no debt					
4.4						
4-4	Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable:	Outst	anding at	Issued during	Retired during	Outstanding at
	(please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive		prior year*	vear	vear	vear-end
	numbers)					
	General obligation bonds	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Revenue bonds	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Notes/Loans	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Lease & SBITA** Liabilities [GASB 87 & 96]	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Developer Advances	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other (specify):	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$	-	\$ -	- \$	-
**Subscrip	tion Based Information Technology Arrangements		agree to prio	r year-end balance		
4.5	Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes				Yes	No
4-5	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt? How much?	•	1 5	00 200 000 00		
If yes:		\$		89,380,000.00		
4.0	Date the debt was authorized:		11/3/2	2015] _	
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar How much?	year?			1	 ✓
If yes:	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is	Φ 4:11 ====	ا ما ما المسام	-] _	
4-7	•	till res	ponsible	ior?	1	✓
If yes: 4-8	What is the amount outstanding? Does the entity have any lease agreements?	Φ			J 🛮	 ✓
If yes:	What is being leased?				1 -	₩.
ii yes.	What is the original date of the lease?				1	
	Number of years of lease?				1	
	Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?				· 🗆	\checkmark
	What are the annual lease payments?	\$		-]	
	Part 4 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/cor	nments	s or attacl	n separate doc	umentation, if	needed

	PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTME	NTS		
	Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.		Amount	Total
5-1	YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings Accounts		\$ -	
5-2	Certificates of deposit		\$ -	
	Total Cash Deposits			\$ -
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):			
			\$ -]
5-3			\$ -	
3-3			- \$	
			- \$	
	Total Investments			\$ -
	Total Cash and Investments			\$ -
	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.		П	v
	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.)?	ш		
If no, Ml	JST use this space to provide any explanations:			

	PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RI		ISE ASSE		
	Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate box	es.		Yes	No
6-1	Does the entity have capital assets?			V	
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: N/A - The District has no capital assets				☑
6-3	Complete the following capital & right-to-use assets table:	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions (Must be included in Part 3)	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 (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-

*must tie to prior year ending balance

Part 6 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach documentation, if needed:

	PART 7 - PENSION INFORMA	TIC	N		
	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?				V
7-2	Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?				7
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	φ.			
	1?	\$	-		
	Part 7 - Please use this space to provide any explanations	s or c	omments		

	PART 8 - BUDGET II	NFORMAT	ION		
	Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxe	s.	Yes	No	N/A
8-1	Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain:	the current year	✓		
8-2	Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain:	e with Section	☑		
If yes:	Please indicate the amount budgeted for each fund for the year	ar reported:			
	Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriati	ons By Fund		
	General Fund	\$	130		

	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)]?			
	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.	☑	Ц	

If no, MUST explain:

	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?		✓
If yes:	Date of formation:]	
10-2	Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?		7
If yes:	Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:		
10.0] _	_
10-3	Is the entity a metropolitan district?	 ✓	
	Please indicate what services the entity provides: See below	1	
10-4	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:	_	_
-	See below]	
10-5	Has the district filed a Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status during		✓
If yes:	Date Filed:		
10-6	Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?	√	
If yes:	Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):		
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		10.055
	Bond Redemption mills General/Other mills		40.000
	Total mills		10.000 50.000
	Yes	No	N/A
	NEW 2023! If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed on or after 7/1/2000, has		
10-7	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.	٦	
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Please use this space to provide any additional explanations or comments not previously included:

10-3: Public improvements incliding street improvements, parks and recreation, water, sanititation, public transportation, mosquito control,trafic and safety control, fire protection, television relay and translation, and security.

10-4: The District is affiliated with Hess Ranch 4-7 to perform the services as described in the Service Plan.

	PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL		
	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box	YES	NO
12-1	If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy?	V	

Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures 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 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.

Board Member 1	Print Board Member's Name Donald Guerra	I Donald Guerra, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed On the Court of the American Science of the American
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name Robert L. Eck, II	I Robert L. Eck, II, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed Robert Eck, II 3/15/2024 My term Expires: May 2027
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name Bradley Lenz	I Bradley Lenz, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed Subject Forces: 3/15/2024 My term Expires: May 2025
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name Matt Childers	I Matt Childers, attest 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: May 2027
Board Member 5	Print Board Member's Name	I
Board Member 6	Print Board Member's Name	I
Board Member 7	Print Board Member's Name	I, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed



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Accountant's Compilation Report

Board of Directors Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 8 Douglas County, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying Application for Exemption from Audit of Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 8 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. 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. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form.

The Application for Exemption from Audit is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

We are not independent with respect to Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 8.

Greenwood Village, Colorado

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February 6, 2024

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