

Douglas County Special Districts  
Annual Report and Disclosure Form

Name of the District	Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 5; The organizational date for this District is December 10, 2013.																		
Report for Calendar Year	2023																		
Management District Office	c/o STERLING RANCH COMMUNITY AUTHORITY BOARD Jessica Towles, Director of Community Experience and Resident Support Address: 9350 Roxborough Park Road, Sterling Ranch, CO 80125 Phone: (720) 470-3356 Email: Jessica.Towles@sterlingranchcab.com																		
Names, terms and officers of the current board of directors	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th><th>Title</th><th>Term Expires</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Harold Smethills</td><td>President/Chair</td><td>May 2027</td></tr> <tr> <td>Diane Smethills</td><td>Vice Chair/Assistant Secretary</td><td>May 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Susan Beckman</td><td>Secretary</td><td>May 2027</td></tr> <tr> <td>C. Richard Shaw III</td><td>Assistant Secretary</td><td>May 2027</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kim Koehn</td><td>Assistant Secretary</td><td>May 2025</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Title	Term Expires	Harold Smethills	President/Chair	May 2027	Diane Smethills	Vice Chair/Assistant Secretary	May 2025	Susan Beckman	Secretary	May 2027	C. Richard Shaw III	Assistant Secretary	May 2027	Kim Koehn	Assistant Secretary	May 2025
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Current approved service plan and any amendments	The District's Service Plan (approved August 27, 2013) was not amended in 2023.																		
Boundary changes	None.																		
Current intergovernmental agreements and amendments	The District is a party to the Second Amended and Restated Community Authority Board Establishment Agreement dated March 18, 2020 and originally effective January 6, 2014. The District is party to the Intergovernmental Agreement Re: Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 7 Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B Operations and Funding Obligations. The District entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 2017 amending its rules and regulations and was provided previously with the 2017 Annual Report. The CAB, of which the District is a member, entered in a number of Intergovernmental Agreements in 2022 with Douglas County concerning various developmental matters.																		
Bylaw, rules and regulations regarding bidding, conflict of interest, contracting and other governance matters	The District currently has no bylaws or rules and regulations regarding governance matters, but the CAB has adopted rules and regulations regarding water and sewer service fees and charges.																		

Litigation involving public improvements	None.
Annual construction schedules for the current year and reconciliation of the capital improvement program for completion of the Improvements in the following two (2) years	No construction by the District took place in 2023, however the Sterling Ranch Community Authority Board (“CAB”), of which the District is a member, undertook significant construction activity since 2021, including the construction or acquisition of water, sewer, street, and park and recreation improvements.
Summary of all current contracts for services related to construction	The District did not enter into any contracts for services related to construction in 2023, but the CAB contracted for significant construction activity in 2023.
List of facilities or improvements constructed by the district that were conveyed or dedicated to the county or municipality	The District did not construct any improvements that were conveyed or dedicated to Douglas County in 2023, however, the CAB, pursuant to various Subdivision Improvement Agreement Intergovernmental Agreements did cause numerous street improvements Sterling Ranch Filings No. 6A, No. 6B and No. 6C were accepted by Douglas County during 2023.
Final assessed valuation of the district as of December 31 of the reporting year	The District’s 2023 Final Assessed Valuation is attached (see <b>Exhibit A</b> ).
Annual Budget	The District’s 2024 Adopted Budget and is attached (see <b>Exhibit A</b> ).
Audited financial statements or application for exemption from audit	The District’s 2023 Audit Exemption is attached (see <b>Exhibit C</b> ).
Notice of any uncured defaults existing for more than 90 days under any debt instrument of the district	None.
Any inability of the district to pay its obligations as they come due under any obligation which continues beyond a 90-day period	None.
Total debt authorized; total debt issued; remaining debt authorized and intended to be issued	The District has \$23,400,000,000 in total debt authorization. The Service Plans for Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan Districts 1-7 (“Districts”) limit the aggregate amount of debt that the Districts and/or the CAB can issue to \$1,800,000,000. No debt has yet been issued by the District. The CAB issued \$21,500,000 in Limited Tax Supported Revenue Senior Bonds and \$2,090,000 in Limited Tax Supported Revenue Subordinate Bonds in 2015 (refunded by the

	<p>2020A and 2020B bond series). In 2016, the CAB issued \$84,000,000 in Taxable Subordinate Limited Revenue Promissory Note, Series 2016, and \$21,000,000 in Taxable Subordinate Limited-Service Fee Revenue Promissory Note, Series 2016. In 2019, the CAB issued \$27,616,932 in Limited Tax Supported District Nos. 1 – 7 Junior Subordinate Series 2019A Bonds. In 2020, the CAB issued \$35,555,000 in Limited Tax Supported District No. 2 Refunding and Improvement Senior Bonds Series 2020A and \$4,445,000 Limited Tax Supported District No. 2 Subordinate Bonds Series 2020B. In 2022, the CAB issued \$99,745,000 in Limited Tax Supported District No. 3 Refunding and Improvement Bonds Series 2022. In 2023 the CAB issued \$12,472,000 of Limited Tax Supported Revenue Subordinate Bonds, Series 2023B. In 2023 the CAB issued Limited Tax Supported District Nos. 1-7 Junior Subordinate Bonds Series 2023A-1 in the amount of \$11,909,056 and Series 2023A-2 \$87,546,425. As of December 31, 2023, CAB has \$1,489,045,587 of debt authorization remaining.</p>
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**EXHIBIT A**  
**2023 Assessed Valuation**

# CERTIFICATION OF VALUATION BY DOUGLAS COUNTY ASSESSOR

Name of Jurisdiction: 4551 - Sterling Ranch Colorado Metro District 5

IN DOUGLAS COUNTY ON 12/22/2023

New Entity: Yes

## USE FOR STATUTORY PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMIT CALCULATIONS (5.5% LIMIT) ONLY

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 39-5-121(2)(a) AND 39-5-128(1), C.R.S. AND NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25, THE ASSESSOR CERTIFIES THE TOTAL VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2023 IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO

1. PREVIOUS YEAR'S NET TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION:	\$0
2. CURRENT YEAR'S GROSS TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION: *	\$0
3. LESS TIF DISTRICT INCREMENT, IF ANY:	\$0
4. CURRENT YEAR'S NET TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION:	\$0
5. NEW CONSTRUCTION: **	\$0
6. INCREASED PRODUCTION OF PRODUCING MINES: #	\$0
7. ANNEXATIONS/INCLUSIONS:	\$0
8. PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT FEDERAL PROPERTY: #	\$0
9. NEW PRIMARY OIL OR GAS PRODUCTION FROM ANY PRODUCING OIL AND GAS LEASEHOLD OR LAND ( 29-1-301(1)(b) C.R.S.): ##	\$0
10. TAXES COLLECTED LAST YEAR ON OMITTED PROPERTY AS OF AUG. 1 (29-1-301(1))(a) C.R.S.):	\$0.00
11. TAXES ABATED AND REFUNDED AS OF AUG. 1 (29-1-301(1)(a) C.R.S.) and (39-10-114(1)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S.):	\$0.00

\* This value reflects personal property exemptions IF enacted by the jurisdiction as authorized by Art. X, Sec.20(8)(b), Colo.

\*\* New construction is defined as: Taxable real property structures and the personal property connected with the structure.

# Jurisdiction must submit respective certifications (Forms DLG 52 AND 52A) to the Division of Local Government in order for the values to be treated as growth in the limit calculation.

## Jurisdiction must apply (Forms DLG 52B) to the Division of Local Government before the value can be treated as growth in the limit calculation.

## USE FOR 'TABOR' LOCAL GROWTH CALCULATIONS ONLY

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, COLO CONST, AND 39-5-121(2)(b), C.R.S. THE ASSESSOR CERTIFIES THE TOTAL ACTUAL VALUATION FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2023 IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO ON AUGUST 25, 2023

1. CURRENT YEAR'S TOTAL ACTUAL VALUE OF ALL REAL PROPERTY: @	\$6
ADDITIONS TO TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY:	
2. CONSTRUCTION OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS: !	\$0
3. ANNEXATIONS/INCLUSIONS:	\$0
4. INCREASED MINING PRODUCTION: %	\$0
5. PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT PROPERTY:	\$0
6. OIL OR GAS PRODUCTION FROM A NEW WELL:	\$0
7. TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY OMITTED FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TAX WARRANT:	\$0

(If land and/or a structure is picked up as omitted property for multiple years, only the most current year's actual value can be reported as omitted property.)

DELETIONS FROM TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY:

8. DESTRUCTION OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS:	\$0
9. DISCONNECTIONS/EXCLUSION:	\$0
10. PREVIOUSLY TAXABLE PROPERTY:	\$0

@ This includes the actual value of all taxable real property plus the actual value of religious, private schools, and charitable real property.

! Construction is defined as newly constructed taxable real property structures.

% Includes production from new mines and increases in production of existing producing mines.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 39-5-128(1), C.R.S. AND NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25, THE ASSESSOR CERTIFIES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS : 1. TOTAL ACTUAL VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY:----->	\$0
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NOTE: All levies must be Certified to the Board of County Commissioners NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2023

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 39-5-128(1.5) C.R.S. THE ASSESSOR PROVIDES: HB21-1312 ASSESSED VALUE OF EXEMPT BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY (ESTIMATED): **	\$0
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\*\* The tax revenue lost due to this exempted value will be reimbursed to the tax entity by the County Treasurer in accordance with 39-3-119 f(3). C.R.S.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**2024 Adopted Budget**

**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 5**

**ANNUAL BUDGET**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 5**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**2024 BUDGET**  
**WITH 2022 ACTUAL AND 2023 ESTIMATED**  
**For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,**

1/27/24

	ACTUAL 2022	ESTIMATED 2023	BUDGET 2024
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES			
Total revenues	-	-	-
Total funds available	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES			
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Total expenditures and transfers out requiring appropriation	-	-	-
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 5**  
**PROPERTY TAX SUMMARY INFORMATION**  
**2024 BUDGET**  
**WITH 2022 ACTUAL AND 2023 ESTIMATED**  
**For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,**

1/27/24

ACTUAL 2022	ESTIMATED 2023	BUDGET 2024
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**ASSESSED VALUATION**

Certified Assessed Value

\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
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**MILL LEVY**

General

0.000	0.000	95.436
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Total mill levy

0.000	0.000	95.436
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**PROPERTY TAXES**

Budgeted property taxes

\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
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**BUDGETED PROPERTY TAXES**

\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
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**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 5**  
**2024 BUDGET**  
**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

**Services Provided**

The District, a quasi-municipal corporation, and a political subdivision of the State of Colorado was organized by order and decree of the District Court on December 10, 2013 and is governed pursuant to provisions of the Colorado Special District Act (Title 32, Article 1, Colorado Revised Statutes). The District's service area is located entirely within Douglas County, Colorado.

The District was established to provide for the design, planning, acquisition, construction, financing, relocation, installation, completion, operation, maintenance, and repair or replacement of public improvements and services, including streets, park and recreation, water, sanitary and storm sewer, public transportation, mosquito control, traffic and safety controls, fire protection, and television relay and translation. Under its Service Plan, the District was organized in conjunction with six other related Districts: Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District Nos. 1 through 4 and 6 through 7. Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 1 serves as a Management District and Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District Nos. 2 through 7 serve as Financing Districts (collectively, the "Districts"). The Districts entered into a Community Authority Board Establishment Agreement (the "CABEA"), on January 6, 2014, which establishes the Sterling Ranch Community Authority Board (the "CAB") and as subsequently amended from time to time. The CAB will own, operate, and maintain certain public improvements within the boundaries of the Districts.

On November 5, 2013, District voters authorized a total indebtedness of \$21,600,000,000 for the above listed facilities, excluding operations and maintenance, intergovernmental agreements, and debt refunding. In the same election, the District voters approved an annual increase in property taxes of \$50,000,000 (without limitation to rate) and an annual increase in fees and charges of \$50,000,000 (without limitation to rate) to pay operations and maintenance and capital costs. The District voters also authorized the District to collect, receive, retain, and spend the full amount of all taxes and all other revenues in excess of TABOR spending, revenue raising or other limitations. On November 4, 2014, the District voters authorized an additional indebtedness of \$1,800,000,000 for a total indebtedness of \$23,400,000,000.

The Service Plans for District Nos. 1 – 7 limit the aggregate amount of debt that they may issue together with any debt issued by the CAB to \$1,800,000,000.

The District currently has no employees, and all administrative functions are performed by the CAB as set forth by the CABEA.

The District prepares its budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the requirements of Colorado Revised Statutes C.R.S. 29-1-105 using its best estimates as of the date of the budget hearing. These estimates are based on expected conditions and its expected course of actions. The assumptions disclosed herein are those that the District believes are significant to the budget. There will usually be differences between the budget and actual results because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected, and those differences may be material.

**Revenues and Expenditures**

The District anticipates no financial activity in 2024.

**Debt and Leases**

The District has no outstanding debt, nor any operating or capital leases.

**This information is an integral part of the accompanying budget.**

**EXHIBIT C**  
**2023 Audit Exemption**

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 5

8390 East Crescent Parkway

Suite 300

Greenwood Village, CO 80111-2814

CONTACT PERSON

Gigi Pangindian

PHONE

303-779-5710

EMAIL

[gigi.pangindian@claconnect.com](mailto:gigi.pangindian@claconnect.com)

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:

Gigi Pangindian

TITLE

Accountant for the District

FIRM NAME (if applicable)

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

ADDRESS

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

PHONE

303-779-5710

**PREPARER** (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

**DATE PREPARED**

SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

3/16/2024

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

**GOVERNMENTAL**  
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)

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**PROPRIETARY**  
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)

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## 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#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-1	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$ -	
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	\$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ -	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ -	
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree with line 4-4, column 2)	\$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -	
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	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ -	

## 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.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	Administrative	\$ -	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
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 with 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 line 7-2)	\$ -	
3-23	Other (specify):	\$ -	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ -	

If TOTAL REVENUE (Line 2-24) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-26) 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? If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																																								
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain below: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">N/A - The District has no outstanding debt.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																																								
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4-4	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">                     Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)                 </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;">Outstanding at end of prior year*</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Issued during year</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Retired during year</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Outstanding at year-end</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>General obligation bonds</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Revenue bonds</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Notes/Loans</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lease &amp; SBITA** Liabilities [GASB 87 &amp; 96]</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Developer Advances</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other (specify):</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> </div>		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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
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\*\*Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements

\*Must agree to prior year-end balance

		Yes	No
4-5	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	How much? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ 23,400,000,000.00</div> Date the debt was authorized: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">11/5/2013 &amp; 11/4/2014</div>		
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	How much? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ -</div>		
4-7	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	What is the amount outstanding? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ -</div>		
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	What is being leased? <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-left: 10px;"></div> What is the original date of the lease? <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-left: 10px;"></div> Number of years of lease? <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-left: 10px;"></div> Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-left: 10px;"></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 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	\$ -	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
	<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		\$ -
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-left: 10px;"></div>	\$ -	
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5-3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-left: 10px;"></div>	\$ -	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-left: 10px;"></div>	\$ -	
	<b>Total Investments</b>		\$ -
	<b>Total Cash and Investments</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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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?

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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:

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N/A - The District does not have any 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)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\*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 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?

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7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?

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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:

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8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, **MUST** explain:

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If yes: Please indicate the amount budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	\$ -

## 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.

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**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?

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If yes: Date of formation:

**10-2** Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?

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

**10-3** Is the entity a metropolitan district?

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Please indicate what services the entity provides:

See below

**10-4** Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?

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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

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If yes: Date Filed:

**10-6** Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?

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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  
Total mills

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Yes

No

N/A

**NEW 2023!** If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed on or 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.

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

10-3: Streets, water, storm, drainage, sanitation, parks and recreation, transportation, mosquito control, television translation and relay, fire protection, safety protection, and covenant enforcement.

10-4: The District operates in conjunction with Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan Districts Nos. 1 to 4, 4A-4D, 6, 7, 7A-7C and Sterling Ranch Community Authority Board (CAB). Districts Nos. 1 to 7, 4A-4D, and 7A-7C are Taxing Districts and CAB is the Operating Authority.



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

### 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.

Print the names of ALL members of current governing body below.		A <u>MAJORITY</u> of the members of the governing body must sign below.
Board Member 1	Print Board Member's Name	I, Diane Smethills, 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 2025
	Diane Smethills	
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name	I, Kim Koehn, 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 2025
	Kim Koehn	
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name	I, Harold R. Smethills, Jr., 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
	Harold R. Smethills, Jr.	
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name	I, Charles Richard Shaw, III, 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
	Charles Richard Shaw, III	
Board Member 5	Print Board Member's Name	I, Susan Beckman, 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
	Susan Beckman	
Board Member 6	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 _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
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 _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____



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## **Accountant's Compilation Report**

Board of Directors  
Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 5  
Douglas County, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying Application for Exemption from Audit of Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 5 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 Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 5.

*CliftonLarsonAllen LLP*

Greenwood Village, Colorado  
March 16, 2024