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Kari Parsons  
El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department  
2880 International Circle, Suite 110  
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Re: The Ranch – Sketch Plan

Dear Ms. Parsons:

This firm represents the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District (“the UBS District”), a formed and operating ground water management district with the powers enumerated in the Colorado Ground Water Management Act, C.R.S. § 37-90-101 *et seq.* The UBS District has reviewed PRI #4, LLC’s (“Applicant’s”) sketch plan application for the Ranch, as well as the materials provided in support of this application. Based upon its understanding of the application and related documentation concerning this project, the UBS District provides the following comments.

*Water and Wastewater Service for the Ranch*

The Ranch is located within the UBS District and, as explained in the Applicant’s letter of intent submitted with its application, will consist of 2,100 residential units on 610 acres located one mile west of Meridian Road and one mile north of Woodmen Road. As noted in the letter of intent, water and wastewater services will be provided to the Ranch by the Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1. However, no water resources report was provided. Regarding wastewater service, wastewater from the Ranch will be intercepted along the development’s southern boundary by Meridian Service Metropolitan District (“Meridian”). Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District has contracted with Meridian to provide wastewater treatment services to the Ranch, through Meridian’s participation in Cherokee Metropolitan District’s (“Cherokee”) wastewater treatment facility.

Cherokee’s treatment facility discharges wastewater within the UBS Basin, and the treated wastewater discharged from Cherokee’s facility is currently noncompliant with the applicable water quality standards set forth in the Water Quality Control Commission’s (“WQCC’s”) Regulation Nos. 41 and 42. Compliance with all applicable site-specific water quality standards is essential to ensure that water quality within the UBS Basin is not unreasonably impaired. Further,

no reuse of the water discharged into the designated basin is allowed without an approved replacement plan.

The UBS District reserves the right to provide additional comments at a later date founded upon information not readily ascertainable from the above-referenced application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "T".

Lisa M. Thompson  
for  
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cc: UBSCGWMD Board of Directors