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**Branding Iron at Sterling Ranch, Filing No. 2, SF-19-018**

**Please accept the following comments from El Paso County Public Health regarding the project referenced above:**

- The proposed 79-lot, 18.9-acre, residential development will be provided water through Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District 1, and wastewater treatment service will be provided by Meridian Service Metropolitan District through an inter-governmental agreement with Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No.1.

**Note: On August 9, 2019, there was a revision to the Water and Wastewater Report for Sterling Ranch. The only modification to the report is a notation in the Executive Summary and Section 4.1 that interim wastewater treatment service will be provided by Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) for a period of up to one year. The primary wastewater service provider remains Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District and permanent wastewater treatment service remains the responsibility of Meridian/Cherokee Metropolitan Districts. The interim CSU agreement is being included in the appendix of the report. El Paso County Public Health agrees with the Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District's intergovernmental agreements with the City of Colorado Springs and Colorado Springs Utilities, which provides temporary service for a period of 1-year.**

- The Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No.1, Nov2017, Addendum to the May 2017, Water Resources and Wastewater Report, provides commitment to serve water to Branding Iron at Sterling Ranch, Filing No. 1. The Commitment to Serve Letter was revised on 25Sep2019.
- A finding for sufficiency in terms of water quality can be made for this Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, approved water system. PWSID # CO0121724 has been assigned by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No.1 water system infrastructure must comply with all the design criteria and water quality standards of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division. A Commitment to Serve water dated 04April2019 from Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District 1 is filed with the submittal.
- The 22Nov2017, (revised 25Sep2019) Letter of Commitment to serve wastewater from Meridian Service Metropolitan to the 79 residential lots at Branding Iron at Sterling Ranch Filing No. 2, was used to

determine sufficient wastewater treatment capacity is provided through an intergovernmental agreement with Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District 1, and per the note under the first bullet point above.

- Radon resistant construction building techniques/practices are encouraged to be used in this area. The EPA has determined that Colorado, and the El Paso County area, have potentially higher radon levels than other areas of the country.
- Earthmoving activity in excess of one acre, but less than twenty-five acres, requires a local Construction Activity Permit from El Paso County Public Health. Go to <https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/service/air-quality/construction-activity-application> for more information.
- El Paso County Public Health encourages planned walkability of residential communities. Please consider appropriate connections to commercial areas using sidewalks, and bike trails. Walk-ability features help reduce obesity and associated heart diseases.
- The storm water detention ponds, if any, to be built as storm water quality protection measures must be maintained to help protect the public health, safety and welfare in the area. Detention ponds that are not properly maintained provide mosquito breeding habitat and may increase the risk of the general public to West Nile Virus.

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