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Re: Sterling Ranch Filing 2 Final Plat for 49 Lots, ROW, and 10 Tracts

Dear Ms. Parsons:

This firm represents the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District (“the District”). Applicant, N.E.S., Inc., on behalf of SR Land LLC, provided materials in support of its application for a Final Plat for its proposed Sterling Ranch subdivision (“Sterling Ranch”). Sterling Ranch will consist of 49 single family lots, 1 tract for future residential lots, 9 tracts for landscaping, public improvements, and other uses. Sterling Ranch is outside the District’s boundaries. The District reviewed Applicant’s application materials and submits the following comments:

Water Export

Sterling Ranch lies outside the District’s boundaries but states in its water supply summary that it will have the “opportunity to connect” with both the Cherokee Metro District and Woodmen Hills Metro District water delivery systems. Because Cherokee and Woodmen Hills obtain their supply primarily from wells within the District, if such a water supply connection occurred in the future it would constitute an export of designated basin water out of the basin and may require export approval pursuant to District Rule 7.

Wastewater Quality

Applicant states that wastewater from Sterling Ranch will be discharged into the Meridian Metropolitan District's treatment facilities. The District has water quality concerns with Applicant's proposed wastewater plan. Meridian discharges its treated effluent into the UBS Basin at two locations, and this effluent becomes subject to all rules and regulations of the Colorado Ground Water Commission and the District as designated groundwater. Currently, Meridian's discharges at the Woodmen Hills wastewater facility does not meet the Water Quality Control Commission's site-specific water quality standards for groundwater discharges. Compliance with all applicable site-specific water quality standards must be required to continue to add additional wastewater discharges and to ensure that water quality within the UBS Basin is not impaired.

The 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, appearing to read "Mirko L. Kruse".

Mirko L. Kruse
for
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cc: UBSCGWMD Board of Directors