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## Sterling Ranch East, Filing No. 3, SF-24-28

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

- The proposed 77-acre, 187-lot residential development will be provided water and wastewater by the Falcon Area Water and Wastewater Authority (FAWWA).
- There is a finding for water quality sufficiency for water obtained from wells within the FAWWA. Water quality sample results reports from 2017 from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Laboratory, Colorado Analytical Laboratory, Hazen Research Inc., with QA/QC provided by Energy Lab, were included in the RESPEC Water Resources Report dated 12October2024 and were reviewed for the sufficiency determination. There is a Commitment to Serve Water letter from FAWWA for this development.
- Wastewater treatment will be provided by FAWWA with interim treatment provided by Colorado Springs Utilities per an extended Interim Service Agreement.
- 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 activities greater than 25 acres require a Construction Activity Permit from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division. Go to: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/general-air-permits">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/general-air-permits</a>
- El Paso County Public Health encourages planned walkability of residential communities. Please consider appropriate connections to commercial areas through the use of sidewalks, and bike trails. Walkability features help reduce obesity and associated heart diseases.
- The water quality basins are encouraged to have mosquito control responsibilities included as a part of the construction design and maintenance plan to help control mosquito breeding habitat and minimize the potential for West Nile Virus.

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