

**STERLING RANCH COLORADO
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
Douglas County, Colorado**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 3

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major funds of Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 3 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major funds of Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 3, as of December 31, 2018 and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other-Matters

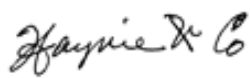
Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 3's financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information section is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



Littleton, Colorado
July 17, 2019

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Property Taxes Receivable	\$ 81,953
Total Assets	81,953
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	-
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Property Taxes	81,953
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	81,953
NET POSITION	
Total Net Position	\$ -

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Property Taxes Receivable	\$ 30,732	\$ 51,221	\$ 81,953
Total Assets	\$ 30,732	\$ 51,221	\$ 81,953
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities	-	-	-
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Property Taxes	30,732	51,221	81,953
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	30,732	51,221	81,953
FUND BALANCES			
Total Fund Balances	-	-	-
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 30,732	\$ 51,221	\$ 81,953

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position
are the same as above.

**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	-	-
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities
are the same as above.

**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 1 DEFINITION OF REPORTING ENTITY

Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 3 (the District), a quasi-municipal corporation and a political subdivision of the state of Colorado, was organized by order and decree of the Douglas County (County) District Court issued on November 25, 2013 and recorded in the County records 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 2 and 4 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 (as amended and restated on June 29, 2015), which establishes the Sterling Ranch Community Authority Board (the CAB). The CAB will own, operate, and maintain certain public improvements within the boundaries of the Districts.

The District follows the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting pronouncements which provide guidance for determining which governmental activities, organizations and functions should be included within the financial reporting entity. GASB pronouncements set forth the financial accountability of a governmental organization's elected governing body as the basic criterion for including a possible component governmental organization in a primary government's legal entity. Financial accountability includes, but is not limited to, appointment of a voting majority of the organization's governing body, ability to impose its will on the organization, a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens, and fiscal dependency.

The District is not financially accountable for any other organization, nor is the District a component unit of any other primary governmental entity.

The District has no employees and all operations and administrative functions are contracted.

STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The more significant accounting policies of the District are described as follows:

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These financial statements include all of the activities of the District. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of net position reports all financial and capital resources of the District. The difference between the sum of assets and deferred outflows and the sum of liabilities and deferred inflows is reported as net position.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct and indirect expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. The major sources of revenue susceptible to accrual are property taxes and specific ownership taxes. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term obligations, are recorded when the liability is incurred or the long-term obligation is due.

STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the District's operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Debt Service Fund accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal, interest and other related costs on long-term debt of the governmental funds.

Budgets

In accordance with the State Budget Law, the District's Board of Directors holds public hearings in the fall each year to approve the budget and appropriate the funds for the ensuing year. The appropriation is at the total fund expenditures and other financing uses level and lapses at year-end. The District's Board of Directors can modify the budget by line item within the total appropriation without notification. The appropriation can only be modified upon completion of notification and publication requirements. The budget includes each fund on its basis of accounting unless otherwise indicated.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by the District's Board of Directors. The levy is based on assessed valuations determined by the County Assessor generally as of January 1 of each year. The levy is normally set by December 15 by certification to the County commissioners to put the tax lien on the individual properties as of January 1 of the following year. The County Treasurer collects the determined taxes during the ensuing calendar year. The taxes are payable by April or, in in equal installments, at the taxpayer's election, in February and June. Delinquent taxpayers are notified in August, and generally, sale of the tax liens on delinquent properties are held in November or December. The County Treasurer remits the taxes collected monthly to the District.

During 2017 tax year, the District levied 33.166 mills for operations and 55.278 mills for debt service (2018 collection year) but did not receive tax revenues as there was no property tax base within the District in 2017.

Equity

Net Position

For government-wide presentation purposes, when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's practice to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Equity (Continued)

Fund Balance

Fund balance for governmental funds should be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which spending can occur. Governmental funds report up to five classifications of fund balance: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. Because circumstances differ among governments, not every government or every governmental fund will present all of these components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – The portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form (such as prepaid amounts or inventory) or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – The portion of fund balance that is constrained to being used for a specific purpose by external parties (such as bondholders), constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – The portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the board of directors. The constraint may be removed or changed only through formal action of the board of directors.

Assigned Fund Balance – The portion of fund balance that is constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but is neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the board of directors to be used for a specific purpose. Constraints imposed on the use of assigned amounts are more easily removed or modified than those imposed on amounts that are classified as committed.

Unassigned Fund Balance – The residual portion of fund balance that does not meet any of the criteria described above.

If more than one classification of fund balance is available for use when an expenditure is incurred, it is the District's practice to use the most restrictive classification first.

NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits with Financial Institutions

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool for all the uninsured public deposits as a group is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust. The market value of the collateral must be at least 102% of the aggregate uninsured deposits.

STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Deposits with Financial Institutions (Continued)

The State Commissioners for banks and financial services are required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

At December 31, 2018, the District had no cash deposits.

Investments

The District has not adopted a formal investment policy; however, the District follows state statutes regarding investments.

The District will generally limit its concentration of investments to those which are believed to have minimal credit risk, minimal interest rate risk and no foreign currency risk. Additionally, the District is not subject to concentration risk or investment custodial risk disclosure requirements for investments that are in the possession of another party.

Colorado revised statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less unless formally approved by the board of directors. Such actions are generally associated with a debt service reserve or sinking fund requirements.

Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments may invest which include:

- . Obligations of the United States, certain U.S. government agency securities, and securities of the World Bank
- . General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- . Certain certificates of participation
- . Certain securities lending agreements
- . Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- . Commercial paper
- . Written repurchase agreements and certain reverse repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- . Certain money market funds
- . Guaranteed investment contracts
- . Local government investment pools

As of December 31, 2018, the District had no investments.

NOTE 4 AUTHORIZED DEBT

On November 5, 2013, the electors for the District authorized the issuance of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$19,800,000,000 for public improvements and refunding. On November 4, 2014, the electors of the District authorized an additional \$1,800,000,000 for security services and improvements.

STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 4 AUTHORIZED DEBT (CONTINUED)

In December 2017, the CAB issued bonds to finance construction of public improvements within the boundaries of the District. Consequently, at December 31, 2018, with the issuance of the CAB's 2017 bonds, the District's authorized but unissued debt is \$21,510,880,000.

The Service Plans for the Districts limit the aggregate amount of debt that they may issue together, including debt issued by the CAB, to \$1,800,000,000.

NOTE 5 AGREEMENTS

Pledge Agreement

The District entered into a Pledge Agreement with the CAB, dated December 1, 2017, under which the District agrees to impose ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property of the District, and to transfer the revenues generated from such mill levy imposition, along with revenues generated from the imposition of specific ownership taxes, to the CAB for payment of the CAB's Limited Tax Supported and Special Revenue Bonds, Series 2017A and Limited Tax Supported Revenue Subordinate Bonds, Series 2017B.

NOTE 6 RELATED PARTIES

Sterling Ranch LLC (SR LLC) and Sterling Ranch Development Company (Developer) are the owners of or hold options to acquire a significant portion of the properties comprising the service areas of the Districts. SR LLC, the Developer, and Hobbs Investments LLC (Hobbs), a single member LLC for which the Developer is the manager and sole member (collectively with SR LLC and the Developer, the SR Entities) have each advanced funds to the CAB. The members of the Board of Directors of the CAB and the Districts hold direct or indirect ownership interests in the SR Entities or are otherwise associated with the SR Entities and may have conflicts of interest in dealing with the CAB and the Districts.

NOTE 7 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or acts of God.

The District is a member of the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool (the Pool). The Pool is an organization created by intergovernmental agreement to provide property, liability, public officials' liability, boiler and machinery, and workers' compensation coverage to its members. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 7 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The District pays annual premiums to the Pool for liability, property and public officials' liability coverage. In the event aggregated losses incurred by the Pool exceed amounts recoverable from reinsurance contracts and funds accumulated by the Pool, the Pool may require additional contributions from the Pool members. Any excess funds which the Pool determines are not needed for purposes of the Pool may be returned to the members pursuant to a distribution formula.

NOTE 8 TAX, SPENDING, AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), contains tax, spending, revenue, and debt limitations which apply to the state of Colorado and all local governments.

Spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's Fiscal Year Spending adjusted for allowable increases based upon inflation and local growth. Fiscal Year Spending is generally defined as expenditures plus reserve increases with certain exceptions. Revenue in excess of the Fiscal Year Spending limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of Fiscal Year Spending (excluding bonded debt service). Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases.

The District's management believes it is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of the provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate Fiscal Year Spending limits, will require judicial interpretation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

OTHER INFORMATION

**STERLING RANCH COLORADO METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3
 SCHEDULE OF ASSESSED VALUATION, MILL LEVY, AND PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED
 DECEMBER 31, 2018**

Year Ended December 31,	Prior Year Assessed Valuation for Current Year Tax Levy	Mills Levied		Total Property Taxes		Percent Collected to Levied
		General	Debt Service	Levied	Collected	
2015	\$ -	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
2016	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
2017	-	75.000	-	-	-	N/A
2018	-	33.166	55.278	-	-	N/A
Estimated for the Year Ending December 31, 2019	\$ 926,610	33.166	55.278	\$ 81,953		