

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

*1180.03*

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3
614 N. Tejon St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Lori VonFeldt
719-447-1777
lori.v@wsdistricts.co

For the Year Ended  
12/31/17  
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL  
FAX

### PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am skilled in governmental accounting and that the information in the application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

NAME:  
TITLE  
FIRM NAME (if applicable)  
ADDRESS  
PHONE  
DATE PREPARED  
(Must be prepared prior to  
Board approval)

Lori VonFeldt
District Manager
Walker Schooler District Managers
614 N. Tejon St.
719-447-1777
3/20/2018

### PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)



Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types

**GOVERNMENTAL**  
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)

**PROPRIETARY**  
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)



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## PART 2 - REVENUE

**REVENUE:** All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section, including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment, and proceeds from debt or lease transactions. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-1	Taxes: Property	\$ 989	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ 144	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ -	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ -	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ -	
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree with line 4-4, column 2)	\$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ -	
2-21	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$ 1,133	

## PART 3 - EXPENDITURES

**EXPENDITURES:** All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section, including the purchase of capital assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	Administrative	\$ -	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 1,133	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ -	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ -	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
3-14	Culture and recreation	\$ -	
3-15	Utility operations	\$ -	
3-16	Capital outlay	\$ -	
3-17	Debt service principal (should agree with Part 4)	\$ -	
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest	\$ -	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc. (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -	
3-23	Other (specify): Treasurer's Fee	\$ 15	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 1,148	

If TOTAL REVENUE (Line 2-24) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-26) are GREATER than \$100,000 - **STOP**. You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit - LONG FORM".

## PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

		Yes	No
4-1	Does the entity have outstanding debt? If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Developer advances will be paid when funds become available.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">N/A</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-4	Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)		
		Outstanding at end of prior year*	Issued during year
		Retired during year	Outstanding at year-end
	General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -
	Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -
	Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -
	Leases	\$ -	\$ -
	Developer Advances	\$ 475	\$ 475
	Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 475</b>	<b>\$ 475</b>

\*must tie to prior year ending balance

		Yes	No
4-5	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	How much? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ 115,000,000.00</div>		
	Date the debt was authorized: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">6/9/2010</div>		
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	How much? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ -</div>		
4-7	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	What is the amount outstanding? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ -</div>		
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	What is being leased? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;"></div>		
	What is the original date of the lease? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;"></div>		
	Number of years of lease? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;"></div>		
	Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	What are the annual lease payments? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">\$ -</div>		
4-9	Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):		
	Bond Redemption		40.00
	General/Other		10.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50.00</b>

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.

		Amount	Total
5-1	YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings Accounts	\$ 2,982	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
	<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 2,982</b>
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	\$ -	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	\$ -	
5-3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	\$ -	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	\$ -	
	<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
	<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>		<b>\$ 2,982</b>

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes

		Yes	No	N/A
5-4	Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et. seq., C.R.S.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5-5	Are the entity's deposits in an eligible (Public Deposit Protection Act) public depository (Section 11-10.5-101, et seq. C.R.S.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations:



## PART 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

- |     |   |                          |                                     |
|-----|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|     |   | Yes                      | No                                  |
| 6-1 | Does the entity have capital assets?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6-2 | Has the entity performed an annual inventory of capital assets in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.,? If no, MUST explain: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

6-3

Complete the following capital assets table:	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions (Must be included in Part 3)	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\*must tie to prior year ending balance

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

- |     |  |                          |                                     |
|-----|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|     |  | Yes                      | No                                  |
| 7-1 | Does the entity have an "old hire" firemen's pension plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7-2 | Does the entity have a volunteer firemen's pension plan?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- If yes: Who administers the plan?

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):		\$ -
State contribution amount:		\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):		\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ -</b>

What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1? \$ -

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

- |     |  |                                     |                          |                          |
|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|     |  | Yes                                 | No                       | N/A                      |
| 8-1 | Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for the current year in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.?<br>If no, MUST explain: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- |     |  |                          |                                     |                          |
|-----|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|     |  | Yes                      | No                                  | N/A                      |
| 8-2 | Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The actual numbers were well below the budgeted amount.

If yes: Please indicate the amount appropriated for each fund for the year reported:


## PART 9 - TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

Yes

No

- 9-1 Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?**



Note: An election to exempt the government from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the government from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All governments should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.

If no, MUST explain:

## PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes

No

- 10-1 Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?**



If yes: **Date of formation:**

- 10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?**



If yes: **Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:**

- 10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district?**



**Please indicate what services the entity provides:**

There are 3 districts for Sterling Ranch and District 2 is the only one in the development stages for now.

- 10-4 Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?**



If yes: **List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:**

- 10-5 Has the district filed a Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status during the year? [Applicable to Title 32 special districts only, pursuant to Sections 32-1-103 (9.3) and 32-1-104 (3), C.R.S.]**



If yes: **Date Filed:**

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

YES

NO

- |      |  |                          |                          |
|------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12-1 | If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|

### Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedure

#### Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as DocuSign or Echosign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
- The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

**The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards note their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:**

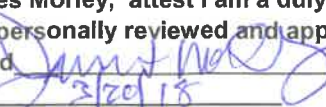
- 1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
- 2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
  - a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, or
  - b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or Echosign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

Print the names of ALL current governing board members below.

A MAJORITY of the governing board members must complete and sign in the column below.

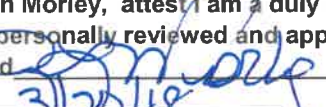
Board Member 1

Print Board Member's Name  
James Morley

I James Morley, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.  
Signed:   
Date: 3/20/18  
My term Expires: May 2018

Board Member 2

Print Board Member's Name  
Robin Morley

I Robin Morley, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.  
Signed:   
Date: 3/20/18  
My term Expires: May 2018

Board Member 3

Print Board Member's Name  
Charles Collins

I Charles Collins, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.  
Signed:   
Date: 3-20-18  
My term Expires: May 2018

Board Member 4

Print Board Member's Name  
Vacant Seat

I \_\_\_\_\_, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
My term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member 5

Print Board Member's Name  
Vacant Seat

I \_\_\_\_\_, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
My term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member 6

Print Board Member's Name

I \_\_\_\_\_, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
My term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member 7

Print Board Member's Name

I \_\_\_\_\_, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
My term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Signatures  
Verified by  
Justin L. Smith  


or appointed board application for

**RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT**

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.)

**A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 FOR STERLING RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1 AND 3.**

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors for Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District Nos. 1 and 3 (each a "District" and collectively the "Districts") desires to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., provides that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed \$500,000 may, with approval of the state auditor, be exempt from the provisions of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, neither District revenues nor expenditures exceeded \$100,000 for fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the District has been prepared by a person skilled in government accounting; and

WHEREAS, the application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulations issued by the state auditor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Boards of Directors of each District that the application for exemption from audit for each District for fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of each Board of Directors; that those members of each Board of Directors has signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of each application for exemption from audit for each District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.

**STERLING RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
NOS. 1 AND 3**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer of the Districts

ATTEST:



  
\_\_\_\_\_

For Each District:

Members of the Boards of Directors    Date Term Expires

James Morley	May 2018
Robin Morley	May 2018
Charles Collins	May 2018
Vacant	May 2016
Vacant	May 2016

Signature

  
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