APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT	**Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 5**	For the Year Ended 12/31/22 or fiscal year ended:
ADDRESS	**8390 E Crescent Parkway**	
	Suite 300	
	Greenwood Village, CO 80111	
CONTACT PERSON	**Gigi Pangindian**	
PHONE	**303-779-5710**	
EMAIL	Gigi.Pangindian@claconnect.com	

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:	**Gigi Pangindian**
TITLE	**Accountant for the District**
FIRM NAME (if applicable)	**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**
ADDRESS	**8390 E Crescent Parkway, Suite 300, Greenwood Village, CO 80111**
PHONE	**303-779-5710**
DATE PREPARED	**3/10/2023**

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

See attached accountant's compilation report.

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	GOVERNMENTAL (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)	PROPRIETARY (CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)
	☑	☐

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	(report mills levied in Question 10-6)	$ -	
2-2		Specific ownership		$ -	
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)		TOTAL REVENUE	$ -	

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

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		$ -	
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	Capital outlay		$ -	
3-15	Utility operations		$ -	
3-16	Culture and recreation		$ -	
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):			
3-24			$ -	
3-25			$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24)	TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	$ -	

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.	☐	☑
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain: N/A	☐	☑
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain: The District has no outstanding debt.	☐	☑

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	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Lease Liabilities	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Developer Advances	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other (specify):	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

*must tie to prior year ending balance

	Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.		Yes	No
4-5	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?		☑	☐
If yes	How much?	$ 23,400,000,000.00		
	Date the debt was authorized:	11/5/2013 & 11/4/2014		
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?		☐	☑
If yes	How much?	$ -		
4-7	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?		☐	☑
If yes:	What is the amount outstanding?	$ -		
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements?		☐	☑
If yes	What is being leased?			
	What is the original date of the lease?			
	Number of years of lease?			
	Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?		☐	☐
	What are the annual lease payments?	$ -		

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	$ -	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	$ -	
	Total Cash Deposits		$ -
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
5-3		$ -	
		$ -	
		$ -	
		$ -	
	Total Investments		$ -
	Total Cash and Investments		$ -

	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.?	☐	☐	☑
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.)?	☐	☐	☑

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

PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

	Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.	Yes	No
6-1	Does the entity have capital assets?	☐	☑
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:	☐	☑

The District does not have capital assets

6-3

Complete the following capital & right-to-use 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	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Infrastructure	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Leased Right-to-Use Assets	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other (explain):	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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" firefighters' pension plan?	☐	☑
7-2	Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?	☐	☑

If yes Who administers the plan?

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	$ -
State contribution amount:	$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	$ -
TOTAL	$ -
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.?	☑	☐	☐
8-2	Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain:	☑	☐	☐

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

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	$ -

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: See below.		
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: See below.		
10-5	Has the district filed a *Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status* during	☐	☑
If yes	Date Filed:		
10-6	Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?	☐	☑
If yes	Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report $ amounts):		

Bond Redemption mills	-
General/Other mills	-
Total mills	-

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

10-3: Streets, water, storm drainage, sanitation, parks and recreation, transportation, mosquito control, television translation and relay, fire protection, safety protection, and covenant enforcement.
10-4:The District operates in conjunction with Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan Districts Nos. 1 to 4, 4A-4D, 6, 7, 7A-7C and Sterling Ranch Community Authority Board (CAB). Districts Nos. 1 to 7, 4A-4D, and 7A-7C are Taxing Districts and CAB is the Operating Authority.

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?	☑	☐

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 members of current governing body below.	A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must complete and sign in the column below.
Board Member 1	Print Board Member's Name Harold Smethills, Jr.	I, Harold Smethills, Jr., 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 Harold R Smethills Date: 3/22/2023 My term Expires: May, 2023
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name Diane Smethills	I, Diane Smethills, 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 Diane Smethills Date: March 22, 2023 My term Expires: May, 2025
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name Kim Koehn	I, Kim Koehn, 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: May, 2025
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name Charles Richard Shaw III	I, Charles Richard Shaw III, 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 CRS Shaw Date: 3-22-23 My term Expires: May, 2023
Board Member 5	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 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:_____

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Accountant's Compilation Report

Board of Directors
Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 5
Douglas County, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying Application for Exemption from Audit of Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 5 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, included in the accompanying prescribed form. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form.

The Application for Exemption from Audit is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

We are not independent with respect to Sterling Ranch Colorado Metropolitan District No. 5.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Greenwood Village, Colorado
March 10, 2023

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