BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STERLING HILLS WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE STERLING HILLS WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sterling Hills West Metropolitan District, Arapahoe County, Colorado, held at 6:30 P.M., on Thursday, June 13, 2024, via video conference at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86080051244?pwd=2Y8J1YiZeh0QTKXQIFL5U7rbq5RCKz.1 and via telephone conference at Dial-In: 1-719-359-4580, Meeting ID: 860 8005 1244, Passcode: 905556, at which a quorum was present, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Sterling Hills West Metropolitan District (the "District") is a special district organized and existing pursuant to Sections 32-1-101 et seq., C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District (collectively referred to as the "Board" or individually as "Director(s)") has a duty to perform certain obligations in order to assure the efficient operation of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-1001(1)(m), C.R.S., the District's Board is authorized to adopt, amend, and enforce bylaws and rules and regulations not in conflict with the constitution and the laws of the State for carrying on the business, objects, and affairs of the Board and the District; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act ("CADA"), as set forth in Title 34, Article 34, Parts 3 through 8 of the Colorado Revised Statutes provides that it is unlawful to discriminate against an individual with a disability as that term is defined in Section 24-34-301(7), C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado legislature, through House Bill 21-1110 and subsequently amended by Senate Bill 23-244 (the "Technology Accessibility Bills"), amended CADA to include certain provisions regarding website accessibility for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Technology Accessibility Bills, require the Colorado Office of Information Technology (the "OIT") to establish rules regarding information technology systems accessibility standards for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2024, the OIT adopted the Rules Establishing Technology Accessibility Standards as contained in 8 CCR § 1501-11, et seq., (the "Accessibility Rules") requiring all public entities and state agencies, as such terms are defined in the Accessibility Rules, to comply with the Accessibility Rules; and

WHEREAS, 8 CCR § 1501-11.4 specifically defines the term public entity to include special districts; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the Accessibility Rules requires the District to adopt and publicly post in a conspicuous place a Technology Accessibility Statement, as such term is defined in the Accessibility Rules, by July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Standards is defined in the Accessibility Rules at Section 11.5(a) as Web Content Accessibility Guidelines ("WCAG") 2.1 Level AA; and

WHEREAS, the Accessibility Rules requires the District to ensure applicable information and communication technology (the "ICT"), as such term is defined in the Accessibility Rules, is compliant with the Technical Standards by July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt and implement by July 1, 2024, the Technical Standards, and required Technology Accessibility Statement; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF STERLING HILLS WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT HEREBY ADOPTS THE STERLING HILLS WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS:

- 1. Accessibility Rules. The District recognizes the adoption of the Accessibility Rules, as contained within 8 CCR § 1501-11, *et seq.*, and shall endeavor to comply with the applicable requirements contained therein.
- 2. <u>Technology Accessibility Statement</u>. The District adopts the Technology Accessibility Statement attached hereto in Exhibit A (the "Statement") in accordance with Section 11.6 of the Accessibility Rules. The Statement shall be posted publicly in a conspicuous location on the District's website. The District directs the District Manager to take the actions necessary to facilitate the conspicuous public posting of the Statement on the District's website as soon as possible but not later than July 1, 2024.
- 3. Actions to Effectuate Resolution. Management and legal counsel for the District are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate this Resolution and the imposition of the Technology Accessibility Statement and Technical Standards contemplated hereunder. All actions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the members of the Board of Directors and/or management or legal counsel for the District and the officers, agents and employees of the District and directed toward effectuating the purposes stated herein are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
- 4. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution Adopting the Sterling Hills West Metropolitan District Technology Accessibility Statement and Technical Standards shall take effect on the date and at the time of its adoption.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 13TH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

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By: Juliet Uhlott
Its: President

STERLING HILLS WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Sterling Hills West Metropolitan District (the "District") is committed to providing equitable access to our services, programs, and activities to all members of the public. The District's ongoing accessibility efforts work toward being compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) version 2.1, level AA criteria. The District welcomes comments on how to improve its technology's accessibility for users with disabilities as well as requests for reasonable modifications and/or accommodation to any District services, programs, and/or activities.

Please let us know if you encounter inaccessible information and communication technology. The District is committed to responding to requests for reasonable modifications and/or accommodation as well as reports of accessibility issues in a timely manner.

For reports of inaccessible information and communication technology or to request reasonable modifications or accommodations to District information and communication technology, please contact the District at:

Website - "Contact Us" Form: https://www.shwmd.org/contact-us

E-mail: manager@shwmd.org