



STIRLING RANCH – BOARD UPDATE

May 15, 2026

Dear Stirling Ranch homeowners,

If you are here on the ranch, you have noticed that Aspen Digger has been doing our annual grading, rolling and dust control this week. The HOA Board elected to use Earthbind rather than MagChloride again this year. Most of the feedback we received last year was positive regarding Earthbind. Once it cured, it had a longer lasting effect on binding and dust control. On the flatter sections and less used sections, it required less grading this year, which helped keep rising costs down. Also, last year, Earthbind was more expensive than MagChloride but this year it was less expensive.

A few reminders on Earthbind:

1. Even though it looks like oil when first applied, it is not. It does not stick to shoes, tires or dogs' paws. It creates a bonded surface layer with a flexible crust that works to "glue" particles together.
2. The color will be mellow as it cures to a grey brown.
3. It is much less corrosive than MagChloride and less harmful to the surrounding areas, particularly by not leeching salt into adjacent areas.
4. EarthBind is better for arid climates. MagChloride is not recommended for use in arid conditions since it works better with moderate humidity, damp nights and more frequent moisture refresh. It works by keeping the roads more damp under those conditions. In arid areas it tends to lose effectiveness more quickly and needs more repeated applications.

As a final note, keep in mind that no dust control will hold up well on steeper sections and higher use sections or with cars and loaded trucks going at higher speeds.

Thank you,

Stirling Ranch HOA Board



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