OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE, OFFICIAL BID FORM AND PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

(A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas Located primarily Bexar County, Texas)

\$4,200,000* UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 (THE "BONDS")

To be Designated by the District as "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS"

Bids due
Thursday, January 14, 2021
at
11:00 A.M. Central Time

^{*}Preliminary, subject to change. See "THE BONDS – Adjustment of Principal Amount and Maturity Schedule for the Bonds" in the Official Notice of Sale.



This Official Notice of Sale does not alone constitute an invitation for bids but is merely notice of sale of the Bonds defined and described herein. The invitation for bids on the Bonds is being made by means of this Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement.

The Issuer will designate the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for financial institutions.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

\$4,200,000* EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Bexar County, Texas) UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021

BONDS OFFERED FOR SALE AT COMPETITIVE BID: The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the East Central Special Utility District (the "District" or the "Issuer") is offering for sale at competitive bid it's \$4,200,000* Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds").

<u>BIDS BY INTERNET:</u> Interested bidders may, at their option and risk, submit their bid by electronic media, as described below, by 11:00 A.M., Central Time, on January 14, 2021. Bidders submitting a bid by internet shall not be required to submit signed Official Bid Forms prior to the award. Any prospective bidder that intends to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid via the facilities of the i-Deal, LLC Parity System ("PARITY") and should, as a courtesy, register with PARITY by 9:00 A.M., Central Time, on January 14, 2021 indicating their intent to submit a bid by internet.

In the event of a malfunction in the electronic bidding process, bidders may submit their bids by email to mmcliney@samcocapital.com. If there is a malfunction of the electronic bidding process and a bidder submits a bid via email, please call 210-832-9760 to notify the Financial Advisor (defined below) of the incoming bid. Any bid received after the scheduled time for their receipt will not be accepted.

The official time for the receipt of bids shall be the time maintained by PARITY. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Official Notice of Sale, Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement. To the extent that any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this Official Notice of Sale, the terms of this Official Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about the PARITY System, potential bidders may contact PARITY, c/o Ipreo Holdings LLC, 1359 Broadway, New York, New York 10018, 212-849-5021.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of PARITY shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Official Notice of Sale, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed sealed bid delivered to the District. The District shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of PARITY, the use of such facilities being at the sole risk of the prospective bidder.

<u>OPENING OF BIDS:</u> Bids will be opened and publicly read at 11:00 A.M. Central Time, on Thursday, January 14, 2021, following which the bids will be evaluated by SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. (the "Financial Advisor") and the Board shall provide final approval of the award at a Board of Directors meeting later that evening. A District representative shall award the Bonds as described in the section entitled "AWARD AND SALE OF THE BONDS" below.

AWARD AND SALE OF THE BONDS: By 12:00 P.M. (noon) Central Time, on the date set for receipt of bids, a District representative shall award the Bonds to the low qualified bidder (the "Winning Bidder"), as described in the section entitled "CONDITIONS OF SALE – Basis of Award" herein subject to final approval of the Board which will take action to adopt an Order (the "Order") authorizing the issuance and awarding sale of the Bonds or will reject all bids promptly at a scheduled meeting to commence at 6:00 P.M. Central Time on Thursday, January 14, 2021. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities, except time of filing.

^{*}Preliminary, subject to change based on bid structures. See "THE BONDS – Adjustment of Principal Amount and Maturity Schedule for the Bonds" herein.

THE BONDS

DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN TERMS OF THE BONDS: The Bonds will be dated February 1, 2021 (the "Dated Date") with interest to accrue from the Dated Date and be payable initially on August 1, 2021, and semiannually on each February 1 and August 1 thereafter until the earlier of stated maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered Bonds in book-entry form only and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). Book-entry interests in the Bonds will be made available for purchase in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers of the Bonds ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of Bonds representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by UMB Bank, N.A., Austin, Texas, as Paying Agent/Registrar, to the Securities Depository, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" in the Official Statement.) The Bonds will be stated to mature on February 1 in each of the following years in the following amounts:

MATURITY SCHEDULE (Due February 1)

Stated Maturity	Principal Amount*	Stated Maturity	Principal Amount*
2022	\$140,000	2032	\$210,000
2023	145,000	2033	215,000
2024	150,000	2034	225,000
2025	160,000	2035	235,000
2026	165,000	2036	245,000
2027	170,000	2037	255,000
2028	180,000	2038	265,000
2029	185,000	2039	275,000
2030	195,000	2040	285,000
2031	200,000	2041	300,000

ADJUSTMENT OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AND MATURITY SCHEDULE FOR THE BONDS: The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal (maturity) amount of any maturity of the Bonds, including the elimination of a maturity or maturities; provided, however, that the aggregate principal (denominational) amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$4,200,000*. Notice of any such changes shall be given to the successful bidder as soon as practicable following the notification of award, as described below, and this Notice of Sale may be amended at the sole discretion of the District to reflect such increase or decrease. The District will attempt to maintain total per bond underwriting spread when adjusting maturities. No such adjustment will have the effect of altering the basis upon which the best bid is determined. The successful bidder may not withdraw its bids or change the rates bid or any initial reoffering prices as a result of any changes made to the principal (denominational) amounts.

<u>SERIAL BONDS AND/OR TERM BONDS:</u> Bidders may provide that all of the Bonds be issued as serial maturities or may provide that any two or more consecutive annual principal amounts be combined into one or more term bonds, not to exceed three term bonds (the "Term Bonds").

MANDATORY SINKING FUND REDEMPTION: If the Winning Bidder designates principal amounts to be combined into one or more Term Bonds, each such Term Bond will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption commencing on February 1 of the first year which has been combined to form such Term Bond and continuing on February 1 in each year thereafter until the stated maturity date of that Term Bond. The amount redeemed in any year will be equal to the principal amount for such year set forth in the table above under the caption "MATURITY SCHEDULE". Bonds to be redeemed in any year by mandatory sinking fund redemption will be redeemed at par and will be selected by lot from among the Bonds then subject to redemption. The District, at its option, may credit against any mandatory sinking fund redemption requirement Term Bonds of the maturity then subject to redemption which have been purchased and canceled by the District or have been optionally redeemed and not theretofore applied as a credit against any mandatory sinking fund redemption requirement.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION: The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem the Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2032, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 1, 2031, or any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption as further described in the Official Statement.

<u>SECURITY FOR PAYMENT:</u> The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the "State"), including Chapters 49 and 65, as amended, Texas Water Code, and an Order (the "Order") to be adopted by the Board on January 14, 2021, the date of sale of the Bonds. The Bonds are special obligations of the District payable solely from and, together with certain Previously Issued Parity Bonds, secured by and payable from a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues to secure the payment of the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Security for Payment" in the Preliminary Official Statement.)

<u>OTHER TERMS AND COVENANTS:</u> Other terms of the Order and the various covenants of the District contained in the Order are described in the Official Statement, to which reference is made for all purposes.

^{*}Preliminary, subject to change

SUCCESSOR PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR: The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is UMB Bank, N.A., Austin, Texas. In the Order, the District covenants to provide a Paying Agent/Registrar at all times while the Bonds are outstanding, and any Paying Agent/Registrar selected by the District shall be a commercial bank or trust company organized under the laws of the United States and any state and duly qualified and legally authorized to serve and perform the duties of the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds. The Paying Agent/Registrar will maintain the Security Register containing the names and addresses of the registered owners of the Bonds.

In the Order, the District retains the right to replace the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced by the District, the new Paying Agent/Registrar shall accept the previous Paying Agent/Registrar's records and act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent/Registrar, selected at the sole discretion of the District, shall be qualified as described in the Preliminary Official Statement. Upon a change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds, the District agrees to promptly cause written notice thereof to be sent to each registered owner of the Bonds by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

TYPES OF BIDS AND INTEREST RATES: The Bonds will be sold in one block on an "All or None" basis, and at a price of not less than their par value, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from the Dated Date of the Bonds to the date of Initial Delivery (defined herein) of the Bonds. No bid producing a cash premium on the Bonds that results in a dollar price not less than 99% of their par value will be considered; provided, however, that any bid is subject to adjustment as described under the caption "THE BONDS - ADJUSTMENT OF INITIAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS". Bidders are invited to name the rate(s) of interest to be borne by the Bonds, provided that each rate bid must be in a multiple of 1/8 of 1% or 1/20 of 1% and the net effective interest for the Bonds (calculated in the manner required by Chapter 1204, as amended, Texas Government Code) must not exceed 15%. The highest rate bid may not exceed the lowest rate bid by more than 300 basis points (or 3% in rate). No limitation is imposed upon bidders as to the number of rates or changes which may be used. All Bonds of one stated maturity must bear one and the same rate. No bids involving supplemental interest rates will be considered.

BASIS OF AWARD: The sale of the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder making a bid that conforms to the specifications herein (the "Winning Bidder" or "Purchaser") and which produces the lowest Net Effective Interest Cost (defined herein) rate to the District. The "Net Effective Interest Cost" rate is that rate which, when used to compute the total present value as of the Dated Date of all debt service payments on the Bonds on the basis of semi-annual compounding, produces an amount equal to the sum of the par value of the Bonds plus the premium bid, (but not interest accrued from the Dated Date to the date of their initial delivery to the Purchaser). In the event of a bidder's error in interest cost rate calculations, the interest rates, and premium, set forth in the Official Bid Form will be considered as the intended bid.

In order to provide the District with information required to enable it to comply with certain conditions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date of initial delivery of the Bonds (the "Code"), relating to the excludability of interest on the Bonds from the gross income of their owners, the Purchaser will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the District (on or before the date of initial delivery of the Bonds) a certification as to their initial offering prices of the Bonds (the "Issue Price Certificate") substantially in the form and to the effect attached hereto or accompanying this Official Notice of Sale. (See "CONDITIONS OF SALE - ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE" herein.)

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE:

- (a) The Winning Bidder shall assist the District in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the District by the Delivery Date an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, such issue price certificate substantially in the form attached hereto, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the Winning Bidder, the District, and Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, the District's Bond Counsel (but not to the extent that would preclude the establishment of issue price of the Bonds under applicable federal regulations). All actions to be taken by the District under this Official Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the District by the District's Financial Advisor and any notice or report to be provided to the District may be provided to the District's Financial Advisor.
- (b) The District intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:
 - (1) the District shall disseminate this Official Notice of Sale to potential underwriters (defined below) in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
 - (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
 - (3) the District may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
 - (4) the District anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Official Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Official Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

- (c) In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the District shall so advise the Winning Bidder. In such event, the District intends to treat the initial offering price to the public (defined below) as of the sale date (defined below) of each maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"). The District shall promptly advise the Winning Bidder, at or before the time of award of the Bonds, if the competitive sale requirements were not satisfied, in which case the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply to the Bonds. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied and the hold-the-offering-price rule applies. In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, resulting in the application of the hold-the-price rule, the issue price certificate shall be modified as necessary in the reasonable judgment of Bond Counsel and the District.
- (d) By submitting a bid, the Winning Bidder shall (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the "initial offering price"), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the bid submitted by the Winning Bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule applies to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:
 - (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or
 - (2) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The Winning Bidder will advise the District promptly after the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date whether it has sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

- (e) The District acknowledges that, in making the representations set forth above, the Winning Bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter or dealer who is a member of the selling group is a party to a retail or other third-party distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in the third-party distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The District further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a retail or other third-party distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Bonds.
- (f) By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail or other third-party distribution agreement, as applicable, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the Winning Bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, (ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter or dealer that is a party to a retail or other third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the Winning Bidder or the underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.
- (g) Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party (defined below) to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Official Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this section of the Official Notice of Sale entitled "ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE":
 - (1) "public" means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,
 - "underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail or other third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),

- (3) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a "related party" to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and
- (4) "sale date" means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the District to the Winning Bidder.

<u>ADJUSTMENT OF INITIAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS:</u> See "THE BONDS – Adjustment of Principal Amounts and Maturity Schedule for the Bonds" for a description of the District's reservation of the right to increase or decrease the principal (maturity) amount of any maturity of the Bonds, including the elimination of a maturity or maturities.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT: A bank cashier's check payable to the order of "East Central Special Utility District" in the amount of \$84,000, which is 2% of the par value of the Bonds (the "Good Faith Deposit"), is required. The Good Faith Deposit will be retained uncashed by the District until the Bonds are delivered, and at that time it will be returned to the Purchaser uncashed on the date of delivery of the Bonds; however, should the Purchaser fail or refuse to take up and pay for the Bonds, said Good Faith Deposit is to be cashed by the District and the proceeds accepted as full and complete liquidated damages. The above mentioned Good Faith Deposit may accompany the bid, or it may be submitted separately; however, if submitted separately, it shall be made available to the District prior to the opening of the bids and shall be accompanied by instructions from the bank on which it is drawn which will authorize its use as a Good Faith Deposit by the Purchaser who shall be named in such instructions. No interest will be paid or allowed on any Good Faith Deposit. The checks accompanying all other bids will be returned immediately after the bids are opened and the award of the sale of the Bonds has been made.

ADDITIONAL CONDITION OF AWARD — DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTY FORM:

It is the obligation of the District to receive information from Winning Bidder if bidder is not a publicly traded business entity (a "Privately Held Bidder"). Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2252.908 (the "Interested Party Disclosure Act"), the District may not award the Bonds to a Winning Bidder which is a Privately Held Bidder unless such party submits a Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 (the "Disclosure Form") to the District as prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission ("TEC"). In the event that a Privately Held Bidder's bid for the Bonds is the best bid received, the District, acting through its financial advisor, will promptly notify the winning Privately Held Bidder. That notification will serve as the District's conditional verbal acceptance of the bid, and will obligate the winning Privately Held Bidder to establish (unless such winning Privately Held Bidder has previously so established) an account with the TEC, and promptly file a completed Disclosure Form, as described below, in order to allow the District to complete the award.

Process for completing the Disclosure Form. For purposes of illustration, the Disclosure Form is attached hereto, and reference should be made to such form for the following information needed to complete it: (a) item 2 - name of the governmental entity (East Central Special Utility District) and (b) item 3 - the identification number assigned to this contract by the District (ECSUD US Rev Bond – Bid Form) and description of the goods or services (Purchase of the East Central Special Utility District Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021). The Interested Party Disclosure Act and the rules adopted by the TEC with respect thereto (the "Disclosure Rules") require a non-publicly traded business entity contracting with the City to complete the Disclosure Form electronically at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295, print, sign, and deliver, in physical form, the certified Disclosure Form that is generated by the TEC's "electronic portal" to the District. The executed Disclosure Form must be sent by email to the District's financial advisor at mmcliney@samcocapital.com, as soon as possible following the notification of conditional verbal acceptance and prior to the final written award. Upon receipt of the final written award, the Disclosure Form with original signatures must be submitted by mail to Jeff Kuhn, c/o Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, 111 West Houston Street, Suite 1800, San Antonio, Texas 78205, along with a PDF executed version sent to arnold.cantu@nortonrosefulbright.com.

<u>Preparations for completion, and the significance of, the reported information.</u> In accordance with the Interested Party Disclosure Act, the information reported by the winning Privately Held Bidder must be declared by an authorized agent of the Privately Held Winning Bidder. No exceptions may be made to that requirement. The Interested Party Disclosure Act and the Disclosure Form provides that such acknowledgment is made "under penalty of perjury." Consequently, a winning Privately Held Bidder should take appropriate steps prior to completion of the Disclosure Form to familiarize itself with the Interested Party Disclosure Act, the Disclosure Rules and the Disclosure Form. Time will be of the essence in submitting the form to the District, and no final award will be made by the District regarding the sale of the Bonds until a completed Disclosure Form is received. If applicable, the District reserves the right to reject any bid that does not satisfy the requirement of a completed

Disclosure Form, as described herein. Neither the District nor its consultants have the ability to verify the information included in a Disclosure Form, and neither party has an obligation nor undertakes responsibility for advising any bidder with respect to (1) the bidder's obligation to submit the Disclosure Form or (2) the proper completion of the Disclosure Form. Consequently, an entity intending to bid on the Bonds should consult its own advisors to the extent it deems necessary and be prepared to submit the completed form, if required, promptly upon notification from the District that its bid is the conditional winning bid. Instructional videos on logging in and creating a certificate are provided on the TEC's website at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295.

ADDITIONAL CONDITION OF AWARD - COMPLIANCE WITH H.B. 89 AND S.B. 252, 85TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE: Each bidder, through submittal of an executed Official Bid Form, represents that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and, to the extent the Official Notice of Sale and Official Bid Form is a contract for goods or services, will not boycott Israel during the term of this agreement. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2271.002, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Texas or Federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, 'boycott Israel' means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize,

inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes. Each bidder, through submittal of an executed Official Bid Form, understands 'affiliate' to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with our company and exists to make a profit.

Each bidder, through submittal of an executed Official Bid Form, represents that neither it nor any parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, and posted on any of the following pages of such officer's internet website: https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/sudan-list.pdf; https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/fran-list.pdf, or https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/fto-list.pdf. The foregoing representation is made solely to comply with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Texas or Federal law and excludes our company and each parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization. Each bidder, through submittal of an executed Official Bid Form, understands "affiliate" to mean any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with our company and exists to make a profit.

IMPACT OF BIDDING SYNDICATE ON AWARD: For purposes of contracting for the sale of the Bonds, the entity signing the bid form as Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the payment of the purchase price of the Bonds. The Purchaser may serve as a syndicate manager and contract under a separate agreement with other syndicate members. However, the District is not a party to that agreement and any information provided regarding syndicate managers would be for informational purposes only.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

To assist the Purchaser in complying with Rule 15c2-12, as amended (the "Rule"), of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the District and the Purchaser contract and agree, by the submission and acceptance of the winning bid, as follows:

<u>COMPLIANCE WITH RULE:</u> The District has approved and authorized distribution of the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement for dissemination to potential purchasers of the Bonds, but does not presently intend to prepare any other document or version thereof for such purpose, except as described below. Accordingly, the District deems the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement to be final as of its date, within the meaning of the Rule, except for information relating to the offering prices, interest rates, final debt service schedule, selling compensation, identity of the Purchaser and other similar information, terms and provisions to be specified in the competitive bidding process. The Purchaser shall be responsible for promptly informing the District of the initial offering yields of the Bonds.

The District agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Purchaser, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto in a "designated electronic format" (or printed format with respect to the final Official Statement) as may be required for the Purchaser to comply with the Rule or the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). The District consents to the distribution of such documents in a "designated electronic format." Upon receipt, the Purchaser shall promptly file the Official Statement with the MSRB in accordance with the applicable MSRB rules.

The District will complete and authorize distribution of the Official Statement identifying the Purchaser and containing information omitted from the Preliminary Official Statement. The District does not intend to amend or supplement the Official Statement otherwise, except to take into account certain subsequent events, if any, as described below. By delivering the final Official Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto in the requested quantity to the Purchaser on or after the sale date, the District intends the same to be final as of such date, within the meaning of Section 15c2-12(b)(3) of the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District makes no representation concerning the absence of material misstatements or omissions from the Official Statement, except only as and to the extent under "CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT" as described below. To the best knowledge and belief of the District, the Official Statement contains information, including financial information or operating data, concerning every entity, enterprise, fund, account, or person that is material to an evaluation of the offering of the Bonds.

FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT: In addition to delivering the Official Statement in a "designated electronic format", the District will furnish to the Purchaser, within seven (7) days after the sale date, an aggregate maximum of fifty (50) copies of the Official Statement, together with information regarding interest rates and other terms relating to the reoffering of the Bonds, in accordance with Section 15c2-12(b)(3) of the Rule. The Purchaser may arrange, at its own expense, to have the Official Statement reproduced and printed if it requires more than 50 copies and may also arrange, at its own expense and responsibility, for completion and perfection of the first or cover page of the Official Statement so as to reflect interest rates and other terms and information related to the reoffering of the Bonds. The Purchaser will be responsible for providing information concerning the District and the Bonds to subsequent purchasers of the Bonds, and the District will undertake no responsibility for providing such information other than to make the Official Statement available to the Purchaser as provided herein. The District agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Purchaser the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto in a "designated electronic format" (or printed format with respect to the final Official Statement) as may be required for the Purchaser to comply with the Rule or the rules of the MSRB. The District consents to the distribution of such documents in a "designated electronic format". Upon receipt, the Purchaser shall promptly file the Official Statement with the MSRB in accordance with the MSRB Rule G-32.The District's obligation to supplement the Official Statement to correct key representations determined to be materially misleading, after the date of the Official Statement, shall terminate upon initial delivery of the Bonds to the Purchaser, unless the Purchaser notifies, in writing, the District that less than all of the Bonds have been sold to ultimate customers on or before such date, in which case the obligation will extend for an additional period of time (but not more than 90 days after the sale date) until all of the Bonds have been sold to ultimate customers.

CHANGES TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT: If, subsequent to the date of the Official Statement, the District learns, through the ordinary course of business and without undertaking any investigation or examination for such purposes, or is notified by the Purchaser of any adverse event which causes the Official Statement to be materially misleading, and unless the Purchaser elects to terminate its obligation to purchase the Bonds, as described below under "DELIVERY AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS - Conditions to Delivery", the District will promptly prepare and supply to the Purchaser an appropriate amendment or supplement to the Official Statement satisfactory to the Purchaser and in a "designated electronic format"; provided, however, that the obligation of the District do so will terminate when the District delivers the Bonds to the Purchaser, unless the Purchaser notifies the District on or before such date that less than all of the Bonds have been sold to ultimate customers, in which case the District's obligations hereunder will extend for an additional period of time (but not more than 90 days after the date the District delivers the Bonds) until all of the Bonds have been sold to ultimate customers.

MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE: In the event the Bonds are qualified for municipal bond insurance, and the Purchaser desires to purchase such insurance, the cost therefor will be paid by the Purchaser. The District shall pay the rating agency fee for S&P (hereinafter defined). Any other fees to be paid to rating agencies as a result of said insurance will be paid by the Purchaser. It will be the responsibility of the Purchaser to disclose the existence of insurance, its terms and the effect thereof with respect to the reoffering of the Bonds. Any downgrade by rating agencies of the bond insurance provider shall not relieve the Purchaser of its obligation under the heading. See "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT: At the time of payment for and delivery of the herein after defined Initial Bonds (the "Delivery Date"), the Purchaser will be furnished a certificate, executed by proper officials of the District, acting in their official capacities, to the effect that to the best of their knowledge and belief: (a) the descriptions and statements of or pertaining to the District contained in its Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, for the Bonds, on the date of such Official Statement, on the date of said Bonds and the acceptance of the best bid therefor, and on the date of the initial delivery thereof, were and are true and correct in all material respects; (b) insofar as the District and its affairs, including its financial affairs, are concerned, such Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (c) insofar as the descriptions and statements including financial data, of or pertaining to entities, other than the District, and their activities contained in such Official Statement are concerned, such statements and data have been obtained from sources which the District believes to be reliable and the District has no reason to believe that they are untrue in any material respect; and (d) there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the District since the date of the last financial statements of the District appearing in the Official Statement. The Official Statement and Official Notice of Sale will be approved as to form and content and the use thereof in the offering of the Bonds will be authorized, ratified and approved by the Board of the District on the date of sale, and the Purchaser will be furnished, upon request, at the time of payment for and the delivery of the Bonds, a certified copy of such a

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT: The District will agree in the Order to provide certain periodic information and notices of certain events in accordance with the Rule, as described in the Official Statement under "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION". The Purchaser's obligation to accept and pay for the Bonds is conditioned upon delivery to the Purchaser or its agent of a certified copy of the Order containing the agreement described under such heading.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR UNDERTAKINGS: During the past five years, the District has not entered into a continuing disclosure agreement in accordance with the Rule.

DELIVERY AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

INITIAL DELIVERY OF INITIAL BOND: The initial delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers on the "Delivery Date" (identified below), will be accomplished by the issuance of either (i) a single fully registered Bond in the total principal amount of \$4,200,000 (preliminary, subject to change) payable in stated installments to the Purchaser and numbered T-1, or (ii) as one (1) fully registered Bond for each year of stated maturity in the applicable principal amount and denomination, to be numbered consecutively from R-1 and upward (in either case, the "Initial Bond(s)"), signed by manual or facsimile signature of the Board President and Board Secretary approved by the Attorney General of Texas, and registered and manually signed by an authorized representative of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas. Initial Delivery (defined below) of the Bonds will be at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. Upon delivery of the Initial Bond(s), they shall be immediately canceled and one Bond for each stated maturity will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. and deposited with DTC in connection with DTC's Book-Entry-Only System. Payment for the Initial Bond(s) must be made in immediately available funds for unconditional credit to the District, or as otherwise directed by the District. The Purchaser will be given six (6) business days' notice of the time fixed for delivery of the Bonds. It is anticipated that Initial Delivery of the Initial Bonds can be made on or about February 10, 2021, but if for any reason the District is unable to make delivery by February 10, 2021, then the District shall immediately contact the Purchaser and offer to allow the Purchaser to extend for an additional thirty (30) days its obligation to take up and pay for the Bonds. If the Purchaser shall be relieved of further obligation. In no event shall the District be liable for any damages by reason of its failure to deliver the Bonds, provided such failure is due to circumstances beyond the District's reasonable c

EXCHANGE OF INITIAL BONDS FOR DEFINITIVE BONDS: Upon payment for the Initial Bond(s) at the time of such delivery, the Initial Bond(s) are to be canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar and registered definitive Bonds delivered in lieu thereof, in multiples of \$5,000 for each stated maturity, in accordance with written instructions received from the Purchaser and/or members of the Purchaser's syndicate. Such Bonds shall be registered by the Paying Agent/Registrar. It shall be the duty of the Purchaser and/or members of the Purchaser's syndicate to furnish to the Paying Agent/Registrar, at least five days prior to the delivery of the Initial Bond(s), final written instructions identifying the names and addresses of the registered owners, the stated maturities, interest rates, and denominations. The Paying Agent/Registrar will not be required to accept changes in such written instructions after the five day period, and if such written instructions are not received by the Paying Agent/Registrar five days prior to the delivery, the cancellation of the Initial Bond(s) and delivery of registered definitive Bonds may be delayed until the fifth day next following the receipt of such written instructions by the Paying Agent/Registrar.

<u>CUSIP NUMBERS:</u> It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of the Official Bid Form and this Official Notice of Sale. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid by the District; however, the CUSIP Service Bureau's charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be paid by the Purchaser.

<u>CONDITIONS TO DELIVERY:</u> The obligation to take up and pay for the Bonds is subject to the following conditions: the issuance of an approving opinion of the Attorney General of Texas, the Purchaser's acknowledgment of the receipt of the Initial Bond, the Purchaser's receipt of the legal opinions of Bond Counsel and the no-litigation certificate, and the non-occurrence of the events described below under the caption "No Material Adverse Change", all as described below. In addition, if the District fails to comply with its obligations described under "OFFICIAL STATEMENT" above, the Purchaser may terminate its contract to purchase the Bonds by delivering written notice to the District within five (5) days thereafter.

NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE: The obligation of the Purchaser to take up and pay for the Bonds, and of the District to deliver the Initial Bond(s), are subject to the condition that, up to the time of delivery of and receipt of payment for the Initial Bond(s), there shall have been no material adverse change in the affairs of the District subsequent to the date of sale from that set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, as it may have been finalized, supplemented or amended through the date of delivery.

LEGAL OPINIONS: The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of certain legal matters by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and Bond Counsel (see discussion "LEGAL MATTERS - Legal Opinions and No-Litigation Certificate" in the Preliminary Official Statement).

<u>CHANGE IN TAX-EXEMPT STATUS:</u> At any time before the Bonds are tendered for initial delivery to the Purchaser, the Purchaser may withdraw its bid if the interest on obligations such as the Bonds shall be declared to be includable in the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Code, of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, either by U.S. Treasury regulations, by ruling or administrative guidance of the Internal Revenue Service, by a decision of any federal court, or by the terms of any federal income tax legislation enacted subsequent to the date of this Official Notice of Sale.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

FUTURE REGISTRATION: The Bonds may be transferred, registered, and assigned on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration and transfer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Bonds being transferred or exchanged at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk, and expense. To the extent possible, new Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or its duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in denominations of \$5,000 for any one stated maturity or any integral multiple thereof and for a like aggregate principal amount and interest rate as the Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer.

RECORD DATE: The record date ("Record Date") for determining the party to whom the semiannual interest on the Bonds is payable on any interest payment date is the fifteenth day of the month next preceding such interest payment date.

RATING: A municipal bond rating application has been made to S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"). The outcome of the results will be made available to the Purchaser as soon as possible. (See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Ratings" in the Preliminary Official Statement). An explanation of the significance of such a ratings may be obtained from S&P. The ratings of the Bonds by S&P reflect only the view of S&P at the time the ratings are given, and the District makes no representations as to the appropriateness of the ratings. There is no assurance that the ratings will continue for any given period of time, or that the ratings will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by S&P, if, in the judgment of such company, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of the ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE: No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), in reliance upon exemptions provided in such Act. The Bonds have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC, nor has the SEC passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the Official Statement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon exemptions contained therein, nor have the Bonds been registered or qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions.

It is the obligation of the Purchaser to register or qualify the sale of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction which so requires. The District agrees to cooperate, at the Purchaser's written request and expense and within reasonable limits, in registering or qualifying the Bonds, or in obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification in any state where such action is necessary, but will in no instance execute a general consent to service of process in any state that the Bonds are offered for sale.

ADDITIONAL COPIES: Subject to the limitations described herein, an electronic copy of this Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form, and the Official Statement may be obtained from www.samcocapital.com.

The Board of the District in the Order will approve the form and content of the Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form, and the Official Statement and authorized the use thereof in its initial offering of the Bonds. On the date of the sale, the Board will, in the Order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, reconfirm its approval of the form and content of the Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement, or amendment thereto, and authorize its further use in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Purchaser.

	/s/ Melvin Strey
	Board President,
	East Central Special Utility District
ATTEST:	
/s/ Milton Lowak	
Board Secretary,	
East Central Special Utility District	
January 7, 2021	

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM **1295**

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	Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.		OFFICE USE CERTIFICATION	
1	Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of business.	of the business entity's place		
2	Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the cobeing filed.	ontract for which the form is		
	East Central Special Utility District			
3	Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity of description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided	or state agency to track or identify under the contract.	the contract, and prov	ide a
	Contract Number: ECSUD US Rev Bond- Bid Form Purchase of the East Central Special Utility District Utility Syste	em Revenu Bonds, Series 2021		
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5	Check only if there is NO Interested Party.			
6	UNSWORN DECLARATION			
	My name is	, and my date of b	oirth is	·
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	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.			
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			(month)	(year)
		Signature of authorized agent of cont	racting business entity	
		(Declarant)		



Honorable Board President and Board Members East Central Special Utility District 5520 FM 1628 Adkins, Texas 78101

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject to the terms of your Official Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated January 7, 2021, which terms are incorporated by reference to this proposal, we hereby submit the following bid for \$4,200,000 (preliminary, subject to change) EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021, dated February 1, 2021 (the "Bonds").

For said legally issued Bonds, we will pay you \$______ (a dollar price not less than 99% of par value) plus accrued interest from their date to the date of delivery to us for Bonds maturing on February 1, in each of the following years, and bearing interest per annum as follows:

Year of Stated	Principal Amount at Stated		Year of Stated	Principal Amount at Stated	
Maturity	Maturity	Coupon %	Maturity	Maturity	Coupon %
2022	\$140,000		2032*	\$210,000	
2023	145,000		2033*	215,000	
2024	150,000		2034*	225,000	
2025	160,000		2035*	235,000	
2026	165,000		2036*	245,000	
2027	170,000		2037*	255,000	
2028	180,000		2038*	265,000	
2029	185,000		2039*	275,000	
2030	195,000		2040*	285,000	
2031*	200,000		2041*	300,000	

Our calculation (which is not part of this bid) of the Net	
Effective Interest Cost from the above is:	

ADJUSTMENT OF INITIAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS: As a condition to our submittal of this bid for the Bonds, we acknowledge the following: The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal (maturity) amount of any maturity of the Bonds, including the elimination of a maturity or maturities; provided, however, that the aggregate principal (denominational) amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$4,200,000*. Notice of any such changes shall be given to the successful bidder as soon as practicable following the notification of award, as described below, and this Official Notice of Sale may be amended at the sole discretion of the District to reflect such increase or decrease. The District will attempt to maintain total per bond underwriter spread when adjusting maturities. No such adjustment will have the effect of altering the basis upon which the best bid is determined. The successful bidder may not withdraw its bids or change the rates bid or any initial reoffering prices as a result of any changes made to the principal (denominational) amounts.

Of the principal maturities set forth in the table above, we have created term bonds (the "Term Bonds") as indicated in the following table (which may include no more than three Term Bonds. For those years which have been combined into a Term Bond, the principal amount shown in the table shown on page ii of the Official Notice of Sale will be the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts in such years except that the amount shown in the year of the Term Bond maturity date will mature in such year. The Term Bonds created are as follows:

Maturity Date February 1	First Mandatory Redemption	Amount of Term Bond	Interest Rate

^{*}Preliminary, subject to change.

The Initial Bond(s) shall be registered in the name of cancelled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Bonds will then be registered in the name Book-Entry-Only System.	, which will, upon payment for the Bonds, be of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee), under the
Cashier's Check of theBank,, Texas, in the amount of \$84,000 hereto) or (has been made available to you prior to the opening of this Bid), and is sub Official Notice of Sale, said check is to be returned to the Purchaser.	0, which represents our Good Faith Deposit (is attached mitted in accordance with the terms as set forth in the
We agree to accept delivery of the Bonds utilizing the Book-Entry-Only System throws immediately available funds at the Corporate Trust Division, UMB Bank, N.A., Austing Tuesday, February 10, 2021, or thereafter on the date the Bonds are tendered for deliver of Sale. It will be the obligation of the Purchaser of the Bonds to complete and file the Entre provisions of the Official Notice of Sale under the heading "CONDITIONS OF SALE thereof, agrees to complete, execute, and deliver to the District, by the Delivery Date, at the form and to the effect attached to or accompanying the Official Notice of Sale, with Counsel for the District. (See "CONDITIONS OF SALE — ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE")	n, Texas, not later than 10:00 A.M., Central Time, on ery, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Official Notice DTC Eligibility Questionnaire. The undersigned agrees to E — ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE" and, as evidence a certificate relating to the "issue price" of the Bonds in th such changes thereto as may be acceptable to Bond
Through submittal of this executed Official Bid Form, the undersigned verifies that, exce or Federal law, it does not and will not "boycott Israel" and is not on the Texas Compt prepared and maintained thereby under applicable Texas law, all as more fully prov "ADDITIONAL CONDITION OF AWARD - COMPLIANCE WITH H.B. 89 AND S.B. 252, 85TH T	roller's list concerning "foreign terrorist organizations" vided in the Official Notice of Sale under the heading
For purposes of contracting for the sale of the Bonds, the entity signing the bid form as I the purchase price of the Bonds. The Purchaser may serve as a syndicate manager syndicate members. However, the District is not a party to that agreement and any info be for informational purposes only.	and contract under a separate agreement with other
Upon notification of conditional verbal acceptance, the undersigned will, if required by of Sale under the heading "ADDITIONAL CONDITION OF AWARD — Disclosure of Interested Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 (the "Disclosure Form") through the Texas Et resulting certified Disclosure Form that is generated by the TEC's electronic portal will District's financial advisor at mmcliney@samcocapital.com and Bond Counsel at arnounderstands that the failure to provide the certified Disclosure Form will prohibit the Disbid.	ested Party Form", complete an electronic form of the thics Commission's (the "TEC") electronic portal and the be printed, signed, notarized, and sent by email to the old.cantu@nortonrosefulbright.com. The undersigned
Ву:	
<u> </u>	Authorized Representative
	Telephone Number
ACCEPTANCE CLAUSE	E-mail Address
The above and foregoing bid is hereby in all things accepted by the East Central Special Official Notice of Sale and Official Bid Form, this 14 th day of January 2021.	al Utility District, subject to and in accordance with the
	/s/
	Board President,
	East Central Special Utility District
ATTEST:	
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/s/ Board Secretary,	
East Central Special Utility District	

\$4,200,000* EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

The unde	ersigned, on behalf of		(""),				
hereby certifies as	set forth below with respect to the sale (ity District (the "Issuer").	of the above-captioned obligations (the	"Obligations") of the East				
1.	Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.						
(a)	As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expand are the prices listed in Schedule A (pected initial offering prices of the Ob the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Ex	=				
the prices for the Obligations. Attac the Obligations.	Maturities of the Obligations used by hed as Schedule B is a true and correct co	ppy of the bid provided by	ng its bid to purchase the to purchase				
(b)	was not given	the opportunity to review other bids price	or to submitting its bid.				
(c)	The bid submitted by	constituted a firm offer to purcha	ase the Obligations.				
2.	Defined Terms.						
(a) dates, or Obligation	Maturity means Obligations with the san ns with the same maturity date but differe						
	Public means any person (including an than an Underwriter or a related party t y means any two or more persons who	to an Underwriter. The term "related p	earty" for purposes of this				
(c) Obligations. The Sa	Sale Date means the first day on which that Date of the Obligations is January 14, 2		e sale of a Maturity of the				
person that agrees participate in the	Underwriter means (i) any person that a o form an underwriting syndicate) to partic pursuant to a written contract directly or initial sale of the Obligations to the Pub nent participating in the initial sale of the O	cipate in the initial sale of the Obligations indirectly with a person described in claudic (including a member of a selling group)	s to the Public, and (ii) any use (i) of this paragraph to				
represents Revenue Code of foregoing informat Certificate with re Obligations, and by excluded from gro	esentations set forth in this certificate interpretation of any I 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Ricion will be relied upon by the Issuer wispect to the Obligations and with respect Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP in connections income for federal income tax purpose income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer with the Issuer w	aws, including specifically sections 103 tegulations thereunder. The undersign th respect to certain of the representate to compliance with the federal incomon with rendering its opinion that the intest, the preparation of the Internal Reverses.	and 148 of the Internal ned understands that the tions set forth in the Tax ne tax rules affecting the terest on the Obligations is nue Service Form 8038-G,				
		Ву:					
		Name:					
Dated:		Title:					

^{*}Preliminary, subject to change.



SCHEDULE A

EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES



SCHEDULE B

COPY OF UNDERWRITER'S BID



NEW ISSUE-BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

Ratings: S&P: "____" (Insured)
" (Underlying)

(See "BOND INSURANCE", "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" and "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION -Ratings" herein)

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT Dated: December 30, 2021

In the opinion of Bond Counsel (identified below), assuming continuing compliance by the Issuer (defined below) after the date of initial delivery of the Bonds (defined below) with certain covenants contained in the Order (defined below) and subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, interest on the Bonds under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions (1) will be excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended to the date of initial delivery of the Bonds and (2) will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof. (See "TAX MATTERS" herein.)

The District will designate the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for Financial Institutions.

\$4,200,000* EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located primarily in Bexar County, Texas) UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021

Dated Date: February 1, 2021 Due: February 1, as shown on page 2

The \$4,200,000* Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds") are special obligations of the East Central Special Utility District (the "District" or the "Issuer") issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly, Chapters 49 and 65, as amended, Texas Water Code, and an order (the "Order") to be adopted by the Board of Directors of the District on January 14, 2021. The Bonds are special obligations of the District payable solely from and, together with certain Previously Issued Parity Bonds (identified and defined in the Order), secured by and payable from a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues (as defined in the Order) of the District's Utility System (hereinafter referred to as the "System"). Except for the pledge of the Net Revenues to secure the payment of the Bonds, the District has not given a mortgage or other security interest in its facilities or assets for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds. The Bonds do not constitute an indebtedness or general obligation of the District, and the holders of the Bonds shall not have the right to demand payment thereof from any funds raised or to be raised by taxation. The District has no taxing power. (See "THE BONDS – Security for Payment" herein.)

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from February 1, 2021 (the "Dated Date"), and will be payable August 1 and February 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2021, and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The definitive Bonds will be issued as fully registered obligations in book-entry form only and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). Bookentry interests in the Bonds will be made available for purchase in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers of the Bonds ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by UMB Bank N.A., Austin, Texas, as Paying Agent/Registrar, to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.)

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds are being used (i) to construct improvements to the District's Utility System and (iii) to pay the costs related to the issuance of the Bonds. (See "PLAN OF FINANCING – Purpose" herein.)

The District has made application to municipal bond insurance companies to have the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds insured by a municipal bond insurance policy and will consider the purchase of such insurance after an analysis of the bids from such companies has been made. The Purchaser (hereinafter defined) will be responsible for paying the bond insurer's bond insurance premium. See "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" herein.

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR STATED MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, INITIAL YIELDS, CUSIP NUMBERS, AND REDEMPTION PROVISIONS FOR THE BONDS

The Bonds are offered for delivery, when, as and if issued and received by the initial purchaser thereof at a competitive sale (the "Purchaser") and subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel. The legal opinion of Bond Counsel will be printed on, or attached to, the Bonds. (See "LEGAL MATTERS - Legal Opinions and No-Litigation Certificate" and "APPENDIX C – Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel" herein). It is expected that the Bonds will be available for initial delivery through DTC on or about February 10, 2021.

BIDS DUE THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME

^{*} Preliminary, subject to change.

\$4,200,000* EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021

STATED MATURITY SCHEDULE* (Due February 1)

Rase	CUSIP	_	(1)

Stated				CUSIP	Stated				CUSIP
Maturity	Principal	Interest	Initial	No.	Maturity	Principal	Interest	Initial	No.
<u>2/1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	Suffix (1)	<u>2/1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	Suffix (1)
2022	\$ 140,000				2032	\$ 210,000			
2023	145,000				2033	215,000			
2024	150,000				2034	225,000			
2025	160,000				2035	235,000			
2026	165,000				2036	245,000			
2027	170,000				2037	255,000			
2028	180,000				2038	265,000			
2029	185,000				2039	275,000			
2030	195,000				2040	285,000			
2031	200,000				2041	300,000			

(Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

The District reserves the right to redeem the Bonds maturing on and after February 1, 2032, on February 1, 2031, or any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, as described herein. Additionally, the Purchaser may select certain consecutive maturities of the Bonds to be grouped together as a "Term Bond" and such "Term Bonds" would also be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. (See "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions" herein.)

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EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT PO Box 570 Adkins, Texas 78101 210-649-2383

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

		Term	Term
		Commenced	Expires
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>(May)</u>	<u>(May)</u>
Mr. Melvin Strey	President	2005	2023
Mr. Paul Bricker	Vice President	2005	2023
Mr. Milton Lowak	Secretary-Treasurer	2010	2023
Mr. James Pederson	Director	2005	2021
Ms. Doris Isley	Director	2013	2021
Mr. Mark Davis	Director	2011	2022
Mr. David Padalecki*	Director	2018	2021*
Mr. Randy Schwenn	Director	2019	2022
Mr. Tom Dupnick**	Director	2019	2022**

^{*}Mr. David Padalecki was nominated to unexpired term December 2019

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	Years with the District
Albert Strzelcyk	General Manager/Field Manager	43
Brandon Rohan	Assistant General Manager	17
Jill Brown	Office Manager	12

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^{**} Mr. Tom Dupnick was nominated to unexpired term October 2020

USE OF INFORMATION IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended (the "Rule"), and in effect on the date of this Preliminary Official Statement, this document constitutes an "official statement" of the Issuer with respect to the Bonds that has been "deemed final" by the Issuer as of its date except for the omission of no more than the information permitted by the Rule.

No dealer, broker, salesman, or other person has been authorized to give any information, or to make any representation other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Issuer. This Official Statement is not to be used in connection with an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy in any state in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. Any information or expression of opinion herein contained are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create an implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer or other matters described herein since the date hereof.

The Financial Advisor has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with its responsibilities to the Issuer and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Financial Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

THE BONDS ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED THEREWITH. THE REGISTRATION, QUALIFICATION, OR EXEMPTION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW PROVISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE BONDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED, OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF.

None of the District, the Financial Advisor or the Purchaser makes any representation or warranty with respect to the information contained in this Official Statement regarding The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its Book-Entry-Only System or any municipal bond insurance provider, if any, or its policy described under "BOND INSURANCE" herein, as such information is provided by DTC and the bond insurer (if any) respectively.

The agreements of the District and others related to the Bonds are contained solely in the contracts described herein. Neither this Official Statement nor any other statement made in connection with the offer or sale of the Bonds is to be construed as constituting an agreement with the purchasers of the Bonds. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

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SELECTED DATA FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The selected data is subject in all respects to the more complete information and definitions contained or incorporated in this Official Statement. The offering of the Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of this entire Official Statement. No person is authorized to detach this page from this Official Statement or to otherwise use it without the entire Official Statement.

The Issuer

The East Central Special Utility District (the "District" or the "Issuer"), located primarily in Bexar County, Texas, is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, duly created, existing and operating under the laws of the State of Texas, including, without limitation, Chapters 49 and 65, Texas Water Code, as amended. East Central Water Supply Corporation (the "Corporation"), a non-profit water supply corporation was originally incorporated in 1967. On February 5, 2005, the members voted to convert into a Special Utility District. The District is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors (the "Board") elected for three-year staggered terms by the registered voters of the District. (See page 3 herein.)

The Bonds

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly, Chapters 49 and 65, as amended, Texas Water Code, and an Order (the "Order") to be adopted by the Board on January 14, 2021. (See "THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance" herein.)

Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is UMB Bank, N.A., Austin, Texas.

Security

The Bonds are special obligations of the District payable solely from and, together with certain Previously Issued Parity Bonds (identified and defined in the Order), secured by and payable from a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues (as defined in the Order) of the District's Utility System (hereinafter referred to as the "System"). Except for the pledge of the Net Revenues to secure the payment of the Bonds, the District has not given a mortgage or other security interest in its facilities or assets for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds. The Bonds do not constitute an indebtedness or general obligation of the District, and the holders of the Bonds shall not have the right to demand payment thereof from any funds raised or to be raised by taxation. The District has no taxing power. (See "THE BONDS – Security for Payment" herein.)

Redemption Provisions

The District reserves the right to redeem the Bonds maturing on and after February 1, 2032, on February 1, 2031, or any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, as described herein. (See "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions" herein.)

Tax Matters

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions, subject to matters discussed herein under "TAX MATTERS" and will not be included in calculating the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof. (See "TAX MATTERS" and "APPENDIX C - Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel" herein.)

Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations In the Order, the Issuer will designate the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for financial institutions. (See "TAX MATTERS - Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for Financial Institutions" herein.)

Use of Bond Proceeds

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds are being used (i) constructing improvements to the District's Utility System and (iii) to pay the costs related to the issuance of the Bonds. (See "PLAN OF FINANCING – Purpose" herein.)

Book-Entry-Only System

The Issuer intends to utilize the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, described herein. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. Such Book-Entry-Only System may affect the method and timing of payments on the Bonds and the manner the Bonds may be transferred. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.)

Bond Insurance

The District is considering qualifying the Bonds for municipal bond insurance and has made application to municipal bond insurance companies in connection with such consideration. (See "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" herein.)

Ratings

A municipal bond rating application has been made to S&P Global Ratings, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business ("S&P"). The Issuer currently does not have an underlying rating. An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from S&P. (See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Ratings" herein.)

Payment Record

The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.

Future Debt Issuance

The District has made application for a \$4,940,000 loan with the USDA anticipated to be evidenced by a series of revenue bonds on parity with the Bonds. The sale date is expected no sooner than late Summer of 2021. The repayment of the USDA loan is expected to be self-supported from impact fees collected on each new meter installation. The current balance of the Impact Fund is \$3,905,377.

Delivery

When issued, anticipated on or about February 10, 2021.

Legality

Delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the rendering of an opinion as to legality by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Bond Counsel, San Antonio, Texas.

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT relating to

\$4,200,000* EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located primarily in Bexar County, Texas) UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement provides certain information in connection with the issuance by East Central Special Utility District (the "District" or "Issuer") of its \$4,200,000* Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds") identified on the cover page hereof.

The District, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, is duly created, existing and operating under the laws of the State of Texas, including, without limitation, Chapters 49 and 65, Texas Water Code, as amended. The Bonds are issued pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapters 49 and 65, as amended, Texas Water Code, and the Order (defined herein.) (See "THE BONDS - Authority for Issuance" herein.) Included in this Official Statement are descriptions of the Bonds and certain information about the Issuer and its finances. *ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF DOCUMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE SUMMARIES ONLY AND ARE QUALIFIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO EACH SUCH DOCUMENT*. Copies of such documents may be obtained upon request from the Issuer or its Financial Advisor, SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., 1020 Northeast Loop 410, Suite 640, San Antonio, Texas 78209, via electronic mail or upon payment of reasonable copying, handling, and delivery charges.

All financial and other information presented in this Official Statement has been provided by the District from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts from system fees, charges and other sources, is intended to show recent historic information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in financial position or other affairs of the District. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future.

This Official Statement speaks only as to its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. A copy of the Final Official Statement pertaining to the Bonds will be deposited with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" herein for a description of the District's undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK - COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, has been characterized as a pandemic (the "Pandemic") by the World Health Organization and is currently affecting many parts of the world, including the United States and the State of Texas (the "State"). On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the United States Health and Human Services Department declared a public health emergency for the United States and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States a national emergency. Subsequently, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called upon Americans to take actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the United States.

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas (the "Governor") declared a state of disaster for all counties in the State in response to the Pandemic which has been subsequently extended and remains in effect. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has broad authority to respond to disasters, including suspending any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conducting state business or any order or rule of a State agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster, and issuing executive orders that have the force and effect of law. The Governor has since issued a number of executive orders relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation. These include executive orders which have, among other things, imposed limitations on social gatherings and established occupancy limits for most businesses in Texas. Business establishments including restaurants, retail establishments, manufacturers, and office buildings are subject to a 75 percent occupancy limit. Additionally, such orders required every person in Texas to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth while inside a commercial entity, building, or space open to the public, or in an outdoor public space when it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distance, subject to certain exceptions. In a separate order, the Governor has required that every hospital reserve at least 10 percent of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID- 19 patients, and further imposed a moratorium on elective surgeries in any "Trauma Service Area" that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID- 19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of all hospitalized patients exceeds 15 percent. The Governor retains the authority to impose additional restrictions on activities. Additional information regarding executive orders issued by the Governor is incorporated by reference, either expressly or by implication, into this Official Statement.

^{*}Preliminary, subject to change.

In addition to the actions by State and federal officials, certain local officials, including Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties, have declared a local state of disaster orders. Many of the federal, State, and local actions and policies under the aforementioned disaster declarations and orders are focused on limiting instances where the public can congregate or interact with each other, which affects the operation of businesses and directly impacts the economy.

The Pandemic has negatively affected travel, commerce, and financial markets globally, and is widely expected to continue to negatively affect economic output worldwide and within the District. These negative impacts may reduce or otherwise negatively affect the collection of Net Revenues which are pledged as security for the Bonds. The Bonds are secured by the utility system revenues produced through the operation of the System. Further, a reduction in the collection of System revenues may negatively impact the District's operating budget and overall financial condition. In addition, the Pandemic has resulted in volatility of the value of investments in pension funds. Any prolonged continuation of the Pandemic could further weaken asset values or slow or prevent their recovery, which could necessitate increased District contributions to fund or pay retirement and other post-employment benefits in the future.

The District, however, cannot predict the effect of the continued spread of COVID-19 will have on the finances or operations and maintenance of the District.

The financial and operating data contained herein are the latest available but are as of dates and for periods prior to the economic impact of the Pandemic and measures instituted to slow it. Accordingly, they are not indicative of the current financial condition or future prospects of the District.

The District continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and is working with local, state, and national agencies to address the potential impact of the Pandemic upon the District. While the potential impact of the Pandemic on the District cannot be quantified at this time, the continued outbreak of COVID-19 could have an adverse effect on the District's operations and financial condition, and the effect could be material.

THE BONDS

General

The Bonds will be dated February 1, 2021 (the "Dated Date"). The Bonds are stated to mature on February 1 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth on page 2 hereof. The Bonds shall bear interest from the Dated Date on the unpaid principal amounts, and the amount of interest to be paid each payment period shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Interest on the Bonds will be payable on August 1 and February 1 of each year commencing August 1, 2021. Principal of the Bonds is payable at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, initially UMB Bank, N.A., Austin, Texas. Interest on the Bonds is payable by check mailed on or before each interest payment date by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner at the address as it appears on the Paying Agent/Registrar's books on the Record Date (as defined herein) or by such other method acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by and at the risk and expense of the registered owner. Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as Cede & Co. (or other DTC nominee) is the registered owner of the Bonds, all payments on the Bonds will be made as described under "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Authority for Issuance

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly, Chapters 49 and 65, as amended, Texas Water Code, and the Order.

Security for Payment

The Bonds are special obligations of the District payable solely from and, together with certain Previously Issued Parity Bonds (identified and defined in the Order and described below), secured by and payable from a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues (as defined in the Order) of the District's Utility System (hereinafter referred to as the "System"). The term "Net Revenues" is defined in the Order as "all income and revenues from the operation of the system after the deduction of Maintenance and Operating Expenses". The term "Maintenance and Operating Expenses" is defined in the Order as "costs of operation, maintenance and necessary replacements to the System, the cost of insurance, the cost of supplies, costs incurred in providing water, and the payment of salaries and all other expenses properly incurred in operating and maintaining the System and keeping the same in good repair and operating condition, including any contract payments for the acquisition of water". In accordance with the Order, payments into the Bond Fund and the Reserve Fund are not considered as expenses of operation and maintenance. State law and the Order provide that contractual obligations of the District for the Bonds, the District has not given a mortgage or other security interest in its facilities or assets for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds. The Bonds do not constitute a general obligation indebtedness of the District, and the holders of the Bonds shall not have the right to demand payment thereof from any funds raised or to be raised by taxation.

Redemption Provisions

The Issuer reserves the right to redeem Bonds stated to mature February 1, 2032, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (if within a stated maturity, selected at random and by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar) on February 1, 2031 or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest from the most recent interest payment date to the date fixed for redemption. Two or more consecutive maturities of the Bonds may be grouped together as a term bond by the Purchaser, and such term bonds would be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in accordance with the Order. If less than all of the Bonds within a stated maturity are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds to be redeemed will be selected by lot or by other customary random method by the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Selection of Bonds for Redemption

If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District shall determine the amounts and maturities thereof to be redeemed and shall direct the Paying Agent/Registrar to select by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed.

Notice of Redemption

At least 30 days prior to the date fixed for any redemption of any Bonds or portions thereof prior to stated maturity, the Issuer shall cause notice of such redemption to be sent by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each Bond or a portion thereof to be redeemed at its address as it appeared on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar on the day such notice of redemption is mailed. By the date fixed for any such redemption, due provision shall be made with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the required redemption price for the Bonds or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed. If such notice of redemption is given and if due provision for such payment is made, all as provided above, the Bonds or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed thereby automatically shall be treated as redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, and they shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, and they shall not be regarded as being outstanding except for the right of the registered owner to receive the redemption price from the Paying Agent/Registrar out of the funds provided for such payment.

ANY NOTICE OF REDEMPTION SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER ONE OR MORE BONDHOLDERS FAILED TO RECEIVE SUCH NOTICE, AND, PROVIDED THAT PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF THE REDEMPTION PRICE IS MADE AND ANY OTHER CONDITIONS TO REDEMPTION ARE SATISFIED, INTEREST ON THE REDEEMED BONDS SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE FROM AND AFTER SUCH REDEMPTION DATE NOTWITHSTANDING THAT A BOND HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

Bonds of a denomination larger than \$5,000 may be redeemed in part (\$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof). Any Bond to be partially redeemed must be surrendered in exchange for one or more new Bonds of the same stated maturity and interest rate for the unredeemed portion of the principal. In the event of redemption of less than all of the Bonds of a particular stated maturity, the Paying Agent/Registrar is required to select the Bonds of such stated maturity to be redeemed by such random method as it deems fair and appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to any authorized denomination) of the Bonds of a denomination larger than \$5,000.

The Paying Agent/Registrar and the Issuer, so long as a Book-Entry-Only System is used for the Bonds, will send any notice of redemption, notice of proposed amendment to the Order or other notices with respect to the Bonds only to DTC. Any failure by DTC to advise any DTC participant, or of any DTC participant or indirect participant to notify the Beneficial Owner, will not affect the validity of the redemption of the Bonds called for redemption or any other action premised on any such notice. Redemption of portions of the Bonds by the Issuer will reduce the outstanding principal amount of such Bonds held by DTC. In such event, DTC may implement, through its Book-Entry-Only System, a redemption of such Bonds held for the account of DTC participants in accordance with its rules or other agreements with DTC participants and then DTC participants and indirect participants may implement a redemption of such Bonds from the Beneficial Owners. Any such selection of Bonds to be redeemed will not be governed by the Order and will not be conducted by the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Neither the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar will have any responsibility to DTC participants, indirect participants or the persons for whom DTC participants act as nominees, with respect to the payments on the Bonds or the providing of notice to DTC participants, indirect participants, or Beneficial Owners of the selection of portions of the Bonds for redemption. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.)

Purpose

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds are being used (i) to construct improvements to the District's Utility System and (iii) to pay the costs related to the issuance of the Bonds.

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SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be applied approximately as follows:

Reserve Fund

As additional security for the payment of the Previously Issued Parity Bonds, the Bonds, and Additional Parity Obligations, if any, hereafter issued (collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Bonds Similarly Secured"), the Order provides for the District to accumulate and maintain a reserve for the payment of the Bonds Similarly Secured (the Required Reserve Amount) equal to the Average Annual Debt Service Requirements (calculated on a Fiscal Year basis and determined as of the date of issuance of the Bonds or the most recently issued series of Additional Parity Obligations then Outstanding) for the Bonds Similarly Secured, the District hereby confirms the prior creation and establishment of and agrees to maintain a separate and special fund or account known as the "East Central Special Utility District Revenue Bond Reserve Fund (the "Reserve Fund"), which fund or account shall be maintained at the Depository. The amount on deposit to the credit of the Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2020 was \$136,250, which equals or exceeds the Required Reserve for all currently outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured (currently \$136,250). Following the issuance of the Bonds, the Required Reserve shall be \$______, which shall be accumulated, if necessary, in the following manner. Beginning on or before the tenth day of the month next following the delivery of the Bonds to the Purchaser and on or before the tenth day of each following month until the Required Reserve Amount has been accumulated in the Reserve Fund, the District covenants and agrees to deposit to the Reserve Fund from the Net Revenues of the System, or any other lawfully available funds, an amount not less than 1/60th of the additional amount to be maintained in the Reserve Fund by reason of the issuance of the Bonds (or 1/60th of the balance of the additional amount not deposited immediately in cash), thereby ensuring the accumulation of the appropriate Required Reserve Amount.

Funds

The Order reaffirms the establishment and maintenance of the following funds: (1) the Revenue Fund, (2) the Bond Fund and (3) the Reserve Fund, and such funds are to be kept separate and apart for all other funds and accounts of the District and moneys deposited to the credit of such Funds shall be used and expended as provided in the Order.

Flow of Funds

In the Order, all the Gross Revenues are required to be deposited as collected into the fund maintained at an official depository of the District and known as the East Central Special Utility District Water Revenue Bonds Revenue Fund (the "Revenue Fund"), and such Revenue Fund is to be maintained separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the District.

The Order further provides that the amount on deposit to the credit of the Revenue Fund from time to time is to be applied in the following order of priority:

<u>First</u>: To the payment of all necessary and reasonable Maintenance and Operating Expenses or other expenses required by statute to be a first charge on and claim against the revenues of the System.

Second, To the payment of the amounts required to be deposited in the Bond Fund created and established for the payment of Debt Service Requirements on the Bonds Similarly Secured and the amounts required to be deposited in any reserve or contingency fund or account created for the payment and security of the Bonds Similarly Secured, and any other obligations or evidences of indebtedness issues or incurred that are payable from and secured by a prior and first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, as the same becomes due and payable.

<u>Third</u>, To the payment of the amounts required to be deposited in the interest and sinking fund created and established for the payment of debt service requirements on the Inferior Lien Obligations and the amounts required to be deposited in any reserve or contingency fund or account created for the payment and security of the Inferior Lien Obligations, and any other obligations or evidences of indebtedness issues or incurred that are payable from and secured by a junior and inferior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, as the same becomes due and payable.

<u>Fourth</u>, Any Net Revenues remaining in the Revenue Fund after satisfying the foregoing payments or making adequate and sufficient provision for the payment thereof, may be appropriated and used for any other District purpose now or hereinafter permitted by law.

Rate Covenants

So long as any Bonds Similarly Secured remain outstanding, the Order provides that the District shall at all times fix, maintain, charge and collect for services rendered by the System, rates and charges which will produce Gross Revenues at least sufficient to pay all expenses of operation and maintenance of the System, and to provide Net Revenues equal to at least 1.05 times the Debt Service Requirements due and payable on the outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured.

Additional Bonds

In the Order, the District expressly reserves the right, in addition to the right to issue obligations that are payable from and secured, in whole or in part, by a junior and inferior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues, to issue Additional Parity Obligations payable from a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System. When duly authorized and issued in compliance with law and the terms and conditions hereafter stated, such Additional Parity Obligations shall be on a parity with the Bonds. The District covenants and agrees, however, it will not issue any Additional Parity Obligations unless:

- A. Except for a refunding to cure a default, the District is not then in default as to any covenant, condition or obligation prescribed by the orders or resolutions authorizing the issuance of the Bonds Similarly Secured.
- B. Each of the funds created solely for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds Similarly Secured contains the amounts of money then required to be on deposit therein.
- C. The District obtains a certificate from the General Manager to the effect that, according to the books and records of the District, the Net Revenues of the System, for the preceding Fiscal Year or for any 12 consecutive months out of the 15 months immediately preceding the month the order authorizing the Additional Parity Obligations is adopted, are at least equal to one and one-fourth (1.25) times the Average Annual Debt Service Requirements for the payment of principal of and interest on all outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured after giving effect to the issuance of the Additional Parity Obligations then proposed. In making a determination of the Net Revenues, the General Manager may take into consideration a change in the rates and charges for services and facilities afforded by the System that became effective not more than ninety (90) days prior to adoption of the order authorizing the issuance of the Additional Parity Obligations and, for the purposes of satisfying the Net Revenues test, make a pro forma determination of the Net Revenues for the period of time covered by the certification based on such change in rates and charges being in effect for the entire period covered by the General Manager's certificate.
- D. the order authorizing the issuance of the Additional Parity Obligations provides for deposits to be made to the Bond Fund in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Additional Parity Obligations as the same mature.
- E. the order authorizing the issuance of the Additional Parity Obligations provides that the amount to be accumulated and maintained in the Reserve Fund shall be in an amount equal to not less than the Required Reserve Amount after giving effect to the issuance of the proposed Additional Parity Obligations, and provides that any additional amount to be maintained in the Reserve Fund shall be accumulated within sixty (60) months from the date the Additional Parity Obligations are delivered.

All such Additional Parity Obligations provided for in the Order, when issued in accordance with the above provisions, shall be payable from and equally and ratably secured by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues, and the provisions of the Order relating to the use of Net Revenues shall be applicable to such Additional Parity Obligations as though the same were a part of such original authorization.

The right to issue such other and further Additional Parity Obligations shall exist as often as the need therefor shall arise and so long as such Additional Parity Obligations are issued in compliance with law and the terms and conditions contained in the Order.

Payment Record

The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.

Legality

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the rendering of opinions as to certain legal matters by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Texas ("Bond Counsel"). The legal opinion of Bond Counsel will accompany the Bonds to be deposited with DTC or will be printed on the Bonds should the Book-Entry-Only System be discontinued. A form of the legal opinion of Bond Counsel appears in APPENDIX C attached hereto.

Defeasance

The Order provides for the defeasance of the Bonds when payment of the principal amount of the Bonds plus interest accrued on the Bonds to their due date (whether such due date be by reason of stated maturity, redemption, or otherwise), is provided by irrevocably depositing with a paying agent, or other authorized escrow agent, in trust (1) money in an amount sufficient to make such payment, (2) Government Securities (defined below)to mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds. The foregoing deposits shall be certified as to sufficiency by an independent accounting firm, the District's Financial Advisor, the Paying Agent/Registrar, or such other qualified financial institution (as provided in the Order). The District has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Government Securities originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the District moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance. The Order provides that "Government Securities" means any securities and obligations now or hereafter authorized by State law that are eligible to discharge obligations such as the Bonds. Current State law permits defeasance with the following types of securities: (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date of the purchase thereof, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that on the date the governing body of the District adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the financial arrangements have been refunded and are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and (d) any additional securities and obligations hereafter authorized by State law as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Bonds. District officials may restrict the use of such Government Securities as deemed appropriate. There is no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities acquired to defease any Bonds, or those for any other Government Securities, will be maintained at any particular rating category. Further, there is no assurance that current State law will not be amended in a manner that expands or contracts the list of permissible defeasance securities (such list consisting of these securities identified in clauses (a) through (c) above), or any rating requirement thereon, that may be purchased with defeasance proceeds relating to the Bonds ("Defeasance Proceeds"), though the District has reserved the right to utilize any additional securities for such purpose in the event the aforementioned list is expanded. Because the Order does not contractually limit such permissible defeasance securities and expressly recognizes the ability of the District to use lawfully available Defeasance Proceeds to defease all or any portion of the Bonds, registered owners of Bonds are deemed to have consented to the use of Defeasance Proceeds to purchase such other defeasance securities, notwithstanding the fact that such defeasance securities may not be of the same investment quality as those currently identified under State law as permissible defeasance securities.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the District to initiate proceedings to call the Bonds for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished; provided, however, the District has the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption at an earlier date those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the District (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption, (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements, and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

Amendments

The Issuer may amend the Order without the consent of or notice to any registered owners in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the registered owners, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission therein. In addition, the Issuer may, with the written consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding affected thereby, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of the Order; except that, without the consent of the registered owners of all of the Bonds affected, no such amendment, addition, or rescission may (1) change the date specified as the date on which the principal of or any installment of interest on any Bond is due and payable, reduce the principal amount thereof, or the rate of interest thereon, change the place or places at or the coin or currency in which any Bond or interest thereon is payable, change the redemption price or amount, or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, (2) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (3) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required for consent to any amendment, addition, or waiver.

Default and Remedies

If the District defaults in the payment of principal, interest, or redemption price on the Bonds when due, or if it fails to make payments into any fund or funds created in the Order, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Order, the registered owners may seek a writ of mandamus to compel District officials to carry out their legally imposed duties with respect to the Bonds, if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Bonds or the Order and the District's Bonds are not uncertain or disputed. The issuance of a writ of mandamus is controlled by equitable principles and rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. The Order does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the bondholders upon any failure of the District to perform in accordance with the terms of the Order, or upon any other condition and, accordingly, all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. Based on recent Texas court decisions, it is unclear whether Section 49.066, as amended, Texas Water Code, effectively waives governmental immunity of a water districts for suits for money damages.

If a judgment against the District could be obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the District's property. Further, the registered owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District to enforce the tax lien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. As noted above, the Order provides that Bondholders may exercise the remedy of mandamus to enforce the obligations of the District under the Order. In general, Texas courts have held that a writ of

mandamus may be issued to require public officials to perform ministerial acts that clearly pertain to their duties. Texas courts have held that a ministerial act is defined as a legal duty that is prescribed and defined with a precision and certainty that leaves nothing to the exercise of discretion or judgment, though mandamus is not available to enforce purely contractual duties. However, mandamus may be used to require a public officer to perform legally imposed ministerial duties necessary for the performance of a valid contract to which the State or a political subdivision of the State is a party (including the payment of monies due under a contract). Furthermore, the District is eligible to seek relief from its creditors under Chapter 9 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code ("Chapter 9"). Although Chapter 9 provides for the recognition of a security interest represented by a specifically pledged source of revenues, such as a pledge of the Net Revenues, such provision is subject to judicial construction. Chapter 9 also includes an automatic stay provision that would prohibit, without Bankruptcy Court approval, the prosecution of any other legal action by creditors or bondholders of an entity which has sought protection under Chapter 9. Therefore, should the District avail itself of Chapter 9 protection from creditors, the ability to enforce would be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court (which could require that the action be heard in Bankruptcy Court instead of other federal or state court); and the Bankruptcy Code provides for broad discretionary powers of a Bankruptcy Court in administering any proceeding brought before it. The opinion of Bond Counsel will note that all opinions relative to the enforceability of the Order and the Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors or general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion.

REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE

Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is UMB Bank N.A., Austin, Texas. In the Order, the Issuer retains the right to replace the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced by the Issuer, the new Paying Agent/Registrar shall accept the previous Paying Agent/Registrar's records and act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent/Registrar, selected at the sole discretion of the Issuer, shall be a national or state banking institution, shall be an association or a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, shall be subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority, and shall be authorized by law to serve as a Paying Agent/Registrar. Upon a change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds, the Issuer agrees to promptly cause written notice thereof to be sent to each registered owner of the Bonds by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form in multiples of \$5,000 for any one stated maturity, and principal and semiannual interest will be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar. Interest will be paid by check mailed on each interest payment date by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner at the last known address as it appears on the Paying Agent/Registrar's books or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by and at the risk and expense of the registered owner. Principal of the Bonds will be paid to the registered owner at stated maturity or upon prior redemption upon presentation to the Paying Agent/Registrar; provided, however, that so long as Cede & Co. (or other DTC nominee) is the registered owner of the Bonds, all payments will be made as described under "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday or a day when banking institutions in the city where the Paying Agent/ Registrar is located are authorized to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a day, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the date payment was due.

Record Date

The record date ("Record Date") for interest payable to the registered owner of a Bond on any interest payment date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such interest payment date.

Special Record Date for Interest Payment

In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the Issuer. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (the "Special Payment Date" which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each registered owner of a Bond appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

Future Registration

The Bonds are initially to be issued utilizing the Book-Entry-Only System of DTC. In the event such Book-Entry-Only System should be discontinued, printed Bond certificates will be issued to the owners of the Bonds and thereafter, the Bonds may be transferred, registered, and assigned on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender of such printed certificates to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration and transfer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Bond or Bonds being transferred or exchanged at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk and expense. New Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent,

in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in denominations of \$5,000 for any one stated maturity or any integral multiple thereof and for a like aggregate principal amount and rate of interest as the Bond or Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein for a description of the system to be initially utilized in regard to ownership and transferability of the Bonds.)

Limitation on Transfer of Bonds

Neither the District nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to make any such transfer, conversion or exchange (i) during the period commencing with the close of business of any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date or (ii) with respect to any Bond or any portion thereof called for redemption prior to maturity, within 45 days prior to its redemption date; provided, however, that such limitation shall not apply to uncalled portions of a Bond redeemed in part.

Replacement Bonds

The Issuer has agreed to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bonds upon surrender of the mutilated Bonds to the Paying Agent/Registrar, or receipt of satisfactory evidence of such destruction, loss, or theft, and receipt by the Issuer and Paying Agent/Registrar of security or indemnity as may be required by either of them to hold them harmless. The Issuer may require payment of taxes, governmental charges, and other expenses in connection with any such replacement. The person requesting the authentication of and delivery of a replacement Bond must comply with such other reasonable regulations as the Paying Agent/Registrar may prescribe and pay such expenses as the Paying Agent/Registrar may incur in connection therewith.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

This section describes how ownership of the Bonds is to be transferred and how the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited by the Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") while the Bonds are registered in its nominee name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The District, the Financial Advisor, and the Purchaser believe the source of such information to be reliable, but take no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

The District, the Financial Advisor, and the Purchaser cannot and do not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or any notices, to DTC Participants, (2) DTC Participants or others will distribute debt service payments paid to DTC or its nominee (as the registered owner of the applicable series of Bonds), or any notices, to the Beneficial Owners, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or (3) DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of each maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of certificated securities. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participants, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). Direct Participants and Indirect Participants are jointly referred to as "Participants". DTC has a S&P Global Ratings rating of "AA+". The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at www.d

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of Bonds ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive Bonds representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Obligation documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of the notices be provided directly to them.

Neither DTC or Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the Record Date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC nor its nominee, the Paying Agent/Registrar, or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of the Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bonds are required to be printed and delivered to DTC Participants or the Beneficial Owners, as the case may be.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Issuer and the Purchaser believe to be reliable, but the Issuer, the Financial Advisor and the Purchaser take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of this Official Statement

In reading this Official Statement it should be understood that while the Bonds are in the Book-Entry-Only System, references in other sections of this Official Statement to registered owners should be read to include the person for which the Participant acquires an interest in the Bonds, but (i) all rights of ownership must be exercised through DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System, and (ii) except as described above, notices that are to be given to registered owners under the Order will be given only to DTC.

Effect of Termination of Book-Entry-Only System

In the event that the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by DTC or the use of the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by the District, printed certificates representing the Bonds will be issued to the holders and the Bonds will be subject to transfer, exchange and registration provisions as set forth in the Order and summarized under "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE – Future Registration".

BOND INSURANCE

The District has applied for municipal bond insurance on the Bonds. No representation is hereby made that the District will use municipal bond insurance in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The District shall notify the Purchaser upon obtaining a commitment from a municipal bond insurance company (the "Bond Insurer") concerning the Bonds. If the District accepts a bid for the Bonds that utilizes municipal bond insurance, the premium for a municipal bond insurance policy (the "Policy") shall be paid by the Purchaser. The final Official Statement shall disclose, to the extent necessary, any relevant information relating to the Bond Insurer and the Policy.

BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS

The District has applied for a bond insurance policy to guarantee the scheduled payment of principal and interest on the Bonds. The District has yet to determine whether any insurance will be purchased with the Bonds, but the payment of the bond insurance premium will be the Purchaser's obligation. If a Policy is purchased, the following are risk factors relating to bond insurance.

In the event of default of the payment of principal or interest with respect to the Bonds when all or some becomes due, any owner of the Bonds shall have a claim under the Policy for such payments. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Bonds by the District which is recovered by the District from the Bond owner as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law may be covered by the Policy, however, such payments will be made by the Bond Insurer at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absence such prepayment by the District unless the Bond Insurer chooses to pay such amounts at an earlier date.

Payment of principal and interest is not subject to acceleration, but other legal remedies upon the occurrence of non-payment do exist. See "THE BONDS – Default and Remedies". The Bond Insurer may direct and must consent to any remedies that the Paying Agent/Registrar exercises and the Bond Insurer's consent may be required in connection with amendments to any applicable Bond documents.

In the event the Bond Insurer is unable to make payment of principal and interest as such payments become due under the Policy, the Bonds are payable solely from the Net Revenues pursuant to the applicable Bond documents. In the event the Bond Insurer becomes obligated to make payments with respect to the Bonds, no assurance is given that such event will not adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds.

If a Policy is acquired, the long-term ratings on the Bonds are dependent in part on the financial strength of the Bond Insurer and its claim paying ability. The Bond Insurer's financial strength and claims paying ability are predicated upon a number of factors which could change over time. No assurance is given that the long-term ratings of the Bond Insurer and of the ratings on the Bonds insured by the Bond Insurer will not be subject to downgrade and such event could adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds. See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Ratings" herein.

The obligations of the Bond Insurer are general obligations of the Bond Insurer and in an event of default by the Bond Insurer, the remedies available to the Paying Agent/Registrar may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or other similar laws related to insolvency of insurance companies.

Neither the District, the Financial Advisor, nor the Purchaser have made independent investigation into the claims paying ability of any potential Bond Insurer and no assurance or representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of any potential Bond Insurer is given. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of the District to pay principal and interest on the Bonds and the claims-paying ability of any potential Bond Insurer, particularly over the life of the Bonds.

Claims-Paying Ability and Financial Strength of Municipal Bond Insurers

Moody's Investor Services, Inc., S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business, and Fitch Ratings, Inc. have downgraded and/or placed on negative watch the claims-paying ability and financial strength of most providers of municipal bond insurance. Additional downgrades or negative changes in the rating outlook for all bond insurers is possible.

In addition, past events in the credit markets have had substantial negative effects on the bond insurance business. These developments could be viewed as having a material adverse effect on the claims-paying ability of such bond insurers, including any bond insurer of the Bonds. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of any such bond insurer to pay principal and interest on the Bonds and the claims-paying ability of any such bond insurer, particularly over the life of the Bonds.

THE DISTRICT

Creation of the District

The District is the successor to the East Central Water Supply Corporation (the "Corporation"). The Corporation was originally organized in 1967 as a non-profit water supply corporation operating under Article 1434a, V.A.T.C.S., as amended, for the purpose of providing and furnishing a safe and dependable water supply to the rural areas in Eastern Bexar County, Texas. On February 5, 2005 an election was held and the voters approved the conversion to a special utility district. The successful conversion to a special utility district was in accordance with Texas Water Code, Chapter 65 and Article 16, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution. Assets were transferred from the Corporation to the District in April 2005.

Location/Service Area

The District boundaries include an area of Eastern Bexar County, Southwestern Guadalupe County and Northwestern Wilson County. The District is located South of IH-10 and mostly North of Highway 181. Loop 1604 and Highway 87 Bisect the District. The service area is estimated to be approximately 120 square miles of land.

Population

The District estimates that its population is approximately 18,000.

Management

The District is governed by a nine member Board of Directors elected by the registered voters of the District (see page 3 herein for a list of the current Board of Directors). If at any time a vacancy occurs on the Board, either the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") or the remaining Board members make appointments to fill such vacancies. Directors serve three-year staggered terms. The District's Directors receive nominal remuneration for serving on the Board. The District's general manager supervises administrative and operating

functions of the District. At present, the District employs seventeen (17) full-time employees. The District and all similar districts are subject to the continuing supervision and filing requirements of TCEQ, including the requirement of an annual independent audit. Except for certain short-term obligations, all plans and specifications for construction of District facilities to be financed by any bonds or other obligations of the District must be submitted to TCEQ for review and approval. TCEQ approval is not required, however, in certain circumstances, including if (1) the bonds or other obligations are refunding bonds and TCEQ approved the refunded obligations; (2) the bonds are sold to certain governmental entities including the Texas Water Development Board or United States Department of Agriculture; or (3) the bonds are refunding bonds issued to refund bonds described by Subdivision (2). The Bonds were approved by the TCEQ on the basis of an Order approved on November 24, 2020.

Water Services Agreements

Currently all of the District's revenues come from its retail customers.

The System

East Central SUD operates approximately three miles of 2 inch, nine miles of 3 inch, 48 miles of 4 inch, 121 miles of 6 inch 14 miles of 8 inch, three miles of 10 inch, twenty-nine miles of 12 inch, eleven miles of 16-inch pipe. The system purchases water from Canyon Regional Water Authority ("CRWA") and San Antonio Water System ("SAWS"). The water enters the system from the North and the West through five CRWA and four SAWS interconnects. The water reaches three booster stations in different locations with two 171,000 and three 135,000-gallon ground storage tanks. Water is then distributed throughout the system by six 50hp, five 30hp and two 25hp booster pumps.

Water Supply

The District purchases all of its potable water from either SAWS or CRWA. The Contract with SAWS is for 800 acre feet of Ground Water from the Edwards Aquifer and has an expiration date of December 31, 2023 with an option to renew the contract for an additional 10 years. The District has contracts with CRWA for 1000 Acre Foot Ground Water from the Carrizo and Wilcox Aquifer and 1400 acre feet of surface water from Lake Dunlap on the Guadalupe River. These Contracts expire 2032, 2037 and 2027, respectively.

The Current Cost of water from SAWS is \$5.25/1000 gallons and the current cost of water from CRWA is \$4.05/1000 gallons. During 2019, the last audited fiscal year, the District paid SAWS \$1,365,768.80 and paid CRWA \$2,149,978.20.

INVESTMENTS POLICIES

The District invests its investable funds in investments authorized by State law and in accordance with investment policies approved and reviewed annually by the Board of the District. Both State law and the District's investment policies are subject to change.

Legal Investments

Under State law and subject to certain limitations, the District is authorized to invest in (1) obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities; (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations issued and secured by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the State of Texas or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities; (5) "A" or better rated obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state; (6) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) federally insured interest-bearing bank deposits, brokered pools of such deposits, and collateralized certificates of deposit and share certificates; (8) fully collateralized United States government securities repurchase agreements; (9) one-year or shorter securities lending agreements secured by obligations described in clauses (1) through (7) above or (11) through (14) below or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by an "A" or better rated state or national bank; (10) 270-day or shorter bankers' acceptances, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its holding company are rated at least "A-1" or "P-1"; (11) commercial paper rated at least "A-1" or "P-1"; (12) SECregistered no-load money market mutual funds that are subject to SEC Rule 2a-7; (13) SEC-registered no-load mutual funds that have an average weighted maturity of less than two years; (14) "AAA" or "AAAm"-rated investment pools that invest solely in investments described above; and (15) in the case of bond proceeds, guaranteed investment contracts that are secured by obligations described in clauses (1) through (7) above and, except for debt service funds and reserves, have a term of 5 years or less.

The District may not, however, invest in (1) interest only obligations, or non-interest bearing principal obligations, stripped from mortgage-backed securities; (2) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a remaining term that exceeds 10 years; and (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that bear interest at an index rate that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index. In addition, the District may not invest more than 15% of its monthly average fund balance (excluding bond proceeds and debt service funds and reserves) in mutual funds described in clause (13) above or make an investment in any mutual fund that exceeds 10% of the fund's total assets.

Except as stated above or inconsistent with its investment policy, the District may invest in obligations of any duration without regard to their credit rating, if any. If an obligation ceases to qualify as an eligible investment after it has been purchased, the District is not required to liquidate the investment unless it no longer carries a required rating, in which case the District is required to take prudent measures to liquidate the investment that are consistent with its investment policy.

Investment Policies

Under State law, the District is required to adopt and annually review written investment policies and must invest its funds in accordance with its policies. The policies must identify eligible investments and address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management. For investments whose eligibility is rating dependent, the policies must adopt procedures to monitor ratings and liquidate investments if and when required. The policies must require that all investment transactions settle on a delivery versus payment basis. The District is required to adopt a written investment strategy for each fund group to achieve investment objectives in the following order of priority: (1) suitability, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability, (5) diversification, and (6) yield.

State law requires the District's investments be made "with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived." The District is required to perform an annual audit of the management controls on investments and compliance with its investment policies and provide regular training for its investment officers.

Current Investments (1) TABLE 1

As of November 30, 2020 the District held investments as follows:

Type of Security
Cash/Money Market

Market Value \$7,124,276 Percentage of Total 100.00%

As of such date, the market value of such investments (as determined by the Issuer by reference to published quotations, dealer bids, and comparable information) was approximately 100% of their book value. No funds of the Issuer are invested in derivative securities, *i.e.*, securities whose rate of return is determined by reference to some other instrument, index, or commodity.

TAX MATTERS

Tax Exemption

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes (1) is excludable from the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date of such opinion (the "Code"), of the owners thereof pursuant to section 103 of the Code and existing regulations, published rulings, and court decisions, and (2) will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof. A form of Bond Counsel's opinion is reproduced as APPENDIX C. The statutes, regulations, rulings, and court decisions on which such opinion is based are subject to change.

In rendering the foregoing opinions, Bond Counsel will rely upon the representations and certifications of the District pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and will assume continuing compliance by the District with the provisions of the Order subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds. The Order contains covenants by the District with respect to, among other matters, the use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facilities financed or refinanced therewith by persons other than state or local governmental units, the manner in which the proceeds of the Bonds are to be invested, if required, the periodic calculation and payment to the United States Treasury of any arbitrage "profits" from the investment of proceeds, and the reporting of certain information to the United States Treasury. Failure to comply with any of these covenants may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof from the date of the issuance of the Bonds

Except as described above, Bond Counsel will express no other opinion with respect to any other federal, state or local tax consequences under present law, or proposed legislation, resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Bonds. Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result, but represents its legal judgment based upon its review of existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions and the representations and covenants of the District described above. No ruling has been sought from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") with respect to the matters addressed in the opinion of Bond Counsel, and Bond Counsel's opinion is not binding on the IRS. The IRS has an ongoing program of auditing the tax-exempt status of the interest on municipal obligations. If an audit of the Bonds is commenced, under current procedures the IRS is likely to treat the District as the "taxpayer," and the owners of the Bonds would have no right to participate in the audit process. In responding to or defending an audit of the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Bonds, the District may have different or conflicting interests from the owners of the Bonds. Public awareness of any future audit of the Bonds could adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Bonds during the pendency of the audit, regardless of its ultimate outcome.

Existing law may change to reduce or eliminate the benefit to bondholders of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any proposed legislation or administrative action, whether or not taken, could also affect the value and marketability of the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to any proposed or future changes in tax law.

⁽¹⁾ Unaudited.

Tax Changes

Existing law may change to reduce or eliminate the benefit to Bond holders of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any proposed legislation or administrative action, whether or not taken, could also affect the value and marketability of the Bonds. Prospective purchaser of the Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to any proposed or future changes in tax law.

Ancillary Tax Consequences

Prospective purchaser of the Bonds should be aware that the ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds may result in collateral federal tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions (see "TAX MATTERS – Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" herein), property and casualty insurance companies, life insurance companies, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, S corporations with subchapter C earnings and profits, owners of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust ("FASIT"), individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations. Prospective purchaser should consult their own tax advisors as to the applicability of these consequences to their particular circumstances.

Tax Accounting Treatment of Discount Bonds

The initial public offering price to be paid for certain Bonds may be less than the amount payable on such Bonds at maturity (the "Discount Bonds"). An amount equal to the difference between the initial public offering price of a Discount Bond (assuming that a substantial amount of the Discount Bonds of that maturity are sold to the public at such price) and the amount payable at maturity constitutes original issue discount to the initial purchaser of such Discount Bonds. A portion of such original issue discount, allocable to the holding period of a Discount Bond by the initial purchaser, will be treated as interest for federal income tax purposes, excludable from gross income on the same terms and conditions as those for other interest on the Bonds. Such interest is considered to be accrued actuarially in accordance with the constant interest method over the life of a Discount Bond, taking into account the semiannual compounding of accrued interest, at the yield to maturity on such Discount Bond and generally will be allocated to an initial purchaser in a different amount from the amount of the payment denominated as interest actually received by the initial purchaser during his taxable year.

However, such interest may be required to be taken into account in determining the amount of the branch profits tax applicable to certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment. In addition, the accrual of such interest may result in certain other collateral federal income tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions (see "TAX MATTERS – Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" herein), life insurance companies, property and casualty insurance companies, S corporations with "subchapter C" earnings and profits, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit, owners of an interest in a FASIT, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations. Moreover, in the event of the redemption, sale or other taxable disposition of a Discount Bond by the initial owner prior to maturity, the amount realized by such owner in excess of the basis of such Discount Bond in the hands of such owner (adjusted upward by the portion of the original issue discount allocable to the period for which such Discount Bond was held) is includable in gross income.

Owners of Discount Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for federal income tax purposes of accrued interest upon disposition of Discount Bonds and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning Discount Bonds. It is possible that, under applicable provisions governing determination of state and local income taxes, accrued interest on the Discount Bonds may be deemed to be received in the year of accrual even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

Tax Accounting Treatment of Premium on Certain Bonds

The initial public offering price to be paid for certain Bonds (the "Premium Bonds") may be greater than the stated redemption price on such Bonds at maturity. An amount equal to the difference between the initial public offering price of a Premium Bond (assuming that a substantial amount of the Premium Bonds of that maturity are sold to the public at such price) and the amount payable at maturity constitutes premium to the initial purchaser of such Premium Bonds. The basis for federal income tax purposes of a Premium Bond in the hands of such initial purchaser must be reduced each year by the amortizable certificate premium, although no federal income tax deduction is allowed as a result of such reduction in basis for amortizable certificate premium. Such reduction in basis will increase the amount of any gain (or decrease the amount of any loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes upon a sale or other taxable disposition of a Premium Bond. The amount of premium which is amortizable each year by an initial purchaser is determined by using such purchaser's yield to maturity.

Purchasers of the Premium Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination of amortizable certificate premium on Premium Bonds for federal income tax purposes and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of Premium Bonds.

Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations

Section 265 of the Code provides, in general, that interest expense to acquire or carry tax-exempt obligations is not deductible from the gross income of the owner of such obligations. In addition, section 265 of the Code generally disallows 100% of any deduction for interest expense which is incurred by "financial institutions" described in such section and is allocable, as computed in such section, to tax-exempt interest on obligations acquired after August 7, 1986. Section 265(b) of the Code provides an exception to this interest disallowance rule for interest expense allocable to tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds that are not qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) which are properly designated by an issuer as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." An issuer may designate obligations as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" only if the amount of the issue of which they are a part, when added to the amount of all other tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds that are not qualified 501(c)(3) obligations and other than certain refunding bonds) issued or reasonably anticipated to be issued by the issuer during the same calendar year, does not exceed \$10,000,000.

The District will designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" and will certify its expectation that the above-described \$10,000,000 ceiling will not be exceeded. Accordingly, it is anticipated that financial institutions which purchase the Bonds will not be subject to the 100% disallowance of interest expense allocable to interest on the Bonds under section 265(b) of the Code. However, the deduction for interest expense incurred by a financial institution which is allocable to the interest on the Bonds will be reduced by 20% pursuant to section 291 of the Code.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

The offering of the Bonds qualifies for the Rule 15c2-12(d)(2) exemption from Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) regarding the District's continuing disclosure obligation because the District does not currently have outstanding more than \$10,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of municipal securities (excluding securities offered in transactions that were exempt from the Rule). Pursuant to the exemption, in the Order, the District has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"). Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of certain specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system.

Annual Reports

Under State law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 49, as amended, Texas Water Code, the District must keep its fiscal records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, must have its financial accounts and records audited by a certified public accountant and must maintain each audit report within 135 days after the close of the District's fiscal year. The District's fiscal records and audit reports are available for public inspection during the regular business hours, and the District is required to provide a copy of the District's audit reports to any bondholder or other member of the public within a reasonable time on request to Assistant General Manager, PO Box 570, Adkins, Texas 78101 and upon payment of charges prescribed by the Texas General Services Commission.

The District may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly available documents, as permitted by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"). The updated information will include audited financial statements, if the District commissions an audit and it is completed by the required time. If audited financial statements are not available by the required time, the District will provide unaudited financial statements by the required time, and will provide audited financial statements when and if the audit report becomes available. Any such financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in APPENDIX D or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation.

The District's current fiscal year end is December 31. Accordingly, it must provide updated information by the last day of June 30 in each year following the end of its fiscal year, unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will file notice of such change with the MSRB through EMMA.

Notice of Certain Events

The District will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event): (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds, as the case may be; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material; (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the District, which shall occur as described below; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; (14) appointment of a successor or additional paying agent/registrar or the change of name of a paying agent/registrar, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of

default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of any such Financial Obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of any such Financial Obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties. In the Order, the District will adopt policies and procedures to ensure timely compliance of its continuing disclosure undertakings. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide annual financial information in accordance with their agreement described above under "Annual Reports." Neither the Bonds nor the Order make provision for credit enhancement (although the District has applied for a municipal insurance policy on the Bonds), or liquidity enhancement.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in clause (12) in the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, and (b) the District intends the words used in the immediately preceding clauses (15) and (16) and in the definition of Financial Obligation above to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885 dated August 20, 2018.

Availability of Information

All information and documentation filing required to be made by the District in accordance with its undertaking made for the Bonds will be made with the MSRB in electronic format in accordance with MSRB guidelines. Access to such filings will be provided, without charge to the general public, by the MSRB.

Limitations and Amendments

The District has agreed to update information and to provide notices of certain specified events only as described above. The District has not agreed to provide other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of its financial results of operations, condition, or prospects or agreed to update any information that is provided, except as described above. The District makes no representation or warranty concerning such information or concerning its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date. The District disclaims any contractual or tort liability for damages resulting in whole or in part from any breach of its agreement or from any statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders or Beneficial Owners of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the District to comply with its agreement.

The District may amend its continuing disclosure agreement to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the District, if the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the offering described herein in compliance with the Rule and either the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent or any person unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds. If the District amends its agreement, it must include with the next financial information and operating data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of information and data provided. The District may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent any Purchaser from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds, respectively, in the primary offering of the Bonds.

Compliance with Prior Undertakings

During the past five years, the District has not been subject to a continuing disclosure agreement made in accordance with the Rule.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal Opinions and No-Litigation Certificate

The Issuer will furnish the Purchaser with a complete transcript of proceedings incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, including the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas to the effect that the Initial Bond is a valid and legally binding obligation of the Issuer, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approval of certain legal matters by Bond Counsel, to the effect that the Bonds, issued in compliance with the provisions of the Order, are valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer and, subject to the qualifications set forth herein under "TAX MATTERS", the interest on the Bonds is exempt from federal income taxation under existing statutes, published rulings, regulations, and court decisions. Though it represents the Financial Advisor from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel was engaged by, and only represents, the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In its capacity as Bond Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Texas has reviewed (except for numerical, statistical and technical data) the information under the captions "THE BONDS" (except under the subcaptions, "Use of Bond Proceeds", "Sources and Uses", "Payment Record", and "Default and Remedies", as to which no opinion is expressed), "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE", "TAX MATTERS", "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" (except under the subheading "Compliance with Prior Undertakings" as to which no opinion is expressed), "LEGAL MATTERS—Legal Investments and Eligibility to Secure Public Funds in Texas", and "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION—Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale" in the Official Statement and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and the Order contained under such captions is a fair and accurate summary of the information purported to be shown and that the information and descriptions contained under such captions relating to the provisions of applicable state and federal laws are correct as to matters of law. The customary closing papers, including a certificate to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending to restrain the issuance and delivery of the Bonds or which would affect the provision made for their payment or security, or in any manner questioning the validity of the Bonds will also be furnished. The legal fees to be paid Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of Bonds are contingent on the sale and initial delivery of the Bonds. The legal opinion of Bond Counsel will accompany the Bonds deposited with DTC or will be printed on the definitive Bonds in the event of the discontinuance of the Book-Entry-Only System.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorney does not become an insurer or guarantor of the expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or of the future performance of the parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

Litigation

In the opinion of various officials of the Issuer, there is no litigation or other proceeding pending against or, to their knowledge, threatened against the Issuer in any court, agency, or administrative body (either state or federal) wherein an adverse decision would materially adversely affect the financial condition of the Issuer.

Legal Investments and Eligibility to Secure Public Funds in Texas

Section 1201.041 of the Public Securities Procedures Act (Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code) provides that the Bonds are negotiable instruments governed by Chapter 8, Texas Business and Commerce Code, and are legal and authorized investments for insurance companies, fiduciaries, and trustees, and for the sinking funds of municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State of Texas. With respect to investment in the Bonds by municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State of Texas, the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, requires that the Bonds be assigned a rating of at least "A" or its equivalent as to investment quality by a national rating agency before such obligations are eligible investments for sinking funds and other public funds. See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Rating" herein. In addition, various provisions of the Texas Finance Code provide that, subject to a prudent investor standard, the Bonds are legal investments for state banks, savings banks, trust companies with at least \$1 million of capital, and savings and loan associations.

The District has made no investigation of other laws, rules, regulations or investment criteria which might apply to such institutions or entities or which might limit the suitability of the Bonds for any of the foregoing purposes or limit the authority of such institutions or entities to purchase or invest in the Bonds for such purposes. The District has made no review of laws in other states to determine whether the Bonds are legal investments for various institutions in those states.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements contained in this Official Statement, and in any other information provided by the District, that are not purely historical, are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the District's expectations, hopes, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement are based on information available to the District on the date hereof, and the District assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. It is important to note that the District's actual results could differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements herein are necessarily based on various assumptions and estimates and are inherently subject to various risks and uncertainties, including risks and uncertainties relating to the possible invalidity of the underlying assumptions and estimates and possible changes or developments in social, economic, business, industry, market, legal, and regulatory circumstances and conditions and actions taken or omitted to be taken by third parties, including customers, suppliers, business partners and competitors, and legislative, judicial and other governmental authorities and officials. Assumptions related to the foregoing involve judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive, and market conditions and future business decisions, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of which are beyond the control of the District. Any of such assumptions could be inaccurate and, therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement will prove to be accurate.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale

The sale of the Bonds has not been registered under the Federal Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemption provided thereunder by Section 3(a)(2); and the Bonds have not been qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; or have the Bonds been qualified under the securities acts of any jurisdiction. The Issuer assumes no responsibility for qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration provisions.

It is the obligation of the Purchaser to register or qualify the sale of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction which so requires. The District agrees to cooperate, at the Purchaser's written request and sole expense, in registering or qualifying the Bonds or in obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification in any state where such action is necessary; provided, however, that the District shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to execute a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.

Rating

A municipal bond rating application for the Bonds has been made to S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"). The outcome of the results will be made available as soon as possible. An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from S&P. The rating of the Bonds by S&P reflect only the views of S&P at the time the rating is given, and the Issuer makes no representations as to the appropriateness of the rating. There is no assurance that the rating will continue for any given period of time, or that the rating will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by S&P, if, in the judgment of S&P, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revisions or withdrawals of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Authenticity of Financial Information

The financial data and other information contained herein have been obtained from the Issuer's records, audited financial statements and other sources that are believed to be reliable. All of the summaries of the statutes, documents, and the Order contained in this Official

tatement are made subject to all of the provisions of such statutes, documents, and the Order. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions and reference is made to such documents for further information. All information contained in this Official Statement is subject, in all respects, to the complete body of information contained in the original sources thereof and no guaranty, warranty or other representation is made concerning the accuracy or completeness of the information herein. In particular, no opinion or representation is rendered as to whether any projection will approximate actual results, and all opinions, estimates and assumptions, whether or not expressly identified as such, should not be considered statements of fact.

References to web site addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and may be in the form of a hyperlink solely for the reader's convenience. Unless specified otherwise, such web sites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement for purposes of, and as that term is defined in, SEC Rule 15c2-12.

Financial Advisor

SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. is employed as a Financial Advisor to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In this capacity, the Financial Advisor has compiled certain data relating to the Bonds and has assisted in drafting this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has not independently verified any of the data contained herein or conducted a detailed investigation of the affairs of the Issuer to determine the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Because of its limited participation, the Financial Advisor assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained herein. The fees for the Financial Advisor are contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

The Financial Advisor has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with its responsibilities to the Issuer and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Financial Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

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Certification of the Official Statement

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Bonds, the Purchaser will be furnished a certificate, executed by proper officers of the District, acting in their official capacity, to the effect that to the best of their knowledge and belief: (a) the descriptions and statements of or pertaining to the District contained in its Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, on the date of such Official Statement, on the date of sale of the Bonds and the receipt of the bids therefor, and on the date of the delivery, were and are true and correct in all material respects; (b) insofar as the District and its affairs, including its financial affairs, are concerned, such Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (c) insofar as the descriptions and statements, including financial data, of or pertaining to entities, other than the District, and their activities contained in such Official Statement are concerned, such statements and data have been obtained from sources which the District believes to be reliable and the District has no reason to believe that they are untrue in any material respect; and (d) there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the District since the date of the last audited financial statements of the District.

Authorization of the Official Statement

East Central Special Utility District

The Official Statement will be approved as to form and content and the use thereof in the offering of the Bonds will be authorized, ratified and approved by the Board of Directors, and the Purchaser will be furnished, upon request, at the time of payment for and the delivery of the Bonds, a certified copy of such approval, duly executed by the proper officials of the Issuer.

The Order will also approve the form and content of this Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto issued on behalf of the Issuer and authorize its further use in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Purchaser.

This Official Statement will be approved by the Board of Directors of the Issuer for distribution in accordance with the provisions of the Rule.

	EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT
ATTEST:	President, Board of Directors East Central Special Utility District
Secretary, Board of Directors	

APPENDIX A FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER (This appendix contains quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the Issuer. The information is only a partial representation and does not purport to be complete. For further and more complete information, reference should be made to the original documents, which can be obtained from various sources, as noted.)



FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER

REVENUE BOND DEBT DATA TABLE 1

Revenue Bond Debt Principal Outstanding (As of January 1, 2021): Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 \$ 4,200,000 * Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds") 5,075,000 *

Total Revenue Debt Principal Outstanding Following Issuance of the Bonds

CONDENSED WATERWORKS SYSTEM OPERATING STATEMENTS

TABLE 2

875,000

				Fisc	cal Year Ended December 31						
		<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	-
Revenues	Φ.	E 000 400	•	E 000 074	Φ.	4 000 500	Φ.	4.057.005	•	4 404 054	
Water Sales	\$	5,902,488	\$	5,360,374	\$	4,883,580	\$	4,357,605	\$	4,181,651	
Wastewater Service Fees		208,812		136,687		53,009		45,960		32,847	
Other Charges	_	1,438,536	_	1,157,360	_	754,677	_	418,302	_	576,344	
Total	\$	7,549,836	\$	6,654,421	\$	5,691,266	\$	4,821,867	\$	4,790,842	
Operating Expenses											
Water Purchases	\$	2,731,093	\$	2,410,464	\$	2,780,137	\$	1,599,663	\$	1,757,148	
Personnel		980,913		948,731		852,362		685,839		646,713	
Repairs and Maintenance		405,912		656,004		437,348		320,738		269,693	
Depreciation		895,745		866,491		890,606		906,006		906,006	
Professional Fees		51,918		69,678		63,344		68,834		49,411	
Administrative Expenses		294,855		268,160		232,735		227,778		324,683	
Vehicles and Equipment		98,538		108,065		85,644		70,112		86,380	
Utilities		43,462		52,001		48,796		61,341		62,807	
Insurance		37,500	_	37,219	_	27,029	_	36,195	_	31,150	
Total	\$	5,539,936	\$	5,416,813	\$	5,418,001	\$	3,976,506	\$	4,133,991	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	2,009,900	\$	1,237,608	\$	273,265	\$	845,361	\$	656,851	
Expenses											
Rental Income	\$	8,857	\$	7,986	\$	7,260	\$	11,212	\$	8,641	
Interest Income		21,384		13,274		6,191		5,859		5,288	
Gain on Sale of Assets		14,000		19,463		· -		, <u> </u>		, -	
Other Income		13,650		4,500		69,141		62,653		311	
Interest Expense		(536,432)		(533,732)		(544,417)		(650,274)		(649,929))
Total	\$	(478,541)	\$	(488,509)	\$	(461,825)	\$	(570,550)	\$	(635,689)	_
Net Income	\$	1,531,359	\$	749,099	\$	(188,560)	\$	274,811	\$	21,162	
Net Revenues Available for											
Debt Service (1)	\$	2,905,645	\$	2,104,099	\$	1,163,871	\$	1,751,367	\$	1,562,857	
			_		_		_				
Annual Debt Service	_		_		_		_		_		
Requirements	\$	136,892	\$	139,284	\$	143,386	\$	153,364	\$	152,295	
Coverage per Rate Covenant		21.23	Χ	15.11	Χ	8.12	Χ	11.42	Χ	10.26	X
Customer Count Water		5,471		5,219		4,997		4,851		4,761	

⁽¹⁾ Net Revenues available for debt service excludes depreciation.

Source: The Issuer's Annual Audited Financial Statements and other information from the Issuer.

Preliminary, subject to change.

OTHER OBLIGATIONS TABLE 3

As of December 31, 2019, the District had the following Note outstanding:

Co-Bank Note \$ 819,086

FUND BALANCES		TABLE 4
(As of November 30, 2020, unaudited)		
Water Operating Fund		\$ 1,624,326
Impact Fee Fund		3,905,377
Water Acquistion Fund		545,200
Depreciation Fund		246,667
Meter Deposit Fund		434,600
Bond Fund		203,106
Revenue Bond Reserve Fund		 165,000 ^(a)
	Total	\$ 7,124,276

⁽a) Prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Required Reserve amount was \$136,250. The Required Reserve after the issuance of the Bonds will be \$_____.

Source: The Issuer

TABLE 5

	Current The Bonds*									
Fiscal Year		Total Debt							•	Combined
Dec 31		Service		Principal		Interest (1)		Total		Debt Service*
2020	\$	139,448							\$	139,448
2021		136,952			\$	84,000	\$	84,000		220,952
2022		134,456	\$	140,000		165,200		305,200		439,656
2023		136,908		145,000		159,500		304,500		441,408
2024		134,308		150,000		153,600		303,600		437,908
2025		131,708		160,000		147,400		307,400		439,108
2026		134,056		165,000		140,900		305,900		439,956
2027		131,352		170,000		134,200		304,200		435,552
2028		-		180,000		127,200		307,200		307,200
2029		-		185,000		119,900		304,900		304,900
2030		-		195,000		112,300		307,300		307,300
2031		-		200,000		104,400		304,400		304,400
2032		-		210,000		96,200		306,200		306,200
2033		-		215,000		87,700		302,700		302,700
2034		-		225,000		78,900		303,900		303,900
2035		-		235,000		69,700		304,700		304,700
2036		-		245,000		60,100		305,100		305,100
2037		-		255,000		50,100		305,100		305,100
2038		-		265,000		39,700		304,700		304,700
2039		-		275,000		28,900		303,900		303,900
2040		-		285,000		17,700		302,700		302,700
2041			_	300,000		6,000		306,000		306,000
	\$	1,079,188	\$	4,200,000	\$	1,983,600	\$	6,183,600	\$	7,262,788

^{*} Preliminary; subject to change.

⁽¹⁾ Interest calculated at an assumed rate for purpose of illustration.

Principal Repayment Schedule						_	Bonds	Percent of	
Fiscal Year	0	utstanding		The			Unp		Principal
Ending 12-31		Bonds		Bonds*		Total*		End of Year*	Retired (%)*
2020	\$	120,000	\$	-	\$	120,000	\$	5,075,000	2.31%
2021		120,000		-		120,000		4,955,000	4.62%
2022		120,000		140,000		260,000		4,695,000	9.62%
2023		125,000		145,000		270,000		4,425,000	14.82%
2024		125,000		150,000		275,000		4,150,000	20.12%
2025		125,000		160,000		285,000		3,865,000	25.60%
2026		130,000		165,000		295,000		3,570,000	31.28%
2027		130,000		170,000		300,000		3,270,000	37.05%
2028		-		180,000		180,000		3,090,000	40.52%
2029		-		185,000		185,000		2,905,000	44.08%
2030		-		195,000		195,000		2,710,000	47.83%
2031		-		200,000		200,000		2,510,000	51.68%
2032		-		210,000		210,000		2,300,000	55.73%
2033		-		215,000		215,000		2,085,000	59.87%
2034		-		225,000		225,000		1,860,000	64.20%
2035		-		235,000		235,000		1,625,000	68.72%
2036		-		245,000		245,000		1,380,000	73.44%
2037		-		255,000		255,000		1,125,000	78.34%
2038		-		265,000		265,000		860,000	83.45%
2039		-		275,000		275,000		585,000	88.74%
2040		-		285,000		285,000		300,000	94.23%
2041		_		300,000		300,000		-	100.00%
	\$	995,000	\$	4,200,000	\$	5,195,000			

^{*} Preliminary; subject to change.

CAPITAL ASSETS		TABLE 7
(As of December 31, 2019)		
Land and Easements	\$	772,723
Construction in Progress		223,095
CRWA Assets		13,304,338
Plant and Distribution System		15,085,944
Equipment		280,356
Building and Improvements		96,505
Furniture and Fixtures		246,536
Vehicles		714,017
Organizational Expenses		180,372
Refinance Bond Costs		157,086
CRWA Membership		10,000
Total Capital Assets	\$	31,070,972
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(12,895,156)
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$</u>	18,175,816

Source: The Issuer's Annual Audited Financial Statements and other information from the Issuer.

Name of Customer		verage Monthly sumption (Gallons)	Percentage of Total Consumption
East Central ISD		16,144,746	3.55%
VK Knowlton		4,234,246	0.93%
Tex-Mix		4,114,550	0.91%
Marco Fernandez		2,758,993	0.61%
Mario Sinacola		2,716,351	0.60%
Schoenfeld		2,113,383	0.47%
Fisher's Neighborhood Mkt		1,997,427	0.44%
Shawn Shaw		1,846,311	0.41%
Minerva Leal		1,826,860	0.40%
Azar Distilling, LLC		1,548,567	0.34%
	Tota	39,301,434	8.65%
Total Gallons Sold		454,396,547	

Source: The District

CURRENT RETAIL WATER RATES - Effective January 1, 2021

TABLE 9

	Monthly		Usage Charge
Meter Size	Charge	CuFt	/100 cuft
3/4 x 5/8"	\$38.00	0 to 1100	\$5.69
Standard		1200 to 2200	\$6.54
		2300 to 3300	\$7.24
		3400 to 4400	\$7.67
		4500 & over	\$8.63
3/4"	\$57.00	0 to 1500	\$5.69
		1600 to 3000	\$6.54
		3100 to 4500	\$7.24
		4600 to 6000	\$7.67
		6100 & over	\$8.63
1"	\$95.00	0 to 2400	\$5.69
		2500 to 4800	\$6.54
		4900 to 7200	\$7.24
		7300 to 9600	\$7.67
		9700 & over	\$8.63
1 1/2"	\$190.00	0 to 5000	\$5.69
		5100 to 10000	\$6.54
		10100 to 15000	\$7.24
		15100 to 20000	\$7.67
		20100 & over	\$8.63
2"	\$304.00	0 to 8000	\$5.69
		8100 to 16000	\$6.54
		16100 to 24000	\$7.24
		24100 to 32000	\$7.67
		32100 & over	\$8.63

^{*} The District's full schedule of water rates may be obtained from the District.

	For fiscal Year ended December 31						
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015		
Production:							
Gallons pumped into							
System	589,119,293	543,803,210	564,767,439	478,279,805	507,353,359		
Usage:							
Meter Count	5,471	5,219	4,997	4,851	4,761		
Total Gallons Billed	470,754,547	450,153,560	460,536,836	423,674,296	460,201,303		
Average Monthly Usage Per User (Gallons)	8,973	8,683	9,418	8,216	8,880		
Percentage Water Loss in System	20.09%	17.22%	18.46%	11.42%	9.29%		

Source: The Issuer's annual audit reports (statistical information section) and additional information from Issuer.

Increase in Water loss from 2015 and 2016 to current levels is due to metering of water at the District's intakes. In 2015 & 2016, the District's loss were lower due to the lack of metering points. ECSUD is working on implementing technology that will record losses due to flushing dead-end mains and water used in fire fighting operations. The District expects the water losses to decrease in the future.

RETIREMENT PLAN TABLE 11

Information regarding the District's retirement plan can be found within the District's audit under Note 11.

APPENDIX B

HISTORY OF EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT AND BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS



GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT AND BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

In 1967 East Central Water Supply Corporation was created. It was created to purchase, own, hold, lease and otherwise acquire sources of water supply; to build, operate and maintain facilities for the transportation of water; and to sell water and wastewater services to towns, cities and other political subdivisions of the state, to private business entities and to individuals. In 2004, East Central Water Supply Corporation was dissolved, and all assets and liabilities and equity of that organization were transferred to the newly created East Central Special Utility District (the "District").

The District supplies water service to approximately 5,000 customers in the eastern portion of Bexar County, the northwest portion of Wilson County, and the southwest portion of Guadalupe County. The District has access to the Edwards Aquifer, Carrizo Aquifer, and Canyon Lake water.

BEXAR COUNTY

Creation and Location of Bexar County

The County was organized in 1836 as one of the original counties of the Republic of Texas and is now the fourth most populous of the 254 counties in the State of Texas with a 2019 estimated population of 2,003,554. The County has an area of approximately 1,248 square miles and contains 27 incorporated cities within its boundaries.

The County is located in south central Texas and is a component of the Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA") of San Antonio. The San Antonio MSA is one of the nation's largest MSAs and the third largest MSA in Texas. The principal city within the County is San Antonio, the county seat. The City was founded in the early eighteenth century and was incorporated by the Republic of Texas in 1837. The City covers approximately 467 square miles and is located in south central Texas approximately 80 miles south of Austin, the state capital. The City's 2010 census population of 1,327,407 makes it the second largest city in Texas and the seventh largest in the United States.

The following table provides, at the dates shown, the population of the City, the County, and the Area MSA, which includes Bexar, Comal, Wilson and Guadalupe Counties.

Calendar	City of	Bexar	Area
Year	San Antonio	County	MSA
1930	231,542	292,533	333,442
1940	253,854	338,176	376,093
1950	408,442	500,460	542,209
1960	587,718	687,151	736,066
1970	654,153	830,460	888,179
1980	786,023	988,870	1,088,881
1990	935,933	1,185,394	1,407,745
2000	1,144,646	1,392,931	1,711,703
2010	1,327,407	1,714,773	2,142,508
2019	1,547,253	2,003,554	2,550,960

Source: U.S. Census of Population.

Labor Force Statistics (1)

Civilian Labor Force Total Employed Total Unemployed	2020 ⁽²⁾ 959,472 886,801 72,671	2019 ⁽³⁾ 949,380 919,763 29,617	2018 ⁽³⁾ 936,251 905,106 31,145	2017 ⁽³⁾ 924,257 891,563 32,694	2016 ⁽³⁾ 905,115 871,260 33,855
% Unemployment	7.6%	3.1%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%
Texas Unemployment	8.0%	3.5%	3.8%	4.3%	4.6%

- (1) Source: Texas Workforce Commission.
- (2) As of November 2020.
- (3) Average Annual Statistics.

APPENDIX C

SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER



APPENDIX C

SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER

The following contains certain selected provisions of the Order. This document should be qualified by reference to other provisions of the Order referred to elsewhere in this Official Statement, and all references and summaries pertaining to the Order in the Official Statement are, separately and in whole, qualified by reference to the exact terms of the Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the District.

SECTION 9: <u>Definitions</u>. For all purposes of this Order (as defined below), except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires: (i) the terms defined in this Section have the meanings assigned to them in this Section, and certain terms used in Sections 33 and 50 of this Order have the meanings assigned to them in such Sections, and all such terms include the plural as well as the singular; (ii) all references in this Order to designated "Sections" and other subdivisions are to the designated Sections and other subdivisions of this Order as originally adopted; and (iii) the words "herein", "hereof", and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Order as a whole and not to any particular Section or other subdivision.

- A. The term *Additional Parity Obligations* shall mean (i) bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness which the District reserves the right to issue or enter into, as the case may be, in the future under the terms and conditions provided in Section 19 of this Order and which are equally and ratably secured solely by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, and (ii) obligations hereafter issued to refund any of the foregoing as determined by the Board, if issued in a manner so as to be payable from and equally ratably secured by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues.
- B. The term *Authorized Officials* shall mean the President of the Board, the Secretary of the Board or the General Manager.
- C. The term *Average Annual Debt Service Requirements* shall mean that average amount which, at the time of computation, will be required to pay the Debt Service Requirements on all outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured when due (either at Stated Maturity or mandatory redemption) and derived by dividing the total of such Debt Service Requirements by the number of Fiscal Years then remaining before Stated Maturity of such Bonds Similarly Secured. For the purposes of this definition, a fractional period of a Fiscal Year shall be treated as an entire Fiscal Year. Capitalized interest payments provided from bond proceeds and accrued interest on any Bonds Similarly Secured shall be excluded in making the aforementioned computation
- D. The term *Bond Fund* shall mean the special fund created and established by the provisions of Section 13 of this Order.
- E. The term *Bonds* shall mean the \$_____ "EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021" authorized by this Order.

- F. The term *Bonds Similarly Secured* shall mean the currently outstanding Previously Issued Parity Bonds, the Bonds, and any Additional Parity Obligations hereafter issued by the District or bonds issued to refund any of the foregoing if issued in a manner that provides that the refunding bonds are payable from and equally and ratably secured by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues.
- G. The term *Closing Date* shall mean the date of physical delivery of the Initial Bonds in exchange for the payment in full by the Purchasers.
- H. The term *District* shall mean the East Central Special Utility District, located in the Counties of Bexar, Guadalupe and Gonzales, Texas and, where appropriate, the Board of Directors of the District.
- I. The term *Credit Facility* shall mean (i) a policy of insurance or a surety bond, issued by an issuer of policies of insurance insuring the timely payment of debt service on governmental obligations, provided that a national rating agency having an outstanding rating on any Bond would rate such Bond fully insured by a standard policy issued by the insurer in its highest generic rating category for such obligations, or (ii) a letter or line of credit issued by any financial institution, provided that a national rating agency having an outstanding rating on any Bond would rate such Bond in one of its two highest generic rating categories for such obligations if the letter or line of credit proposed to be issued by such financial institution secured the timely payment of the entire principal amount of such Bond and the interest thereon.
- J. The term Debt Service Requirements shall mean as of any particular date of computation, with respect to any obligations and with respect to any period, the aggregate of the amounts to be paid or set aside by the District as of such date or in such period for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest (to the extent not capitalized) on or other payments due under such obligation, assuming, in the case of obligations without a fixed numerical rate, that such obligations bear interest or other payment obligations calculated by assuming (1) that such non-fixed interest rate for every future 12-month period is equal to the rate of interest reported in the most recently published edition of The Bond Buyer (or its successor) at the time of calculation as the "Revenue Bond Index" or, if such Revenue Bond Index is no longer being maintained by The Bond Buyer (or its successor) at the time of calculation, such interest rate shall be assumed to be 80% of the most recently reported yield, as of the time of calculation, at which United States Treasury obligations of like maturity have been sold and (2) that, in the case of bonds not subject to fixed scheduled mandatory sinking fund redemptions, that the principal of such bonds is amortized such that annual debt service is substantially level over the remaining stated life of such bonds, and in the case of obligations required to be redeemed or prepaid as to principal prior to Stated Maturity according to a fixed schedule, the principal amounts thereof will be redeemed prior to stated maturity in accordance with the mandatory redemption provisions applicable thereto (in each case notwithstanding any contingent obligation to redeem bonds more rapidly). For the term of any interest rate hedge agreement entered into in connection with any such obligations, Debt Service Requirements shall be computed by netting the amounts payable to the District under such hedge agreement from the amounts payable by the District under such hedge agreement and such obligations.
 - K. The term *Depository* shall mean an official depository bank of the District.

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- L. The term *Fiscal Year* shall mean the twelve month accounting period used by the District in connection with the operation of the System which may be any twelve consecutive month period established by the District, which period presently commences on January 1 of each year and ends on the following December 31.
- M. The term *Government Securities*, as used herein, shall mean (i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America; (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the issuer adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent; (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the governing body of the issuer adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent; or (iv) any additional securities and obligations hereafter issued by the laws of the State of Texas as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Bonds.
- N. The term *Holder* or *Holders* shall mean the registered owner, whose name appears in the Security Register, for any Bond.
- O. The term *Inferior Lien Obligations* shall mean (i) any bonds, notes, warrants, or any similar obligations hereafter issued by the District that are payable wholly or in part from and equally and ratably secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, such pledge being junior and inferior to the lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System that are or will be pledged to the payment of the Previously Issued Parity Bonds, the Bonds and any Additional Parity Obligations hereafter issued by the District and (ii) obligations hereafter issued to refund any of the foregoing that are payable from and equally and ratably secured by a junior and inferior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues as determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with any applicable law.
- P. The term *Insurance Policy* shall mean the insurance policy issued by the Insurer guaranteeing the scheduled payment of principal and interest on the Bonds when due.
- Q. The term *Insurer* shall mean ______, or any successor thereto or assignee thereof.
- R. The term *Interest Payment Date* shall mean the date semiannual interest is payable on the Bonds, being February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2021, while any of the Bonds remain Outstanding.
- S. The term *Maintenance and Operating Expenses* shall mean costs of operation, maintenance and necessary replacements to the System, the cost of insurance, the cost of supplies, costs incurred in providing water, and the payment of salaries and all other expenses properly incurred in operating and maintaining the System and keeping the same in good repair and operating condition, including any contract payments for the acquisition of water.

- T. The term *Net Revenues* shall mean all income and revenues from the operation of the System after the deduction of Maintenance and Operating Expenses.
- U. The term *Order* shall mean this order adopted by the Board of Directors of the District on January 14, 2021.
- V. The term *Outstanding* shall mean when used in this Order with respect to Bonds, as of the date of determination, all Bonds issued and delivered under this Order, except:
 - (1) those Bonds canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar or delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation in connection with the exchange or transfer of such obligations;
 - (2) those Bonds for which payment has been duly provided by the District in accordance with the provisions of Section 35 of this Order by the irrevocable deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, of money or Government Securities, or both, in the amount necessary to fully pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest thereon to maturity or redemption, as the case may be, provided that, if such Bonds are to be redeemed, notice of redemption thereof shall have been duly given pursuant to this Order or irrevocably provided to be given to the satisfaction of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or waived; and
 - (3) those Bonds that have been mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen and replacement Bonds have been registered and delivered in lieu thereof as provided in Section 31 of this Order.
- W. The term *Previously Issued Parity Bonds* shall mean (i) the outstanding and unpaid obligations of the District that are payable from and equally and ratably secured by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System and designated as follows:
- (1) "East Central Special Utility District Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, dated September 1, 2016", issued in the original principal amount of \$1,345,000; and
- (ii) any Additional Parity Obligations hereafter issued by the District or bonds issued to refund any of the foregoing if issued in a manner that provides that the bonds are payable from and equally and ratably secured by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues.
- X. The term *Purchasers* shall mean the initial purchasers of the Bonds named in Section 32 of this Order.
- Y. The term *Required Reserve Amount* shall mean the amount required to be deposited and maintained in the Reserve Fund under the provisions of Section 15 of this Order.
- Z. The term *Required Reserve Fund Deposits* shall mean the monthly deposited required to be deposited and maintained in the Reserve Fund under the provisions of Section 15 of this Order.

- AA. The term *Special Facilities Bonds* shall mean shall mean bonds which the District expressly reserves the right to issue in Section 21 of this Order.
- BB. The term *Stated Maturity* shall mean the annual principal payments of the Bonds payable on February 1 of each year, as set forth in Section 2 of this Order.
- CC. The term *System* shall mean all properties, facilities, and plants currently owned, operated, and maintained by the District for the supply, treatment and transmission of treated potable water, together with all future extensions, improvements, replacements and additions thereto; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, and to the extent now or hereafter authorized or permitted by law, the term System shall not mean to include facilities of any kind which are declared not to be a part of the System and which are acquired or constructed by or on behalf of the District with the proceeds from the issuance of Special Facilities Bonds.
- SECTION 10: <u>Pledge of Net Revenues</u>. (a) The District hereby covenants and agrees that the Net Revenues of the System are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the Bonds Similarly Secured, including the establishment and maintenance of the special funds created for the payment and security thereof, all as hereinafter provided; and it is hereby ordered that the Bonds Similarly Secured shall constitute a first and prior lien on the Net Revenues of the System and be valid and binding without any physical delivery thereof or further act by the District, and the lien created hereby on the Net Revenues of the System for the payment and security of the Bonds Similarly Secured shall be prior in right and claim as to any other indebtedness, liability or obligation of the District or the System.
- (b) Chapter 1208, as amended, Texas Government Code, applies to the issuance of the Bonds and the pledge of Net Revenues granted by the District under subsection (a) of this Section, and such pledge is therefore valid, effective, and perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid such that the pledge of the Net Revenues granted by the District is to be subject to the filing requirements of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code, then in order to preserve to the registered owners of the Bonds the perfection of the security interest in this pledge, the Board agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9, as amended, Texas Business & Commerce Code and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in this pledge to occur.
- SECTION 11: <u>Rates and Charges</u>. The District hereby agrees and covenants to the holders of the Bonds Similarly Secured that it will at all times maintain rates and charges for water services furnished, provided, and supplied by the System to customers which shall be reasonable and nondiscriminatory and which will produce income and revenues sufficient to pay:
- A. All Maintenance and Operating Expenses, depreciation, replacement and betterment expenses and other costs of the System.
- B. The interest on and principal of the Bonds Similarly Secured as and when the same shall become due, and provide for the establishment and maintenance of the funds and accounts created for the payment and security of the Bonds.

- C. The interest on and principal of the Inferior Lien Obligations, if any, as and when the same shall become due, and provide for the establishment and maintenance of the funds and accounts created for the payment and security of the Inferior Lien Obligations.
 - D. Any legal debt or obligation of the System as and when the same shall become due.

The District shall also fix and maintain rates and collect charges for the facilities and services afforded by the System, which will produce Net Revenues equal to at least 1.05 times the Debt Service Requirements due and payable on the outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured.

The District shall also determine within thirty (30) days after the end of each Fiscal Year whether it is in compliance with the requirements of the preceding paragraph. If it is not in such compliance, then the District will instruct its engineer to deliver recommendations to the District within thirty (30) days thereafter regarding recommended rates and charges which will permit it to be in such compliance, and the District shall implement the recommendations of its engineers within sixty (60) days thereafter. Within thirty (30) days after the implementation of such recommendations, the District shall direct its engineer to certify that the actions taken by the District at the direction of its engineer will be sufficient to permit the District to be in compliance within such Fiscal Year with the requirements of the preceding paragraph.

SECTION 12: <u>Revenue Fund</u>. There has been previously created and established and the District shall maintain a special fund entitled "East Central Special Utility District System Revenue Fund" (the *Revenue Fund*) into which all revenues of every nature received from the operation of the System shall be deposited as received.

SECTION 13: <u>Bond Fund – Surplus Bond Funds</u>. For the sole purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby created and established and there shall be maintained a separate fund entitled "East Central Special Utility District Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 Interest and Sinking Fund" (the *Bond Fund*).

Accrued interest, if any, received from the Purchasers of the Bonds shall be deposited into the Bond Fund. In addition, any surplus proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, including investment income thereon, not expended for authorized purposes shall be deposited in the Bond Fund, and such amounts so deposited shall reduce the sums otherwise required to be deposited in such Fund from the Net Revenues of the System.

SECTION 14: <u>Flow of Funds</u>. The District hereby covenants and agrees that deposits into the Revenue Fund shall be pledged and appropriated to the extent required for the following uses and in the order of priority shown:

- A. First: To the payment of all necessary and reasonable Maintenance and Operating Expenses or other expenses required by statute to be a first charge on and claim against the revenues of the System.
- B. Second: To the payment of the amounts required to be deposited in the Bond Fund created and established for the payment of Debt Service Requirements on the Bonds Similarly Secured and the amounts required to be deposited in any reserve or contingency fund or account created for the payment and security of the Bonds Similarly Secured, and any other obligations or

evidences of indebtedness issues or incurred that are payable from and secured by a prior and first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, as the same becomes due and payable.

C. Third: To the payment of the amounts required to be deposited in the interest and sinking fund created and established for the payment of debt service requirements on the Inferior Lien Obligations and the amounts required to be deposited in any reserve or contingency fund or account created for the payment and security of the Inferior Lien Obligations, and any other obligations or evidences of indebtedness issues or incurred that are payable from and secured by a junior and inferior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, as the same becomes due and payable.

Any Net Revenues remaining in the Revenue Fund after satisfying the foregoing payments or making adequate and sufficient provision for the payment thereof, may be appropriated and used for any other District purpose now or hereinafter permitted by law.

SECTION 15: Reserve Fund. To accumulate and maintain a reserve for the payment of the Bonds Similarly Secured (the *Required Reserve Amount*) equal to the Average Annual Debt Service Requirements (calculated on a Fiscal Year basis and determined as of the date of issuance of the Bonds or the most recently issued series of Additional Parity Obligations then Outstanding) for the Bonds Similarly Secured, the District hereby creates, establishes, and agrees to maintain a separate and special fund or account known as the "East Central Special Utility District Revenue Bond Reserve Fund (the *Reserve Fund*), which fund or account shall be maintained at the Depository. All funds deposited into the Reserve Fund (excluding earnings and income derived or received from deposits or investments which will be transferred to the Revenue Fund established in Section 12 of this Order during such period as there is on deposit in the Reserve Fund the Required Reserve Amount) shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds Similarly Secured, when and to the extent other funds available for such purposes are insufficient, and, in addition, may be used to retire the last stated maturity or interest on the Bonds Similarly Secured.

Until the issuance of any Additional Parity Obligations, the Required Reserve Amount shall be \$______ (and \$136,250 is already on deposit in the Reserve Fund), which shall be accumulated, if necessary, in the following manner. Beginning on or before the tenth day of the month next following the delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers and on or before the tenth day of each following month until the Required Reserve Amount has been accumulated in the Reserve Fund, the District covenants and agrees to deposit to the Reserve Fund from the Net Revenues of the System, or any other lawfully available funds, an amount not less than \$_____ being the Required Reserve Fund Deposits.

As and when Additional Parity Obligations are delivered or incurred, the Required Reserve Amount shall be increased, if required, to an amount calculated in the manner provided in the first paragraph of this Section. Any additional amount required to be maintained in the Reserve Fund shall be so accumulated by the deposit of the necessary amount of the proceeds of the issue or other lawfully available funds in the Reserve Fund immediately after the delivery of the then proposed Additional Parity Obligations, or, at the option of the District, by the deposit of monthly installments, made on or before the tenth day of each month following the month of delivery of the then proposed Additional Parity Obligations, of not less than 1/60th of the additional amount

to be maintained in the Reserve Fund by reason of the issuance of the Additional Parity Obligations then being issued (or 1/60th of the balance of the additional amount not deposited immediately in cash), thereby ensuring the accumulation of the appropriate Required Reserve Amount.

When and so long as the cash and investments in the Reserve Fund equal the Required Reserve Amount, no deposits need be made to the credit of the Reserve Fund; but, if and when the Reserve Fund at any time contains less than the Required Reserve Amount (other than as the result of the issuance of Additional Parity Obligations as provided in the preceding paragraph), the District covenants and agrees to cure the deficiency in the Required Reserve Amount by resuming the Required Reserve Fund Deposits to said fund or account from the Net Revenues of the System, or any other lawfully available funds, such monthly deposits to be in amounts equal to not less than 1/60th of the Required Reserve Amount covenanted by the District to be maintained in the Reserve Fund with any such deficiency payments being made on or before the tenth day of each month until the Required Reserve Amount has been fully restored. The District further covenants and agrees that, subject only to the prior payments to be made to the Bond Fund and as required by the orders authorizing the issuance of any Additional Parity Obligations hereafter issued by the District, the Net Revenues shall be applied and appropriated and used to establish and maintain the Required Reserve Amount and to cure any deficiency in such amounts as required by the terms of this Order and any other order pertaining to the issuance of any Additional Parity Obligations.

During such time as the Reserve Fund contains the Required Reserve Amount, the District may, at its option, withdraw all surplus funds in the Reserve Fund in excess of the Required Reserve Amount and deposit such surplus in the Revenue Fund (including any escrow established for the final payment of any such obligations pursuant to Chapter 1207, as amended, Texas Government Code) or use such excess amount for any lawful purpose now or hereafter provided by law; provided, however, to the extent that such excess amount represents Bond proceeds, then such amount must be transferred to the Bond Fund.

To the extent permitted by law, the District expressly reserves the right at any time to fund the Reserve Fund at the Required Reserve Amount by purchasing a Credit Facility that will unconditionally obligate the insurance company or other entity to pay all, or any part thereof, of the Required Reserve Amount in the event funds on deposit in the Bond Fund are not sufficient to pay the debt service requirements on the Bonds Similarly Secured. All orders adopted after the date hereof authorizing the issuance of Additional Parity Obligations shall contain a provision to this effect.

In the event a Credit Facility issued to satisfy all or part of the District's obligation with respect to the Reserve Fund causes the amount then on deposit in the Reserve Fund to exceed the Required Reserve Amount, the District may transfer such excess amount to any fund or account established for the payment of or security for the Bonds Similarly Secured (including any escrow established for the final payment of any such obligations pursuant to Chapter 1207, as amended, Texas Government Code) or use such excess amount for any lawful purpose now or hereafter provided by law; provided, however, to the extent that such excess amount represents Bond proceeds, then such amount must be transferred to the Bond Fund.

SECTION 16: <u>Deficiencies - Excess Net Revenues</u>.

- A. If on any occasion there shall not be sufficient Net Revenues of the System (after making all payments pertaining to the Bonds Similarly Secured) to make the required deposits into the Bond Fund and the Reserve Fund, then such deficiency shall be cured as soon as possible from the next available unallocated Net Revenues of the System, or from any other sources available for such purpose, and such payments shall be in addition to the amounts required to be paid into these funds or accounts during such month or months.
- B. Subject to making the required deposits to the Bond Fund and the Reserve Fund when and as required by any order authorizing the issuance of any Inferior Lien Obligations, the excess Net Revenues of the System may be used by the District for any lawful purpose.

SECTION 17: <u>Payment of Bonds Similarly Secured</u>. While any of the Bonds Similarly Secured are outstanding, the General Manager of the District or other Authorized Official, shall cause to be transferred to the Paying Agent/Registrar therefor, from funds on deposit in the Bond Fund, and, if necessary, in the Reserve Fund, amounts sufficient to fully pay and discharge promptly each installment of interest on and principal of the Bonds Similarly Secured as such installment accrues or matures; such transfer of funds must be made in such manner as will cause immediately available funds to be deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds Similarly Secured at the close of the business day next preceding the date a debt service payment is due on the Bonds Similarly Secured.

SECTION 18: Investments. Funds held in any fund or account created, established, or maintained pursuant to this Order, at the option of the District, may be placed in time deposits, certificates of deposit, guaranteed investment contracts, or similar contractual agreements as permitted by the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, or any other law, and secured (to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) by obligations of the type hereinafter described, including investments held in book-entry form, in securities including, but not limited to, direct obligations of the United States of America, obligations guaranteed or insured by the United States of America, which, in the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States, are backed by its full faith and credit or represent its general obligations, or invested in indirect obligations of the United States of America, including, but not limited to, evidences of indebtedness issued, insured, or guaranteed by such governmental agencies as the Federal Land Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Home Loan Banks, Government National Mortgage Association, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, or Federal Housing Association; provided that all such deposits and investments shall be made in such a manner that the money required to be expended from any Fund or account will be available at the proper time or times. Such investments (except State and Local Government Series investments held in book entry form, which shall at all times be valued at cost) shall be valued in terms of current market value within 45 days of the close of each Fiscal Year and, with respect to investments held for the account of the Reserve Fund, within 30 days of the date of passage of each order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds Similarly Secured. All interest and income derived from deposits and investments in the Bond Fund immediately shall be credited to, and any losses debited to, the Bond Fund. All interest and interest income derived from deposits in and investments of the Reserve Fund shall, subject to the limitations provided in Section 15, be credited to and deposited in the Revenue Fund. All such investments shall be sold promptly when necessary to prevent any default in connection with the Bonds.

SECTION 19: <u>Issuance of Additional Parity Obligations</u>. The District hereby expressly reserves the right, in addition to the right to issue obligations that are payable from and secured, in whole or in part, by a junior and inferior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues, to issue Additional Parity Obligations payable from a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System. When duly authorized and issued in compliance with law and the terms and conditions hereafter stated, such Additional Parity Obligations shall be on a parity with the Bonds. The District covenants and agrees, however, it will not issue any Additional Parity Obligations unless:

- A. Except for a refunding to cure a default, the District is not then in default as to any covenant, condition or obligation prescribed by the orders or resolutions authorizing the issuance of the Bonds Similarly Secured.
- B. Each of the funds created solely for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds Similarly Secured contains the amounts of money then required to be on deposit therein.
- C. The District obtains a certificate from the General Manager to the effect that, according to the books and records of the District, the Net Revenues of the System, for the preceding Fiscal Year or for any 12 consecutive months out of the 15 months immediately preceding the month the order authorizing the Additional Parity Obligations is adopted, are at least equal to one and one-fourth (1.25) times the Average Annual Debt Service Requirements for the payment of principal of and interest on all outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured after giving effect to the issuance of the Additional Parity Obligations then proposed. In making a determination of the Net Revenues, the General Manager may take into consideration a change in the rates and charges for services and facilities afforded by the System that became effective not more than ninety (90) days prior to adoption of the order authorizing the issuance of the Additional Parity Obligations and, for the purposes of satisfying the Net Revenues test, make a pro forma determination of the Net Revenues for the period of time covered by the certification based on such change in rates and charges being in effect for the entire period covered by the General Manager's certificate.
- D. the order authorizing the issuance of the Additional Parity Obligations provides for deposits to be made to the Bond Fund in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Additional Parity Obligations as the same mature.
- E. the order authorizing the issuance of the Additional Parity Obligations provides that the amount to be accumulated and maintained in the Reserve Fund shall be in an amount equal to not less than the Required Reserve Amount after giving effect to the issuance of the proposed Additional Parity Obligations, and provides that any additional amount to be maintained in the Reserve Fund shall be accumulated within sixty (60) months from the date the Additional Parity Obligations are delivered.

All such Additional Parity Obligations provided for in this Section, when issued in accordance with the above provisions, shall be payable from and equally and ratably secured by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues, and the provisions of this Order relating to

the use of Net Revenues shall be applicable to such Additional Parity Obligations as though the same were a part of such original authorization.

The right to issue such other and further Additional Parity Obligations shall exist as often as the need therefor shall arise and so long as such Additional Parity Obligations are issued in compliance with law and the terms and conditions contained in this Order.

SECTION 20: <u>Issuance of Inferior Lien Obligations</u>. The District hereby expressly reserves the right to hereafter issue bonds, notes, warrants, or similar obligations, payable, wholly or in part, as appropriate, from and secured by a junior and inferior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System.

SECTION 21: <u>Special Facilities Bonds</u>. The District further reserves the right to issue bonds in one or more installments for the purchase, construction, improvement, extension, replacement, enlargement or repair of water, sewer and/or drainage facilities necessary under a contract or contracts with persons, corporations, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, or other entities, such bonds to be payable from and secured by the proceeds of such contract or contracts. The District further reserves the right to refund such bonds and secure the payment of the debt service requirements on the refunding bonds in the same manner.

SECTION 22: Maintenance of System - Insurance. The District covenants, agrees, and affirms its covenants that while the Bonds Similarly Secured remain outstanding it will maintain and operate the System with all possible efficiency and maintain casualty and other insurance on the properties of the System and its operations of a kind and in such amounts customarily carried by municipal corporations in the State of Texas engaged in a similar type of business (which may include an adequate program of self-insurance); and that it will faithfully and punctually perform all duties with reference to the System required by the laws of the State of Texas. All money received from losses under such insurance policies, other than public liability policies, shall be retained for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds Similarly Secured until and unless the proceeds are paid out in making good the loss or damage in respect of which such proceeds are received, either by replacing the property destroyed or repairing the property damaged, and adequate provision for making good such loss or damage must be made within ninety (90) days after the date of loss. The payment of premiums for all insurance policies required under the provisions hereof shall be considered Maintenance and Operating Expenses. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as requiring the District to expend any funds which are derived from sources other than the operation of the System but nothing herein shall be construed as preventing the District from doing so.

SECTION 23: Records and Accounts - Annual Audit. The District covenants, agrees, and affirms its covenants that so long as any of the Bonds Similarly Secured remain outstanding, it will keep and maintain separate and complete records and accounts pertaining to the operations of the System in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relating to the System, and that the Holders of the Bonds Similarly Secured or any duly authorized agent or agents of such Holders shall have the right to inspect the System and all properties comprising the same. The District further agrees that following (and in no event later than 180 days) the close of each Fiscal Year, it will cause an audit of such books and accounts to be made by an independent firm of certified public accountants. Copies of each annual audit shall be furnished, without charge, to

the (i) Executive Director of the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas at her office in Austin, Texas, or (ii) any subsequent Holder thereof. Expenses incurred in making the annual audit of the operations of the System are to be regarded as Maintenance and Operating Expenses.

SECTION 24: Special Covenants. The District hereby further covenants that:

- A. It has the lawful power to pledge the Net Revenues supporting the Bonds and has lawfully exercised this power under the laws of the State of Texas, including the power existing under Chapter 49, as amended, Texas Water Code;
- B. The Bonds Similarly Secured shall be equally and ratably secured by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System in a manner that one bond shall have no preference over any other bond;
- C. Other than for the payment of the Bonds Similarly Secured, the Net Revenues of the System have not in any manner been pledged to the payment of any debt or obligation of the District or of the System;
- D. As long as any Bonds, or any interest thereon, remain Outstanding, the District will not sell, lease, or encumber the System or any substantial part thereof (except as provided in Sections 19, 20, and 21 of this Order) provided that this covenant shall not be construed to prohibit the sale of such machinery, or other properties or equipment which has become obsolete or otherwise unsuited to the efficient operation of the System; and
- E. No free service of the System (except water provided to the District for municipal fire-fighting purposes, if any) shall be allowed, and, should the District or any of its agents or instrumentalities make use of the services and facilities of the System, payment of the reasonable value thereof shall be made by the District out of funds from sources other than the revenues and income of the System.
- F. It will pay and discharge from time to time and before the same become delinquent all lawful debts and liabilities of the District and all lawful claims for rents, royalties, labor, materials or supplies which if unpaid might by law become a lien or charge upon any part of the System the lien of which would be prior to or interfere with the liens hereof, so that the priority of the liens granted hereunder shall be fully preserved in the manner provided herein; and the District will not create or suffer to be created any mechanic's, laborer's, materialman's or other lien or charge which might or could be prior to the liens hereof, or do or suffer any matter or thing whereby the liens hereof might or could be impaired; provided, however, that no such debts, liabilities or claims which might be used as the basis of a mechanic's, laborer's, materialman's or other lien or charge, shall be required to be paid so long as the validity of the same shall be contested in good faith by the District.

SECTION 25: <u>Limited Obligations of the District</u>. The Bonds Similarly Secured are limited, special obligations of the District payable from and equally and ratably secured solely by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, and the Holders thereof shall never have the right to demand payment of the principal or interest on the Bonds Similarly Secured from any funds raised or to be raised through taxation by the District.

SECTION 26: <u>Security of Funds</u>. All money on deposit in the funds or accounts for which this Order makes provision (except any portion thereof as may be at any time properly invested as provided herein) shall be secured in the manner and to the fullest extent required by the laws of the State of Texas for the security of public funds, and money on deposit in such funds or accounts shall be used only for the purposes permitted by this Order.

SECTION 27: Remedies in Event of Default. In addition to all the rights and remedies provided by the laws of the State of Texas, the District covenants and agrees particularly that in the event the District (a) defaults in the payments to be made to the Bond Fund or the Reserve Fund or (b) defaults in the observance or performance of any other of the covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in this Order, the Holders of any of the Bonds Similarly Secured shall be entitled to seek a writ of mandamus issued by a court of proper jurisdiction compelling and requiring the governing body of the District and other officers of the District to observe and perform any covenant, condition, or obligation prescribed in this Order.

No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The specific remedies herein provided shall be cumulative of all other existing remedies and the specification of such remedies shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

SECTION 28: <u>Notices to Holders</u>; <u>Waiver</u>. Wherever this Order provides for notice to Holders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and sent by United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder as it appears in the Security Register at the close of business on the business day next preceding the mailing of such notice.

In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any particular Holders, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Holders. Where this Order provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Holder entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event with respect to which such notice is given, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Paying Agent/Registrar, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

SECTION 29: <u>Bonds Are Negotiable Instruments</u>. Each of the Bonds authorized herein shall be deemed and construed to be a "security" and as such a negotiable instrument with the meaning of the Chapter 8 of the Texas Uniform Commercial Code.

SECTION 30: <u>Cancellation</u>. All Bonds Similarly Secured surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange, or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the District, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The District may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation any Bonds Similarly Secured previously certified or registered and delivered which the District may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds Similarly Secured so

delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. All canceled Bonds Similarly Secured held by the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be destroyed as directed by the District.

SECTION 31: Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost, and Stolen Bonds. If (1) any mutilated Bond Similarly Secured is surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, or the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of any Bond Similarly Secured, and (2) there is delivered to the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the District shall execute and, upon its request, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond Similarly Secured of the same Stated Maturity and interest rate and of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond Similarly Secured has become or is about to become due and payable, the District in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond Similarly Secured.

Upon the issuance of any new Bond Similarly Secured or payment in lieu thereof, under this Section, the District may require payment by the Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including attorney's fees and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent/Registrar) connected therewith.

Every new Bond Similarly Secured issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond Similarly Secured shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the District, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond Similarly Secured shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Order equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bonds Similarly Secured.



APPENDIX D

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL





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IN REGARD to the authorization and issuance of the "East Central Special Utility District Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021" (the *Bonds*), dated February 1, 2021, in the aggregate principal amount of \$_______, we have reviewed the legality and validity of the issuance thereof by the Board of Directors of the East Central Special Utility District (the *District*). The Bonds are issuable in fully registered form only, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple in excess thereof (within a Stated Maturity). The Bonds have Stated Maturities of February 1 in each of the years 2022 through 2041, unless redeemed prior to Stated Maturity in accordance with the terms stated on the face of the Bonds. Interest on the Bonds accrues from the dates, at the rates, in the manner, and is payable on the dates, all as provided in the order (the *Order*) authorizing the issuance of the Bonds. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Order.

WE HAVE SERVED AS BOND COUNSEL for the District solely to pass upon the legality and validity of the issuance of the Bonds under the laws of the State of Texas and with respect to the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and for no other purpose. We have not been requested to investigate or verify, and have not independently investigated or verified, any records, data, or other material relating to the financial condition or capabilities of the District or the District's utility system and have not assumed any responsibility with respect to the financial condition or capabilities of the District or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Bonds. We express no opinion and make no comment with respect to the sufficiency of the security for or the marketability of the Bonds. Our role in connection with the Issuer's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Bonds has been limited as described therein.

WE HAVE EXAMINED, the applicable and pertinent laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America. In rendering the opinions herein we rely upon, (1) original or certified copies of the proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, including the Order; (2) customary certifications and opinions of officials of the District; (3) certificates executed by officers of the District relating to the expected use and investment of proceeds of the Bonds and certain other funds of the District, and to certain other facts solely within the knowledge and control of the District; and (4) such other documentation, including an examination of the Bond executed and delivered initially by the District, and such matters of law as we deem relevant to the matters discussed below. In such examination, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original copies of all documents submitted to us as certified copies, and the accuracy of the statements and information contained in such certificates. We express no opinion concerning any effect on the following opinions which may result from changes in law effected after the date hereof.

Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP is a limited liability partnership registered under the laws of Texas.

Legal Opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Texas, in connection with the authorization and issuance of "EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021"

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, IT IS OUR OPINION that the Bonds have been duly authorized and issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas now in force and that the Bonds are valid and legally binding special obligations of the District enforceable in accordance with the terms and conditions described therein, except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights or the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity. The Bonds are payable from and equally and ratably secured, together with the currently outstanding Previously Issued Parity Bonds (as defined in the Order), solely by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues (as defined in the Order) derived from the operation of the System (as defined in the Order). In the Order, the District retains the right to issue Additional Parity Obligations (as defined in the Order) without limitation as to principal amount but subject to any terms, conditions, or restrictions as may be applicable thereto under law or otherwise. The Bonds do not constitute a legal or equitable pledge, charge, lien, or encumbrance upon any property of the District, except with respect to the Net Revenues. The holder of the Bonds shall never have the right to demand payment of the Bonds out of any funds raised or to be raised by taxation. The pledge of Net Revenues is subject to the right of a city, under existing Texas law, to annex all of the territory within the District; to take over all properties and assets of the District; to assume all debts, liabilities, and obligations of the Issuer, including the Bonds; and to abolish the District.

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION that, assuming continuing compliance after the date hereof by the District with the provisions of the Order and in reliance upon the representations and certifications of the District made in a certificate of even date herewith pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds, under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions (1) interest on the Bonds will be excludable from the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof (the *Code*), of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, pursuant to section 103 of the Code, and (2) interest on the Bonds will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof.

WE EXPRESS NO OTHER OPINION with respect to any other federal, state, or local tax consequences under present law or any proposed legislation resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Bonds. Ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds may result in collateral federal tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, life insurance companies, property and casualty insurance companies, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, S corporations with subchapter C earnings and profits, owners of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement Benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income credit, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations.

OUR OPINIONS ARE BASED on existing law, which is subject to change. Such opinions are further based on our knowledge of facts as of the date hereof. We assume no duty to update or supplement our opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to our



Legal Opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Texas, in connection with the authorization and issuance of "EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021"

attention or to reflect any changes in any law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, our opinions are not a guarantee of result and are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service; rather, such opinions represent our legal judgment based upon our review of existing law that we deem relevant to such opinions and in reliance upon the representations and covenants referenced above.

Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP



APPENDIX E

EXCERPTS FROM EAST CENTRAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

(Independent Auditor's Report, General Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements - not intended to be a complete statement of the Issuer's financial condition. Reference is made to the complete Annual Financial Report for further information.)





Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors East Central Special Utility District Adkins, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the East Central Special Utility District (District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 and 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 an opinion 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, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of East Central Special Utility District as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, and the budgetary comparison information, as listed in the Table of Contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standard generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise East Central Special Utility District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information 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 basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 9, 2020 on our consideration of East Central Special Utility District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering East Central Special Utility District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Williams, Crow, Mask, LLP March 9, 2020 San Antonio, Texas Williams, Cur. Mask. LiP

Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2019

Using this Annual Report

Within this section of the East Central Special Utility District (the District) annual financial report, the District's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2019 and 2018. The District's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosure following this section. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements that follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- Total assets increased \$921,420 to \$22,627,145.
- Total liabilities decreased \$609,939 to \$14,210,477.
- Total net position increased \$1,531,359 to \$8,416,668.
- Net operating revenues increased \$895,415.
- Net operating expenses increased \$123,123.

Required Basic Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of five components: (1) the independent auditor's report; (2) management's discussion and analysis (MD&A); (3) The Statement of Net Position which include all of the District's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and obligations to creditors (liabilities); (4) The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position shows the business-type activities of the District and provides information regarding income and expenses, both operating and non-operating, that affect the Net Position; and (5) The Statement of Cash Flows. The primary purpose of this statement is to provide information about the District's cash receipts and cash payments during the period using the direct method of reporting cash flows from operating, investing, and capital and noncapital financing activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Integral to the financial statements are the notes to the basic financial statements. These notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the financial data provided in the basic statements. The District has prepared notes sufficient to provide the readers of these financial statements a clear picture of the District's financial position and insight into the results of its operations. These notes comply with the standardized reporting requirements for districts by TCEQ and are in conformity with GAAP.

Other Required/Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this section also represents certain required supplementary information (RSI) and required supplementary information by TCEQ which may be beneficial to the reader. This information is in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2019

Financial Analysis of The District

The following condensed Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position show a two-year operating comparison of the District.

District Net Position

	2019		 2018
Cash and investments Other current assets Capital assets, net Other assets	\$	3,454,389 996,940 17,970,947 204,869	\$ 3,108,834 859,356 17,516,784 220,751
Total Assets		22,627,145	21,705,725
Current liabilities		1,965,332	1,950,197
Long-term liabilities		12,245,145	12,870,219
Total Liabilities		14,210,477	 14,820,416
Net investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted Total Net Position		5,006,412 165,000 3,245,256 8,416,668	 3,769,663 165,000 2,950,646 6,885,309
Total Liabilities and			
Net Position	\$	22,627,145	\$ 21,705,725

Changes in the District's net position can be determined by reviewing the following condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for the two years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Changes in District Net Position

	2019	2018
Operating revenues Operating expenses	\$ 7,549,836 5,539,936	\$ 6,654,421 5,416,813
Operating Income (Loss)	2,009,900	1,237,608
Non-operating income (expense)	(478,541)	(488,509)
Change in Net Position	\$ 1,531,359	\$ 749,099

Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2019

Capital Assets and Debt

Capital Assets

As of December 31, 2019, the District had invested \$30.7 million in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, equipment, plants, and distribution systems. Significant additions include several vehicles, land and construction in progress for the new building. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

District's Capital Assets

	2019 2018		
Land	\$ 772,723	\$	72,126
CRWA assets	13,304,338		13,304,338
Plant and distribution system	15,085,944		15,042,338
Equipment	280,356		220,424
Building and improvements	96,505		96,505
Furniture and fixtures	246,536		241,406
Vehicles	714,018		484,546
Construction in progress	223,094		-
Totals at cost	30,723,514		29,461,683
Total accumulated depreciation	(12,752,567)		(11,944,899)
Net capital assets	\$ 17,970,947	\$	17,516,784

Long-Term Debt

At year-end, the District had \$13.2 million in principal outstanding on bonded debt and notes. No new debt was issued in 2019. More detailed information about the District's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

District's Long Term Debt

	 2019	2018		
Bonds payable	\$ 995,000	\$	1,110,000	
Notes payable	12,164,406		12,637,121	
Totals at cost	\$ 13,159,406	\$	13,747,121	

Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2019

Budgetary Highlights

The District's revenues exceeded expectations by \$1.7 million, primarily because of an increase in other charges such as meter impact fees and installations. Operating expenses were \$63 thousand more than the budget. The net change in net position was an increase of \$1.5 million, which is \$1.4 million more than what the budget anticipated.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The 2020 budget contemplates continued expenditures from the new building for the Capital Improvement Plan. Water rates are increased 15% for 2020 due to SAWS wholesale contract increase of 26%. Aside from the construction, the District expects no major changes to services or operations.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District at:

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Mailing address: P.O. Box 570 Adkins, Texas, 78101

Phone: (210-649-2383)

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 2,609,777	\$ 2,276,901
Investments	679,612	666,932
Accounts receivable, net	675,153	559,357
Inventory	321,787	300,000
Total Current Assets	4,286,329	3,803,190
Capital assets, net	17,970,947	17,516,784
Other assets:		
CRWA membership	10,000	10,000
Bond issue and organizational costs	194,869	210,751
Restricted cash for debt service	165,000	165,000
Total Other Assets	369,869	385,751
Total Assets	22,627,145	21,705,725
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	161,191	298,521
Payroll liabilities	33,189	22,060
Accrued interest	40,830	9,620
Customer deposits	815,861	743,094
Current portion of long-term debt	914,261	876,902
Total Current Liabilities	1,965,332	1,950,197
Bonds and notes payable, net of current portion	12,245,145	12,870,219
Total Liabilities	14,210,477	14,820,416
Net position:		
Capital assets in excess of debt Restricted:	5,006,412	3,769,663
Debt service	165,000	165,000
Unrestricted	3,245,256	2,950,646
Total Net Position	8,416,668	6,885,309
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 22,627,145	\$ 21,705,725

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019			2018		
Operating revenue:						
Water sales	\$	5,902,488	\$	5,360,374		
Wastewater service fees		208,812		136,687		
Other charges		1,438,536		1,157,360		
Total operating revenues		7,549,836		6,654,421		
Operating expenses		5,539,936		5,416,813		
Operating income (loss)		2,009,900		1,237,608		
Non-operating revenues (expenses)						
Rental income		8,857		7,986		
Interest income		21,384		13,274		
Gain on sale of assets		14,000		19,463		
Other income		13,650		4,500		
Interest expense		(536,432)		(533,732)		
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)		(478,541)		(488,509)		
Change in net position		1,531,359		749,099		
Net position at beginning of year		6,885,309		6,066,781		
Prior period adjustment		-		69,429		
Net position at end of year	\$	8,416,668	\$	6,885,309		

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Net cash provided by operating activities		
Cash received from customers	\$ 7,506,807	\$ 6,708,512
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(3,879,285)	(3,786,056)
Payments to employees for services	(912,894)	(688,050)
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	2,714,628	2,234,406
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities		
Principal payments on bonds and notes payable	(587,715)	(828,863)
Interest paid	(505,222)	(368,052)
Proceeds from the sale of equipment	14,000	- '
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,110,929)	(286,689)
Construction in process	(223,096)	-
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(2,412,962)	(1,483,604)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest and investment income	43,891	25,760
Net cash provided by investing activities	43,891	25,760
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	345,557	776,562
Beginning cash and cash equivalents	3,108,833	2,332,271
Ending cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,454,390	\$ 3,108,833
Reconciliation to Statement of Net Position		
Cash and cash equivalents - Unrestricted	\$ 3,289,389	\$ 2,943,833
Cash and cash equivalents - Restricted	165,000	165,000
	\$ 3,454,389	\$ 3,108,833

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Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)
For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash		
provided by operating activities		
Operating income	\$ 2,009,900	\$ 1,237,608
Adjustments to reconcile income from operations to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	895,745	882,372
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in assets:		
Accounts receivable	(115,796)	(9,178)
Inventory	(21,787)	25,130
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(137,330)	35,205
Payroll liabilities	11,129	-
Customer deposits	72,767	63,269
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	\$ 2,714,628	\$ 2,234,406

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

1) Reporting Entity

East Central Special Utility District (the District) was created pursuant to the provision of Texas Water Code, Chapters 49 and 65 and Texas Administrative Code 293.11 and 293.12 to purchase, own, hold, lease and otherwise acquire sources of water supply; to build, operate and maintain facilities for the transportation of water; and to sell water and wastewater services to towns, cities, and other political subdivisions of this state, to private business entities and to individuals. East Central Water Supply Corporation was dissolved, and all assets and liabilities and equity of that organization were transferred to the newly created East Central Special Utility District. This transfer took place in April of 2005, for financial reporting purposes.

The Board of Directors (Board), a nine-member group constituting an on-going entity, is the level of government which has governance responsibilities over all activities related to providing water services within the jurisdiction of the East Central Special Utility District. Members of the Board are elected by the public; have the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations; and have the primary accountability for fiscal matters.

The District is legally separate and is fiscally independent of other state and local governments, it is a primary government and not included in any other governmental reporting entity. The District has no component units.

2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The District's basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units in conjunction with the "Water District's Financial Management Guide" published by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standards setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements. The District is reported as a special-purpose government engaged in business-type activities. The financial statements of the District measure and report all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues, expenses, and gains and losses using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Presentation

Net position and revenue, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of grantor-imposed restrictions. Net position of the District and changes therein are classified as unrestricted net position. Unrestricted net position represents the portion of expendable funds that is available for support of the operations of the District. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Operating and Non-Operating Revenue and Expense Policy

The District distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the District's principal ongoing operating activities. As business-type activities, the District's operating revenues are defined as the result of exchange transactions with those who purchase, use or directly benefit from the services provided by the District. Non-operating items include activities that have the characteristic on non-exchange transactions such as grants and contributions and other items that are defined as non-operating.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

State statutes authorize the District to invest in (a) obligations of the United States or its agencies, and instrumentalities; (b) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies; (c) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the State of Texas or the United States; (d) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state having been rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm and having received a rating of not less than A or its equivalent; (e) certificates of deposit by state and national banks domiciled in this state that are (i) guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or its successor; or, (ii) secured by obligations that are described by (a) - (e). Statutes also allow investing in local government investment pools organized and rated in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, whose assets consist exclusively of the obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities and repurchase assessments involving those same obligations.

Investments are stated at fair value (plus accrued interest) except for money market, certificates of deposit, local government investment pools, and participating interest-earning investment contracts (U.S. Treasuries) that have a remaining maturity at time of purchase of one year or less. Those investments are stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

The District considers cash and cash equivalents to be amounts in checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, and local government investment pools.

Receivables and Payables

All receivables and payables are reported at their gross value. The District uses the direct write-off method to account for bad debt associated with receivables. Payables are reported in the period the liability is incurred. The District believes that sufficient detail of receivable and payable balances are provided and therefore, provides no additional disclosure.

Inventory

Inventory consists of pipe, fittings, pumps and meters. Inventory is reported at the lower of cost or market based on the first in-first out method.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Customer Deposits

Upon creation of a new account, customers make a deposit toward their final bill. The amount is recorded as customer deposits liability on the Statement of Net Position.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, equipment, water rights, and water plant and distribution systems, are recorded at cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The Costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. Interest has been capitalized during the construction periods on water plant and distribution systems. Purchases in excess of \$5,000 with a useful life in excess of one year are capitalized and depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and Improvements 10 to 50 years Equipment 3 to 10 years Water Plants and Distributions Systems 20 to 50 years

Amortization of SUD Conversion

The District's membership voted in March of 2005 and approved the conversion from its then current status to a Special Utility District under Chapter 65 of the Texas Water Code. Section 65.014 permits a Special Utility District to file a resolution with the Commission requesting that a district be created. The application was completed, and SUD conversion was achieved in April of 2005.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the District capitalize the costs associated with these assets and amortize those costs over the life of the asset or loan, and not less than 60 months, respectively, rather than expensing the entire amount in the year acquired. The expense associated with this amortization appears in the basic financial statements as "Amortization."

Long-Term Obligations

Bonds, notes and capital leases are recorded as liabilities on the statement of net position. Bond issue costs and premiums are expensed in the period they are incurred. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Interest costs are expensed during the construction period.

Budget

An operating budget is adopted each fiscal year for the District. The budget is adopted on a cash basis of accounting internally and converted to accrual basis for financial reporting. Additional budgetary information is provided in the required supplementary information.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Compensated Absences

East Central Special Utility District provides vacation and sick leave for all qualifying employees. Employees are allowed to accumulate vacation leave, and it is payable if the employee terminates. Sick leave may also be accumulated; however, it is not payable upon termination. The vacation and sick accrual schedules are as follows:

	Year of Service	Annual Accrual in Hours	Carry Over Amount in Hours
Vacation	1/2-4	80	136
	5-9	96	136
	10-14	120	136
	15-19	136	136
	20-29	160	136
	30-34	176	136
	Over 35	200	136
Sick	1/2-14	48	160
	15-19	56	160
	20-29	72	160
	Over 30	80	160

3) Cash and Investments

Cash

The District's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract. The depository bank deposits for safekeeping and trust with the District's agent bank approved pledge securities in an amount sufficient to protect District funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance. As of year-end, the District's bank deposits were covered by a combination of federal deposit insurance and pledged securities.

Investments

The District is required by Government Code Chapter 2256, *The Public Funds Investment Act* (the "Act") to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit and, (9) stated compliance with this Investment Policy.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

3) Cash and Investments (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

This Act requires an annual audit of investment practices. Audit procedures in this area conducted as part of the audit of the basic financial statements disclosed that in the areas of investment practices, management reports, and establishment of appropriate policies, the District adhered to the requirements of the Act. Additionally, investment practices of the District were in accordance with local policies.

The Act determines which investments are acceptable for the District. These may include, with certain restrictions; (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, the State of Texas, (2) certificates of deposit, (3) certain municipal securities, (4) money market savings accounts, (5) fully collateralized repurchase agreements with certain criteria, (6) banker's acceptances, (7) mutual funds, (8) investment pools, and (9) guaranteed investment contracts. The District policy authorizes all the State allowable investments. If additional types of securities are approved for investment by public funds by state statute, the District will have to amend its policy before the new investment types can be considered for investment by the District.

The District's board believes that the District has complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Act and the District's investment policies.

As of December 31, 2019, the District had \$844,612 in a money market account that has a AAA rating, of this amount \$165,000 is restricted.

Analysis of Specific Deposit and Investment Risks

GASB Statement 40 requires a determination as to whether the district was exposed to the following specific investment risks at year end and, if so, the reporting of certain related disclosures.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The ratings of securities by nationally recognized rating agencies are designed to give an indication of credit risk. At year-end the District did not have any significant credit risk

Custodial Credit Risk

Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are uncollateralized, collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or collateralize with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent. At year-end the District had no exposure to custodial credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk

This is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The District adopted Investment Policy establishes diversification as a major objective of the investment program and sets diversification limits for all authorized investment types which are monitored on at least a monthly basis.

Interest Rate Risk

This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. In order to limit interest and market rate risk from changes in interest rates, the District's adopted Investment Policy sets a maximum stated maturity limit of two years

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

4) Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents

Restricted cash consists of a debt service related to the Trust account with Bank of America. The District is required to pledge a portion of their investments for sinking funds. The District has complied with the restriction requirements.

5) Receivables

Accounts receivable from members represent unpaid water usage. At December 31, 2019 the amount is as follows:

Customer balances	\$ 681,972
Allowance for doubtful	(6,819)
	\$ 675,153

6) Joint Venture – Canyon Regional Water Authority

The District is a member entity of Canyon Regional Water Authority (CRWA) through a regional taxable water supply contract dated August 1, 1998. CRWA was created to purchase, own, hold, lease and otherwise acquire sources of potable water; build, operate and maintain facilities for the treatment and transportation of water; sell potable water to local governments, water supply corporations and other persons in Texas; to protect, preserve and restore the purity and sanitary condition of water in the area. The participating entities, of which there are 12, are contractually obligated to fund a pro-rata portion of CRWA's operating, debt service and project costs. The District participates in the repayment of the CRWA bond indebtedness. Principal and interest payments are made to CRWA monthly. The District receives approximately 12% of the related debt.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

7) Capital Assets

As of December 31, 2019, the District had \$8,416,668 in Net Position. The District had capital assets in excess of related debt in the amount of \$5,006,412.

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2019, follows:

	Balances at 12/31/18	Ingrasas	Dooroooo	Balances at 12/31/19
Carrital Assets	12/31/16	Increases	Decreases	12/31/19
Capital Assets				
Non-depreciable:	70.400	700 507		770 700
Land and easements	72,126	700,597	-	772,723
Construction in Progress	70.400	223,095		223,095
Total assets non-depreciable	72,126	923,692	-	995,818
Depreciable:				
CRWA assets	13,304,338	-	-	13,304,338
Plant and distribution system	15,042,338	43,606	-	15,085,944
Equipment	220,424	132,128	(72,196)	280,356
Building and improvements	96,505	-	-	96,505
Furniture and fixtures	241,406	5,130	-	246,536
Vehicles	484,546	229,471	-	714,017
Total assets depreciable	29,389,557	410,335	(72,196)	29,727,696
Less accumulated depreciation	11,944,899	879,864	(72,196)	12,752,567
Total depreciable assets, net	17,444,658	(469,529)		16,975,129
Total depreciable and non-				
depreciable assets	17,516,784	454,163	-	17,970,947
Other assets				
Organizational expenses	180,372	_	_	180,372
Refinance bond costs	157,086	_	_	157,086
CRWA membership	10,000	<u>:</u>	-	10,000
	347,458			347,458
Less accumulated amortization	126,707	15,882	_	142,589
Total other assets, net	220,751	(15,882)		204,869
Total Capital and Other Assets	17,737,535	438,281		18,175,816

Depreciation was \$879,864 and amortization was \$15,882.

Land, water rights and construction in progress are not depreciated.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

8) Long-Term Debt

The District's bond and note activity as of and for the year ending December 31, 2019 is as follows

	Balan	ce Outstanding				Balar	ice Outstanding	Due Within		
Bonds, Notes Payable	6	at 12/31/18	Add	Additions Retirements		at 12/31/19		One Year		
LD/MOD 10 : 0040	•	4 700 040	•		Φ.	004700	•	4.405.540	Φ.	444.050
LD/MC Bond, Series 2016	\$	4,700,218	\$	-	\$	234,706	\$	4,465,512	\$	411,852
Wells Ranch, Series 2009		246,832		-		10,661		236,171		18,759
Wells Ranch, Series 2011		1,316,656		-		21,323		1,295,333		37,518
Wells Ranch, Series 2015		2,642,796		-		26,091		2,616,705		76,680
Wells Ranch, Series 2016		2,821,381		-		89,782		2,731,599		158,249
Revenue Refunding, Series 2016		1,110,000		-		115,000		995,000		120,000
CoBank Note		909,238		-		90,152		819,086		91,203
	\$	13,747,121	\$	-	\$	587,715	\$	13,159,406	\$	914,261

Bonds Payable

Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 were refinanced and issued by the District in 2016 to pay off short term borrowings for construction of system improvements. The bonds were refinanced through BB&T Governmental Finance. The bonds bear interest at 2.08% and mature serially through December 1, 2027. The bonds require debt service and reserve accounts to which the District has substantially complied.

Notes Payable

The District signed a promissory note with CoBank in 2017. The CoBank note bears a variable interest rate not to exceed 3% and requires monthly payments of interest and principal until maturity on October 20, 2027. In addition to the notes and bonds, the District is liable for a portion of CRWA bonds, which have been included in the long-term debt. There are no debt service requirements related to this debt.

The annual requirements to amortize all outstanding privately placed debt as of December 31, 2019, including interest payments, are as follows:

Year End	Principal			Interest				
December 31,	Payments			Payments			Total	
2020	\$	914,261		\$	492,738		\$	1,406,999
2021		982,292			461,180			1,443,472
2022	1,046,131				427,975	975		1,474,106
2023	1,091,746				386,777		1,478,523	
2024		1,133,148			343,281			1,476,429
2025-2029		5,225,261			1,018,140			6,243,401
2030-2034		2,008,930			335,091			2,344,021
2035-2039		579,186			107,246			686,432
2040-2041		178,451			13,492			191,943
Total	\$	13,159,406		\$	3,585,920		\$	16,745,326

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

9) Risk Management

General Liability

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; personal injuries; and natural disasters. The District's risk management program encompasses various means of protecting the District against loss by obtaining property, casualty, and liability coverage through commercial insurance carriers and from participation in a risk pool.

The risk of loss is covered by commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. District management is not aware of any pending or alleged claims for which expected liability would exceed the policy limits of present insurance coverage. The following table shows the District's coverage:

	Coverage	Coverage			
Type of Policy	Beginning	Ending	Amount		
Workers' compensation	02-2019	01-2020	STATUTORY		
Vehicle	02-2019	01-2020	\$1,000,000		
Umbrella	02-2019	01-2020	\$1,000,000		
Directors	02-2019	01-2020	\$2,000,000		
Real and Personal Property	02-2019	01-2020	Per Schedule		
General liability	02-2019	01-2020	\$2,000,000		

Workers' Compensation

The District purchases workers' compensation insurance annually on the open market. Premiums are based on the estimated District payroll by risk factor and rates. The premiums are adjusted by the District's experience modifier. All loss contingencies, including claims incurred but not reported, if any, are recorded and accounted for in the financial statements.

10) Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

During calendar year 2019, the District began plans for a new building, new land was purchased and costs for building plans were added to Construction in Progress. The estimated total amount for the building will be \$3 million. All costs to date have been paid with operational funding, but management is actively seeking alternative funding.

11) Retirement Plan

The District authorized participation in a profit-sharing plan in 1995. On January 1, 1997, the plan was amended and changed to a 401K retirement plan. Contributions to the Water Supply Corporation 401K Retirement Plan are discretionary and made only at the pleasure of the District. Required contributions may be required by law if the plan is deemed to be top-heavy.

Participation in the plan is based on completed service. The completed service calculation begins with the employees first day of service. The employee becomes eligible after one year of uninterrupted service (365 days) or 1,000 hours. Employees do not have to be employed on the first or last day of the plan year to participate. Employees that met the completed service definition at the time of adoption were granted immediate eligibility.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2019

11) Retirement Plan (Continued)

The Plan has a seven-year vesting schedule. That schedule is as follows:

Years of Service	Vesting Percentage
Less than 2	0%
3	20%
4	40%
5	60%
6	80%
7	100%

Benefits are payable at such times as covered employees attain normal retirement age which currently is age 65 or upon the death of a covered employee. Vesting benefits are payable to terminated employees upon request, after a one-year break in service has occurred. Account balances above vested amounts of terminated employees are forfeited and reallocated among the remaining participants eligible to share for the plan year in which the forfeiture occurs.

Employees may make voluntary, after tax, contribution to their plan accounts up to legal amount. Employees are immediately invested in their voluntary contributions.

There were no modifications in the provisions of the plan during the current year. There were no loans to employees or outstanding balances from employees during the year. There were no plan assets invested in the District. Covered employees direct the investment of their contributions.

12) Subsequent Events

As of January 1, 2020, the District will be participating in a defined pension benefit plan with Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS).

Required Supplementary Information
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Pension
Budget and Actual
For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

		2019			2018	
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating revenue:						<u> </u>
Water sales	5,678,500	5,902,488	223,988	5,211,469	5,360,374	148,905
Wastewater charges	69,000	208,812	139,812	64,500	136,687	72,187
Other charges	63,393	1,438,536	1,375,143	42,507	1,157,360	1,114,853
Total operating revenue	5,810,893	7,549,836	1,738,943	5,318,476	6,654,421	1,335,945
Operating expenses:						
Water purchases	3,520,000	2,731,093	788,907	3,419,078	2,410,464	1,008,614
Personnel	1,013,000	980,913	32,087	885,000	948,731	(63,731)
Repairs and maintenance	365,193	405,912	(40,719)	287,157	696,924	(409,767)
Depreciation	-	895,745	(895,745)	-	866,491	(866,491)
Professional fees	40,000	51,918	(11,918)	23,000	28,758	(5,758)
Administrative expenses	341,150	294,855	46,295	319,150	268,160	50,990
Vehicles and equipment	102,300	98,538	3,762	95,400	108,065	(12,665)
Utilities	50,000	43,462	6,538	52,000	52,001	(1)
Insurance	45,000	37,500	7,500	40,000	37,219	2,781
Total operating expenses	5,476,643	5,539,936	(63,293)	5,120,785	5,416,813	(296,028)
Operating income (loss)	334,250	2,009,900	1,675,650	197,691	1,237,608	1,039,917
Non-operating revenues (expenses)						
Rental income	8,000	8,857	857	8,000	7,986	(14)
Interest income	10,000	21,384	11,384	5,000	13,274	8,274
Gain on sale of assets	-	14,000	14,000	-	19,463	19,463
Other income	5,000	13,650	8,650	-	4,500	4,500
Interest expense	(70,000)	(536,432)	(466,432)	(112,000)	(533,732)	(421,732)
Total non-operating						
revenues (expenses)	(47,000)	(478,541)	(431,541)	(99,000)	(488,509)	(389,509)
Net income	\$ 287,250	\$ 1,531,359	\$ 1,244,109	\$ 98,691	\$ 749,099	\$ 650,408



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