#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED AUGUST 10, 2021

IN THE OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL, THE BONDS ARE VALID OBLIGATIONS OF SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 7, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS IS EXCLUDABLE FROM GROSS INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION UNDER STATUTES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED RULINGS AND COURT DECISIONS EXISTING ON THE DATE OF SUCH OPINION. SEE "LEGAL MATTERS" HEREIN FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL.

THE BONDS WILL BE DESIGNATED "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. SEE "LEGAL MATTERS - Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations."

#### <u>NEW ISSUE</u> – Book-Entry-Only

RATINGS: S&P (Underlying)...... "BBB+" S&P (Insured)...... "AA" See "MUNIC IPAL BOND RATINGS" and "MUNIC IPAL BOND INSURANCE"

# \$3,000,000

## SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 7

(A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas, located within Galveston County)

#### UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2021

#### Dated: September 2, 2021

Due: September 1, as shown below

The \$3,000,000 South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds"), are obligations solely of South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 (the "District"), and are not obligations of the State of Texas, Galveston County, League City, or any entity other than the District.

Principal of the Bonds is payable at maturity or earlier redemption by the paying agent/registrar, initially The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (sometimes hereinafter called the "Paying Agent" or the "Registrar"). Interest accrues from the date of delivery of the Bonds to the Initial Purchaser (expected to be on or about September 2, 2021), and is payable beginning March 1, 2022, and each September 1 and March 1 (each an "Interest Payment Date") thereafter until the earlier of maturity or redemption, and will be calculated on the basis a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds are fully registered bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

The Bonds will be registered and delivered only in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will at as securities depository for the Bonds. Beneficial Owners (as herein defined under "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM") of the Bonds will not receive physical certificates representing the Bonds, but will receive a credit balance on the books of the DTC participants. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by the Paying Agent directly to DTC, which will, in turn, remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM."



The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under a municipal bond insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY ("BAM").

#### MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES AND INITIAL REOFFERING YIELDS

			Initial					Initial	
Due (Sept. 1)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate(a)	Reoffering Yield(b)	CUSIP(c)	Due (Sept. 1)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate(a)	Reoffering Yield(b)	CUSIP(c)
2022	\$390,000	2.000%	0.200%	84019R JM6	2028(d)	\$235,000	1.000%	1.300%	84019R JT 1
2023	230,000	2.000%	0.300%	84019R JN4	2029(d)	225,000	1.000%	1.450%	84019R JU8
2024	245,000	2.000%	0.450%	84019R JP9	2030(d)	235,000	1.250%	1.600%	84019R JV6
2025	245,000	2.000%	0.600%	84019R JQ7	2031(d)	235,000	2.000%	1.600%	84019R JW4
2026	235,000	2.000%	0.800%	84019R JR5	2032(d)	235,000	2.000%	1.700%	84019R JX2
2027(d)	235,000	1.000%	1.100%	84019R JS3	2033(d)	255,000	2.000%	1.800%	84019R JY0

(a) After requesting competitive bids for purchase of the Bonds, the District has accepted the lowest net effective interest rate bid to purchase the Bonds, bearing interest as shown, at a price of 99.949680% of par to the date of delivery, resulting in a net effective interest rate to the District of 1.663690%.

(b) The initial reoffering yields on the Bonds are established by, and are the sole responsibility of the Initial Purchaser (hereinafter defined), and may subsequently be changed.

(c) CUSIP numbers have been assigned to the Bonds by CUSIP Service Bureau, and are included solely for the convenience of the owners of the Bonds.

(d) The Bonds maturing on and after Sptember 1, 2027 are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, in whole or from time to intime to maturing on and after September 1, 2026, or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the par value thereof to the date fixed for redemption. See "THE BONDS - Redemption Provisions." The yield on Bonds maturing on and after September 1, 2027 is calculated to the lower of yield to redemption or maturity.

The Bonds, when issued, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the District and will be payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied upon all taxable property within the District, as further described herein. Investment in the Bonds is subject to special investment considerations described herein. See "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS."

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the District, subject, among other things, to the approval of the Bonds by the Attorney General of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Bacon, Wallace & Philbin, L.L.P., Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel. Delivery of the Bonds in book-entry form through DTC is expected on or about September 2, 2021.

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## USE OF INFORMATION IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the District or the to give any information or to make any representations 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 District or the Initial Purchaser.

This Official Statement does not constitute, and is not authorized by the District for use 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 qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

All of the summaries of the statutes, resolutions, orders, contracts, audited financial statements, engineering and other related reports set forth in this Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such documents. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions, and reference is made to such documents, copies of which are available from the District upon payment of the costs for duplication thereof.

This Official Statement contains, in part, estimates, assumptions and matters of opinion which are not intended as statements of fact, and no representation is made as to the correctness of such estimates, assumptions or matters of opinion, or as to the likelihood that they will be realized. Any information and expressions 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 any implication that there has been no change in the condition of the District or other matters described herein since the date hereof; however, the District has agreed to keep this Official Statement current by amendment or sticker to reflect material changes in the affairs of the District and to the extent that information actually comes to its attention, the other matters described in this Official Statement until delivery of the Bonds to the Initial Purchaser of the Bonds, as shown on the cover page hereof, and thereafter only as described under "SOURCES OF INFORMATION - Updating of Official Statement."

Build America Mutual ("BAM") makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, BAM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding BAM, supplied by BAM and presented under the heading "Municipal Bond Insurance" and "APPENDIX B - Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy".

## SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BONDS

## Award and Marketing of the Bonds

After requesting competitive bids for the Bonds, the District has accepted the lowest net effective interest rate bid, which was tendered by SAMCO Capital Markets, LLC (the "Initial Purchaser"), to purchase the Bonds bearing the interest rates shown under "MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES AND INITIAL REOFFERING YIELDS" on the cover page hereof at a price of 99.949680% of the principal amount thereof, to the date of delivery, which resulted in a net effective interest rate of 1.663690% as calculated pursuant to Chapter 1204, Texas Government Code.

## Prices and Marketability

The prices and other terms respecting the re-offering and sale of the Bonds may be changed from time to time by the Initial Purchaser after the Bonds are released for sale, and the Bonds may be offered and sold at prices other than the initial offering price, including sales to dealers who may sell the Bonds into investment accounts.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE RE-OFFERING OF THE BONDS, THE INITIAL PURCHASER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

#### No Litigation

As a condition to delivery of the Bonds, the District will furnish a certificate executed by the President and Secretary of the District that no litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of the District's certifying officers, threatened, either in state or federal courts, contesting or attacking the Bonds; restraining or enjoining the authorization, execution or delivery of the Bonds; affecting the provision made for the payment of or security for the Bonds; in any manner questioning the authority or proceedings for the authorization, execution or delivery of the Bonds; or affecting the validity of the Bonds, the corporate existence or boundaries of the District or the titles of the present officers and directors of the Board of Directors of the District.

#### Securities Laws

No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemptions provided thereunder. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Texas Securities Act in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein, nor have the Bonds been registered or qualified under the securities laws of any other jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any other jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be offered, sold 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 in such other jurisdictions.

## MUNICIPAL BOND RATINGS

The District has made application to Standard and Poor's Financial Services LLC, a business unit of S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), for an underlying rating on the Bonds and S&P has assigned a rating of "BBB+." S&P is expected to assign to the Bonds an insured rating of "AA" based upon the issuance of the Policy (as hereinafter defined) by BAM at the time of delivery of the Bonds. An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating service furnishing the rating. There is no assurance that any rating given to the Bonds will be maintained for any period of time or that the rating may not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by such rating agencies if, in the judgment of such agencies, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward change or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds.

## MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE

## The Bond Insurance Policy

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM") will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds (the "Policy"). The Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as an exhibit to this Official Statement. The Policy is not covered by any insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

#### **Build America Mutual Assurance Company**

BAM is a New York domiciled mutual insurance corporation and is licensed to conduct financial guaranty insurance business in all fifty states of the United States and the District of Columbia. BAM provides credit enhancement products solely to issuers in the U.S. public finance markets. BAM will only insure obligations of states, political subdivisions, integral parts of states or political subdivisions or entities otherwise eligible for the exclusion of income under section 115 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. No member of BAM is liable for the obligations of BAM. The address of the principal executive offices of BAM is: 200 Liberty Street, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10281, its telephone number is: 212-235-2500, and its website is located at: www.buildamerica.com BAM is licensed and subject to regulation as a financial guaranty insurance corporation under the laws of the State of New York and in particular Articles 41 and 69 of the New York Insurance Law. BAM's financial strength is rated "AA/Stable" by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"). An explanation of the significance of the rating and current reports may be obtained from S&P at www.standardandpoors.com. The rating of BAM should be evaluated independently. The rating reflects the S&P's current assessment of the creditworthiness of BAM and its ability to pay claims on its policies of insurance. The above rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and such rating is subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by S&P, including withdrawal initiated at the request of BAM in its sole discretion. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the above rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. BAM only guarantees scheduled principal and scheduled interest payments payable by the issuer of the Bonds on the date(s) when such amounts were initially scheduled to become due and payable (subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Policy), and BAM does not guarantee the market price or liquidity of the Bonds, nor does it guarantee that the rating on the Bonds will not be revised or withdrawn.

## Capitalization of BAM

BAM's total admitted assets, total liabilities, and total capital and surplus, as of March 31, 2021 and as prepared in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the New York State Department of Financial Services were \$477.7 million, \$156.4 million and \$321.3 million, respectively. BAM is party to a first loss reinsurance treaty that provides first loss protection up to a maximum of 15% of the par amount outstanding for each policy issued by BAM, subject to certain limitations and restrictions. BAM's most recent Statutory Annual Statement, which has been filed with the New York State Insurance Department and posted on BAM's website at www.buildamerica.com, is incorporated herein by reference and may be obtained, without charge, upon request to BAM at its address provided above (Attention: Finance Department). Future financial statements will similarly be made available when published. BAM makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, BAM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding BAM, supplied by BAM and presented under the heading "MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE" and "APPENDIX B – Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy."

## Additional Information Available from BAM

**Credit Insights Videos.** For certain BAM-insured issues, BAM produces and posts a brief Credit Insights video that provides a discussion of the obligor and some of the key factors BAM's analysts and credit committee considered when approving the credit for insurance. The Credit Insights videos are easily accessible on BAM's website at www.buildamerica.com/videos. (The preceding website address is provided for convenience of reference only. Information available at such address is not incorporated herein by reference.)

**Credit Profiles.** Prior to the pricing of bonds that BAM has been selected to insure, BAM may prepare a presale Credit Profile for those bonds. These pre-sale Credit Profiles provide information about the sector designation (e.g. general obligation, sales tax); a preliminary summary of financial information and key ratios; and demographic and economic datarelevant to the obligor, if available. Subsequent to closing, for any offering that includes bonds insured by BAM, any pre-sale Credit Profile will be updated and superseded by a final Credit Profile to include information about the gross par insured by CUSIP, maturity and coupon. BAM pre-sale and final Credit Profiles are easily accessible on BAM's website at www.buildamerica.com/credit-profiles. BAM will produce a Credit Profile for all bonds insured by BAM, whether or not a pre-sale Credit Profile has been prepared for such bonds. (The preceding website address is provided for convenience of reference only. Information available at such address is not incorporated herein by reference.)

**Disclaimers.** The Credit Profiles and the Credit Insights videos and the information contained therein are not recommendations to purchase, hold or sell securities or to make any investment decisions. Credit-related and other analyses and statements in the Credit Profiles and the Credit Insights videos are statements of opinion as of the date

expressed, and BAM assumes no responsibility to update the content of such material. The Credit Profiles and Credit Insight videos are prepared by BAM; they have not been reviewed or approved by the issuer of or the underwriter for the Bonds, and the issuer and underwriter assume no responsibility for their content. BAM receives compensation (an insurance premium) for the insurance that it is providing with respect to the Bonds. Neither BAM nor any affiliate of BAM has purchased, or committed to purchase, any of the Bonds, whether at the initial offering or otherwise.

## MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS

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 applicable Bond Insurance Policy (the "Policy") for such payments. However, in the event of any acceleration of the due date of such principal by reason of mandatory or optional redemption, other than any advancement of maturity pursuant to a mandatory sinking fund payment, the payments are to be made in such amounts and at such times as such payments would have been due had there not been any such acceleration. The Policy does not insure against redemption premium, if any. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Bonds by the Bond Insurer which is recovered by the District from the Bond owner as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law is covered by the insurance policy, however, such payments will be made by the District at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absent such prepayment by the District unless the provider of the insurance policy (the "Bond Insurer") chooses to pay such amounts at an earlier date.

Under most circumstances, default of payment of principal and interest does not obligate acceleration of the obligations of the Bond Insurer without appropriate consent. 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 the 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 moneys received 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.

The long-termratings 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-termratings 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.

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 Bondholders may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or other similar laws related to insolvency.

Neither the District nor the Underwriter has made independent investigation into the claims paying ability of the Bond Insurer and no assurance or representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of the Bond Insurer is given.

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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

The following summary of certain information contained herein is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Official Statement. The reader should refer particularly to sections that are indicated for more complete information.

# THE BONDS

The Issuer	South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7, Galveston County, Texas (the "District"), is a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Galveston County, Texas. See "THE DISTRICT."
Description	\$3,000,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2021, are dated September 2, 2021, and mature on September 1 in each of the years and in the principal amounts indicated on the cover page of this Official Statement (the "Bonds"). Interest accrues from the date of delivery of the Bonds to the Initial Purchaser (expected to be on or about September 2, 2021), and is payable beginning March 1, 2022, and each September 1 and March 1 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds are issued in fully registered form and will be issued in denominations of \$5,000 of principal amount or integral multiples thereof. The Bonds maturing on or after September 1, 2027 are subject to redemption, in whole or from time to time in part, prior to their scheduled maturities, on September 1, 2026, or on any date thereafter, at the option of the District. Upon redemption, the Bonds will be payable at a price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds, or portions thereof so called for redemption to the date of redemption. See "THE BONDS."
Book-Entry Only	The Bonds are initially issuable in book-entry only formand, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depository Trust Company, which will act as securities depository. Beneficial Owners of the Bonds will not receive physical delivery of bond certificates. See "BOOK- ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM."
Source of Payment	Principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied against all taxable property located within the District. See "THE BONDS - Source and Security for Payment," "TAX DATA - TaxRate Calculations," and "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS - Maximum Impact on District Tax Rates."
Payment Record	The District has previously issued \$40,810,000 of unlimited tax bonds, \$14,655,000 of which remains outstanding as of the date of this Official Statement (the "Outstanding Bonds"). The District has never defaulted on the timely payment of the principal or interest on its previously issued bonds.
Use of Proceeds	Proceeds of the sale of the Bonds will be used by the District to (i) provide bulkheading protection for a linear detention lake to address erosion and maintenance of the Austin Lake perimeter wall; (ii) pay for engineering survey and testing of the above facilities; (iii) and pay the cost of is suance of the Bonds. See "USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BOND PROCEEDS."
Municipal Bond Rating and	
Insurance	It is expected that S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") will assign its municipal bond rating of "AA" to this issue of Bonds with the understanding that upon delivery of the Bonds, a municipal bond insurance policy guaranteeing the timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be issued by Build America Mutual.
	Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Build America Mutual Assurance Company will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds (the

	"Policy"). The Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as an appendix to this Official Statement.
	The District made application to Standard and Poor's Financial Services LLC, a business unit of S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), for an underlying rating on the Bonds and S&P has assigned a rating of "BBB+." See "MUNICIPAL BOND RATINGS," "MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE," and "MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS."
Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation	The District has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. See "LEGAL MATTERS - Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations."

# THE DISTRICT

Des cription	South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, was created by an Order of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ") on July 24, 2001, and operates as a municipal utility district pursuant to Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code. The District contains approximately 471.8095 acres of land. The District is located in northern Galveston County and lies wholly within the corporate limits of the City of League City ("League City" or the "City"). See "THE DISTRICT – Description."
Authority for Issuance	At an election held within the District on May 7, 2005, the District voters authorized the issuance of \$26,550,000 principal amount of unlimited taxbonds for the purpose of acquiring or constructing water, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities. The Bonds constitute the fourth issuance of bonds from such authorization. After the issuance of the Bonds, \$10,475,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for water, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities will remain authorized by unissued. The Bonds are issued by the District pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Bond Order; Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution; Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; and an order of the TCEQ dated June 16, 2021. See "THE DISTRICT - General."
Infectious Disease Outbreak	
(COVID)-19	In March 2020, the World Health Organization and the President of the United States separately declared the outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") to be a public health emergency. On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas (the "Governor") declared a state of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas (the "State") because of the effects of COVID-19. Subsequently, in response to a rise in COVID-19 infections in the State and pursuant to the Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor issued a number of executive orders intended to help limit the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate injury and the loss of life, including limitations imposed on business operations, social gatherings, and other activities.
	Over the ensuing year, COVID-19 negatively affected commerce, travel and businesses locally and globally, and negatively affected economic growth worldwide and within the State. Following the widespread release and distribution of various COVID-19 vaccines in 2021 and a decrease in active COVID-19 cases generally in the United States, state governments (including Texas) have started to lift business and social limitations associated with COVID-19. Beginning in March 2021, the Governor issued various executive orders, which, among other things, rescinded and superseded prior executive orders and provide that there are currently no COVID-19 related operating

	with high hospitalizations" where a county judge may impose COVID-19 related mitigation strategies. Galveston County is not currently an "area with high hospitalizations." The Governor retains the right to impose additional restrictions on activities if needed to mitigate the effects of COVID-19. Additional information regarding executive orders issued by the Governor is accessible on the website of the Governor at https://gov.texas.gov/. Neither the information on, nor accessed through, such website of the Governor is incorporated by reference into this Official Statement.
	With the decrease in the number of active COVID-19 cases and the easing or removal of associated governmental restrictions, economic activity has increased. However, there are no assurances that such increased economic activity will continue or continue at the same rate, especially if there are future outbreaks of COVID-19. The District has not experienced any decrease in property values, unusual tax delinquencies, or interruptions to service as a result of COVID-19; however the District cannot predict the long-term economic effect of COVID-19 or a similar virus should there be a reversal of economic activity and re-imposition of restrictions.
Development of the District	The District is one of multiple municipal utility districts that served the 2,171- acre master planned South Shore Harbour Development ("South Shore Harbour" or "Development"), which abuts the south shore of Clear Lake, an inland saltwater bay providing access to Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Of the original seven (7) Districts, only South Shore Harbour MUDs No. 6 and No. 7 remain active. The other districts have been dissolved and the property annexed into the City of League City. The District is located approximately 22 miles south of the central business district of Houston along State Highway (SH) 96, which provides access to League City and Interstate Highway 45, the freeway connecting Houston and Galveston. The District is bounded on the north by Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 3 and on the south by State Highway (SH) 96. The District consists of 471.8095 gross acres of land of which 48.7 acres havebeen designated for commercial and multifamily and 315.7 acres for residential construction. The remaining approximately 107.41 acres has been dedicated as easements, open space and streets. Development within the District is substantially complete. The District contains approximately 1,187 single-family residences on 1,187 developed lots. The District also contains two 12,000 sq. ft. Kroger grocery store with 24,000 sq. ft. of retail and pad sites.
Legal Opinion	Bacon, Wallace & Philbin, L.L.P., Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel. See "LEGAL MATTERS."
Disclosure Counsel	McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas
Engineer	DE Corp., formerly Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation
Financial Advisor	RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Houston Texas

## INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

INVESTMENT IN THE BONDS IS SUBJECT TO SPECIAL INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS SHOULD CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT BEFORE MAKING THEIR INVESTMENT DECISIONS; ESPECIALLY THE PORTION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT ENTITLED "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS."

#### SUMMARY OF SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2021 Certified Assessed Valuation Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021	\$447,041,559 <sub>(a)</sub> \$463,265,488 <sub>(b)</sub>
Direct Debt (Includes the Bonds) Estimated Overlapping Debt Direct and Estimated Overlapping Debt	\$17,655,000 23,989,191 (c) \$41,644,191
Operations Fund (as of July 13, 2021) Debt Service Fund Balance (as of July 13, 2021)	\$522,757 (d) \$4,255,847 (e)
Direct Debt Ratios: as a percentage of 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation as a percentage of Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021	3.95% 3.81%
Direct and Estimated Overlapping Debt Ratios as a percentage of 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation as a percentage of Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021	9.32% 8.99%
2020 Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Valuation Debt Service Tax Maintenance Tax Total	\$0.3400 0.0430 \$0.3830
Average Annual Debt Service Requirements on the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds (Calendar Years 2021-2033)	\$1,718,179
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement of the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds (Calendar Year 2026)	\$1,788,900
Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Valuation Required to pay the Average Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds at 95% Tax Collection Based Upon 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation Based Upon Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021	\$0.405 \$0.400
Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Valuation Required to pay Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement of the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds at 95% Tax Collection Based Upon 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation Based Upon Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021	\$0.421 \$0.410

As certified by the Galveston Central Appraisal District ("GCAD") and provided by the District's Tax Assessor/Collector. See "TAX DATA" and "TAXING PROCEDURES." (a)

Provided by GCAD for information purposes only; this amount is an estimate of value of all taxable property located within the District as of (b) July 1, 2021.

Provided by the Texas Municipal Advisory Council. See "SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION - Estimated Overlapping Debt (c) Statement."

<sup>(</sup>d) Based on ending balance provided by the District's bookkeeper for period ended July 13, 2021.
(e) Neither Texas law nor the Bond Order requires the District to maintain any minimum balance in the Debt Service Fund.

# OFFICIAL STATEMENT relating to

#### \$3,000,000 SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 7

#### UNLIMITED TAX BONDS SERIES 2021

## INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement provides certain information with respect to the issuance by South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 (the "District"), of its \$3,000,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds"). There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and certain information about the District and its finances. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each such document. Copies of such documents may be obtained from the District c/o Bacon, Wallace & Philbin, L.L.P., Houston, Texas, upon request and payment of the costs of duplication therefor.

## THE BONDS

## General

The following is a description of some of the terms and conditions of the Bonds, which description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Bond Order, a copy of which is available from Bond Counsel upon payment of the costs of duplication therefor. The Bond Order authorizes the issuance and sale of the Bonds and prescribes the terms, conditions and provisions for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds by the District.

## Description

The Bonds will be dated September 2, 2021, with interest accruing from the date of delivery of the bonds to the Initial Purchaser and payable on March 1, 2022, and on each September 1 and March 1 thereafter (each an "Interest Payment Date"), until the earlier of maturity or prior redemption. Interest on the Bonds initially accrues from September 2, 2021, and thereafter, from the most recent Interest Payment Date. The Bonds mature on September 1 of the years and in the amounts shown under "MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES AND INITIAL REOFFERING YIELDS" on the cover page hereof. The Bonds are issued in fully registered form only in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000 for any one maturity. The Bonds will be registered and delivered only to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), in its nominee name of Cede & Co., pursuant to the book-entry system described herein ("Registered Owners"). No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the purchasers thereof. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM." Interest calculations are based upon a three hundred sixty (360) day year comprised of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months.

## **Record Date**

The record date for payment of the interest on any regularly scheduled interest payment date is defined as the 15th day of the month (whether or not a business day) preceding such interest payment date.

## Authority for Issuance

At an election held within the District on May 7, 2005, voters of the District authorized a total of \$26,550,000 in unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of acquiring or constructing water, sanitary sewer, and drainage facilities. The Bonds constitute the fourth issuance of bonds from such authorization. After the issuance of the Bonds, a total of \$10,475,000 in principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for water, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities will remain authorized but unissued. The Bonds are issued by the District pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Bond Order, Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution; Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; and an order of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") dated June 16, 2021.

## Source and Security for Payment

The Bonds, together with the Outstanding Bonds (hereinafter defined) and any additional bonds payable from ad valoremtaxes, are secured by and payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valoremtax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied upon all taxable property located within the District. See "TAXING PROCEDURES". Investment in the Bonds involves certain elements of risk, and all prospective purchasers are urged to examine carefully this Official Statement with respect to the investment security of the Bonds. See "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS." The Bonds are obligations solely of the District and are not obligations of the State of Texas, Galveston County, Texas, the City of League City, Texas, or any political subdivision or agency other than the District.

## **Redemption Provisions**

The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem the Bonds maturing on or after September 1, 2027, prior to their scheduled maturities, in whole or from time to time in part, in integral multiples of \$5,000, on September 1, 2026, or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof to the date fixed for redemption. If fewer than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the particular maturity or maturities and the amounts thereof to be redeemed shall be determined by the District. If fewer than all of the Bonds of the same maturity are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds shall be selected by DTC in accordance with its procedures. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM."

Notice of each exercise of the reserved right of optional redemption shall be given by the Paying Agent/Registrar at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the redemption date, in the manner specified in the Bond Order.

By the redemption date, due provision shall be made with the Paying Agent for payment of the principal of the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed to the redemption date. When Bonds have been called for redemption in whole or in part and due provision has been made to redeem the same as herein provided, the Bonds or portions thereof so redeemed shall no longer be regarded as outstanding except for the purpose of receiving payment solely from the funds so provided for redemption, and the rights of the Registered Owners to collect interest which would otherwise accrue after the redemption date on any Bond or portion thereof called for redemption shall terminate on the date fixed for redemption.

## Method of Payment of Principal and Interest

The Board of Directors of the District ("Board") has appointed The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., having its principal corporate trust office and its principal payment office in Dallas, Texas, as the initial paying agent/registrar for the Bonds ("Paying Agent" or "Registrar"). The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be paid to DTC, which will make distribution of the amounts so paid. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM."

## Registration

Section 149(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, requires that all tax exempt obligations (with certain exceptions that do not include the Bonds) be in registered form in order for the interest payable on such obligations to be excludable from a Beneficial Owner's income for federal income taxpurposes. The Bonds will be is sued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. One fully-registered Bond will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds and will be deposited with DTC. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM." So long as any Bonds remain outstanding, the District will maintain at least one paying agent/register in the State of Texas for the purpose of maintaining the Register on behalf of the District.

## **Replacement of Paying Agent/Registrar**

Provision is made in the Bond Order for replacement of the Paying Agent. If the Paying Agent is replaced by the District, the new paying agent/registrar shall be required to accept the previous Paying Agent's records and act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent. Any paying agent/registrar selected by the District shall be a duly qualified and competent trust or banking corporation or organization organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any State thereof, with a combined capital and surplus of at least \$25,000,000, which is subject to supervision of or examination by federal or state banking authorities, and which is a transfer agent duly registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

## Legal Investment and Eligibility to Secure Public Funds in Texas

The following is quoted from Section 49.186 of the Texas Water Code, and is applicable to the District:

"(a) All bonds, notes, and other obligations issued by a district shall be legal and authorized investments for all banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, insurance companies of all kinds and types, fiduciaries, and trustees, and for all interest and sinking funds and other public funds of the state, and all agencies, subdivisions, and instrumentalities of the state, including all counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, and all other kinds and types of districts, public agencies, and bodies politic.

(b) A district's bonds, notes, and other obligations are eligible and lawful security for all deposits of public funds of the state, and all agencies, subdivisions, and instrumentalities of the state, including all counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, and all other kinds and types of districts, public agencies, and bodies politic, to the extent of the market value of the bonds, notes, and other obligations when accompanied by any unmatured interest coupons attached to them."

The Public Funds Collateral Act (Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code) also provides that bonds of the District (including the Bonds) are eligible as collateral for public funds.

No representation is made that the Bonds will be suitable for or acceptable to financial or public entities for investment or collateral purposes. No representation is made concerning other laws, rules, regulations or investment criteria which apply to or which might be utilized by any of such persons or entities to limit the acceptability or suitability of the Bonds for any of the foregoing purposes. Prospective purchasers are urged to carefully evaluate the investment quality of the Bonds as to the suitability or acceptability of the Bonds for investment or collateral purposes.

## **Issuance of Additional Debt**

The District's voters have authorized the issuance of a total of \$26,550,000 unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of acquiring or constructing water, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities and could authorize additional amounts. Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$10,475,000 of unlimited taxbonds authorized but unissued for said improvements and facilities. The District's voters have also authorized a total of \$26,550,000 unlimited tax refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding outstanding bonds of the District and could authorize additional amounts. The District currently has \$25,715,000 unlimited tax refunding bonds authorized but unissued.

The Bond Order imposes no limitation on the amount of additional parity bonds which may be authorized for issuance by the District's voters or the amount ultimately issued by the District. See "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS – Future Debt."

## **Dissolution and Consolidation**

Under Texas law, the District may be abolished and dissolved at any time by an ordinance adopted by two-thirds vote of the City Council of League City. Thereafter, all properties and assets of the District not already conveyed to the City would vest in League City, which would assume and be liable for the payment of all bonds and other obligations of the District. The District can make no representation that League City will ever abolish and dissolve the District nor as to League City's ability to pay the debt requirements of the District. The District has the legal authority to consolidate with other districts and, in connection therewith, to provide for the consolidation of its water and wastewater systems with the water and wastewater systems of the districts or districts may agree to assume each other's bonds, notes and other obligations. If each district assumes the other's bonds, notes and other obligations, taxes may be levied uniformly on all taxable property within the consolidated district in payment of same. If the districts do not assume each other's bonds, notes and other obligations, each district's taxes are levied on property in each of the original districts to pay said debts created by the respective original districts if no consolidation had taken place. No representation is made concerning whether the District will consolidate with any other district, but the District currently has no plans to do so.

## **Remedies in Event of Default**

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 Bond Order, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Bond Order, the Registered Owners have the right to seek a writ of mandamus issued by a court of competent jurisdiction requiring the District and its officials to observe and perform the covenants, obligations, or conditions prescribed in the Bond Order. Except for mandamus, the Bond Order does not specifically provide for remedies to protect and enforce the interests of the Registered Owners. 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. Further, there is no trust indenture or trustee, and all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the Registered Owners. Certain traditional legal remedies may also not be available. See "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS - Registered Owners' Remedies and Bankruptcy."

## Defeasance

The Bond Order provides that the District may discharge its obligations to the Registered Owners of any or all of the Bonds to pay principal, interest and redemption price thereon in any manner permitted by law. Under current Texas law, such discharge may be accomplished either (i) by depositing with the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas a sum of money equal to the principal of, premium, if any, and all interest to accrue on the Bonds to maturity or redemption or (ii) by depositing with any place of payment (paying agent) for obligations of the District payable from revenues or from ad valorem taxes or both, or a commercial bank or trust company designated in the proceedings authorizing such discharge amounts sufficient to provide for the payment and/or redemption of the Bonds; provided that such deposits may be invested and reinvested only in (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, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the District 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; and (c) 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 District 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. The foregoing obligations may be in book entry form and shall mature and/or bear interest payable at such times and in such amounts as will be sufficient to provide for the scheduled payment and/or redemption of the Bonds. If any of such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to their respective dates of maturity, provision must have been made for giving notice of redemption as provided in the Bond Order.

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 or redemption 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, that the right to call the Bonds for redemption is not extinguished 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.

There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds. Because the Bond Order does not contractually limit such investments, Registered Owners may be deemed to have consented to defeasance with such other investments, notwithstanding the fact that such investments may not be of the same investment quality as those currently permitted under Texas law.

# 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 DTC while the Bonds are registered in its nominee's 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 believes the source of such information to be reliable, but takes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

The District cannot and does not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or redemption or other 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 Bonds), or redemption or other 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. Discontinuance of the DTC book-entry-only system by the District may require consent of DTC Participants under DTC Operational Arrangements. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, 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 Bond certificate will be issued for the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities 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 securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, 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 registered clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial

relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a rating of AA+ from S&P Global Ratings. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC systemmust 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 each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect 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 Direct or Indirect 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 Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates rep resenting 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 Direct and Indirect 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 Bond 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 notices be provided directly to them.

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

Neither DTC nor 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 MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to District 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).

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 District or Agent, on 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, Agent, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of District or Agent, disbursement of such payments to the Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of DTC.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

## INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

## General

The Bonds, which are obligations solely of the District and not obligations of the State of Texas, Galveston County, the City of League City or any other entity, are secured by the levy of an annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied against all taxable property located within the District. The ultimate security for payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds depends upon the District's ability to collect from the property owners within the District taxes levied against all taxable property located within the District, or, in the event taxes are not collected and foreclosure proceedings are instituted by the District, upon the value of the taxable property with respect to taxes levied by the District and by other taxing authorities. The District makes no representation that over the life of the Bonds the taxable property within the District will maintain a value sufficient to justify continued payment of taxes by property owners or that there will be a market for any property if the District forecloses on property to enforce its tax lien. The potential increase in taxable valuation of District property is directly related to the economics of the residential housing industry, not only due to general economic conditions, but also due to the particular factors discussed below. Further, the collection of delinquent taxes owed the District, and the enforcement by a Registered Owner of the District's obligation to collect sufficient taxes, may be costly and lengthy processes. See "Tax Collection Limitations" and "Registered Owners' Remedies and Bankruptcy" below and "THE BONDS - Source and Security for Payment," and "- Remedies in Event of Default."

## Infectious Disease Outbreak (COVID-19)

In March 2020, the World Health Organization and the President of the United States separately declared the outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") to be a public health emergency. On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas (the "Governor") declared a state of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas (the "State") because of the effects of COVID-19. Subsequently, in response to a rise in COVID-19 infections in the State and pursuant to the Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor issued a number of executive orders intended to help limit the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate injury and the loss of life, including limitations imposed on business operations, social gatherings, and other activities.

Over the ensuing year, COVID-19 negatively affected commerce, travel and businesses locally and globally, and negatively affected economic growth worldwide and within the State. Following the widespread release and distribution of various COVID-19 vaccines in 2021 and a decrease in active COVID-19 cases generally in the United States, state governments (including Texas) have started to lift business and social limitations associated with COVID-19. Beginning in March 2021, the Governor issued various executive orders, which, among other things, rescinded and superseded prior executive orders and provide that there are currently no COVID-19 related operating limits for any business or other establishment except in counties with an "area with high hospitalizations" where a county judge may impose COVID-19 related mitigation strategies. Galveston County is not currently an "area with high hospitalizations." The Governor retains the right to impose additional restrictions on activities if needed to mitigate the effects of COVID-19. Additional information regarding executive orders is sued by the Governor is accessible on the website of the Governor at https://gov.texas.gov/. Neither the information on, nor accessed through, such website of the Governor is incorporated by reference into this Official Statement.

With the decrease in the number of active COVID-19 cases and the easing or removal of associated governmental restrictions, economic activity has increased. However, there are no assurances that such increased economic activity will continue or continue at the same rate, especially if there are future outbreaks of COVID-19. The District has not experienced any decrease in property values, unusual tax delinquencies, or interruptions to service as a result of COVID-19; however the District cannot predict the long-term economic effect of COVID-19 or a similar virus should there be a reversal of economic activity and re-imposition of restrictions.

## Potential Effects of Oil Price Fluctuations on the Houston Area

The recent fluctuations in oil prices in the U.S. and globally, which at times have led to the lowest prices in three decades, may lead to adverse conditions in the oil and gas industry, including but not limited to reduced revenues, declines in capital and operating expenditures, business failures, and layoffs of workers. The economy of the Greater Houston area has, in the past, been particularly affected by adverse conditions in the oil and gas industry, and such conditions and their collateral impact to other industries could result in declines in the demand for residential and commercial property in the Greater Houston area and could reduce or negatively affect property values within the District. As previously stated, the Bonds are secured by the proceeds of an unlimited ad valoremtax, and a reduction in property values may require an increase in the ad valoremtax rate as well as the District's share of operations and maintenance expenses payable from ad valorem taxes.

## Maximum Impact on District Tax Rates

The value of the land and improvements currently located within the District will be a major determinant of the ability of the District to collect, and the willingness of District property owners to pay, ad valorem taxes levied by the District. The 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation of property located within the District (see "TAX DATA") is \$447,041,559. The Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement is \$1,788,900 (2026) and the Average Annual Debt Service Requirement will be \$1,718,179 (2021 through 2033, inclusive). Assuming no increase to or decrease from the 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation, and no use of other District funds, taxrates of \$0.421 and \$0.405 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation at a 95% tax collection rate would be necessary to pay the Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirements, respectively. The Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021 of property located within the District, supplied by the Galveston Central Appraisal District, is \$463,265,488. Assuming no increase to nor decrease from the Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021, tax rates of \$0.410 and \$0.400 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation at a 95% tax collection rate would be necessary to pay the Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirements, respectively. The Estimate of \$0.410 and \$0.400 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation at a 95% tax collection rate would be necessary to pay the Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement and the Average Annual Debt Service Requirements, respectively. See "TAX DATA - Tax Rate Calculations."

## **Tax Collection Limitations**

The District's ability to make debt service payments may be adversely affected by its inability to collect ad valorem taxes. Under Texas law, the levy of ad valorem taxes by the District constitutes a lien in favor of the District on a parity with the liens of all other state and local taxing authorities on the property against which taxes are levied, and such lien may be enforced by judicial foreclosure. The District's ability to collect ad valorem taxes through such foreclosure may be impaired by (a) cumbersome, time consuming and expensive collection procedures, (b) a bankruptcy court's stay of tax collection procedures against a taxpayer, (c) market conditions affecting the marketability of taxable property within the District and limitation of the proceeds from a foreclosure sale of such property, (d) adverse effects on the proceeds of a foreclosure sale resulting from a taxpayer's limited right to redeem its foreclosed property as set forth below, or (e) insufficient foreclosure bids to satisfy the tax liens of all state and local taxing authorities which have parity liens on the property. While the District has a lien on taxable property within the District for taxes levied against such property, such lien can be foreclosed only in a judicial proceeding. Moreover, the value of the property to be sold for delinquent taxes and thereby the potential sales proceeds available to pay debt service on the Bonds, may be limited by among other factors, the existence of other tax liens on the property, by the current aggregate tax rate being levied against the property, or by the taxpayers' right to redeem residential or agricultural use property within two (2) years following the date of recordation of the deed issued at foreclosure and all other property within six (6) months following the date of recordation of the deed issued at foreclosure. See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

Finally, a bankruptcy court with jurisdiction over bankruptcy proceedings initiated by or against a taxpayer within the District pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Code could stay any attempt by the District to collect delinquent ad valoremtaxes against such taxpayer. In addition to the automatic stay against collection of delinquent taxes afforded a taxpayer during the pendency of a bankruptcy, a bankruptcy could affect payment of taxes on two other ways: first, a debtor's confirmation plan may allow a debtor to make installment payments on delinquent taxes for up to sixyears; and, second, a debtor may challenge, and a bankruptcy court may reduce, the amount of any taxes assessed against the debtor, including taxes that have already been paid. See "TAXING PROCEDURES – District's Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies."

## **Recent Extreme Weather Events; Hurricane Harvey**

The greater Houston area, including the District, is subject to occasional severe weather events, including tropical storms and hurricanes. If the District were to sustain damage to its facilities requiring substantial repair or replacement, or if substantial damage were to occur to taxable property within the District as a result of such a weather event, the investment security of the Bonds could be adversely affected.

The greater Houston area has experienced multiple storms exceeding a 0.2% probability (i.e. "500-year flood" events) since 2015, including Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall along the Texas Gulf Coast on August 26, 2017, and brought historic levels of rainfall during the successive four days. According to the Engineer, the District experienced no interruption of water and sewer service as a result of Hurricane Harvey. According to the Engineer, the City's system serving the District did not sustain any material damage from Hurricane Harvey. To the knowledge of the District, no homes within the District experienced structural flooding or other damage as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

If a future weather event significantly damaged all or part of the improvements within the District, the assessed value of property within the District could be substantially reduced, which could result in a decrease in tax revenues and/or necessitate an increase the District's taxrate. Further, there can be no assurance that a casualty loss to taxable property within the District will be covered by insurance (or that property owners will even carry flood or other casualty

insurance), that any insurance company will fulfill its obligation to provide insurance proceeds, or that insurance proceeds will be used to rebuild or repair any damaged improvements within the District. Even if insurance proceeds are available and improvements are rebuilt, there could be a lengthy period in which assessed values within the District could be adversely affected.

## Specific Flood Type Risks

## Riverine (or Fluvial) Flood.

Riverine, or fluvial, flooding occurs when water levels rise over the top of river, bayou or channel banks due to excessive rain from tropical systems making landfall and/or persistent thunderstorms over the same area for extended periods of time. The damage from a riverine flood can be widespread. The overflow can affect smaller rivers and streams downstream, or may sheet-flow overland. Flash flooding is a type of riverine flood that is characterized by an intense, high velocity torrent of water that occurs in an existing river channel with little to no notice. Flash floods are very dangerous and destructive not only because of the force of the water, but also the hurtling debris that is offen swept up in the flow. They can occur within minutes or a few hours of excessive rainfall. They can also occur even if no rain has fallen, for instance, after a levee, dam or reservoir has failed or experienced an uncontrolled release, or after a sudden release of water by a debris or ice jam. In addition, planned or unplanned controlled releases from a dam, levee or reservoir also may result in flooding in areas adjacent to rivers, bayous or drainage systems (canals or channels) downstream.

## Ponding (or Pluvial) Flood.

Ponding, or pluvial, flooding occurs when heavy rainfall creates a flood event independent of an overflowing water body, typically in relatively flat areas. Intense rainfall can exceed the drainage capacity of a drainage system, which may result in water within the drainage system becoming trapped and diverted onto streets and nearby property until it is able to reach a natural outlet. Ponding can also occur in a flood pool upstreamor behind a dam, levee or reservoir.

## **Registered Owners' 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 Bond Order, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Bond Order, the Registered Owners have the right to seek a writ of mandamus issued by a court of competent jurisdiction requiring the District and its officials to observe and perform the covenants, obligations, or conditions prescribed in the Bond Order. Except for mandamus, the Bond Order does not specifically provide for remedies to protect and enforce the interests of the Registered Owners. 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. Further, there is no trust indenture or trustee, and all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the Registered Owners.

Statutory language authorizing local governments such as the District to sue and be sued does not waive the local government's sovereign immunity from suits for money damages so that in the absence of other waivers of such immunity by the Texas legislature, a default by the District in its covenants in the Bond Order may not be reduced to a judgment for money damages. Even if a judgment against the District for money damages could be obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the District's property. Further, the Beneficial Owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District to enforce the taxlien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the Beneficial Owners may further be limited by a State of Texas statute reasonably required to attain an important public purpose or by laws relating to bankruptcy, reorganization or other similar laws of general application affecting the rights of creditors of political subdivisions, such as the District.

## Bankruptcy Limitation to Registered Owners' Rights

Subject to the requirements of Texas law, the District may voluntarily proceed under Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. Section 901-946, if the District: (1) is authorized to file for federal bankruptcy protection by Texas law; (2) is insolvent or unable to meet its debts as they mature; (3) desires to effect a plan to adjust such debts; and (4) has either obtained the agreement of or negotiated in good faith with its creditors or is unable to negotiate with its creditors because negotiation is impracticable. Under Texas law, the District must also obtain the approval of the Commission prior to filing bankruptcy. Such law requires that the Commission investigate the financial conditions of the District and authorize the District to proceed only if the District has fully exercised its rights and powers under Texas law and remains unable to meet its debts and other obligations as they mature.

Notwithstanding noncompliance by a district with Texas law requirements, the District could file a voluntary

bankruptcy petition under Chapter 9, thereby invoking the protection of the automatic stay under the bankruptcy court, after a hearing, dismisses the petition. A federal bankruptcy court is a court of equity and federal bankruptcy judges have considerable discretion in the conduct of bankruptcy proceedings and in making the decision of whether to grant the petitioning District relief from its creditors. While such a decision might be appealable, the concomitant delay and loss of remedies to the Registered Owner could potentially and adversely impair the value of the Registered Owner's claim.

If the District decides in the future to proceed voluntarily under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, the District could develop and file a plan for the adjustment of its debts. If such a plan were confirmed by the bankruptcy court, it could, among other things, affect the Registered Owners by reducing or eliminating the interest rate or the principal amount, modifying or abrogating collateral or security arrangements, substituting (in whole or in part) other securities, and otherwise compromising and modifying the rights and remedies of such Registered Owner's claim against the District.

A district may not be forced into bankruptcy involuntarily.

## **Future Debt**

The District reserves in the Bond Order the right to issue the remaining \$10,475,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds authorized but unissued for water, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities, the \$25,715,000 principal amount of unlimited tax refunding bonds, and such additional bonds as may hereafter be approved by the voters of the District. The District has also reserved the right to issue certain other additional bonds, special project bonds, and other obligations described in the Bond Order. All of the remaining bonds described above which have heretofore been authorized by the voters of the District may be issued by the District from time to time as needed. If additional bonds are issued in the future and property values have not increased proportionately, such issuance may increase gross debt/property valuation ratios and thereby adversely affect the investment quality or security of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS - Legal Ability to Issue Additional Debt."

## **Continuing Compliance with Certain Covenants**

The Bond Order contains covenants by the District intended to preserve the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Bonds. Failure by the District to comply with such covenants on a continuous basis prior to maturity of the Bonds could result in interest on the Bonds becoming taxable retroactively to the date of original issuance. See "TAX MATTERS."

## Marketability

The District has no understanding (other than the initial reoffering yields) with the Initial Purchaser regarding the reoffering yields or prices of the Bonds and has no control over the trading of the Bonds in the secondary market. There is no assurance that a secondary market will be made for the Bonds. If there is a secondary market, the difference between the bid and asked price of the Bonds may be greater than the bid and asked spread of other bonds generally bought, sold or traded in the secondary market. See "SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BONDS."

## Approval of the Bonds

The Attorney General of Texas must approve the legality of the Bonds prior to their delivery. The Attorney General of Texas does not pass upon or guarantee the security of the Bonds as an investment, nor does he pass upon the adequacy or accuracy of the information contained in this Official Statement.

## **Environmental and Air Quality Regulations**

Wastewater treatment, water supply, storms ewer facilities and construction activities within the District are subject to complex environmental laws and regulations at the federal, state and local levels that may require or prohibit certain activities that affect the environment, such as:

- Requiring permits for construction and operation of water wells, was tewater treatment and other facilities;
- Restricting the manner in which wastes are treated and released into the air, water and soils;
- Restricting or regulating the use of wetlands or other properties; or
- Requiring remedial action to prevent or mitigate pollution.

Sanctions against a municipal utility district or other type of special purpose district for failure to comply with environmental laws and regulations may include a variety of civil and criminal enforcement measures, including assessment of monetary penalties, imposition of remedial requirements and is suance of injunctions to ensure future compliance. Environmental laws and compliance with environmental laws and regulations can increase the cost of planning, designing, constructing and operating water production and wastewater treatment facilities. Environmental laws can also inhibit growth and development within the District. Further, changes in regulations occur frequently, and any changes that result in more stringent and costly requirements could materially impact the District.

<u>Air Quality Issues</u>. Air quality control measures required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") and the TCEQ may impact new industrial, commercial and residential development in the Houston area. Under the Clean Air Act ("CAA") Amendments of 1990, the eight-county Houston-Galveston-Brazoria area ("HGB Area")—Harris, Galveston, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Waller, Montgomery and Liberty Counties—has been designated a nonattainment area under three separate federal ozone standards: the one-hour (124 parts per billion ("ppb")) and eight-hour (84 ppb) standards promulgated by the EPA in 1997 (the "1997 Ozone Standards"); the tighter, eight-hour ozone standard of 75 ppb promulgated by the EPA in 2008 (the "2008 Ozone Standard"), and the EPA's most-recent promulgation of an even lower, 70 ppb eight-hour ozone standard in 2015 (the "2015 Ozone Standard").

While the State of Texas has been able to demonstrate steady progress and improvements in air quality in the HGB Area, the HGB Area remains subject to CAA nonattainment requirements.

While the EPA has revoked the 1997 Ozone Standards, the EPA historically has not formally redesignated nonattainment areas for a revoked standard. As a result, the HGB Area remained subject to continuing severe nonattainment area "anti-backsliding" requirements, despite the fact that HGB Area air quality has been attaining the 1997 Ozone Standards since 2014. In late 2015, the EPA approved the TCEQ's "redesignation substitute" for the HGB Area under the revoked 1997 Ozone Standards, leaving the HGB Area subject only to the nonattainment area requirements under the 2008 Ozone Standard (and later, the 2015 Ozone Standard).

In February 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is sued an opinion in *South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA*, 882 F.3d 1138 (D.C. Cir. 2018) vacating the EPA redesignation substitute rule that provided the basis for the EPA's decision to eliminate the anti-backsliding requirements that had applied in the HGB Area under the 1997 Ozone Standard. The court has not responded to the EPA's April 2018 request for rehearing of the case. To address the uncertainty created by the *South Coast* court's ruling, the TCEQ developed a formal request that the HGB Area be redesignated to attainment under the 1997 Ozone Standards. The TCEQ Commissioners adopted the request and maintenance plan for the 1997 one-hour and eight-hour standards on December 12, 2018. On May 16, 2019, the EPA proposed a determination that the HGB Area has met the redesignation criteria and continues to attain the 1997 one-hour and eight-hour standards, the termination of the anti-backsliding obligations, and approval of the proposed maintenance plan.

The HGB Area is currently designated as a "serious" nonattainment area under the 2008 Ozone Standard, with an attainment deadline of July 20, 2021. If the EPA ultimately determines that the HGB Area has failed to meet the attainment deadline based on the relevant data, the area is subject to reclassification to a nonattainment classification that provides for more stringent controls on emissions from the industrial sector. In addition, the EPA may impose a moratorium on the awarding of federal highway construction grants and other federal grants for certain public works construction projects if it finds that an area fails to demonstrate progress in reducing ozone levels.

The HGB Area is currently designated as a "marginal" nonattainment area under the 2015 Ozone Standard, with an attainment deadline of August 3, 2021. For purposes of the 2015 Ozone Standard, the HGB Area consists of only six counties: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Montgomery Counties.

In order to demonstrate progress toward attainment of the EPA's ozone standards, the TCEQ has established a state implementation plan ("SIP") for the HGB Area setting emission control requirements, some of which regulate the inspection and use of automobiles. These types of measures could impact how people travel, what distances people are willing to travel, where people choose to live and work, and what jobs are available in the HGB Area. These SIP requirements can negatively impact business due to the additional permitting/regulatory constraints that accompany this designation and because of the community stigma associated with a nonattainment designation. It is possible that additional controls will be necessary to allow the HGB Area to reach attainment with the ozone standards by the EPA's attainment deadlines. These additional controls could have a negative impact on the HGB Area's economic growth and development.

<u>Water Supply & Discharge Issues</u>. Water supply and discharge regulations that municipal utility districts, including the District, may be required to comply with involve: (1) groundwater well permitting and surface water appropriation; (2) public water supply systems; (3) wastewater discharges from treatment facilities; (4) storm water discharges; and (5) wetlands dredge and fill activities. Each of these is addressed below:

Certain governmental entities regulate groundwater usage in the HGB Area. A municipal utility district or other type of special purpose district that (i) is located within the boundaries of such an entity that regulates groundwater usage, and (ii) relies on local groundwater as a source of water supply, may be subject to requirements and restrictions on the drilling of water wells and/or the production of groundwater that could affect both the engineering and economic feasibility of district water supply projects.

Pursuant to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act ("SDWA") and Environmental Protection Agency's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations ("NPDWRs"), which are implemented by the TCEQ's Water Supply Division, a municipal utility district's provision of water for human consumption is subject to extensive regulation as a public water system.

Municipal utility districts must generally provide treated water that meets the primary and secondary drinking water quality standards adopted by the TCEQ, the applicable disinfectant residual and inactivation standards, and the other regulatory action levels established under the agency's rules. The EPA has established NPDWRs for more than ninety (90) contaminants and has identified and listed other contaminants which may require national drinking water regulation in the future.

Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") permits set limits on the type and quantity of discharge, in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. The TCEQ reissued the TPDES Construction General Permit (TXR150000), with an effective date of March 5, 2018, which is a general permit authorizing the discharge of stormwater runoff associated with small and large construction sites and certain nonstormwater discharges into surface water in the state. It has a 5-year permit term, and is then subject to renewal. Moreover, the Clean Water Act ("CWA") and Texas Water Code require municipal wastewater treatment plants to meet secondary treatment effluent limitations and more stringent water quality-based limitations and requirements to comply with the Texas water quality standards. Any water quality-based limitations and requirements with which a municipal utility district must comply may have an impact on the municipal utility district's ability to obtain and maintain compliance with TPDES permits.

The TCEQ renewed the General Permit for Phase II (Small) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (the "MS4 Permit") on January 24, 2019. The MS4 Permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater to surface water in the state from small municipal separate storm sewer systems. The MS4 Permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater to surface water in the state from small municipal separate storm sewer systems. In order to maintain compliance with the MS4 Permit, the District continues to develop, implement, and maintain the required plans, as well as to install or implement best management practices to minimize or eliminate unauthorized pollutants that may otherwise be found in stormwater runoff. Costs associated with these compliance activities could be substantial in the future.

Operations of utility districts, including the District, are also potentially subject to requirements and restrictions under the CWA regarding the use and alteration of wetland areas that are within the "waters of the United States." The District must obtain a permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") if operations of the District require that wetlands be filled, dredged or otherwise altered.

In 2015, the EPA and the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") promulgated a rule known as the Clean Water Rule ("CWR") aimed at redefining "waters of the United States" over which the EPA and USACE have jurisdiction under the CWA. The CWR significantly expanded the scope of the federal government's CWA jurisdiction over intrastate water bodies and wetlands. The CWR was been challenged in various jurisdictions, including the Southern District of Texas, causing significant uncertainty.

On September 12, 2019, the EPA and USACE finalized a rule repealing the CWR, thus reinstating the regulatory text that existed prior to the adoption of the CWR. This repeal officially became final on December 23, 2019, but the repeal has itself become the subject of litigation in multiple jurisdictions.

On January 23, 2020, the EPA and USACE released the Navigable Waters Protection Rule ("NWPR"), which contains a new definition of "waters of the United States." The stated purpose of the NWPR is to restore and maintain the integrity of the nation's waters by maintaining federal authority over the waters Congress has determined should be regulated by the federal government, while preserving the states' primary authority over land and water resources. The new definition outlines four categories of waters that are considered "waters of the United States," and thus federally regulated under the CWA: (i) territorial seas and traditional navigable waters; (ii) perennial and intermittent tributaries to territorial seas and traditional navigable waters; (iii) certain lakes, ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters; and (iv) wetlands adjacent to jurisdictional waters. The new rule also identifies certain specific categories that are not "waters of the United States," and therefore not federally regulated under the CWA: (a) groundwater; (b) ephemeral features that flow only in direct response to precipitation; (c) diffuse stormwater runoff and directional sheet flow over upland; (d) certain ditches; (e) prior converted cropland; (f) certain artificially irrigated areas; (g) certain artificial lakes and ponds; (h) certain water-filled depressions and certain pits; (i) certain stormwater control features; (j) certain groundwater recharge, water reuse, and wastewater recycling structures; and (k) waste treatment systems. The NWPR became effective June 22, 2020, and is currently the subject of ongoing litigation.

Due to existing and possible future litigation, there remains uncertainty regarding the ultimate scope of "waters of the United States" and the extent of EPA and USACE jurisdiction. Depending on the final outcome of such proceedings, operations of municipal utility districts, including the District, could potentially be subject to additional restrictions and requirements, including additional permitting requirements.

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## USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BOND PROCEEDS

The use and distribution of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, as approved by the TCEQ, is set forth below.

Construction Related Costs	
A. Linear Detention Lake Erosion Protection	\$2,313,500
B. Austin Lake Hard Edge Toe Fortification	100,000
C. Engineer, Testing, and Surveying	250,000
Total Net Construction Related Costs	<u>\$2,663,500</u>
Non-Construction Costs	
A. Legal Fees	\$96,000
B. Fiscal Agent Fees	60,000
C. Bond Discount	90,000
D. AG/TCEQ Fee	10,500
E. Bond Application	40,000
F. Issuance Expenses	40,000
Total Non-Construction Costs	<u>\$336,500</u>

## TOTAL BOND IS SUE REQUIREMENT

<u>\$3,000,000</u>

In the instance that approved estimated amounts exceed actual costs; the difference comprises a surplus which may be expended for uses approved by the TCEQ. In the instance that actual costs exceed previously approved estimated amounts and contingencies, additional TCEQ approval and the issuance of additional bonds may be required. The Engineer has advised the District that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds should be sufficient to pay the costs of the above-described facilities. However, the District cannot and does not guarantee the sufficiency of such funds for such purposes.

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#### SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## (Unaudited)

## General

2021 Certified Assessed Valuation Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021	\$447,041,559 \$463,265,488	(a) (b)
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Direct Debt (Includes the Bonds)	\$17,655,000	
Estimated Overlapping Debt	23,989,191	
Direct and Estimated Overlapping Debt	\$41,644,191	
Debt Service Fund Balance(as of July 13, 2021)	\$4,807,976	(c)
Direct Debt Ratios:		

as a percentage of 2021 Certified Assessed Valuationas a percentage of Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021	3.95% 3.81%
Direct and Estimated Overlapping Debt Ratios	
as a percentage of 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation	9.32%
as a percentage of Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021	8.99%

(a) As certified by the Galveston Central Appraisal District ("GCAD"), see "TAX DATA" and "TAXING PROCEDURES."

(b) Provided by GCAD for information purposes only; this amount is an estimate of value of all taxable property located within the District as of July 1, 2021.

(c) Neither Texas law nor the Bond Order requires that the District maintain any particular sum in the Debt Service Fund.

#### **District Bonds Authorized but Unissued**

Date of			Issued	
Authorization	Purpose	Authorized	to Date	Unissued
May 7, 2005	Water, Sewer & Drainage	\$26,550,000	\$16,075,000 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$10,475,000 <sup>(a)</sup>
May 7, 2005	Refunding (Art. XVI, Sec. 59)	26,550,000	835,000	25,715,000

(a) Includes the Bonds.

## Cash and Investment Balances (Unaudited as of July 13, 2021)

General Fund	Cash and Temporary Investments	\$522,757
Debt Service Fund	Cash and Temporary Investments	\$4,255,847(a)

(a) Neither Texas law nor the Bond Order requires that the District maintain any particular sum in the Debt Service Fund.

The policy of the District is to invest District funds only in instruments which further the following investment objectives of the District stated in order of importance: (1) preservation and safety of principal; (2) liquidity; and (3) yield. The District does not currently own, nor does it anticipate the inclusion of, long termsecurities or derivative products in the District's portfolio.

Investment in U.S. Government Obligations, bank Certificates of Deposit and money market funds are generally representative of the District's investment practices. State law requires the District to report its investments each calendar quarter and upon the conclusion of each fiscal year. The District is required by state law to mark its investments to market price in these reports for the purpose of compliance with applicable accounting principles concerning the contents of the District's audited financial statements.

## **Estimated Overlapping Debt Statement**

The following table indicates the direct and estimated overlapping debt of the District. The table includes the estimated amount of indebtedness of governmental entities overlapping the District, defined as outstanding bonds payable from ad valorem taxes, and the estimated percentages and amounts of such indebtedness attributable to property located within the District. This information is based upon data secured from the individual jurisdictions and/or the <u>Texas</u> <u>Municipal Reports</u> published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. The calculations by which the statement was derived were made in part by comparing the reported assessed valuation of the property in the overlapping taxing jurisdictions with the assessed valuation of property within the District. No effect has been given to the tax burden levied by any applicable taxing jurisdiction for maintenance and operational or other purposes. Except for the amount relating to the District, the District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information and no person is entitled to rely upon such information as being accurate or complete. Further, certain of the entities listed below may have issued additional bonds since the date cited.

Taxing Body	Outstanding Gross Debt	As of	% of Overlapping Gross Debt	Overlapping Gross Debt	
Clear Creek ISD	\$1,032,420,000	06/30/2021	1.37%	14,144,154	
Galveston Co	210,083,482	06/30/2021	0.96	2,016,801	
League City, City of	227,565,000	06/30/2021	3.44	7,828,236	
TOTAL ESTIMATED South Shore Harbour M	\$23,989,191 \$17,655,000				
TOTALESTIMATED DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT\$41,644,191					
Ratio of Estimated Dire	9.32%				
Ratio of Estimated Dire	8.99%				
Total Direct and Overl	apping Debt per Capita: (a)			\$8,745	

(a) Based on the estimated population of 4,762.

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# DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

The following schedule sets forth the principal and interest requirements on the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds.

		Interest				
Year Ended <u>31-Dec</u>	Outstanding Debt Service	Principal Due 9/1	Due 3/1	<u>Due 9/1</u>	Total Principal <u>&amp; Interest</u>	New Debt Service
2021	\$ 1,272,720	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,272,720
2022	1,281,468	390,000	25,501	25,644	441,145	1,722,613
2023	1,458,668	230,000	21,744	21,744	273,488	1,732,155
2024	1,452,458	245,000	19,444	19,444	283,888	1,736,345
2025	1,459,768	245,000	16,994	16,994	278,988	1,738,755
2026	1,483,508	235,000	14,544	14,544	264,088	1,747,595
2027	1,487,958	235,000	12,194	12,194	259,388	1,747,345
2028	1,499,893	235,000	11,019	11,019	257,038	1,756,930
2029	1,519,743	225,000	9,844	9,844	244,688	1,764,430
2030	1,516,200	235,000	8,719	8,719	252,438	1,768,638
2031	1,530,000	235,000	7,250	7,250	249,500	1,779,500
2032	1,535,600	235,000	4,900	4,900	244,800	1,780,400
2033	1,528,800	255,000	2,550	2,550	260,100	1,788,900
	\$ 19,026,780	\$ 3,000,000	\$154,701	\$ 154,844	\$ 3,309,545	\$ 22,336,325

#### TAXING PROCEDURES

#### Authority to Levy Taxes

The Board is authorized to levy an annual ad valoremtax, without legal limitation as to rate and amount, on all taxable property within the District in sufficient amount to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Remaining Outstanding Bonds, and any additional bonds payable from taxes which the District may hereafter issue, and to pay the expenses of assessing and collecting such taxes. The District agrees in the Bond Order to levy such a tax from year to year as described more fully above under the caption "THE BONDS - Source of Payment." The Board is also authorized to levy and collect annual ad valoremtaxes for the administration and maintenance of the District and the System and for the payment of certain contractual obligations if such taxes are authorized by vote of the District's electors have authorized the levy of such a maintenance tax in the maximum amount of \$0.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the District levied a maintenance tax of \$0.043 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation in 2020. See "TAX DATA - Maintenance Tax" and - "Historical Values and Tax Collection History."

#### Property Subject to Taxation by the District

Except for certain exemptions provided by Texas law, all real property, tangible personal property held or used for the production of income, mobile homes and certain categories of intangible personal property with a tax situs in the District are subject to taxation by the District. Principal categories of exempt property include, but are not limited to: property owned by the State of Texas or its political subdivisions, if the property is used for public purposes; property exempt from ad valorem taxation by federal law; certain household goods, family supplies and personal effects; certain goods, wares, and merchandise in transit; certain farm products owned by the producer; certain property of charitable organizations, youth development associations, religious organizations, and qualified schools; designated historical sites; and most individually-owned automobiles. In addition, the District may by its own action exempt residential homesteads of persons 65 years or older and certain disabled persons, to the extent deemed advisable by the Board of Directors of the District. The District may be required to offer such exemptions if a majority of voters approve same at an election. The District would be required to call an election upon petition by twenty percent (20%) of the number of qualified voters who voted in the preceding election. The District is authorized by statute to disregard exemptions for the disabled and elderly if granting the exemption would impair the District's obligation to pay tax supported debt incurred prior to adoption of the exemption by the District. Furthermore, the District must grant exemptions to disabled veterans, or certain surviving dependents of disabled veterans if requested, but only to the maximum extent of \$5,000 to \$12,000 of assessed valuation depending upon the disability rating of the veteran. A veteran who receives a disability rating of 100%, and, under certain circumstances, the surviving spouse of such veteran, is entitled to the exemption for the full amount of the residential homestead. A partially disabled veteran or certain surviving spouses of partially disabled veterans are entitled to an exemption from taxation of a percentage of the appraised value of their residence homestead in an amount equal to the partially disabled veteran's disability rating if the residence homestead was donated by a charitable organization. Also, the surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who was killed in action is, subject to certain conditions, entitled to an exemption of the total appraised value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead, and subject to certain conditions, and subject to certain conditions, an exemption up to the same amount may be transferred to a subsequent residence homestead of the surviving spouse. For the 2021 tax year, the District has granted a \$10,000 exemption for residents who are disabled or 65 and older.

**Residential Homestead Exemptions:** The Property Tax Code authorizes the governing body of each political subdivision in the State of Texas to exempt up to twenty percent (20%) of the appraised market value of residential homesteads from ad valorem taxation. Where ad valorem taxes have previously been pledged for the payment of debt, the governing body of a political subdivision may continue to levy and collect taxes against the exempt value of the homesteads until the debt is discharged, if the cessation of the levy would impair the obligations of the contract by which the debt was created. The adoption of a homestead exemption may be considered each year, but must be adopted by May 1. See "TAX DATA - Exemptions."

**Freeport Goods Exemption**: A "Freeport Exemption" applies to goods, wares, ores, and merchandise other than oil, gas, and petroleum products (defined as liquid and gaseous materials immediately derived from refining petroleumor natural gas), and to aircraft or repair parts used by a certified air carrier acquired in or imported into Texas which are destined to be forwarded outside of Texas and which are detained in Texas for assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing or fabricating for less than 175 days. Although certain taxing units may take official action to tax such property in transit and negate such exemption, the District does not have such an option. A "Goods-in-Transit" Exemption is applicable to the same categories of tangible personal property which are covered by the Freeport Exemption, if, for tax year 2011 and prior

applicable years, such property is acquired in or imported into Texas for assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing, or fabricating purposes and is subsequently forwarded to another location inside or outside of Texas not later than 175 days after acquisition or importation, and the location where said property is detained during that period is not directly or indirectly owned or under the control of the property owner. For taxyear 2012 and subsequent years, such Goods-in-Transit Exemption includes tangible personal property acquired in or imported into Texas for storage purposes only if such property is stored under a contract of bailment by a public warehouse operator at one or more public warehouse facilities in Texas that are not in any way owned or controlled by the owner of such property for the account of the person who acquired or imported such property. A property owner who receives the Goods-in-Transit Exemption is not eligible to receive the Freeport Exemption for the same property. Local taxing units such as the District may, by official action and after public hearing, tax goods-in-transit personal property. A taxing unit must exercise its option to tax goods-in-transit property before January 1 of the first tax year in which it proposes to taxthe property at the time and in the manner prescribed by applicable law. The District has taken official action to allow taxation of all such goods-intrans-it personal property for all prior and subsequent years.

## **Tax Abatement**

Galveston County may designate all or part of the area within the District as a reinvestment zone. The City of League City also may designate property within its boundaries or its extraterritorial jurisdiction as a reinvestment zone. Thereafter, Galveston County, the District, or the City of League City at the option and discretion of each entity, may enter into tax abatement agreements with owners of property within the zone. Prior to entering into a tax abatement agreement, each entity must adopt guidelines and criteria for establishing tax abatement, which each entity will follow in granting taxabatement to owners of property. The taxabatement agreements may exempt from ad valorem taxation by each of the applicable taxing jurisdictions, including the District, for a period of up to ten (10) years, all or any part of any increase in the assessed valuation of property covered by the agreement over its assessed valuation in the year in which the agreement is executed, on the condition that the property owner make specified improvements or repairs to the property in conformity with the terms of the taxabatement agreement. The terms of all taxabatement agreements need not be the same.

#### Property Tax Code and County-Wide Appraisal District

The Texas Property Tax Code (the "Property Tax Code") establishes an appraisal district and an appraisal review board in each county of the State of Texas. The appraisal district is governed by a board of directors elected by the governing bodies of cities, towns, school districts and, if entitled to vote, the conservation and reclamation districts that participate in the appraisal district and of the county. The District is entitled to vote upon and participate in the selection of members of the board of directors of the GCAD. The board of directors selects a chief appraiser to manage the appraisal office of the appraisal district. All taxing units within Galveston County, including the District, are included in the GCAD. GCAD is responsible for appraising property within the District, subject to review by the Galveston Central Appraisal Review Board (the "Appraisal Review Board"). The appraisal roll as approved by the Appraisal Review Board must be used by the District in establishing its tax rolls and tax rate. The valuation and assessment of taxable property within the District is governed by the Property Tax Code.

Under current Texas law, the District is responsible for the levy and collection of its taxes and will continue to be so responsible unless the Board of Directors of the District, or the qualified voters of the District or of Galveston County at an election held for such purpose, determines to transfer such functions to the GCAD or another taxing unit.

#### Valuation of Property for Taxation

Generally, all taxable property in the District (other than any qualifying agricultural and timberland) must be appraised at 100% of market value as of January 1 of each tax year, subject to review and approval by the Appraisal Review Board. However, houses held for sale by a developer or builder which remain unoccupied, are not leased or rented and produce no income, are required to be assessed at the price for which they would sell as a unit to a purchaser who would continue the owner's business. Implementation of this amendment could reduce the assessed value of builder inventory within the District if any single-family residential development and building were to occur. See "TAX DATA - Principal Taxpayers" below. The Property Tax Code requires each appraisal district to implement a plan providing for reappraisal of all real property in the appraisal district at least once every three years. It is not known what frequency of reappraisal will be utilized by the GCAD or whether reappraisals will be conducted on a zone or county-wide basis.

The Property Tax Code permits land designated for agricultural use or timberland to be appraised at its value based on the land's capacity to produce agricultural or timber products rather than at its fair market value. Provisions of the

Property Tax Code are complex and are not fully summarized here. Landowners wishing to avail themselves of the agricultural use designation must apply for the designation, and the appraiser is required by the Property TaxCode to act on each claimant's right to the designation individually. If a claimant receives the designation and later loses it by changing the use of the property or selling it to an unqualified owner, the District can collect taxes based on the new use, including taxes for the previous three years for agricultural use, land and timberland, prior to the loss of the designation.

The chief appraiser must give written notice on May 15, or as soon thereafter as practicable to each owner if the appraised value of his property is greater than it was in the preceding year, if the appraised value of the property is greater than the value rendered by the property owner, or if the property was not on the appraisal roll in the preceding year. In addition, the chief appraiser must give written notice to each property owner whose property was reappraised in the current year or if ownership of the property changed during the preceding year. The appraisal review board has the ultimate responsibility for determining the value of all taxable property within the District; however, any owner who has timely filed notice with the appraisal review board may appeal the final determination by the appraisal review board by filing suit in Texas district court. Prior to such appeal and prior to the delinquency date, however, the owner must pay the taxdue on the amount of value of the property involved that is not in dispute or the amount of taxpaid in the prior year, which ever is greater, or the amount of tax due under the order from which the appeal is taken. In the event of such suit, the value of the property is determined by the court, or a jury if requested by any party. A dditionally, the District is entitled to challenge certain matters before the appraisal review board, including the level of appraisal of a certain category of property, the exclusion of property from the appraisal records, or the grant in whole or in part of a partial exemption. The District may not, however, protest a valuation of individual property. The rate of taxation is set by the Board based upon the assessed valuation of property within the District as of the preceding January 1 and the amount required to be raised for debt service, maintenance purposes and authorized contractual obligations.

## Disaster Exemption

The Property Tax Code provides for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property that is at least 15% damaged by a disaster and located within an area declared to be a disaster area by the governor of the State of Texas. This temporary exemption is automatic if the disaster is declared prior to a taxing unit, such as the District, adopting its tax rate for the tax year. A taxing unit, such as the District, may authorize the exemption at its discretion if the disaster is declared after the taxing unit has adopted its tax rate for the tax year. The amount of the exemption is based on the percentage of damage and is prorated based on the date of the disaster. Upon receipt of an application submitted within the eligible timeframe by a person who qualifies for a temporary exemption under the Property TaxCode, the Appraisal District is required to complete a damage assessment and assign a damage assessment rating to determine the amount of the exemption. The temporary exemption amounts established in the Property TaxCode range from 15% for property less than 30% damaged to 100% for property that is a total loss. Any such temporary exemption granted for disaster-damaged property expires on January 1 of the first year in which the property is reappraised.

## **District and Taxpayer Remedies**

Under certain circumstances, taxpayers and taxing units, including the District, may appeal orders of the Appraisal Review Board by filing a timely petition for review in district court. In such event, the property value in question may be determined by the court, or by a jury, if requested by any party. Additionally, taxing units may bring suit against the Appraisal District to compel compliance with the Property TaxCode. The Property TaxCode sets forth notice and hearing procedures for certain taxrate increases by the District and provides for taxpayer referenda which could result in the repeal of certain taxincreases. The Property TaxCode also establishes a procedure for notice to property owners of reappraisals reflecting increased property values, appraisals that are higher than renditions and appraisals of property not previously on an appraisal roll.

## **Rollback of Operation and Maintenance Tax Rate**

Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, classifies districts differently based on the current operation and maintenance taxrate or on the percentage of build-out that the District has completed. Districts that have adopted an operation and maintenance taxrate for the current year that is 2.5 cents or less per \$100 of taxable value are classified as "Special Taxing Units." Districts that have financed, completed, and issued bonds to pay for all improvements and facilities necessary to serve at least 95% of the projected build-out of the district are classified as "Developed Districts." Districts that do not meet either of the classifications previously discussed can be classified herein as "Developing Districts." The impact each classification has on the ability of a district to increase its maintenance and operations tax rate pursuant to SB 2 is described for each classification below. Debt service and contract tax rates cannot be reduced by a rollback election held within any of the districts described below.

## Special Taxing Units

Special Taxing Units that adopt a total tax rate that would impose more than 1.08 times the amount of the total tax imposed by such district in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence homestead, subject to certain homestead exemptions, are required to hold an election within the district to determine whether to approve the adopted total tax rate. If the adopted total tax rate is not approved at the election, the total tax rate for a Special Taxing Unit is the current year's debt service and contract tax rate plus 1.08 times the previous year's operation and maintenance tax rate.

## Developed Districts

Developed Districts that adopt a total tax rate that would impose more than 1.035 times the amount of the total tax imposed by the district in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence homestead, subject to certain homestead exemptions for the preceding tax year, plus any unused increment rates, as calculated and described in Section 26.013 of the TaxCode, are required to hold an election within the district to determine whether to approve the adopted total tax rate. If the adopted total tax rate is not approved at the election, the total taxrate for a Developed District is the current year's debt service and contract taxrate plus 1.035 times the previous year's operation and maintenance taxrate plus any unused increment rates. In addition, if any part of a Developed District lies within an area declared for disaster by the Governor of Texas or President of the United States, alternative procedures and rate limitations may apply for a temporary period. If a district qualifies as both a Special Taxing Unit and a Developed District, the district will be subject to the operation and maintenance tax threshold applicable to Special Taxing Units.

## Developing Districts

Districts that do not meet the classification of a Special Taxing Unit or a Developed District can be classified as Developing Districts. The qualified voters of these districts, upon the Developing District's adoption of a total tax rate that would impose more than 1.08 times the amount of the total tax rate imposed by such district in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence homestead, subject to certain homestead exemptions, are authorized to petition for an election to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate. If an election is called and passes, the total tax rate for Developing Districts is the current year's debt service and contract tax rate plus 1.08 times the previous year's operation and maintenance tax rate.

## The District

A determination as to a district's status as a Special Taxing Unit, Developed District or Developing District will be made by the Board of Directors on an annual basis, beginning with the 2020 tax rate. The District cannot give any assurances as to what its classification will be at any point in time or whether the District's future tax rates will result in a total tax rate that will reclassify the District into a new classification and new election calculation.

## Levy and Collection of Taxes

The District is responsible for the levy and collection of its taxes, unless it elects to transfer such functions to another governmental entity. By September 1 of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the rate of taxation is set by the Board of Directors of the District based upon a) the valuation of property within the District as of the preceding January 1, and b) the amount required to be raised for debt service, maintenance purposes and authorized contractual obligations. Taxes are due October 1, or when billed, whichever comes later, and become delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the year following the year in which imposed. A delinquent taxincurs a penalty of sixpercent (6%) of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent, plus one percent (1%) for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. If the tax is not paid by July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent, the tax incurs a total penalty of twelve percent (12%) regardless of the number of months the tax has been delinquent and incurs an additional penalty for collection costs of an amount established by the District and a delinquent taxattorney. The delinquent taxaccrues interest at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month it remains unpaid. The Property TaxCode makes provisions for the split payment of taxes, discounts for early payment and the postponement of the delinquency date of taxes under certain circumstances which, at the option of the District, may be rejected. The owner of a residential homestead property who is a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older or under a disability for the purpose of payment of disability insurance benefits under the Federal Old Age Survivors and Disability Insurance Act is entitled by law to

pay current taxes on a residential homestead in installments or to defer the payment of taxes without penalty during the time of ownership.

## District's Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies

Taxes levied by the District are a personal obligation of the person who owns or acquires the property on January 1 of the year for which the tax is imposed. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed for the year upon the property. The District's taxlien is on a parity with the tax liens of the other jurisdictions levving taxes on property within the District. Whether a lien of the United States is on a parity with or takes priority over a tax lien of the District is determined by applicable federal law. In the absence of such federal law, the District's taxlien takes priority over a lien of the United States. In the event a taxpayer fails to make timely payment of taxes due the District, the District may file suit at any time after taxes become delinquent to foreclose its lien securing payment of the tax, to enforce personal liability for the tax, or both. In filing a suit to foreclose a taxlien on real property, the District must join other taxing units that have claims for delinquent taxes against all or part of the same property. Collection of delinquent taxes may also be adversely affected by the amount of taxes owed to other federal, state and local taxing jurisdictions, by the effects of market conditions on the foreclosure sales price, by the taxpayer's right to redeem the property within two years of foreclosure, or by bankruptcy proceedings which restrain or stay the collection of a taxpayer's debts. Federal bankruptcy law provides that an automatic stay of actions by creditors and other entities, including governmental units, goes into effect with the filing of any petition in bankruptcy. The automatic stay prevents governmental units from foreclosing on property and prevents liens for post-petition taxes from attaching to property and obtaining secured creditor status unless, in either case, an order lifting the stay is obtained from the bankruptcy court. In many cases post-petition taxes are paid as an administrative expense of the estate in bankruptcy or by order of the bankruptcy court.

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## TAX DATA

## **Classification of Assessed Valuation**

The following table illustrates the composition of property located within the District during the past five years.

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	Assessed	Assessed	Assessed	Assessed	Assessed
	Valuation	Valuation	Valuation	Valuation	Valuation
Land	\$ 58,441,640	\$ 59,942,850	\$ 59,942,850	\$ 59,941,510	\$ 59,941,510
Improvements	408,468,770	361,958,064	326,015,621	309,097,623	308,112,628
Personal Property	6,981,624	7,962,820	7,923,690	7,159,826	8,237,553
Appraised Value	 473,892,034	 429,863,734	 393,882,161	 376,198,959	 376,291,691
Less Exemptions	(26,850,475)	(23,823,378)	(18,067,282)	(15,054,001)	(14,435,356)
Total	\$ 447,041,559	\$ 406,040,356	\$ 375,814,879	\$ 361,144,958	\$ 361,856,335

#### **Tax Collections**

The following statement of tax collections set forth is the 2016-2020 tax collections of the District. Such summary has been prepared by the Financial Advisor for inclusion herein based upon information obtained from records of the District's tax assessor/collector. Reference is made to such records for further and more complete information.

				Current Coll	lections	Total Collec	ctions (a)
T ax Year	Assessed Valuation	T ax Rate	Adjusted Tax Levy	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
2016	342,415,671	0.450	1,539,391	1,531,869	99.51%	1,539,385	100.00%
2017	361,856,335	0.390	1,410,611	1,297,647	91.99%	1,410,105	99.96%
2018	361,144,958	0.390	1,406,097	1,319,886	93.87%	1,405,399	99.95%
2019	375,814,879	0.380	1,427,431	1,424,277	99.78%	1,426,040	99.90%
2020	406,040,356	0.383	1,555,135	1,545,535	99.38%	1,545,535	99.38%
2021	447,041,559	*	*	*	*	*	*

\* The 2021 tax rate has not been established.

(a) Reflects collections made through May 31, 2021.

#### **District Tax Rates**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Debt Service Fund	\$0.340	\$0.340	\$0.350	\$0.350	\$0.410
Maintenance & Operation	0.043	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040
Total	\$0.383	\$0.380	\$0.390	\$0.390	\$0.450

#### **Tax Rate Limitation**

Debt Service: Unlimited (no legal limit as to rate or amount). Maintenance: \$0.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

## **Maintenance Tax**

The Board of Directors of the District has the statutory authority to levy and collect an annual ad valorem tax for operation and maintenance of the District and its improvements, if such maintenance tax is authorized by a vote of the District's electorate. The District's electors have authorized the levy of such a maintenance tax in the maximum amount of \$0.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the District levied a maintenance tax of \$0.043 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation in 2020. Such tax is levied in addition to taxes which the District is authorized to levy for paying principal of and interest on the Bonds and any parity bonds which may be issued in the future.

## **Principal Taxpayers**

The following list of top ten principal taxpayers was provided by the District's Tax Assessor/Collector based on the 2021 and 2020 certified tax rolls of the District, which reflect ownership as of January 1 of each year. Ownership changes since January 1, 2021 are not known to the District.

Taxpayer	2021	2020
Centennial South Shore LP	52,000,000	40,950,770
Kroger Texas LP	8,500,000	10,343,720
PS LPT Properties Investors	6,085,210	3,788,840
Aquataina South Shore Borrower LLC	5,733,500	4,069,530
South Shore Lakes LLC	4,334,000	*
Kroger#3400398	3,348,390	*
AR Partners LLC	1,895,070	1,516,150
Krupa Properties LLC	1,650,000	*
McDonald's Real Estate Company	1,594,000	1,377,480
League City 2560 LLC	1,509,600	1,190,950
Lakes Medpro Partners LLC	*	3,250,000
American Homes 4 Rent	*	1,371,420
Homeowner	*	1,302,770
Total	\$ 86,649,770	\$ 69,161,630
Percent of Assessed Valuation	19.38%	17.03%

\* Not a top 10 taxpayer in respective year.

## **Tax Rate Calculations**

The tax rate calculations set forth below are presented to indicate the tax rates per \$100 of Assessed Valuation which would be required to meet certain debt service requirements on the Outstanding Bonds and the Bonds if no growth in the District occurs beyond the 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation or the Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021. The calculations also assume collection of 95% of taxes levied, no use of District funds on hand, and the sale of no additional bonds by the District except the Bonds.

Average Annual Debt Service Requirements (2021-2033)	\$1,718,179
Tax Rate of \$0.405 on the 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation of \$447,041,559 at 95% collection produces	\$1,718,294
Tax Rate of \$0.400 on the Estimate of Value as of July 1, 2021 of \$463,265,488 at 95% collection produces	\$1,760,409
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement (2026)	\$1,788,900
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement (2026).Tax Rate of \$0.421 on the 2021 Certified Assessed Valuation of \$447,041,559 at 95% collection produces.	<b>\$1,788,900</b> \$1,789,217

## **Overlapping Taxes for 2020**

Property located within the District is subject to taxation by several taxing authorities in addition to the District. Set forth below is a compilation of all taxes levied upon property located within the District. Under Texas law, ad valorem taxes levied by each taxing authority other than the District entitled to levy taxes against property located within the District create a lien which is on a parity with the taxlien of the District. In addition to the ad valorem taxes required to make the debt service payments on bonded indebtedness of the District and of such other jurisdictions (see "DISTRICT DEBT - Estimated Direct and Overlapping Debt Statement"), certain taxing jurisdictions are authorized by Texas law to assess, levy and collect ad valorem taxes for operation, maintenance, administrative and/or general revenue purposes.

Taxing Jurisdiction	2020 Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation
City of League City	\$0.5150
Galveston County	0.4759
Clear Creek ISD	1.2659
The District	0.3830
Total	\$2.6398

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#### MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT

The District is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of five directors. The Board of Directors has control over and management supervision of all affairs of the District. Directors serve four-year staggered terms. Elections are held in May of even numbered years. The current members and officers of the Board, along with their respective terms of office, are listed below. Three of the five Directors currently reside within the District and all own property within the District.

Name	Position	Term Expires May		
Holly Larsen	President	2024		
Rob Schuler	Vice President	2024		
Steven Day	Secretary	2022		
Kim Gerry	Deputy Secretary	2024		
Giao P. Doan	Director	2022		

The District does not have a general manager but has contracted for services, as follows:

Bookkeeper - The District has engaged Municipal Accounts & Consulting, L.P. as the District's Bookkeeper.

Tax Assessor/Collector - The tax assessor/collector for the District is Assessments of the Southwest, Inc.

**Consulting Engineer -** The District has engaged the firm DE Corp, formerly Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation, Houston, Texas, as Consulting Engineer in connection with the overall planning activities and the design of the System.

**Bond Counsel and General Counsel -** The District has engaged Bacon, Wallace & Philbin, L.L.P., Houston, Texas, as general counsel and as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The fees paid to Bond Counsel by the District for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds are contingent on the issuance, sak and delivery of the Bonds. See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "TAX MATTERS."

**Disclosure Counsel** – The District has engaged McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. ("Disclosure Counsel"), Dallas, Texas, as Disclosure Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The fees paid to Disclosure Counsel by the District for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds are contingent on the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "TAX MATTERS."

**District Operator of Water and Sewer Facilities** – The District's water and sewer system is operated by the City of League City pursuant to the Utility Agreement between the District and League City. See "UTILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND LEAGUE CITY."

Auditor - The financial statements of the District as of August 31, 2020, and for the year then ended, included in this offering document, have been audited by BKD, LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report appearing herein. See "Appendix A."

**Financial Advisor** – The District has engaged RBC Capital Markets, LLC since 2003 as Financial Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

## THE DISTRICT

#### General

South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 (the "District"), a municipal utility district created by an order of the Texas Water Commission, now known as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "Commission"), on July 24, 2001, operates under the provisions of Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code and other general statutes of Texas applicable to municipal utility districts. The District is subject to the continuing supervision of the Commission. The District was one of multiple municipal utility districts (the "MUD's") which comprise the 2,171-acre South Shore Harbour development ("South Shore Harbour" or the "Development"), a project of South Shore Harbour Development, Limited, a Texas limited partnership composed of American National Insurance Company, a Texas corporation headquartered in Galveston, Texas (the sole limited partner), and ANREM Corporation, also a Texas corporation (the sole general partner). South Shore Harbour is located within the corporate limits of the City of League City (the "City" or "League City") which retains certain controls over utility construction

and operation as well as the sale of bonds serving the Development (see "UTILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND LEAGUE CITY"). According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2010 population of the City of League City was 83,560, and is estimated to be 111,600 as of 2021. The City operates in accordance with a Home Rule Charter adopted on March 27, 1962, as amended.

League City is located approximately five miles south of the Houston city limits adjacent to Interstate Highway 45 ("IH 45"), the principal traffic artery between Houston and the City of Galveston. South Shore Harbour lies in the northeast quadrant of League City adjacent to Clear Lake, which forms the northern boundary of the Development. FM 518 and FM 2094 which cross the Development west to east and divides it into approximately one third/two thirds segments provides direct access to the League City business district and, via IH 45, to the business districts of both Houston and Galveston, 25 miles and 30 miles distant, respectively. IH 45 intersects FM 518 approximately one mile west of the League City business district. See "VICINITY MAP" and "DISTRICT MAP." The District is bounded on the north by FM 2094, on the south by FM 518 and on the west by South Shore Boulevard. The District is empowered to, among other things, purchase, construct, operate, and maintain all works, improvements, facilities, and plants necessary for the supply of water; the collection, transportation, and treatment of wastewater; and the control and diversion of storm water. Under certain limited circumstances, the District also is authorized to construct, develop and maintain park and recreational facilities. In addition, the District is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain a fire department, independently or with one or more other conservation and reclamation districts, and to provide such facilities and services to the customers of the District.

## **Status of Development**

The District consists of 471.8095 gross acres of land of which 48.7 acres have been designated for commercial and multifamily and 315.7 acres for residential construction. The remaining approximately 107.41 acres has been dedicated as easements, open space and streets. Development within the District is substantially complete. The District contains approximately 1,187 single-family residences on 1,187 developed lots. The District also contains two 12,000 sq. ft. medical/professional buildings on 2.4 commercial acres and an 82,000 sq. ft. Kroger grocery store with 24,000 sq. ft. of retail and pad sites.

## **Community Facilities**

Churches: Churches of most major denominations are located in League City.

*Employment Centers:* Local employment centers near the District are located in League City, Dickinson, and Galveston and in Houston adjacent to Clear Lake. Significant employment centers located in the area include National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA") located directly across Clear Lake from the District; Bayport Industrial Complex located some 12 miles northeast of the District, home to over 40 industrial companies; industrial and chemical plants in the Texas City area located approximately 10 miles south of the District; chemical, petrochemical, and other large industries located in Pasadena, Deer Park, and Baytown, from 5 to 15 miles from the District. There is a planned 180,000-square-foot Amazon Logistics facility projected to be completed in 2022 and create between 200 and 250 employment opportunities, located at 2455 Tuscan Lakes Blvd. approximately 1 mile south of the District.

*Other Utilities:* Texas-New Mexico Power Company provides Electric service to the District, and CenterPoint Energy - Entexprovides gas service. Verizon Communications provides telephone service. Xfinity/Comcast provides internet and cable service, and Frontier also provides internet service.

*Medical Facilities*: Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, a privately-owned hospital offering 24-hour emergency service, is located some sixmiles northwest of the District, and Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital is located on NASA Road 1 approximately five miles north of the District, the latter of which is going through a large expansion in its Breast Care Center and Orthopedics and Sports Medicine facility. In addition, Mainland Center Hospital is located in Texas City approximately ten miles south of the District. University of Texas Medical Branch ("UTMB") also has a facility on Interstate 45, approximately 5 miles from the District. There is a Next Level Urgent Care located in the District.

Fire and Police Protection: League City provides ambulance service, fire and police protection.

*Recreational Facilities:* South Shore Harbour Development, Ltd. has built a neighborhood recreational facility which offers a swimming pool, recreational building, and playground equipment and is for the exclusive use of residents of the South Shore Village Subdivision who pay annual fees for the use of the facilities. In addition, the District's previous developer, General Homes, constructed a recreational facility which includes a swimming pool, bathhouse, a covered meeting area, two lighted tennis courts, a baseball field, and playground equipment. The amenity section is

for the exclusive use of Meadow Bend Subdivision residents, who pay an annual fee for the use of these facilities. District residents also have access to a city owned municipal complex containing a swimming pool, civic center recreation building, and public library located approximately two miles from the District. In addition, South Shore Harbour is a recreational oriented development which provides a private golf course and water-related sports facilities to residents and others. The Marina, Phase I, located outside the boundaries of the District, currently provides 1,000 boat slips and docking and fuel facilities. The Marina office and a yacht sales office are located adjacent to the Marina. The 27-hole golf course and country club, located outside the boundaries of the District, is available to residents of the District and non-residents on a membership basis.

*Schools:* The District is located in Clear Creek Independent School District which provides bus service to students living over two miles from their school campus. Students in the District attend the following state-accredited schools:

<u>School</u>	Approximate Distance from District
Goforth Elementary	2.2 Miles
Hyde Elementary	2.0 Miles
Bayside Intermediate	1.9 Miles
League City Intermediate	2.6 Miles
Clear Falls High	1.5 Miles

Shopping Facilities: Neighborhood shopping facilities, including such retail establishments as supermarkets, pharmacies, restaurants and retail outlets, are available in League City outside the boundaries of the District. The nearest regional shopping center, Baybrook Mall, is located on IH 45 approximately seven miles northwest of the District and includes four major department stores and approximately 150 retail outlets and specialty shops. In addition, a Randall's Shopping Center is located near the intersection of South Shore Blvd. and Marina Bay Drive, a Kroger inside of the District at South Shore Blvd. and League City Pkwy, as well as an H-E-B just south of the District across the street from the Kroger. There are also several fast casual restaurants, bank branches, medical offices, and other retail operations in the District. Other retail within 3 miles of South Shore Harbour includes a Target Super Store, a Home Depot, and a Wal-Mart Super Store.

#### UTILITY SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND LEAGUE CITY

#### Description

All land in the District is located within the city limits of the City of League City ("League City"). Shortly after the District was created, the District approved and ratified a Utility Agreement with League City dated March 7, 2000, (the "Utility Agreement"). The Utility Agreement obligates the District to acquire, construct, and extend water, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities (the "System") to serve land in the District and, when completed in accordance with approved plans and specifications, the District is required to convey title to such utility facilities to League City. League City then operates and maintain such facilities, and is responsible for establishing water and sewer rates and collection charges for water and sewer service from District residents. League City also levies and collects ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the District just as it does with any other property located in League City. As specified in the Utility Agreement, the District is a "City Service" district and no rebate of City taxes is made by the City.

The Utility Agreements significant provisions include the following:

- A. Limitation on the District's Bond Indebtedness. The District cannot sell bonds if the ratio of the District's indebtedness to its assessed valuation exceeds 25% during the first 24 months after the Bond Date and 15% thereafter.
- B. Bonds are required to be issued in series with the minimum limit on each series being \$2,500,000.
- C. The final maturity of all Bonds issued shall not exceed thirty (30) years from the date of the initial series of Bonds.
- D. The District shall, as specified herein, obtain the City's approval prior to advertising the sale of its Bonds. Whenever possible, the District's sale of bonds be scheduled so as not to conflict with a City sale of Bonds.
- E. For any Bond issue, the combined projected debt service taxrate, as defined in 31 TAC 293.59 shall not exceed \$1.50.
- F. For each Bond sale, the District shall demonstrate that, at final buildout, the District's net direct debt as a

percentage of current and estimated certified assessed value will not exceed eight and one-half percent (81/2%).

G. The District is required to obtain the City's approval prior to the advertisement and sale of Bonds. Whenever the District requests such approval, the District will provide the City with a copy of the Engineering Report and will certify to the City that the District has complied with the above listed requirements.

The Utility Agreement provides that the District retains a security interest in the System to secure League City's performance under the Utility Agreement until the District's bonds have been discharged. The District will then execute a release of such security interest, and League City will then own the System free and clear.

The District has agreed to extend the Systemto serve future users as necessary so that ultimately all land owners in the District will be in a position to receive services from the System; however, the District's obligation to extend the system is conditioned upon League City performing under the provisions of the Utility Agreement, the satisfaction of certain determinations of economic feasibility, governmental agency approvals and the ability of the District to sell bonds.

#### THE SYSTEM

#### Water, Sanitary Sewer, and Drainage System

The System has been designed to be in conformity with the then current requirements of the Texas Department of Health, the Commission, Galveston County, and League City. Facilities to serve the District have been planned to be integral components of the overall League City master plan for water, wastewater and storm drainage facilities. As System components are completed and accepted by League City, such components, after being acquired by the District, will be conveyed to League City which subsequently will own, operate and maintain the System as outlined in the Utility Agreement.

**Source of Water Supply:** Water supply for League City is obtained, in part, from the City of Houston pursuant to a long-term contract and delivers it to League City via a 39-inch transmission line to a point on IH 45 some five miles from South Shore Harbour. Past projects of the other South Shore Harbour Development District have extended major water trunk lines close to the District. Additional trunk lines have been extended by the City of League City and the District. Thus, the District is currently connected to the cities trunk line system and is looped to other city lines.

*Source of Wastewater Treatment:* The District has constructed a lift station, force main and gravity trunk sewer to connect to the City of League City's regional sewer system, which flows to the city's Dallas Salmon Wastewater Plant, its primary wastewater plant. This plant has sufficient capacity to serve the District through build out.

#### **100-Year Flood Plain**

"Flood Insurance Rate Map" or "FIRM" means an official map of a community on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has delineated the appropriate areas of flood hazards. The 1% chance of probable inundation, also known as the 100-year flood plain, is depicted on these maps. The "100-year flood plain" (or 1% chance of probable inundation) as shown on the FIRM is the estimated geographical area that would be flooded by a rain storm of such intensity to statistically have a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. Generally speaking, homes must be built above the 100-year flood plain in order to meet local regulatory requirements and to be eligible for federal flood insurance. An engineering or regulatory determination that an area is above the 100-year flood plain is not an assurance that homes built in such area will not be flooded, and a number of neighborhoods in the greater Houston area that are above the 100-year flood plain have flooded multiple times in the last several years. The District's drainage system has been designed and constructed to all current standards.

None of the developable acreage within the District is located within the 100-year flood plain. Additionally, the District's storm water drainage system has been designed and constructed in accordance with current applicable regulatory standards for a development of this size and location.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

#### Legal Opinions

The District will furnish the Initial Purchaser a transcript of certain certified proceedings incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds. Such transcript will include a certified copy of the approving opinions of the Attomey General of Texas, as recorded in the Bond Register of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the District. The District will also furnish the approving legal opinions of Bond Counsel to the effect that, based upon an examination of such transcript, the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the District under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. The legal opinions of Bond Counsel will further state that the Bonds, including principal of and interest thereon, are payable from the levy of ad valorem taxes, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property located within the District. Bond Counsel's opinions will also address the matters described below under the caption "TAX MATTERS." Bond Counsel's fees for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds are contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds. Bond Counsel acts as counsel for the District on matters other than the issuance of bonds.

In its capacity as Bond Counsel, Bacon, Wallace & Philbin, L.L.P., has reviewed the information appearing in this Official Statement under the captions "THE BONDS," "TAXING PROCEDURES," "THE DISTRICT - Authority" and - "Management of the District - Counsel," "LEGAL MATTERS - Legal Opinions," "TAX MATTERS" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" solely to determine whether such information fairly summarizes the procedures, law and documents referred to therein and conforms to the requirements of applicable laws and ordinances of the City of League City, Texas, with regard to the sale of the Bonds. Bond Counsel has not, however, independently verified any of the other factual information contained in this Official Statement, nor has Bond Counsel conducted an investigation of the affairs of the District for the purpose of passing upon the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Official Statement. No person is entitled to rely upon Bond Counsels limited participation as an assumption of responsibility for, or an expression of opinions of any kind with regard to, the accuracy or completeness of any of the other factual information contained herein.

#### No Arbitrage

The District will certify on the date the Bonds are delivered and paid for that based upon all facts and estimates now known or reasonably expected to be in existence, the District reasonably expects that the proceeds of the Bonds will not be used in a manner that would cause the Bonds, or any portion of the Bonds, to be "arbitrage bonds" under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and the regulations prescribed from time to time thereunder. Furthermore, all officers, employees and agents of the District have been authorized and directed to provide certifications of facts and estimates that are material to the reasonable expectations of the District as of the date the Bonds are delivered and paid for. In particular, all or any officers of the District have been authorized to certify to the facts, circumstances and reasonable expectations of the District on the date the Bonds are delivered and paid for fregarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Bonds. Moreover, the District will covenant in the Bond Order that it will make such use of the proceeds of the Bonds, regulate investments of proceeds of the Bonds and take such other and further actions and follow such procedures, including without limitation, calculation of the yield on the Bonds, as may be required so that the Bonds will not become "arbitrage bonds" under the Code and the regulations prescribed from time to time thereunder.

#### No Material Adverse Change

The obligations of the Initial Purchaser to take up and pay for the Bonds, and of the District to deliver the Bonds, are subject to the condition that, up to the time of delivery of and receipt of payment for the Bonds, there shall have been no material adverse change in the financial condition 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 sale. If the Initial Purchaser elects to purchase municipal bond guaranty insurance on the Bonds, the rating of the insurer's creditworthiness by any rating agency does not and will not in any manner affect the District's financial condition, and thus any change to such rating, including a downgrade thereof, at any time, does not and will not constitute a change, material or otherwise, in the District's financial condition, and therefore cannot be a basis for termination by the Initial Purchaser of its obligations to take up and pay for the Bonds.

#### **No-Litigation** Certificate

The District will furnish to the Initial Purchaser a certificate, dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, executed by both the President and Secretary of the Board, to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending or threatened, of which the District has notice, either in state or federal courts, contesting or attacking the Bonds; to restrain or enjoin the issuance, execution or delivery of the Bonds; which would affect the provisions made for the payment of or security for the Bonds; which would in any manner question the authority or proceedings for the issuance, execution, or delivery of the Bonds; or which would affect the validity of the Bonds.

#### TAX MATTERS

#### Opinion

On the date of initial delivery of the Bonds, Bacon, Wallace & Philbin, L.L.P., Bond Counsel, will render its opinion that, in accordance with statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date thereof ("Existing Law") (1) interest on the Bonds will be excludable from the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Code, of the owners thereof for federal income taxpurposes; and (2) the Bonds will not be treated as "specified private activity bonds" the interest on which would be included in the alternative minimum taxable income of individuals under section 57(a)(5) of the Code or, except as described below, corporations. Except as stated above, Bond Counsel will express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds.

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel will rely upon (a) the District's federal tax certificate, and (b) covenants of the District with respect to arbitrage, the application of the proceeds to be received from the issuance and sale of the Bonds and certain other matter. Failure by the District to observe the aforementioned representations or covenants, could cause the interest on the Bonds to become taxable retroactively to the date of issuance.

The Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder contain a number of requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order for interest on the Bonds to be, and to remain, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel is conditioned on compliance by the District with such requirements, and Bond Counsel has not been retained to monitor compliance with these requirements subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds.

Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgement based upon its review of Existing Law and the reliance on the aforementioned information, representations and covenants. Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result. Existing Law is subject to change by the Congress and to subsequent judicial and administrative interpretation by the courts and the Department of the Treasury. There can be no assurance that Existing Law or the interpretation thereof will not be changed in a manner which would adversely affect the tax treatment of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds.

A ruling was not sought from the Internal Revenue Service by the Issuer with respect to the Bonds or the property financed or refinanced with proceeds of the Bonds. No assurances can be given as to whether or not the Internal Revenue Service will commence an audit of the Bonds, or as to whether the Internal Revenue Service would agree with the opinion of Bond Counsel. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Internal Revenue Service is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in such procedure. No additional interest will be paid upon any determination of taxability.

#### Federal Income Tax Accounting Treatment of Original Issue Discount

The initial public offering price to be paid for the Bonds, as stated on the cover of the Official Statement, may be less than the principal amount thereof (the "Original Issue Discount Bonds"). As such, the difference between (i) the amount payable at the maturity of each Original Issue Discount Bond, and (ii) the initial offering price to the public of such Original Issue Discount Bond constitutes original issue discount with respect to such Original Issue Discount Bond in the hands of any owner who has purchased such Original Issue Discount Bond in the initial public offering of the Bonds.

Under Existing Law, such an owner is entitled to exclude from gross income (as defined in section 61 of the Code) an amount of income with respect to such Original Issue Discount Bond equal to that portion of the amount of such original issue discount allocable to the period for which such Original Issue Discount Bond continues to be owned by such owner. For a discussion of certain collateral federal tax consequences, see discussion set forth below.

In the event of the redemption, sale or other taxable disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bond prior to stated maturity, however, the amount realized by such owner in excess of the basis of such Original Issue 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 Original Issue Discount Bond was held by such initial owner) is includable in gross income.

Under Existing Law, the original issue discount on each Original Issue Discount Bond is accrued daily to the stated maturity thereof (in amounts calculated as described below for each six-month period ending on the date before the semiannual anniversary dates of the date of the Bonds and ratably within each such six-month period) and the accrued

amount is added to an initial owner's basis for such Original Issue Discount Bond for purposes of determining the amount of gain or loss recognized by such owner upon the redemption, sale or other disposition thereof. The amount to be added to basis for each accrual period is equal to (a) the sumof the issue price and the amount of original issue discount accrued in prior periods multiplied by the yield to stated maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) less (b) the amounts payable as current interest during such accrual period on such Original Issue Discount Bond.

The federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, redemption, sale or other disposition of Original Issue Discount Bonds which are not purchased in the initial offering at the initial offering price may be determined according to rules which differ from those described above. All owners of Original Issue Discount Bonds should consult their own taxadvisors with respect to the determination for federal, state and local income taxpurposes of the treatment of interest accrued upon redemption, sale or other disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bonds and with respect to the federal, state, local and foreign taxcons equences of the purchase, ownership, redemption, sale or other disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bonds.

#### Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following discussion is a summary of certain collateral federal income tax consequences resulting from the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds. This discussion is based on existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions, all of which are subject to change or modification, retroactively.

The following discussion is applicable to investors, other than those who are subject to special provisions of the Code, such as financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals allowed an earned income credit, certain S corporations with accumulated earnings and profits and excess passive investment income, foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, taxpayers qualifying for the health insurance premium assistance credit, or taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase tax-exempt obligations.

THE DISCUSSION CONTAINED HEREIN MAY NOT BE EXHAUSTIVE. INVESTORS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE, SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX TREATMENT WHICH MAY BE ANTICIPATED TO RESULT FROM THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS BEFORE DETERMINING WHETHER TO PURCHASE THE BONDS.

Under Section 6012 of the Code, holders of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, may be required to disclose interest received or accrued during each taxable year on their returns of federal income taxation. Section 1276 of the Code provides for ordinary income taxtreatment of gain recognized upon the disposition of a tax-exempt obligation, such as the Bonds, if such obligation was acquired at a "market discount" and if the fixed maturity of such obligation is equal to, or exceeds, one year from the date of issue. Such treatment applies to "market discount bonds" to the extent such gain does not exceed the accrued market discount of such bonds; although for this purpose, a de minimis amount of market discount is ignored. A "market discount bond" is one which is acquired by the holder at a purchase price which is less than the stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of a bond issued at an original issue discount, the "revised is sue price" (i.e., the issue price plus accrued original issue discount). The "accrued market discount" is the amount which bears the same ratio to the market discount as the number of days during which the holder holds the obligation bears to the number of days between the acquisition date and the final maturity date.

#### State, Local and Foreign Taxes

Investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax implications of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds under applicable state or local laws. Foreign investors should also consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences unique to investors who are not United States persons.

#### Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Subject to certain exceptions, information reports describing interest income, including original is sue discount, with respect to the Bonds will be sent to each registered holder and to the Internal Revenue Service. Payments of interest and principal may be subject to backup withholding under section 3406 of the Code if a recipient of the payments fails to furnish to the payor such owner's social security number or other taxpayer identification number ("TIN"), furnishes an incorrect TIN, or otherwise fails to establish an exemption from the backup withholding tax. Any amounts so withheld would be allowed as a credit against the recipient's federal income tax. Special rules apply to partnerships,

estates, and trusts, and in certain circumstances, and in respect of Non-U.S. Holders, certifications as to foreign status and other matters may be required to be provided by partners and beneficiaries thereof.

#### **Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for Financial Institutions**

Section 265(a) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that interest paid or incurred by a taxpayer, including a "financial institution," on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations is not deductible by such taxpayer in determining taxable income. Section 265(b) of the Code provides an exception to the disallowance of such deduction for any interest expense paid or incurred on indebtedness of a taxpayer which is a "financial institution" allocable to tax-exempt obligations, other than "specified private activity bonds," which are designated by a "qualified small is suer" as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." A "qualified small is suer" is any governmental issuer (together with any subordinate issuers) who issues no more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations during the calendar year. Section 265(b)(5) of the Code defines the term "financial institution" as referring to any corporation described in section 585(a)(2) of the Code, or any person accepting deposits from the public in the ordinary course of such person's trade or business which is subject to federal or state supervision as a financial institution. Notwithstanding the exception to the disallowance of the deduction of interest on indebtedness related to "qualified tax-exempt obligations" provided by Section 265(b) of the Code, Section 291 of the Code provides that the allowabk deduction to a "bank" as defined in Section 585(a)(2) of the Code, for interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase "qualified tax-exempt obligations" shall be reduced by twenty-percent (20%) as a "financial institution preference item."

The District expects to designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of section 265(b) of the Code. In furtherance of that designation, the District will covenant to take such action which would assure, or to refrain from such action which would adversely affect, the treatment of the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." Potential purchasers should be aware that if the issue price to the public exceeds \$10,000,000, there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the payment of a de minimis amount of premium in excess of \$10,000,000 is dis regarded, however, the Internal Revenue Service could take a contrary view. Were the Internal Revenue Service to conclude that the amount of such premium is not dis regarded, then such obligations might fail to satisfy the \$10,000,000 limitation and the obligations would not be "qualified tax-exempt obligations."

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

#### General

The information contained in this Official Statement has been obtained primarily from the District's records, the Galveston Central Appraisal District and other sources believed to be reliable; however, no representation is made as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein, except as described below under the caption "Certification of Official Statement." The summaries of the statutes, resolutions and engineering and other related reports set forth herein are included subject to all of the provisions of such documents. These summaries do not puport to be complete statements of such provisions and reference is made to such documents for further information. The financial statements of the District as of August 31, 2020, and for the year then ended, included in this offering document, have been audited by BKD, LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report appearing herein. See "APPENDIX A."

#### Experts

The information contained in this Official Statement relating to engineering, to the description of the System generally and, in particular, the engineering information included in the section captioned "THE SYSTEM" has been provided by DE Corp., formerly Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation, Houston, Texas. Such information has been included herein in reliance upon the authority of said firm as an expert in the field of civil engineering.

The information contained in this Official Statement relating to the assessed valuations of property generally and, in particular, that information concerning principal taxpayers, tax collection rates and valuations contained in the sections captioned "TAX DATA" and "SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION" has been provided by the Galveston Central Appraisal District and Assessments of the Southwest, Inc. The District has included certain information herein in reliance upon Assessments of the Southwest, Inc.'s authority as an expert in the field of tax assessing and real property appraisal.

#### **Updating of 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 Initial Purchaser, of any adverse event which causes the Official Statement to be materially misleading, and unless the Initial Purchaser elects to terminate its obligation to purchase the Bonds, the District will promptly prepare and supply to the Initial Purchaser; provided, however, that the obligation of the District to so amend or supplement the Official Statement will terminate when the District delivers the Bonds to the Initial Purchaser, unless the Initial 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 delivers the Bonds have been sold to ultimate customers.

#### **Certification of Official Statement**

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Bonds, the District will furnish the Initial Purchaser a certificate, executed by the President and Secretary of the Board, acting in their official capacities, to the effect that to the best of their knowledge and belief: (a) the information, descriptions and statements of or pertaining to the District contained in this Official Statement, on the date thereof and on the date of 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, this 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 herein or necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (c) insofar as the descriptions and statements, including financial data contained in this Official Statements of or pertaining to entities other than the District and their activities are concerned, such statements and data have been obtained from sources which the District believes to be reliable and that the District has no reason to believe that they are untrue in any material respect or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are untrue in any material respect or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances of the District has made no independent investigation as to the accuracy or completeness of the information derived from sources other than the District.

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

In the Bond 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 obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") or any successor to its functions as a repository through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system.

#### **Annual Reports**

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data, which is customarily prepared by the District and publicly available, annually to the MSRB. The financial information and operating data which will be provided with respect to the District is found in the sections titled "SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION" (except "Estimate of Overlapping Debt Statement") and "TAX DATA" and in APPENDIX A (Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements and certain supplemental schedules). The District will update and provide this information to EMMA within six months after the end of each of its fiscal years ending in or after 2021. Any information so provided shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or other such principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and audited if the audit report is completed within the period during which it must be provided. If the audit report is not complete within such period, then the District shall provide unaudited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to EMMA within such sixmonth period, and audited financial statements when the audit report becomes available. The District may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly available documents, as permitted by SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule").

The District's fiscal year end is currently August 31. Accordingly, it must provide updated information by the last day of February, unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB of the change.

#### **Event Notices**

The District will provide timely notices of certain specified events to the MSRB, but in no event will such notices be provided to the MSRB in excess often business days after the occurrence of an event. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) nonpayment 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 determination 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 events affecting the tax status of the Bonds: (7) modifications to rights of Beneficial Owners 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, receivers hip or similar event of the District or other obligated person; (13) consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or other obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District or other obligated person other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into 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 trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, any of which affect Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties. The terms "obligated person" and "financial obligation" when used in this paragraph shall have the meanings ascribed to them under SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"). The term "material" when used in this paragraph shall have the meaning ascribed to it under federal securities laws. Neither the Bonds nor the Bond Order makes any provision for debt service reserves or liquidity enhancement. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide financial information, operating data, or financial statements in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports."

#### Availability of Information from MSRB

The District has agreed to provide the foregoing information only to the MSRB. Investors will be able to access continuing disclosure information filed with the MSRB at www.emma.msrb.org.

#### **Limitations and Amendments**

The District has agreed to update information and to provide notices of material 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 continuing disclosure 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 only if (1) the amendment is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the District; (2) the agreement, as amended, would have complied with SEC Rule 15c2-12 at the date of sale of the Bonds, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the SEC Rule 15c2-12 as well as any change in circumstances; and (3) the District receives an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that the amendment does not materially impair the interests of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. If any such amendment is made, the District will include in its next annual update an explanation in narrative form of the reasons for the change and its impact on the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

#### **Compliance with Prior Undertakings**

During the last five years, the District has complied in all material respects with its previous continuing disclosure undertakings made in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12.

This Official Statement is duly approved by the Board of Directors of the District as of the date specified on the first page hereof.

/s/ Holly Larsen

Holly Larsen President, Board of Directors South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7

ATTEST:

/s/ <u>Steven Day</u> Steven Day Secretary, Board of Directors South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7

## **AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH**



## APPENDIX A

Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2020

# South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7

Galveston County, Texas Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements August 31, 2020



# South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 August 31, 2020

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 Galveston County, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 (the District), as of and for the year ended August 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements 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 opinions 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from 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 opinions.



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#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of August 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position 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 budgetary comparison schedule listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not 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 standards 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.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The other information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

BKD,LLP

Houston, Texas January 12, 2021

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and other information required by the District's state oversight agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the Commission).

In accordance with required reporting standards, the District reports its financial activities as a special-purpose government. Special-purpose governments are governmental entities, which engage in a single governmental program, such as the provision of water, sanitary sewer and drainage services. The financial statements of special-purpose governments combine two types of financial statements into one statement. These two types of financial statements are the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. The fund financial statements are presented on the left side of the statements, a column for adjustments is to the right of the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements are presented to the right of the adjustments column. The following sections describe the measurement focus of the two types of statements and the significant differences in the information they provide.

#### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The focus of government-wide financial statements is on the overall financial position and activities of the District. The District's government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and statement of activities, which are prepared using accounting principles that are similar to commercial enterprises. The purpose of the statement of net position is to attempt to report all of the assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources of the District. The District reports all of its assets when it acquires or begins to maintain the assets and reports all of its liabilities when they are incurred.

The difference between the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources is labeled as net position and this difference is similar to the total stockholders' equity presented by a commercial enterprise.

The purpose of the statement of activities is to present the revenues and expenses of the District. Again, the items presented on the statement of activities are measured in a manner similar to the approach used by a commercial enterprise in that revenues are recognized when earned or established criteria are satisfied and expenses are reported when incurred by the District. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues are reported even when they may not be collected for several months or years after the end of the accounting period and expenses are recorded even though they may not have used cash during the current year.

Although the statement of activities looks different from a commercial enterprise's statement of income, the financial statement is different only in format, not substance. Whereas the bottom line in a commercial enterprise is its net income, the District reports an amount described as change in net position, essentially the same thing.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

Unlike government-wide financial statements, the focus of fund financial statements is directed to specific activities of the District rather than the District as a whole. Except for the general fund, a specific fund is established to satisfy managerial control over resources or to satisfy finance-related legal requirements established by external parties or governmental statutes or regulations.

#### **Governmental Funds**

Governmental-fund financial statements consist of a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and are prepared on an accounting basis that is significantly different from that used to prepare the government-wide financial statements.

In general, these financial statements have a short-term emphasis and, for the most part, measure and account for cash and other assets that can easily be converted into cash. For example, amounts reported on the balance sheet include items such as cash and receivables collectible within a very short period of time, but do not include capital assets such as land and water, sewer and drainage systems. Fund liabilities include amounts that are to be paid within a very short period after the end of the fiscal year. The difference between a fund's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources is labeled the fund balance and generally indicates the amount that can be used to finance the next fiscal year's activities. Likewise, the operating statement for governmental funds reports only those revenues and expenditures that were collected in cash or paid with cash, respectively, during the current period or very shortly after the end of the fiscal year.

Because the focus of the government-wide and fund financial statements is different, there are significant differences between the totals presented in these financial statements. For this reason, there is an analysis in the notes to financial statements that describes the adjustments to fund balances to arrive at net position presented in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position. Also, there is an analysis in the notes to financial statements that reconciles the total change in fund balances for all governmental funds to the change in net position, as reported in the governmental activities column in the statement of activities.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

The notes to financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data found in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

The District's overall financial position and activities for the past two years are summarized as follows, based on the information included in the government-wide financial statements.

	 2020	2019			
Current and other assets Deferred outflows of resources	\$ 3,768,147 806,306	\$	3,715,675 854,119		
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 4,574,453	\$	4,569,794		
Long-term liabilities	\$ 15,190,523	\$	15,928,520		
Other liabilities	 19,392		13,459		
Total liabilities	 15,209,915		15,941,979		
Net position:					
Net investment in capital assets	(14,384,217)		(15,074,401)		
Restricted	3,192,732		3,136,854		
Unrestricted	 556,023		565,362		
Total net position	\$ (10,635,462)	\$	(11,372,185)		

#### Summary of Net Position

The total net position of the District increased by \$736,723, or approximately 6 percent. The increase in net position is primarily related to tax revenues intended to pay principal on the District's bonded indebtedness, which is shown as long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. At August 31, 2020, net investment in capital assets was \$(14,384,217). This amount was negative because the District has incurred debt to acquire capital assets, which have been conveyed to the City of League City (the City) pursuant to a utility agreement between the District and the City. Accordingly, these capital assets are not recorded in the financial statements of the District.

#### Summary of Changes in Net Position

	 2020			
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 1,427,383	\$	1,405,160	
Other revenues	 89,885		104,467	
Total revenues	 1,517,268		1,509,627	

	2020			2019
Expenses:				
Services	\$	203,084	\$	153,644
Debt service		577,461		611,659
Total expenses		780,545		765,303
Change in net position		736,723		744,324
Net position, beginning of year		(11,372,185)		(12,116,509)
Net position, end of year	\$	(10,635,462)	\$	(11,372,185)

### Summary of Changes in Net Position (Continued)

#### **Financial Analysis of the District's Funds**

The District's combined fund balances as of the end of the fiscal year ended August 31, 2020, were \$3,742,301, an increase of \$44,912 from the prior year.

The general fund's fund balance decreased by \$9,536 because service operation expenditures were greater than property tax and investment income revenues.

The debt service fund's fund balance increased by \$54,448 because investment income and property tax revenues generated were greater than bond principal and interest requirements.

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

There were several differences between the final budgetary amounts and actual amounts. The major difference between budget and actual was due to professional fees expenditures being greater than anticipated. The fund balance as of August 31, 2020, was expected to be \$584,510 and the actual end-of-year fund balance was \$555,350.

#### **Capital Assets and Related Debt**

#### Capital Assets

The District has conveyed title of its capital assets to the City. As such, the District reports no capital assets.

#### <u>Debt</u>

The changes in the debt position of the District during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2020, are summarized as follows:

Long-term debt payable, beginning of year Decreases in long-term debt	\$ 15,928,520 737,997
Long-term debt payable, end of year	\$ 15,190,523

At August 31, 2020, the District had \$13,475,000 of unlimited tax bonds authorized, but unissued, for the purposes of acquiring, constructing and improving the water, sanitary sewer and drainage systems within the District.

The District's bonds carry an underlying rating of "BBB+" from Standard & Poor's. The Series 2014, 2015 and 2016 refunding bonds carry a "AA" rating from Standard & Poor's by virtue of bond insurance issued by Build America Mutual Assurance Company.

#### **Other Relevant Factors**

#### Relationship to the City of League City

The District approved a contract with the City effective March 7, 2000, for a period of 40 years. Under the terms of the contract, the District is to pay for construction of water distribution, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities to serve the District.

The District shall be owner of the system until the system is completed, approved by the City and conveyed to it, at which time ownership will vest in the City. Pursuant to the contract, the District shall have a security interest therein until all bonds issued by the District are retired, the system has been completed and approved by the City, and the City has commenced operations and maintenance of the system via de facto conveyance.

# South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet August 31, 2020

Assets	-	Debt General Service Fund Fund Total Adjustments				Adjustments	Stater of N ents Posit		
Cash	\$	4,983	\$	44,491	\$	49,474	\$ -	\$	49,474
Certificates of deposit		360,000		1,920,000		2,280,000	-		2,280,000
Short-term investments		187,677		1,216,413		1,404,090	-		1,404,090
Property taxes receivable		673		5,781		6,454	-		6,454
Accrued interest		3,499		24,630		28,129	-		28,129
Interfund receivable		18,583		-		18,583	(18,583)		-
Total assets		575,415		3,211,315		3,786,730	(18,583)		3,768,147
Deferred Outflows of Resources									
Deferred amount on debt refundings		0		0		0	806,306		806,306
Total assets and deferred									
outflows of resources	\$	575,415	\$	3,211,315	\$	3,786,730	\$ 787,723	\$	4,574,453

# South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet (Continued) August 31, 2020

	-	eneral Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total	A	djustments	tatement of Net Position
Liabilities							
Accounts payable	\$	19,392	\$ -	\$ 19,392	\$	-	\$ 19,392
Interfund payable		-	18,583	18,583		(18,583)	-
Long-term liabilities:							
Due within one year		-	-	-		730,000	730,000
Due after one year		-	 -	 -		14,460,523	 14,460,523
Total liabilities		19,392	 18,583	 37,975		15,171,940	 15,209,915
Deferred Inflows of Resources							
Deferred property tax revenues		673	 5,781	 6,454		(6,454)	 0
Fund Balances/Net Position							
Fund balances:							
Restricted, debt service on unlimited tax bonds			2 196 051	2 196 051		(2 196 051)	
		- 555,350	3,186,951	3,186,951 555,350		(3,186,951)	-
Unassigned		333,330	 	 333,330		(555,350)	 -
Total fund balances		555,350	 3,186,951	 3,742,301		(3,742,301)	 0
Total liabilities, deferred inflows							
of resources and fund balances	\$	575,415	\$ 3,211,315	\$ 3,786,730			
Net position:							
Net investment in capital assets						(14,384,217)	(14,384,217)
Restricted for debt service						3,192,732	3,192,732
Unrestricted						556,023	 556,023
Total net position					\$	(10,635,462)	\$ (10,635,462)

# South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7

## Statement of Activities and Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended August 31, 2020

	G	eneral	÷	Debt Service				ŝ	Statement of
		Fund		Fund	Total	Adj	ustments		Activities
Revenues									
Property taxes	\$	150,055	\$	1,275,701	\$ 1,425,756	\$	1,627	\$	1,427,383
Penalty and interest		-		12,119	12,119		-		12,119
Investment income		10,738		66,812	77,550		-		77,550
Other income		12		204	 216		-		216
Total revenues		160,805		1,354,836	 1,515,641		1,627		1,517,268
Expenditures/Expenses									
Service operations:									
Professional fees		125,825		2,162	127,987		-		127,987
Contracted services		17,088		24,143	41,231		-		41,231
Other expenditures		27,428		6,438	33,866		-		33,866
Debt service:									
Principal retirement		-		705,000	705,000		(705,000)		-
Interest and fees				562,645	 562,645		14,816		577,461
Total expenditures/expenses		170,341		1,300,388	 1,470,729		(690,184)		780,545
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues									
Over Expenditures		(9,536)		54,448	44,912		(44,912)		
Change in Net Position							736,723		736,723
Fund Balances/Net Position									
Beginning of year		564,886		3,132,503	 3,697,389		-		(11,372,185)
End of year	\$	555,350	\$	3,186,951	\$ 3,742,301	\$	0	\$	(10,635,462)

### Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 (the District) was created by an order of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, now known as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the Commission), effective July 24, 2001, in accordance with the Texas Water Code, Chapter 54. The District operates in accordance with Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code and is subject to the continuing supervision of the Commission. The principal functions of the District are to finance and construct waterworks, wastewater and drainage facilities and to provide such facilities and services to the customers of the District. All services are provided by the City of League City (the City).

The District is governed by a Board of Directors (the Board) consisting of five individuals who are residents or owners of property within the District and are elected by voters within the District. The Board sets the policies of the District. The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for state and local governments, as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The following is a summary of the significant accounting and reporting policies of the District:

### **Reporting Entity**

The accompanying government-wide financial statements present the financial statements of the District. There are no component units that are legally separate entities for which the District is considered to be financially accountable. Accountability is defined as the District's substantive appointment of the voting majority of the component unit's governing board. Furthermore, to be financially accountable, the District must be able to impose its will upon the component unit or there must be a possibility that the component unit may provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the District.

#### Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

In accordance with required reporting standards, the District reports its financial activities as a special-purpose government. Special-purpose governments are governmental entities, which engage in a single governmental program, such as the provision of water, wastewater, drainage and other related services. The financial statements of special-purpose governments combine two types of financial statements into one statement. These two types of financial statements are the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. The fund financial statements are presented with a column for adjustments to convert to the government-wide financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements report information on all of the activities of the District. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, charges for services and intergovernmental revenues. The statement of activities reflects the revenues and expenses of the District.

The fund financial statements provide information about the District's governmental funds. Separate statements for each governmental fund are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is directed to specific activities of the District.

The District presents the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund* – The general fund is the primary operating fund of the District, which accounts for all financial resources not accounted for in another fund. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, charges for services and interest income.

*Debt Service Fund* – The debt service fund is used to account for financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest related costs, as well as the financial resources being accumulated for future debt service.

#### Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

The fund balances for the District's governmental funds can be displayed in up to five components:

Nonspendable - Amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted* – Amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally or through enabling legislation. Restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of resource providers.

*Committed* – Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by resolution of the Board. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by issuance of a resolution by the District's Board.

*Assigned* – Amounts intended to be used by the District for specific purposes as determined by management. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in other governmental funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that fund.

*Unassigned* – The residual classification for the general fund and includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications.

The District considers restricted amounts to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. The District applies committed amounts first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

#### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives (or gives) value without directly giving (or receiving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes and donations. Recognition standards are based on the characteristics and classes of nonexchange transactions. Revenues from property taxes are recognized in the period for which the taxes are levied. Intergovernmental revenues are recognized as revenues, net of estimated refunds and uncollectible amounts, in the accounting period when an enforceable legal claim to the assets arises and the use of resources is required or is first permitted. Donations are recognized as revenues, net of estimated uncollectible amounts, as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Amounts received before all eligibility requirements have been met are reported as liabilities.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of governmental funds revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances presents increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in spendable resources. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures and proceeds of long-term debt are reported as other financing sources. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when both measurable and available. The District considers revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collectible within 60 days after year-end. Principal revenue sources considered susceptible to accrual include taxes, charges for services and investment income. Other revenues are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures when payment is due.

#### **Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period and a deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period.

### Interfund Transactions

Transfers from one fund to another fund are reported as interfund receivables and payables if there is intent to repay the amount and if there is the ability to repay the advance on a timely basis. Operating transfers represent legally authorized transfers from the fund receiving resources to the fund through which the resources are to be expended.

#### **Pension Costs**

The District does not participate in a pension plan and, therefore, has no pension costs.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Investments and Investment Income

Investments in certificates of deposit, mutual funds, U.S. Government and agency securities, and certain pooled funds, which have a remaining maturity of one year or less at the date of purchase, are recorded at amortized cost. All other investments are carried at fair value. Fair value is determined using quoted market values.

Investment income includes dividends and interest income and the net change for the year in the fair value of investments carried at fair value. Investment income is credited to the fund in which the investment is recorded.

### **Property Taxes**

An appraisal district annually prepares appraisal records listing all property within the District and the appraised value of each parcel or item as of January 1. Additionally, on January 1, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalty and interest ultimately imposed for the year on the property. After the District receives its certified appraisal roll from the appraisal district, the rate of taxation is set by the Board of the District based upon the aggregate appraisal value. Taxes are due and payable October 1 or when billed, whichever is later, and become delinquent after January 31 of the following year.

In the governmental funds, property taxes are initially recorded as receivables and deferred inflows of resources at the time the tax levy is billed. Revenues recognized during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2020, include collections during the current period or within 60 days of year-end related to the 2019 and prior years' tax levies.

In the government-wide statement of net position, property taxes are considered earned in the budget year for which they are levied. For the District's fiscal year ended August 31, 2020, the 2019 tax levy is considered earned during the current fiscal year. In addition to property taxes levied, any delinquent taxes are recorded net of amounts considered uncollectible.

### **Capital Assets**

The District has conveyed its capital assets to the City.

#### **Deferred Amount on Debt Refundings**

In the government-wide financial statements, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt in a debt refunding is deferred and amortized to interest expense using the effective interest rate method over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter. Such amounts are classified as deferred outflows or inflows of resources.

### **Debt Issuance Costs**

Debt issuance costs, other than prepaid insurance, do not meet the definition of an asset or deferred outflows of resources since the costs are not applicable to a future period and, therefore, are recognized as an expense/expenditure in the period incurred.

#### Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Premiums and discounts on bonds are recognized as a component of long-term liabilities and amortized over the life of the related debt using the effective interest rate method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

### Net Position/Fund Balances

Fund balances and net position are reported as restricted when constraints placed on them are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first.

#### Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Amounts reported for net position of governmental activities in the statement of net position and fund balances in the governmental funds balance sheet are different because:

Property tax revenue recognition and the related reduction of deferred inflows of resources are subject to availability of funds in the fund	
financial statements.	\$ 6,454
Deferred amount on debt refundings for governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds.	806,306
Long-term debt obligations are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds.	 (15,190,523)
Adjustment to fund balances to arrive at net position.	\$ (14,377,763)

Amounts reported for change in net position of governmental activities in the statement of activities are different from change in fund balances in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances because:

Change in fund balances.	\$ 44,912
Governmental funds report principal payments on debt as expenditures. For the statement of activities, these transactions do not have any effect on net position.	705,000
Revenues that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues for the funds, but are reported as revenues in the statement of activities.	1,627
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	 (14,816)
Change in net position of governmental activities.	\$ 736,723

### Note 2: Deposits, Investments and Investment Income

#### Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, a government's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law.

State law requires collateralization of all deposits with federal depository insurance; a surety bond; bonds and other obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. agencies or instrumentalities of the State of Texas; or certain collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States.

At August 31, 2020, none of the District's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk.

#### Investments

The District may legally invest in obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, direct obligations of Texas or its agencies or instrumentalities, collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States, other obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the State of Texas or the United States or their agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of states, agencies and counties and other political subdivisions with an investment rating not less than "A," insured or collateralized certificates of deposit, and certain bankers' acceptances, repurchase agreements, mutual funds, commercial paper, guaranteed investment contracts and investment pools.

The District's investment policy may be more restrictive than the Public Funds Investment Act.

The District invests in Texas CLASS, an external investment pool that is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A Board of Trustees, elected by the participants, has oversight of Texas CLASS. The District's investments may be redeemed at any time. Texas CLASS attempts to minimize its exposure to market and credit risk through the use of various strategies and credit monitoring techniques and limits its investments in any issuer to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

At August 31, 2020, the District had the following investments and maturities.

		Ма	turi	ties In	Yea	rs					
Less Than								More Than			
Туре	Fair Value	1		1-5			6-10		10		
Texas CLASS	\$ 1,404,090	\$ 1,404,090	\$		0	\$	0	\$	0		

**Interest Rate Risk.** As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the District's investment policy does not allow investments in certain mortgage-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations with a final maturity date in excess of 10 years and interest rate indexed collateralized mortgage obligations. The external investment pool is presented as an investment with a maturity of less than one year because it is redeemable in full immediately.

**Credit Risk.** Credit risk is the risk that the issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. At August 31, 2020, the District's investments in Texas Class were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's.

#### Summary of Carrying Values

The carrying values of deposits and investments shown above are included in the balance sheet at August 31, 2020, as follows:

Carrying value:	
Deposits	\$ 2,329,474
Investments	 1,404,090
Total	\$ 3,733,564
Included in the following statement of net position captions:	
Cash	\$ 49,474
Certificates of deposits	2,280,000
Short-term investments	 1,404,090
Total	\$ 3,733,564

#### Investment Income

Investment income of \$77,550 for the year ended August 31, 2020, consisted of interest income.

#### Fair Value Measurements

The District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of August 31, 2020:

• Pooled investments of \$1,404,090 are valued at fair value per share of the pool's underlying portfolio.

### Note 3: Capital Assets

The District has conveyed its capital assets to the City.

## Note 4: Long-term Liabilities

Changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended August 31, 2020, are presented below:

Governmental Activities	Balances, Beginning of Year Decreases		Balances, End of Year	Amounts Due in One Year		
Bonds payable:						
General obligation bonds	\$ 15,360,000	\$	705,000	\$ 14,655,000	\$	730,000
Add premiums on bonds	568,520		32,997	535,523		-
Total governmental activities long-term liabilities	\$ 15,928,520	\$	737,997	\$ 15,190,523	\$	730,000

### **General Obligation Bonds**

	Refunding Series 2012	Refunding Series 2014
Amounts outstanding, August 31, 2020	\$3,490,000	\$2,875,000
Interest rates	2.00% to 4.00%	2.00% to 4.00%
Maturity dates, serially beginning/ending	September 1, 2021/2033	September 1, 2021/2033
Interest payment dates	March 1/ September 1	March 1/ September 1
Callable dates*	September 1, 2022	September 1, 2023

\*Or any date thereafter; callable at par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

	Refunding Series 2015	Refunding Series 2016
Amounts outstanding, August 31, 2020	\$5,620,000	\$2,670,000
Interest rates	2.00% to 4.00%	2.00% to 4.00%
Maturity dates, serially beginning/ending	September 1, 2021/2033	September 1, 2021/2033
Interest payment dates	March 1/ September 1	March 1/ September 1
Callable dates*	September 1, 2025	September 1, 2024

\*Or any date thereafter; callable at par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

### Annual Debt Service Requirements

The District has been paying the amount due September 1 within the fiscal year preceding the due date, and the following schedule has been prepared according to this practice. The schedule shows the annual debt service requirements to pay principal and interest on general obligation bonds outstanding at August 31, 2020:

Year	P	rincipal	Interest		Total	
2021	\$	730,000	\$	542,720	\$	1,272,720
2022		760,000		521,468		1,281,468
2023		960,000		498,668		1,458,668
2024		985,000		467,457		1,452,457
2025		1,025,000		434,767		1,459,767
2026-2030		5,945,000		1,562,299		7,507,299
2031-2033		4,250,000		344,400		4,594,400
Total	\$	14,655,000	\$	4,371,779	\$	19,026,779

The bonds are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied upon all property within the District subject to taxation, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Bonds voted	\$ 36,000,000
Bonds sold	22,525,000
Refunding bonds voted	26,550,000
Refunding bonds authorization used	835,000

### Note 5: Significant Bond Order and Commission Requirements

- A. The Bond Orders require that the District levy and collect an ad valorem debt service tax sufficient to pay interest and principal on bonds when due. During the year ended August 31, 2020, the District levied an ad valorem debt service tax at the rate of \$0.3400 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which resulted in a tax levy of \$1,277,198 on the taxable valuation of \$375,646,477 for the 2019 tax year. The interest and principal requirements paid from the tax revenues and available resources were \$1,267,645.
- B. The Bond Orders state that so long as any of the bonds or coupons remain outstanding, the District covenants that it will at all times keep insured such parts of the system as are customarily insured by municipal corporations and political subdivisions in Texas operating like properties in similar locations under the same circumstances with a responsible insurance company or companies against risk, accidents, or casualties against which and to the extent insurance is customarily carried by such municipal corporations and political subdivisions; provided, however, that at any time while any contractor engaged in construction work shall be fully responsible therefore, the District shall not be required to carry such insurance. At August 31, 2020, the District had general liability insurance with an aggregate limit of \$3,000,000.

## Note 6: Maintenance Taxes

At an election held November 6, 2001, voters authorized a maintenance tax not to exceed \$0.20 per \$100 valuation on all property within the District subject to taxation. During the year ended August 31, 2020, the District levied an ad valorem maintenance tax at the rate of \$0.0400 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which resulted in a tax levy of \$150,259 on the taxable valuation of \$375,646,477 for the 2019 tax year. The maintenance tax is being used by the general fund to pay expenditures of operating the District.

## Note 7: Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. The District has not significantly reduced insurance coverage or had settlements which exceeded coverage amounts in the past three fiscal years.

## Note 8: Contract With the City of League City

The District approved a contract with the City effective March 7, 2000, which continues for a period of 40 years. Under the terms of the contract, the District is to pay for construction of water distribution, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities to serve the District.

The District shall be the owner of the system until the system is completely approved by the City, and conveyed to it, at which time ownership will vest in the City. Pursuant to the contract, the District shall have a security interest therein until all bonds issued by the District are retired. The system has been completed and approved by the City, and the City has commenced operations and maintenance of the system via de facto conveyance.

### Note 9: Uncertainties

As a result of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the incidence of COVID-19, economic uncertainties have arisen which may negatively affect the financial position and results of operations of the District. The duration of these uncertainties and the ultimate financial effects cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

**Required Supplementary Information** 

#### Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund Year Ended August 31, 2020

	riginal Budget	Actual	Fa	ariance vorable avorable)
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 149,079	\$ 150,055	\$	976
Investment income	13,799	10,738		(3,061)
Other income	 12	 12		
Total revenues	 162,890	 160,805		(2,085)
Expenditures				
Service operations:				
Professional fees	88,700	125,825		(37,125)
Contracted services	20,000	17,088		2,912
Repairs and maintenance	5,100	-		5,100
Other expenditures	 29,466	 27,428		2,038
Total expenditures	 143,266	 170,341		(27,075)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	10 604			(20, 1.0)
Over Expenditures	19,624	(9,536)		(29,160)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	 564,886	 564,886		
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 584,510	\$ 555,350	\$	(29,160)

### South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 Notes to Required Supplementary Information August 31, 2020

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

An annual operating budget is prepared for the general fund by the District's consultants. The budget reflects resources expected to be received during the year and expenditures expected to be incurred. The Board of Directors is required to adopt the budget prior to the start of its fiscal year. The budget is not a spending limitation (a legally restricted appropriation). The original budget of the general fund was not amended during fiscal 2020.

The District prepares its annual operating budget on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund presents the original and revised budget amounts, if revised, compared to the actual amounts of revenues and expenditures for the current year.

**Other Information** 

### South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 Other Schedules Included Within This Report August 31, 2020

(Schedules included are checked or explanatory notes provided for omitted schedules.)

- [X] Notes Required by the Water District Accounting Manual See "Notes to Financial Statements," Pages 11-22
- [X] Schedule of Services and Rates
- [X] Schedule of General Fund Expenditures
- [X] Schedule of Temporary Investments
- [X] Analysis of Taxes Levied and Receivable
- [X] Schedule of Long-term Debt Service Requirements by Years
- [X] Changes in Long-term Bonded Debt
- [X] Comparative Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures General Fund and Debt Service Fund Five Years
- [X] Board Members, Key Personnel and Consultants

### South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 Schedule of Services and Rates Year Ended August 31, 2020

1. Services provided by the District:

Retail Water	Wholesale Water	Drainage						
Retail Wastewater	Wholesale Wastewater	Irrigation						
Parks/Recreation	Fire Protection	Security						
Solid Waste/Garbage	Flood Control	Roads						
Participates in joint venture, regional system and/or wastewater service (other than emergency interconnect)								
X Other Facilities are provided by the District. Services are provided by the City of League City.								

### Schedule of General Fund Expenditures Year Ended August 31, 2020

Personnel (including benefits)		\$ -
Professional Fees Auditing Legal Engineering Financial advisor	\$ 15,800 62,537 47,488	125,825
<b>Purchased Services for Resale</b> Bulk water and wastewater service purchases		-
Regional Water Fee		-
Contracted Services Bookkeeping General manager Appraisal district Tax collector Security Other contracted services	17,088 - - - -	17,088
Utilities	 	_
Repairs and Maintenance		_
Administrative Expenditures Directors' fees Office supplies Insurance Other administrative expenditures	10,050 657 4,764 11,957	27,428
Capital Outlay Capitalized assets Expenditures not capitalized	-	-
Tap Connection Expenditures		-
Solid Waste Disposal		-
Fire Fighting		-
Parks and Recreation		-
Other Expenditures		 
Total expenditures		\$ 170,341

# Schedule of Temporary Investments

August 31, 2020

					Accrued		
	Interest	Maturity	Fac	е	Int	erest	
	Rate	Date	Amo	unt	Rece	eivable	
General Fund							
Certificates of Deposit							
No. 91300011928678	0.70%	07/28/21	\$ 0	50,000	\$	39	
No. 6000029253	2.10%	10/29/20	12	20,000		2,112	
No. 6002400333	1.85%	12/18/20	(	50,000		672	
No. 4191254	0.60%	08/11/21	(	50,000		20	
No. 12476	1.90%	02/02/21	(	50,000		656	
Texas CLASS	0.28%	Demand	18	87,677			
			54	47,677		3,499	
Debt Service Fund							
Certificates of Deposit							
No. 91300011911770	2.05%	02/03/21	24	40,000		2,817	
No. 5000019868	0.85%	04/15/21	24	40,000		771	
No. 12114	2.22%	09/19/20	24	40,000		5,037	
No. 440005421	1.65%	02/14/21	24	40,000		2,148	
No. 4190092	2.00%	09/20/20	24	40,000		4,537	
No. 200000046	1.75%	02/19/21	24	40,000		2,232	
No. 13745	1.79%	02/06/21	24	40,000		2,424	
No. 9009004410	2.05%	09/17/20	24	40,000		4,664	
Texas CLASS	0.28%	Demand	1,21	16,413	·		
			3,13	36,413		24,630	
Totals			\$ 3,68	84,090	\$	28,129	

#### Analysis of Taxes Levied and Receivable Year Ended August 31, 2020

	Maintenance Taxes			Debt Service Taxes		
Receivable, Beginning of Year	\$	476	\$	4,351		
Additions and corrections to prior years' taxes		(7)		(67)		
Adjusted receivable, beginning of year		469		4,284		
2019 Original Tax Levy		145,974		1,240,775		
Additions and corrections		4,285		36,423		
Adjusted tax levy		150,259		1,277,198		
Total to be accounted for		150,728		1,281,482		
Tax collections: Current year		(149,774)	(	1,273,076)		
Prior years		(281)		(2,625)		
Receivable, end of year	\$	673	\$	5,781		
Receivable, by Years						
2019	\$	485	\$	4,122		
2018 2017		102 84		892 741		
2017		- 04		5		
2015		1		6		
2013		1		15		
Receivable, end of year	\$	673	\$	5,781		

Analysis of Taxes Levied and Receivable (Continued)
Year Ended August 31, 2020

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Property Valuations				
Land	\$ 59,942,850	\$ 59,941,510	\$ 59,941,510	\$ 58,803,342
Improvements	326,015,621	309,097,623	308,112,628	286,932,930
Personal property	7,916,080	7,159,826	8,237,553	8,965,039
Exemptions	(18,228,074)	(15,655,641)	(14,435,356)	(12,285,640)
Total property valuations	\$ 375,646,477	\$ 360,543,318	\$ 361,856,335	\$ 342,415,671
Tax Rates per \$100 Valuation				
Debt service tax rates	\$ 0.3400	\$ 0.3500	\$ 0.3500	\$ 0.4100
Maintenance tax rates*	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400
Total tax rates per \$100 valuation	\$ 0.3800	\$ 0.3900	\$ 0.3900	\$ 0.4500
Tax Levy	\$ 1,427,457	\$ 1,406,119	\$ 1,411,240	\$ 1,540,870
Percent of Taxes Collected to Taxes Levied**	99%	99%	99%	99%

\*Maximum tax rate approved by voters: \$0.20 on November 6, 2001

\*\*Calculated as taxes collected for a tax year divided by taxes levied for that tax year.

#### Schedule of Long-term Debt Service Requirements by Years August 31, 2020

	Refunding Series 2012						
Due During Fiscal Years Ending August 31			Principal Due September 1		Interest Due March 1, September 1		Total
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032		\$	210,000 215,000 230,000 235,000 240,000 255,000 265,000 275,000 290,000 300,000 310,000 325,000	\$	125,545 $119,455$ $113,005$ $105,645$ $97,655$ $89,495$ $80,570$ $71,030$ $61,130$ $50,400$ $39,000$ $26,600$	\$	335,545 334,455 343,005 340,645 337,655 344,495 345,570 346,030 351,130 350,400 349,000 351,600
2032			340,000		13,600		353,600
	Totals	\$	3,490,000	\$	993,130	\$	4,483,130

		Refunding Series 2014							
Due During Fiscal Years Ending August 31		Principal Due September 1		M	Interest Due March 1, September 1		Total		
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032		\$	$175,000\\180,000\\185,000\\190,000\\200,000\\210,000\\215,000\\235,000\\235,000\\245,000\\260,000\\270,000$	\$	101,375 96,563 91,163 85,612 79,912 73,412 66,588 59,062 51,012 42,200 32,400 22,000	\$	276,375 276,563 276,163 275,612 279,912 283,412 281,588 289,062 286,012 287,200 292,400 292,000		
2033	Totals	\$	280,000 2,875,000	\$	<u>11,200</u> 812,499	\$	291,200 3,687,499		

Due During Fiscal Years Ending August 31	Years Due		N	Interest Due March 1, September 1		Total	
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032		\$	$195,000 \\ 205,000 \\ 370,000 \\ 390,000 \\ 405,000 \\ 430,000 \\ 450,000 \\ 470,000 \\ 500,000 \\ 515,000 \\ 545,000 \\ 565,000 \\ $	\$	220,800 214,950 208,800 194,000 178,400 162,200 145,000 127,000 108,200 88,200 67,600 45,800	\$	415,800 419,950 578,800 584,000 583,400 592,200 595,000 595,000 608,200 603,200 612,600 610,800
2033	Totals	\$	580,000 5,620,000	\$	23,200 1,784,150	\$	603,200 7,404,150

		Refunding Series 2016							
Due During Fiscal Years Ending August 31		Principal Due September 1		Interest Due March 1, 1 September 1		Total			
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032	\$	$150,000 \\ 160,000 \\ 175,000 \\ 170,000 \\ 180,000 \\ 190,000 \\ 200,000 \\ 210,000 \\ 225,000 \\ 235,000 \\ 245,000 \\ 260,000$	\$	95,000 90,500 85,700 82,200 78,800 73,400 65,800 57,800 49,400 40,400 31,000 21,200	\$	245,000 250,500 260,700 252,200 258,800 263,400 265,800 267,800 274,400 275,400 275,400 276,000 281,200			
2032		270,000		10,800		281,200 280,800			
Т	otals <u></u> \$	2,670,000	\$	782,000	\$	3,452,000			

		Annual Requirements For All Series							
Due During Fiscal Years Ending August 31		Total Principal Due		Total Interest Due		Total Principal and Interest Due			
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032	\$	730,000 760,000 960,000 985,000 1,025,000 1,085,000 1,130,000 1,185,000 1,250,000 1,295,000 1,360,000 1,420,000	\$	542,720 521,468 498,668 467,457 434,767 398,507 357,958 314,892 269,742 221,200 170,000 115,600	\$	1,272,720 1,281,468 1,458,668 1,452,457 1,459,767 1,483,507 1,487,958 1,499,892 1,519,742 1,516,200 1,530,000 1,535,600			
2033	Fotals <u></u>	1,470,000 14,655,000	\$	58,800 4,371,779	\$	1,528,800 19,026,779			

#### Changes in Long-term Bonded Debt Year Ended August 31, 2020

				Bond
	Refunding			lefunding
	Se	eries 2012	Se	eries 2014
Interest rates	2.00	)% to 4.00%	2.00	0% to 4.00%
Dates interest payable	]	March 1/		March 1/
	Se	eptember 1	Se	eptember 1
Maturity dates	September 1,		Se	ptember 1,
		021/2033		021/2033
Bonds outstanding, beginning of current year	\$	3,690,000	\$	3,040,000
Retirements, principal		200,000		165,000
Bonds outstanding, end of current year	\$	3,490,000	\$	2,875,000
Interest paid during current year	\$	131,145	\$	105,500

Paying agent's name and address:

Series 2012 - The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas
Series 2014 - The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas
Series 2015 - The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas
Series 2016 - The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas

Bond authority:		Tax Bonds	Other Bonds	Refunding Bonds
Amount authorized by voters	\$	36,000,000	0	\$ 26,550,000
Amount issued	\$	22,525,000	0	\$ 835,000
Remaining to be issued	\$	13,475,000	0	\$ 25,715,000
Debt service fund cash and temporary inves	tment balanc	es as of August 31	, 2020:	\$ 3,180,904
Average annual debt service payment (princ	ipal and inter	rest) for remaining	g term of all debt:	\$ 1,463,598

Issues	6				
	Refunding eries 2015		Refunding eries 2016		Totals
2.0	2.00% to 4.00%		2.00% to 4.00%		
	March 1/ eptember 1		March 1/ eptember 1		
	eptember 1, 2021/2033		eptember 1, 2021/2033		
\$	5,805,000	\$	2,825,000	\$	15,360,000
	185,000		155,000		705,000
\$	5,620,000	\$	2,670,000	\$	14,655,000
\$	226,350	\$	99,650	\$	562,645

#### Comparative Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures – General Fund Five Years Ended August 31,

			Amounts		
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
General Fund					
Revenues					
Property taxes	\$ 150,055	\$ 143,949	\$ 145,082	\$ 136,589	\$ 130,607
Investment income	10,738	13,180	7,245	4,324	1,836
Other income	12	10	17	12	10
Total revenues	160,805	157,139	152,344	140,925	132,453
Expenditures					
Service operations:					
Professional fees	125,825	75,842	83,931	81,797	91,883
Contracted services	17,088	16,700	16,938	17,926	17,339
Other expenditures	27,428	24,748	24,512	24,747	19,992
Capital outlay			12,000		
Total expenditures	170,341	117,290	137,381	124,470	129,214
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over					
Expenditures	(9,536)	39,849	14,963	16,455	3,239
Other Financing Sources					
Interfund transfers in				7,574	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and					
Transfers In Over Expenditures					
and Transfers Out	(9,536)	39,849	14,963	24,029	3,239
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	564,886	525,037	510,074	486,045	482,806
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 555,350	\$ 564,886	\$ 525,037	\$ 510,074	\$ 486,045
Total Active Retail Water Connections	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Active Retail Wastewater Connections	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
93.3 %	91.6 %	95.2 %	96.9 %	98.6
6.7	8.4	4.8	3.1	1.4
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
78.2	48.3	55.1	58.0	69.4
10.6	10.6	11.1	12.7	13.1
17.1	15.7	16.1	17.6	15.1
		7.9		-
105.9	74.6	90.2	88.3	97.6
(5.9) %	25.4 %	9.8 %	11.7 %	2.4

#### Comparative Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures – Debt Service Fund Five Years Ended August 31,

			Amounts		
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Debt Service Fund					
Revenues					
Property taxes	\$ 1,275,701	\$ 1,259,552	\$ 1,271,366	\$ 1,400,716	\$ 1,470,676
Penalty and interest	12,119	4,551	10,882	6,765	6,971
Investment income	66,812	86,692	60,831	24,599	11,684
Other income	204	34	57	28	17
Total revenues	1,354,836	1,350,829	1,343,136	1,432,108	1,489,348
Expenditures					
Current:					
Professional fees	2,162	613	2,340	1,569	555
Contracted services	24,143	26,577	29,282	30,155	28,773
Other expenditures	6,438	9,164	8,275	6,912	10,588
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	705,000	1,255,000	785,000	755,000	795,000
Interest and fees	562,645	581,510	637,598	662,260	618,772
Debt issuance costs				2,200	408,349
Total expenditures	1,300,388	1,872,864	1,462,495	1,458,096	1,862,037
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	54,448	(522,035)	(119,359)	(25,988)	(372,689)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Interfund transfers in	-	-	-	1,610,000	-
General obligation bonds issued	-	-	-	-	9,680,000
Premium on debt issued	-	-	-	-	688,218
Deposit with escrow agent					(9,948,648)
Total other financing sources	0	0	0	1,610,000	419,570
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures					
and Other Financing Uses	54,448	(522,035)	(119,359)	1,584,012	46,881
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	3,132,503	3,654,538	3,773,897	2,189,885	2,143,004
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 3,186,951	\$ 3,132,503	\$ 3,654,538	\$ 3,773,897	\$ 2,189,885

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
94.2 %	93.3 %	94.7 %	97.8 %	98.7
0.9	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.5
4.9	6.4	4.5	1.7	0.8
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
1.8	1.9	2.2	2.1	1.9
0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7
52.0	92.9	58.5	52.7	53.4
41.5	43.0	47.5	46.2	41.5
			0.1	27.4
96.0	138.5	109.0	101.7	124.9
4.0 %	(38.5) %	(9.0) %	(1.7) %	(24.9)

### South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 Board Members, Key Personnel and Consultants Year Ended August 31, 2020

Complete District mailing address: District business telephone number:	South Shore Harbour Municipal Utility District No. 7 c/o Paul A. Philbin & Assoc., P.C. 6363 Woodway, Suite 725 Houston, Texas 77057-1792 713.783.4120	
Submission date of the most recent Di (TWC Sections 36.054 and 49.054):	6	June 6, 2018
Limit on fees of office that a director r	may receive during a fiscal year:	\$ 7,200

Decad Members	Term of Office Elected &	F	*		ense	Title at
Board Members	Expires	Fees	S^	Reimbu	rsements	Year-end
Claudia Foutz	Elected 05/20- 05/24	\$ 2	,100	\$	0	President
Robert Schuler	Elected 05/20- 05/24	1	,350		0	Vice President
	Elected 05/20-					
Holly Larsen	05/24	2.	,250		0	Secretary
Giao P. Doan	Appointed 01/20- 05/22	2.	,100		945	Deputy Secretary
R. Chris Chuoke, III	Elected 05/18- 05/20	1.	,200		0	Resigned
Nghiem Doan	Appointed 11/16- 01/20		600		0	Resigned
Gene Hill	Elected 05/16- 10/19		0		0	Resigned
Paul Hopkins, Jr.	Elected 05/18- 12/19		450		0	Resigned

\*Fees are the amounts actually paid to a director during the District's fiscal year.

#### Board Members, Key Personnel and Consultants (Continued) Year Ended August 31, 2020

		Fees and Expense	
Consultants	Date Hired	Reimbursements	Title
Assessments of the Southwest, Inc.	10/01/09	\$ 14,224	Tax Assessor/ Collector
BKD, LLP	07/13/04	15,800	Auditor
Dannenbaum Engineers, Inc.	07/25/01	27,874	Engineer
Galveston Central Appraisal District	Legislative Action	11,971	Appraiser
Municipal Accounts & Consulting, L.P.	08/13/13	18,405	Bookkeeper
Paul A. Philbin & Assoc., P.C.	07/25/01	68,020	Attorney
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	07/08/03	0	Financial Advisor
Investment Officers			
Mark M. Burton and Ghia Lewis	08/13/13	N/A	Bookkeepers

#### APPENDIX B

Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy



#### MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

ISSUER: [NAME OF ISSUER]

MEMBER: [NAME OF MEMBER]

BONDS: \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ in aggregate principal amount of [NAME OF TRANSACTION] [and maturing on]

Policy No:
Effective Date:
Risk Premium: \$
Member Surplus Contribution: \$
Total Insurance Payment: \$

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY ("BAM"), for consideration received, hereby UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY agrees to pay to the trustee (the "Trustee") or paying agent (the "Paying Agent") for the Bonds named above (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance and securing of the Bonds), for the benefit of the Owners or, at the election of BAM, directly to each Owner, subject only to the terms of this Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto), that portion of the principal of and interest on the Bonds that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer.

On the later of the day on which such principal and interest becomes Due for Payment or the first Business Day following the Business Day on which BAM shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, BAM will disburse (but without duplication in the case of duplicate claims for the same Nonpayment) to or for the benefit of each Owner of the Bonds, the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bonds that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by BAM, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner's right to receive payment of such principal or interest then Due for Payment and (b) evidence, including any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Owner's rights with respect to payment of such principal or interest that is Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in BAM. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by BAM is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by BAM for purposes of the preceding sentence, and BAM shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, any of whom may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement under this Policy in respect of a Bond and to the extent of such payment, BAM shall become the owner of Nonpayment's right to receive payment of principal of or interest on such Bond and right to receive payment of principal of or interest on such Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner's right to receive payment of principal of and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner's right to receive payment such Bond. Payment, BAM either to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owner's right to receive payments under such Bond. Payment shall discharge the obligation of BAM under this Policy with respect to said Nonpayment.

Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings specified for all purposes of this Policy. "Business Day" means any day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday or (b) a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York or the Insurer's Fiscal Agent (as defined herein) are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed. "Due for Payment" means (a) when referring to the principal of a Bond, payable on the stated maturity date thereof or the date on which the same shall have been duly called for mandatory sinking fund redemption and does not refer to any earlier date on which payment is due by reason of call for redemption (other than by mandatory sinking fund redemption), acceleration or other advancement of maturity (unless BAM shall elect, in its sole discretion, to pay such principal due upon such acceleration together with any accrued interest to the date of acceleration) and (b) when referring to interest on a Bond, payable on the stated date for payment of interest. "Nonpayment" means, in respect of a Bond, the failure of the Issuer to have provided sufficient funds to the Trustee or, if there is no Trustee, to the Paying Agent for payment in full of all principal and interest that is Due for Payment on such Bond. "Nonpayment" shall also include, in respect of a Bond, any payment made to an Owner by or on behalf of the Issuer of principal or interest that is Due for Payment, which payment has been recovered from such Owner pursuant to the United States Bankruptcy Code in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction. "Notice" means delivery to BAM of a notice of claim and certificate, by certified mail, email or telecopy as set forth on the attached Schedule or other acceptable electronic delivery, in a form satisfactory to BAM, from and signed by an Owner, the Trustee or the Paying Agent, which notice shall specify (a) the person or entity making the claim, (b) the Policy Number, (c) the claimed amount, (d) payment instructions and (e) the date such claimed amount becomes or became Due for Payment. "Owner" means, in respect of a Bond, the person or entity who, at the time of Nonpayment, is entitled under the terms of such Bond to payment thereof, except that "Owner" shall not include the Issuer, the Member or any other person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Bonds.

BAM may appoint a fiscal agent (the "Insurer's Fiscal Agent") for purposes of this Policy by giving written notice to the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Member and the Issuer specifying the name and notice address of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent. From and after the date of receipt of such notice by the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Member or the Issuer (a) copies of all notices required to be delivered to BAM pursuant to this Policy shall be simultaneously delivered to the Insurer's Fiscal Agent and to BAM and shall not be deemed received until received by both and (b) all payments required to be made by BAM under this Policy may be made directly by BAM or by the Insurer's Fiscal Agent on behalf of BAM. The Insurer's Fiscal Agent of BAM only, and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent shall in no event be liable to the Trustee, Paying Agent or any Owner for any act of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent or any failure of BAM to deposit or cause to be deposited sufficient funds to make payments due under this Policy.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, BAM agrees not to assert, and hereby waives, only for the benefit of each Owner, all rights (whether by counterclaim, setoff or otherwise) and defenses (including, without limitation, the defense of fraud), whether acquired by subrogation, assignment or otherwise, to the extent that such rights and defenses may be available to BAM to avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy. This Policy may not be canceled or revoked.

This Policy sets forth in full the undertaking of BAM and shall not be modified, altered or affected by any other agreement or instrument, including any modification or amendment thereto. Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, any premium paid in respect of this Policy is nonrefundable for any reason whatsoever, including payment, or provision being made for payment, of the Bonds prior to maturity. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW. THIS POLICY IS ISSUED WITHOUT CONTINGENT MUTUAL LIABILITY FOR ASSESSMENT.

In witness whereof, BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY has caused this Policy to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Officer.

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY
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By:
Authorized Officer

#### Notices (Unless Otherwise Specified by BAM)

Email: <u>claims@buildamerica.com</u> Address: 1 World Financial Center, 27<sup>th</sup> floor 200 Liberty Street New York, New York 10281 Telecopy: 212-962-1524 (attention: Claims)