## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

Dated December 14, 2021

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

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

## \$8,150,000 HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Harris County, Texas) Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022

### Dated Date: December 15, 2021

### Due: February 15, as shown on inside cover

The \$8,150,000 Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022 (the "Bonds"), are being issued pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, including Chapters 49 and 51, as amended, Texas Water Code, Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, an order of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ Order"), a bond election held November 3, 2015, and an order (the "Order") to be adopted by the Board of Directors of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (the "District" or the "Issuer") on December 14, 2021, being the date of sale of the Bonds (see "THE BONDS –Authority for Issuance" herein).

The Bonds are payable from an annual ad valorem tax levied, without limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property located within the District. Such covenant to levy taxes is subject to the right of a city, under existing Texas law, to annex all of the territory within the District; to take over all properties and assets of the District; to assume all debts, liabilities, and obligations of the District, including the Bonds; and to abolish the District.

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from December 15, 2021 (the "Dated Date") and is payable August 15, 2022 and each February15 and August 15 thereafter until stated maturity or prior redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form only, without coupons, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a stated maturity, and when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, acting as securities depository for the Bonds until DTC resigns or is discharged. The Bonds initially will be available to purchasers in book-entry form only. Purchasers of the Bonds ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. So long as Cede & Co., as the paying agent to DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the paying agent to DTC, which will be solely responsible for making such payment to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The initial paying agent/registrar for the Bonds shall be BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent").

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the District for (1) purchasing, constructing, acquiring, owning, leasing, operating, repairing, improving, or extending works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances for the District's waterworks, and sanitary sewer system, as well as all expenses in any manner incidental thereto (the currently intended projects being described in the engineer's report filed in the office of the District), and (2) paying the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds and paying such expenses as are incidental to the administration and financing of the District. (See "THE BONDS - Use of Bond Proceeds" herein.)

The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. (See "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" herein.)



# STATED MATURITY SCHEDULE (On Page ii)

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued and received by the initial purchaser thereof named below (the "Purchaser") and subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Johnson Petrov LLP, Bond Counsel, Houston, Texas. The legal opinion of Bond Counsel will be printed on, or attached to, the Bonds. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for initial delivery through DTC on or about January 12, 2022.

### \$8,150,000 HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Harris County, Texas) Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022

CUSIP Prefix No. 413905<sup>(1)</sup>

# MATURITY SCHEDULE

Stated Maturity <u>2/15</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Initial <u>Yield</u>	CUSIP No. <u>Suffix</u> (1)	Stated Maturity <u>2/15</u>	Principal <u>Amoun</u> t	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Initial <u>Yield</u>	CUSIP No. <u>Suffix</u>
2023	\$ 50,000	4.000%	0.500%	DS6	2033	\$430,000	2.000%	1.750% <sup>(2)</sup>	EC0
2024	320,000	4.000%	0.650%	DT4	2034	440,000	2.000%	1.850% <sup>(2)</sup>	ED8
2025	330,000	4.000%	0.850%	DU1	2035	450,000	2.000%	1.190% <sup>(2)</sup>	EE6
2026	345,000	4.000%	1.000%	DV9	2036	460,000	2.000%	2.000%	EF3
2027	360,000	4.000%	1.100%	DW7	2037	470,000	2.000%	2.050%	EG1
2028	370,000	4.000%	1.250%	DX5	2038	480,000	2.000%	2.100%	EH9
2029	385,000	4.000%	1.350%	DY3	2039	490,000	2.125%	2.180%	EJ5
2030	400,000	3.000%	1.500%	DZ0	2040	500,000	2.250%	2.200% <sup>(2)</sup>	EK2
2031	415,000	3.000%	1.600%	EA4	2041	510,000	2.375%	2.250% <sup>(2)</sup>	EL0
2032	425,000	2.000%	1.650% <sup>(2)</sup>	EB2	2042	520,000	2.375%	2.300% <sup>(2)</sup>	EM8

## (Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

The Issuer reserves the right to redeem the Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2032, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof on February 15, 2031, or any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest as further described herein. (See "THE BONDS - Redemption Provisions of the Bonds" herein.)

<sup>(1)</sup> CUSIP is a registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP data herein is provided by CUSIP Global Services, managed by S&P Global Market Intelligence, on behalf of the American Bankers Association and are solely for the convenience of the owners and potential owners of the Bonds. No assurance can be given that the CUSIP number for a particular maturity of the Bonds will remain the same after the date of initial delivery of the Bonds. This data is not intended to create a database and does not serve in any way as a substitute for the CUSIP Services. None of the District, the Financial Advisor, or the Purchaser shall be responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth herein.

<sup>(2)</sup> Yield calculated based on the assumption that the Bonds denoted and sold at a premium will be redeemed on February 15, 2031, the first optional call date for such Bonds, at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

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# ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 125 San Jacinto Avenue Highlands, Texas 77562 Telephone: (281) 426-2115 Facsimile: (281) 426-3493

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

<u>Name</u>	Years of Service	Term Expires <u>(May)</u>	Primary <u>Occupation</u>
Leon R. Mullins President	11	2023	Retired
Bobby Birdsong Vice President	11	2023	Retired
Harvey Little Secretary	7	2025	Fire Chief/Retired
Kenneth Boudreaux Treasurer	7	2025	Chemical Plant Operator
John H. Wright III Director	4	2025	Chemical Plant Operator

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Name	Position	Years With the District	
Mark Taylor	General Manager	25 years	

## CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS

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### USE OF INFORMATION IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The information set forth or included in this Official Statement has been provided by the District and from other sources believed by the District and the Purchaser to be reliable. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale hereunder shall create any implication that there has been no change in the financial condition or operations of the Issuer described herein since the date hereof. The Official Statement contains, in part, estimates and matters of opinion that are not intended as statements of fact, and no representation or warranty is made as to the correctness of such estimates and opinions or that they will be realized.

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

The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder will under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the information or opinions set forth herein after the date of this Official Statement. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" for a description of the Issuer's undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

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

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

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

None of the District, its Financial Advisor, or the Purchaser makes any representation or warranty with respect to the information contained in this Official Statement regarding the Depository Trust Company or its book-entry-only system, or the insurer, if any, and its municipal bond insurance policy described herein under the heading "BOND INSURANCE", as such information has been provided by DTC and the bond insurer, respectively.

Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. ("AGM") makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, AGM 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 AGM supplied by AGM and presented under the heading "BOND INSURANCE" and Appendix D – Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy".

The agreements of the District and others related to the Bonds are contained solely in the contracts described herein. Neither this Official Statement nor any other statement made in connection with the offer or sale of the Bonds is to be construed as constituting an agreement with the Purchaser. Investors should read the entire Official Statement, including all appendices attached hereto, to obtain information essential to making an informed investment decision.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this document and any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

THE BONDS ARE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS SHOULD REVIEW THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT BEFORE MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE SECTION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT ENTITLED "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS".

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## SELECTED DATA FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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

The Issuer	The Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (the "Issuer" or "District") was created on May 1, 1939, by the State Board of Water Engineers (a State Agency that was a predecessor of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, and operates under provisions of Chapters 49 and 51 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, and other general statutes of Texas. The first board meeting of the Iawfully appointed Board of Directors was on or about May 25, 1939. The first bonds were sold July 20, 1939. The District is located in an unincorporated area north of Baytown, Texas (the "City") as well as the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City. The District is administered by a five member Board of Directors who are elected by voters in the District. The District is a completely built out District with no developer participation.
The Bonds	The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, including Chapters 49 and 51, as amended, Texas Water Code, Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, an order of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ Order"), a bond election held November 3, 2015, and an order (the "Order") adopted by the Board of Directors of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (the "District" or the "Issuer") on December 14, 2021, being the date of sale of the Bonds.
Redemption	The District reserves the right to redeem the Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 2032, in whole or in part, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 2031 or any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. (See "THE BONDS - Redemption Provisions of the Bonds" herein.)
Paying Agent/Registrar	The initial Paying Agent/Registrar will be BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas.
Security for Payment	The Bonds are payable from an annual ad valorem tax levied, without limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property located within the District. Such covenant to levy taxes is subject to the right of a city, under existing Texas law, to annex all of the territory within the District; to take over all properties and assets of the District; to assume all debts, liabilities, and obligations of the District, including the Bonds; and to abolish the District.
Book-Entry-Only System	The District intends to utilize the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York relating to the method and timing of payment and the method and transfer relating to the Bonds. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.)
Tax Matters	In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions, subject to matters discussed herein under "TAX MATTERS". (See "TAX MATTERS" and Appendix B - Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel" herein.)
Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations	The District will designate the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt obligations" for financial institutions. (See "TAX MATTERS- Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" herein.)
Use of Bond Proceeds	Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the District for (1) purchasing, constructing, acquiring, owning, leasing, operating, repairing, improving, or extending works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances for the District's waterworks, and sanitary sewer system, as well as all expenses in any manner incidental thereto (the currently intended projects being described in the engineer's report filed in the office of the District), and (2) paying the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds and paying such expenses as are incidental to the administration and financing of the District. (See "THE BONDS - Use of Bond Proceeds" herein.)

Ratings	S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") has assigned an insured rating of AA (stable outlook) to the Bonds with the understanding that, concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds, a municipal bond insurance policy will be issued by AGM. The District has received an underlying unenhanced rating of "A-" from S&P. (See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Ratings" herein.)
Bond Insurance	The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. ("AGM" or the "Insurer". (See "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" herein.)
Payment Record	The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.
Future Bond issues	The District has no plans for any other debt issues in the next 12 months.
Delivery	When issued, anticipated on or about January 12, 2022.
Legality	Delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the rendering of an opinion as to legality by Johnson Petrov LLP, Bond Counsel, Houston, Texas.

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### **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

### relating to

### \$8,150,000 HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Harris County, Texas) Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022

### INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement, including the schedule and the appendices hereto, provides certain information in connection with the issuance by the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (the "District" or "Issuer') of its \$8,150,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022 (the "Bonds") identified on the cover page.

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and the Bonds are being issued pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, including Chapters 49 and 51, as amended, Texas Water Code, Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, an order of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ Order"), a bond election held November 3, 2015, and an order (the "Order") to be adopted by the Board of Directors of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (the "District" or the "Issuer") on December 14, 2021, being the date of sale of the Bonds (see "THE BONDS –Authority for Issuance" herein).

Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms used in this Official Statement have the same meanings assigned to such terms in the Order. Included in this Official Statement are descriptions of the Bonds and certain information about the District and its finances. *ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF DOCUMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE SUMMARIES ONLY AND ARE QUALIFIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO EACH SUCH DOCUMENT*. A copy of such documents may be obtained upon request from the District or its Financial Advisor, SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., 1020 NE Loop 410, Suite 640, San Antonio, Texas 78209, via electronic mail or upon payment of reasonable copying, handling, and delivery charges.

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

This Official Statement speaks only as to its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. A copy of the Final Official Statement pertaining to the Bonds will be filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" herein for a description of the District's undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis. Capitalized terms used, but not defined herein, shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Order.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK – COVID-19

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

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas (the "Governor") declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas in response to the Pandemic which has been subsequently extended and is still in effect. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has broad authority to respond to disasters, including suspending any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conducting state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster, and issuing executive orders that have the force and effect of law. The Governor has issued a number of executive orders relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation. However, on July 29, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order GA-38, which supersedes all pre-existing executive orders related to COVID-19 and rescinds them in their entirety, except for Executive Order GA-38 combines several previous executive orders into one order and continues the prohibition against governmental entities in Texas, including any person to wear a face covering and subjects a governmental entity or official to a fine of up to \$1,000 for noncompliance. It also prohibits governmental entities from: (1) compelling any individual to receive a COVID-19 vaccine administered under emergency use authorization, and (ii) enforcing any requirements to show proof of vaccination before receiving a service or entering any place (other than nursing homes, hospitals and similar facilities) if the public or private entity that has adopted such requirement receives public funds through any means. Executive Order GA-38 remains in effect until amended, rescinded, or superseded by the Governor. 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, either expressly or by implication, into this Official Statement.

In addition to the actions by the State and federal officials, certain local officials, including the District and Harris County, Texas, have declared a local state of disaster and have issued "shelter-in-place" orders. Many of the federal, state and local actions and policies under the aforementioned disaster declarations and shelter-in-place orders are focused on limiting instances where the public can congregate or interact with each other, which affects the operation of businesses and directly impacts the economy.

The Pandemic has negatively affected travel, commerce, and financial markets globally, and is widely expected to continue to negatively affect economic output worldwide and within the District and Harris County. These negative impacts may reduce or otherwise negatively affect ad valorem tax revenues which are pledged as security for the Bonds. The District, however, cannot predict the effect of the continued spread of COVID-19 will have on the finances or operations and maintenance of the District.

The District collects revenue from the sale of water and the collection of sewageon business activity. Actions taken to slow the Pandemic are expected to continue to reduce economic activity within the District on which the District collects taxes, charges, and fees. A reduction in the collection of utility system revenue, and may negatively impact the District's operating budget and overall financial condition. In addition, the Pandemic has resulted in volatility of the value of investments in pension funds. Any prolonged continuation of the Pandemic could further weaken asset values or slow or prevent their recovery, which could require increased District contributions to fund or pay retirement and other post-employment benefits in the future.

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

### Convening of the Texas Legislature

On January 12, 2021, the 87th Texas Legislature convened in general session which adjourned on May 31, 2021. The Texas Governor called a first special session which began July 8, 2021 and concluded on August 6, 2021. The Governor called a second special session which began on August 7, 2021 and concluded on September 2, 2021. The Governor called a third special session which convened on September 20, 2021, and the Texas Governor may call one or more additional special sessions. During this time, the Texas Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to the District and the financial condition of the District. The District makes no representation regarding any actions the Texas Legislature may take but intends to monitor proposed and final legislation for any developments applicable to the District.

### THE BONDS

### **General Description**

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from December 15, 2021 (the "Dated Date") and is payable August 15, 2022, and each February 15 and August 15 thereafter until stated maturity or prior redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form only, without coupons, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a stated maturity, and when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, acting as securities depository for the Bonds until DTC resigns or is discharged. The Bonds initially will be available to purchasers in book-entry form only. Purchasers of the Bonds ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. So long as Cede & Co., as the paying agent to DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the paying agent to DTC, which will be solely responsible for making such payment to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The initial paying agent/registrar for the Bonds shall be BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"). (See "BOOK–ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.)

If the specified date for any payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday or equivalent for banking institutions generally in the city in which Designated Payment Transfer Office of the Paying Agent is located, such payment may be made on the next succeeding day which is not one of the foregoing days without additional interest and with the same force and effect as if made on the specified date for such payment.

### **Redemption Provisions of the Bonds**

The District reserves the right to redeem the Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 2032, in whole or in part, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 2031, or any date thereafter, at the redemption of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

## Selection of Bonds to be Redeemed

The Bonds of a denomination larger than \$5,000 may be redeemed in part (in increments of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof). The Bonds to be partially redeemed must be surrendered in exchange for one or more new Bonds for the unredeemed portion of the principal. If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District will determine the amounts to be redeemed and will direct the Paying Agent/Registrar (or DTC while the Bonds are in Book-Entry-Only form) to select, at random and by lot, the particular Bonds, or portion thereof, to be redeemed. If a Bond (or any portion of the principal sum thereof) will have been called for redemption and notice or such redemption will have been given, such Bond (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed), will become due and payable on such redemption date and interest thereon will cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, provided funds for the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest thereon are held by the Paying Agent/Registrar on the redemption date.

### Notice of Redemption of the Bonds

Not less than 30 days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds, the District shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the address of the registered owner appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice. ANY NOTICE SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN, WHETHER OR NOT THE REGISTERED OWNER RECEIVES SUCH NOTICE. NOTICE HAVING BEEN SO GIVEN, THE BONDS CALLED FOR REDEMPTION SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE SPECIFIED REDEMPTION DATE, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THAT ANY BOND OR PORTION THEREOF HAS NOT BEEN SURRENDERED FOR PAYMENT, INTEREST ON SUCH BOND OR PORTION THEREOF SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE.

All notices of redemption shall (i) specify the date of redemption for the Bonds, (ii) identify the Bonds to be redeemed and, in the case of a portion of the principal amount to be redeemed, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, (iii) state the redemption price, (iv) state that the Bonds, or the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall become due and payable on the redemption date specified, and the interest thereon, or on the portion of the redemption price for the Bonds, or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, and (v) specify that payment of the redemption price for the Bonds, or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall be made at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender thereof by the registered owner. If a Bond is subject by its terms to redemption and has been called for redemption and notice of redemption thereof has been duly given or waived as provided in the Order, such Bonds (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) so called for redemption shall become due and payable, and on the redemption date designated in such notice, interest on said Bonds (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) so called for redemption shall become due and payable, and on the redemption shall become due and payable, and such Bonds shall become due and payable, and on the redemption shall become due and payable, and such Bonds (or principal amount thereof to be redeemed) so called for redemption shall become due and payable, or so called for redemption shall become due and payable, and on the redemption shall become due and payable, and on the redemption shall become due and payable, and on the redemption shall become due and payable, and on the redemption shall become due and payable, and on the redemption shall become due and payable, and on the redemption shall become due and payable, and on the redemption shall become due and payable, and on th

The Paying Agent/Registrar and the District, so long as a Book-Entry-Only System is used for the Bonds, will send any notice of redemption of any Bond, notice of proposed amendment to the Order or other notices with respect to the Bonds only to DTC (defined herein). Any failure by DTC to advise any DTC participant, or of any DTC participant or indirect participant to notify the beneficial owner, will not affect the validity of the redemption of the Bonds called for redemption or any other action premised or any such notice. Redemption of portions of the Bonds by the District will reduce the outstanding principal amount of such Bonds held by DTC. In such event, DTC may implement, through its Book-Entry-Only System, a redemption of such Bonds held for the account of DTC participants in accordance with its rules or other agreements with DTC participants and then DTC participants and indirect participants may implement a redemption of such Bonds from the beneficial owners. Any such selection of Bonds to be redeemed will not be governed by the Order and will not be conducted by the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Neither the District nor the Paying Agent/Registrar will have any responsibility to DTC participants, indirect participants or the persons for whom DTC participants act as nominees, with respect to the payments on the Bonds or the providing of notice to DTC participants, indirect participants, or beneficial owners of the selection of portions of the Bonds for redemption. (See "THE BONDS - Book-Entry-Only System" herein).

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## **Use of Bond Proceeds**

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Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the District for (1) purchasing, constructing, acquiring, owning, leasing, operating, repairing, improving, or extending works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances for the District's waterworks, and sanitary sewer system, as well as all expenses in any manner incidental thereto (the currently intended projects being described in the engineer's report filed in the office of the District), and (2) paying the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds and paying such expenses as are incidental to the administration and financing of the District.

. C	Construction Costs				
	а.	Developer Contribution Items	\$0		
	b.	District Items			
	i.	Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 Improvements	\$2,545,455		
	ii.	Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Improvements	327586		
	iii.	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	136,818		
	iv.	Waterline Improvements Phase 1	1,868,182		
	٧.	Waterline Improvements Phase 2	1,227,727		
	vi.	Contingencies <sup>(1)</sup>	610,577		
	vii.	Engineering(2)	609,755		
	viii.	Survey, Geotech CMT <sup>(2)</sup>	480,300		
	ix.	Total District Items	\$ <u>7,806,400</u>		
	C.	Total Construction Costs	\$7,806,400		
. N	loncon	struction Costs			
	а.	Legal Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	\$101,875		
	b.	Fiscal Agent Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	53,800		
	C.	Bond Discount (1%)	81,500		
	d.	Bond Issuance Expenses	37,900		
	e.	Bond Application Report Costs	40,000		
	f.	Attorney General Fee (0.10% or \$9,500 max.)	8,150		
	g.	TCEQ Bond Issuance Fee (0.25%)	20,375		
	h.	Total Nonconstruction Costs	343,600		
. т	otal B	ond Issue Requirement	\$8,150,000		

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$234,000 for Item No. i, \$44,700 for item No. ii, \$23, 055, for Item No iii, \$180,500 for Item No. iv, \$127,500 for Item No. v.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes \$36,300 for Item No. i, \$34,500 for Item No. ii, \$34, 500 for Item No. iii, \$212,500 for Item No. iv, \$162,500 for Item No. v.

<sup>(3)</sup> According to contract provided and application material, legal fees are based on hourly rate, not to exceed 1.25% of the principal.

 $^{(4)}$  According to contract provided, fiscal agent fees are based on a base fee of \$5,000, plus \$15.00 per \$1,000 of bonds sold up to \$1,000,000, plus \$10.00 per \$1,000 on the bonds between \$1,000,000 and \$2,500,000, plus \$5.50 per \$1,000 on the bonds between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000, plus \$2.00 per \$1,000 on the bonds between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, plus \$1.00 per \$1,000 on bonds issued above \$10,000,000.

In the instance that approved estimated amounts exceed actual costs, the difference comprises a surplus which may be expended for uses in accordance with the rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (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 and others have advised the District that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds should be sufficient to finance the costs of acquisition or construction of the above-described facilities. However, the District cannot and does not guarantee the sufficiency of such funds for such purposes.

### Authority for Issuance

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, including Chapters 49 and 51, as amended, Texas Water Code, Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, an order of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ Order"), a bond election held November 3, 2015, and the Order.

### Source of and Security for Payment

The Bonds are payable from an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property located within the District. Such covenant to levy taxes is subject to the right of a city, under existing Texas law, to annex all of the territory within the District; to take over all properties and assets of the District; to assume all debts, liabilities, and obligations of the District, including the Bonds; and to abolish the District.

The Board covenants in the Order that, while any of the Bonds are outstanding and the District is in existence, it will levy and assess a continuing ad valorem tax upon each \$100 valuation of taxable property within the District at a rate from year to year sufficient, full allowance being made for anticipated delinquencies, together with revenues and receipts from other sources which are legally available for such purposes, to pay interest on the Bonds as it becomes due, to provide for the payment of principal on the Bonds when due or the redemption price at any earlier required redemption date, to pay when due other contractual obligations of the District payable in whole or in part from taxes, and to pay the expenses of assessing and collecting such tax. The Board additionally covenants in the Order to timely assess and collect such tax. The net proceeds from taxes levied to pay the District's debt service are required to be placed in a special account of the District designated as the "Bond Fund" and used solely to pay principal and interest on the Bonds, the Outstanding Bonds (as hereinafter defined), and on any additional bonds payable from taxes which may be issued, as well as fees and expenses of the Paying Agent/Registrar and expenses of assessing and collecting such tax.

### Annexation and Consolidation

Chapter 42, Local Government Code, provides that, within the limits described therein, the unincorporated area contiguous to the corporate limits of any municipality comprises that municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction ("ETJ"). The size of an ETJ depends in part on the municipality's population. With certain exceptions, a municipality may annex territory only within the confines of its ETJ. When a municipality annexes additional territory, the municipality's ETJ expands in conformity with such annexation.

The District lies within the ETJ of the City of Baytown, Texas (the "City"), a home rule municipality. The District may not be annexed for full purposes by the City except as may be specifically authorized by Chapter 43, Local Government Code, as amended. Any authorized annexation is subject to compliance by the City with various requirements of Chapter 43, Local Government Code. Such requirements include the requirement that the City hold an election in the District whereby the qualified voters of the District approve the proposed annexation. Further, if the voters in the area to be annexed do not own more than 50% of the land in the area, a petition signed by more than 50% of the landowners consenting to the annexation is also required. If the District is annexed, the City must assume the District's assets and obligations (e.g., the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds) and abolish the District within ninety (90) days of the date of annexation. Annexation of territory by the City is a policy-making matter within the discretion of the Mayor and City Council of the City, and therefore, the District (such as the District) has the legal authority to consolidate with other districts and in connection therewith, to provide for the consolidation of its assets, such as cash and the utility system, with the water and wastewater systems of districts with which it is consolidating as well as its liabilities (which would include the Bonds). No representation is made concerning the likelihood of annexation or the ability of any city to make debt service payments on the Bonds should annexation occur.

The Bonds are obligations solely of the District and are not obligations of the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District, Harris County, Texas, the State of Texas, or any political subdivision or entity other than the District.

## **Payment Record**

The District has never defaulted on the timely payment of its general obligation indebtedness.

## Legality

Delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the rendering of an opinion as to legality by Johnson Petrov LLP, Bond Counsel, Houston, Texas.

### **Defeasance of the Bonds**

The 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 with 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, (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 or 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-only 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 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 Order.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded as 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 the future in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds.

## **Default and Remedies**

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# **Outstanding Debt**

In addition to bonds issued by the District that have been retired or refunded, the District has previously issued \$2,215,000 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 ("Series 2013 Bonds") and \$7,850,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2017 ("Series 2017 Bonds"). As of November 1, 2021, \$510,000.00 of the Series 2013 Bonds and \$6,740,000 of the Series 2017 Bonds remain outstanding (the "Outstanding Bonds"). The District has timely made payments due on the Outstanding Bonds.

## **Issuance of Additional Debt**

The District may issue bonds necessary to provide those improvements and facilities for which the District was created, with the approval of the TCEQ and, in the case of bonds payable from taxes (other than refunding bonds), the District's voters. Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have no authorized unissued unlimited tax bonds as authorized by the District's voters. The District also has the right to enter into certain other obligations including the issuance of revenue bonds and notes, bond anticipation notes, tax anticipation notes without voter approval, and refunding bonds to refund outstanding debt. Neither Texas law nor the Order imposes a limitation on the amount of additional debt which may be issued by the District. Any additional debt issued by the District may dilute the security of the Bonds.

## Amendments

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

## SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

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

Sources of Funds	
Par Amount	\$8,150,000.00
Accrued Interest on the Bonds	16,505.63
Net Reoffering Premium	399,268.55
Total Sources of Funds	<u>\$8,565,774.18</u>
Uses of Funds	
Deposit to the Construction Fund	\$8,138,208.56
Cost of Issuance (Including Bond Insurance, if any)	262,100.00
Accrued Interest Deposit to Bond Fund	16,505.63
Purchaser's Discount	<u>    148,959.99</u>
Total Uses of Funds	<u>\$8,565,774.18</u>

## INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

### General

The Bonds, which are obligations of the District and not of the State of Texas, Harris County, Texas, or any political subdivision other than the District, will be secured by an annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied against all taxable property located within the District. Therefore, the ultimate security for payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds depends upon the ability of the District 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 property within the 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.

### **Factors Affecting Taxable Values and Tax Payments**

*Economic Factors.* A substantial percentage of the assessed valuation of the property located within the District is attributable to the current market value of single-family residences that have been constructed within the District. The market value of such homes is related to general economic conditions affecting the demand for residences. Further declines in the price of oil could adversely affect job stability, wages and salaries, thereby negatively affecting the demand for housing. Were the District to experience a significant number of residential foreclosures, the value of all homes within the District could be adversely affected.

*National Economy.* The District cannot predict what impact, if any, a downturn in the local housing market and the national housing market and a continued downturn in the national financial markets may have on the Houston market generally and the District specifically, or the maintenance of assessed values in the District.

*Credit Markets and Liquidity in the Financial Markets.* Interest rates and the availability of mortgage funding have a direct impact on single-family housing activity. Because of the numerous and changing factors affecting the availability of funds, particularly liquidity in the national credit markets, the District is unable to assess the future availability of such funds. In addition, since the District is located approximately 25 miles northeast of the central downtown business district of the City of Houston, the success of development within the District and growth of District taxable property values are, to a great extent, a function of the Houston metropolitan and regional economies and national credit and financial markets. A downturn in the economic conditions of Houston or decline in real estate and financial markets in the United States could adversely affect the District and restrain the growth of the District's property tax base.

Potential Effects of Oil Price Volatility on the Houston Area. The recent volatility in oil prices in the U.S. and globally, which at times have led to the lowest such 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 Houston area has, in the past, been particularly affected by adverse conditions in the oil and gas industry, and such conditions and their spillover effects into other industries could result in declines in the demand for residential and commercial property in the Houston area and could reduce or negatively affect property values or homebuilding activity within the District. As previously stated, the Bonds are secured by an unlimited ad valorem tax, and a reduction in property values may require an increase in the ad valorem tax rate required to pay the Bonds as well as the District's share of operations and maintenance expenses payable from ad valorem taxes.

Severe Weather. The District is located approximately 40 miles from the Texas Gulf Coast. Land located in this area is susceptible to high winds, heavy rain and flooding caused by hurricanes, tropical storms, and other tropical disturbances. If a hurricane (or any other natural disaster) significantly damaged all or part of the improvements within the District, the assessed value of property within the District could be substantially reduced, with a corresponding decrease in tax revenues or necessity to increase the District's tax rate. 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 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 would be adversely affected. The greater Houston area has experienced four storms exceeding a 0.2% probability of occurrence (i.e., "500-year flood" events) since 2015. If the District were to sustain damage to its facilities as a result of such a storm (or any other severe weather event) requiring substantial repair or replacement, or if substantial damage to taxable property within the District were to occur as a result of a severe weather event, the investment security of the Bonds could be adversely affected.

Specific Flood Type Risks. The District may be subject to the following flood risks:

*Ponding (or Pluvial) Flooding* – 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 upstream or behind a dam, levee or reservoir.

*Riverine (or Fluvial) Flooding* – 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 over land. 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 flooding 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 downstream.

Atlas 14. The National Weather Service recently completed a rainfall study known as NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 11 Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States ("Atlas 14"). Floodplain boundaries within the District may be redrawn based on the Atlas 14 study based on a higher statistical rainfall amount, resulting in the application of more stringent floodplain regulations applying to a larger area and potentially leaving less developable property within the District. The application of such regulations could additionally result in higher insurance rates, increased development fees, and stricter building codes for any property located within the expanded boundaries of the floodplain.

Harris County Floodplain Regulations. As a direct result of Hurricane Harvey, Harris County adopted new rules and amended existing regulations relating to minimizing the potential impact of new development on drainage and mitigating flooding risks. The new and amended Harris County regulations took effect January 1, 2018. The Harris County floodplain regulations govern construction projects in unincorporated Harris County and include regulations governing the elevation of structures in the 100-year and 500-year floodplains. Additionally, the Harris County regulations govern the minimum finished floor elevations as well as specific foundation construction requirements and windstorm construction requirements for properties located both above and below the 100-year flood elevation. The new and amended Harris County regulations may have a negative impact on new development in and around the District as well as on the rehabilitation of existing homes impacted by flooding or other natural disasters.

## **Continuing Compliance with Certain Covenants**

The Order contains covenants by the District intended to preserve the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Bonds. Failure of 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" herein.

## **Environmental Regulation**

Wastewater treatment, water supply, storm sewer 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, wastewater 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;
- Requiring remedial action to prevent or mitigate pollution.

Sanctions against a 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 issuance 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.

*Air Quality Issues:* Air quality control measures required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") and 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 (3) 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 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 issued 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 (6) 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.

*Water Supply & Discharge Issues:* 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 the EPA'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 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.

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 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 challenged in numerous jurisdictions, including the Southern District of Texas, causing significant uncertainty regarding the ultimate scope of "waters of the United States" and the extent of EPA and USACE jurisdiction.

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 (4) 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 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 was 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.

## Future and Proposed Legislation

From time to time, there are Presidential proposals, proposals of various federal committees, and legislative proposals in the Congress and in the states that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal and state tax matters referred to herein or adversely affect the marketability or market value of the Bonds or otherwise prevent holders of the Bonds from realizing the full benefit of the tax exemption of interest on the Bonds. Further, such proposals may impact the marketability or market value of the Bonds simply by being proposed. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether if enacted it would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed and litigation is threatened or commenced which, if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value, marketability or tax status of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether any such regulatory action will be implemented, how any particular litigation or judicial action will be resolved, or whether the Bonds would be impacted thereby.

Purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation. The disclosures and opinions expressed herein are based upon existing legislation and regulations as interpreted by relevant judicial and regulatory authorities as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, and no opinion is expressed as of any date subsequent thereto or with respect to any proposed or pending legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation, including any proposals that may arise in the upcoming 87th Texas Legislature to convene on January 12, 2021.

### Marketability

The District has no understanding (other than the initial reoffering yields) with the Purchaser regarding the reoffering yields or prices of the Bonds and has no control over the trading of the Bonds in the secondary market. Moreover, 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.

### **REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE**

## Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. In the Order, the Issuer retains the right to replace the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced by the Issuer, the new Paying Agent/Registrar shall accept the previous Paying Agent/Registrar's records and act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent/Registrar,

selected at the sole discretion of the Issuer, shall be a national or state banking association or corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, shall be subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority, and registered as a transfer agent with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Upon a change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds, the Issuer agrees to promptly cause written notice thereof to be sent to each registered owner of the Bonds affected by the change by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid. **Record Date** 

The record date ("Record Date") for determining the registered owner entitled to receive the interest payable on a Bond on any interest payment date means the last business day of the month next preceding each interest payment date. In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar.

## **Special Record Date for Interest Payment**

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

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form in multiples of \$5,000 for any one stated maturity, and principal and semiannual interest will be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar. Interest will be paid by check or draft mailed on each interest payment date by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner at the last known address as it appears on the Paying Agent/Registrar's books or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by and at the risk and expense of the registered owner. Principal will be paid to the registered owner at stated maturity or earlier redemption upon presentation to the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday or a day when banking institutions in the city where the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a day, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the date payment was due.

## **Future Registration**

In the event the Bonds are not in the Book-Entry-Only System, the Bonds may be transferred, registered, and assigned on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration and transfer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Bonds being transferred or exchanged at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk and expense. New Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in denominations of \$5,000 for any one stated maturity or any integral multiple thereof and for a like aggregate principal amount and rate of interest as the Bond or Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein for a description of the system to be utilized in regard to ownership and transferability of the Bonds.)

## Limitation on Transfer of Bonds

Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to issue, transfer, or exchange any Bond called for redemption, in whole or in part, within 45 days of the date fixed for redemption; provided, however, such limitation of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the registered owner of the uncalled balance of a Bond called for redemption in part.

## **Replacement Bonds**

The Issuer has agreed to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bonds upon surrender of the mutilated Bonds to the Paying Agent/Registrar, or receipt of satisfactory evidence of such destruction, loss, or theft, and receipt by the Issuer and Paying Agent/Registrar of security or indemnity as may be required by either of them to hold them harmless. The Issuer may require payment of taxes, governmental charges, and other expenses in connection with any such replacement.

## BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

This section describes how ownership of the Bonds is to be transferred and how the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, while the Bonds are registered in its nominee name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The District, the Financial Advisor, and the Underwriters believe the source of such information to be reliable, but take 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. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the SEC, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered 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 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, 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 corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation, and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participants"). DTC has a S&P Global Ratings rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of 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 representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The 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, 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 Paying Agent/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 a maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity 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 Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the 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).

Redemption proceeds, principal, premium, if any, and interest 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 the Paying Agent/Registrar, on payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC nor its nominee, the Paying Agent/Registrar, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, principal premium, if any, and interest payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to Issuer or Paying Agent/Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, physical certificates representing each Bond stated maturity are required to be printed and delivered. The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, physical certificates representing each Bond

stated maturity will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District, the Financial Advisor, and the Underwriters believe to be reliable, but none of the District, the Financial Advisor, or the Underwriters take responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, the Issuer will have no obligation or responsibility to the DTC. Participants or Indirect Participants, or the persons for which they act as nominees, with respect to payment to or providing of notice to such Participants, or the persons for which they act as nominees.

## Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of this Official Statement

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

## THE DISTRICT

### General

The District was created on May 1, 1939, by the State Board of Water Engineers (a State Agency that was a predecessor of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, and operates under provisions of Chapter 51 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, and other general statutes of Texas. Chapter 51 establishes the purposes of water control and improvement districts, which, among other things, include the control, storage, and distribution of water, and the protection, preservation, and restoration of the sanitary condition of water within the state. The District is subject to the continuing supervision of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "Commission"), as well as other local, state and federal regulatory agencies.

The first board meeting of the lawfully appointed Board of Directors was on or about May 25, 1939. The first bonds were sold July 20, 1939. The District is located in an unincorporated area north of Baytown, Texas (the "City") and within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The District consists of 2,064 acres and has a total of 2,568 connections and a population of 7,872. The District is administered by a five member Board of Directors who are elected by voters in the District. The District is a completely built out District with no developer participation.

The District presently has 11 full-time employees engaged in administrative, operations and maintenance functions. The District provides retirement, disability and death benefits for all of its full-time employees through a non-traditional defined benefits plan in the statewide Texas County and District Retirement System. See "Table 10 - Employee's Pension Plan and Other Post- Employment Benefits" in Appendix A hereto for a description of the plan, employee and District contributions to the plan and the plan's funding status. The District offers retirees the option to purchase insurance through the District's health plan, but retirees must pay 100% of the premiums associated with their coverage.

## Annexations

There are currently no pending annexations in the District.

## Source of Water Supply

The District entered into an agreement with the Baytown Area Water Authority ("BAWA") in September, 1993, to purchase at least 850,000 gallons of water per day at a minimum cost of one (\$1.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons and that such purchases shall begin no later than December 31, 1994. The cost of the water has increased periodically and was \$2.95 per one thousand gallons during the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021. The District's cost for such water during the current year was \$445,793.15. The District purchases approximately 70% of its water from BAWA with the balance of water coming from District owned wells.

## Subsidence District Requirements

The District is within the boundaries of the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District (the "Subsidence District') which regulates groundwater withdrawal. The District's authority to pump groundwater from its well is subject to annual permits issued by the Subsidence District. On April 14, 1999, the Subsidence District adopted a District Regulatory Plan, as amended (the "1999 Plan") to reduce groundwater withdrawal through conversion to surface water in areas within the Subsidence District's jurisdiction. Under the 1999 Plan, the District's groundwater withdrawals must comprise no more than 20% of the District's total water demand. Beginning in January 2001, a disincentive fee was applied to any groundwater withdrawn that constitutes greater than 20% of the District's total water demand. The District annually purchases groundwater credits from the Subsidence District to allow the District to use groundwater for up to a total of 50% of the District's total water demand. The District is in compliance with the 1999 Plan.

### Source of Wastewater Treatment

The District owns and operates a permanent wastewater treatment plant with a present capacity totaling 2,350,000 gpd and eight lift stations. The Peak capacity is 9.0 MGD. Based upon a design criteria of 300 gpd per single family connection, the capacity is adequate to service approximately 7,830 connections. The District currently has 2,568 connections in district sewer connections, and 220 out of district sewer connections for a total of 2,788 sewer connections.

## BOND INSURANCE

## BOND INSURANCE POLICY

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. ("AGM" or the "Insurer" 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 Appendix D to this Official Statement.

The Policy is not covered by an insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

## ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP.

AGM is a New York domiciled financial guaranty insurance company and an indirect subsidiary of Assured Guaranty Ltd. ("AGL"), a Bermuda-based holding company whose shares are publicly traded and are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "AGO". AGL, through its operating subsidiaries, provides credit enhancement products to the U.S. and international public finance (including infrastructure) and structured finance markets and asset management services. Neither AGL nor any of its shareholders or affiliates, other than AGM, is obligated to pay any debts of AGM or any claims under any insurance policy issued by AGM.

AGM's financial strength is rated "AA" (stable outlook) by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), "AA+" (stable outlook) by Kroll Bond Rating Agency, Inc. ("KBRA") and "A2" (stable outlook) by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"). Each rating of AGM should be evaluated independently. An explanation of the significance of the above ratings may be obtained from the applicable rating agency. The above ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold any security, and such ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agencies, including withdrawal initiated at the request of AGM in its sole discretion. In addition, the rating agencies may at any time change AGM's long-term rating outlooks or place such ratings on a watch list for possible downgrade in the near term. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any of the above ratings, the assignment of a negative outlook to such ratings or the placement of such ratings on a negative watch list may have an adverse effect on the market price of any security guaranteed by AGM. AGM only guarantees scheduled principal and scheduled interest payments payable by the issuer of bonds insured by AGM 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 relevant insurance policy), and does not guarantee the market price or liquidity of the securities it insures, nor does it guarantee that the ratings on such securities will not be revised or withdrawn.

### Current Financial Strength Ratings

On October 20, 2021, KBRA announced it had affirmed AGM's insurance financial strength rating of "AA+" (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that KBRA may take.

On July 8, 2021, S&P announced it had affirmed AGM's financial strength rating of "AA" (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that S&P may take.

On August 13, 2019, Moody's announced it had affirmed AGM's insurance financial strength rating of "A2" (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that Moody's may take.

For more information regarding AGM's financial strength ratings and the risks relating thereto, see AGL's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

Capitalization of AGM

At September 30, 2021:

The policyholders' surplus of AGM was approximately \$2,910 million.

The contingency reserve of AGM was approximately \$963 million.

The net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commission income of AGM and its subsidiaries (as described below) were approximately \$2,124 million. Such amount includes (i) 100% of the net unearned premium reserve and deferred ceding commission income of AGM, and (ii) the net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commissions of AGM's wholly owned subsidiaries Assured Guaranty UK Limited ("AGUK") and Assured Guaranty (Europe) SA ("AGE").

The policyholders' surplus of AGM and the contingency reserves, net unearned premium reserves and deferred ceding commission income of AGM were determined in accordance with statutory accounting principles. The net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commissions of AGUK and AGE were determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference

Portions of the following documents filed by AGL with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that relate to AGM are incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and shall be deemed to be a part hereof:

- (i) the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 (filed by AGL with the SEC on February 26, 2021);
- (ii) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2021 (filed by AGL with the SEC on May 7, 2021);
- (iii) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2021 (filed by AGL with the SEC on August 6, 2021); and
- (iv) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2021 (filed by AGL with the SEC on November 5, 2021).

All information relating to AGM included in, or as exhibits to, documents filed by AGL with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, excluding Current Reports or portions thereof "furnished" under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K, after the filing of the last document referred to above and before the termination of the offering of the Bonds shall be deemed incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and to be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing such documents. Copies of materials incorporated by reference are available over the internet at the SEC's website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>, at AGL's website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a> at AGL's website at <a href="htt

Any information regarding AGM included herein under the caption "BOND INSURANCE – Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp." or included in a document incorporated by reference herein (collectively, the "AGM Information") shall be modified or superseded to the extent that any subsequently included AGM Information (either directly or through incorporation by reference) modifies or supersedes such previously included AGM Information. Any AGM Information so modified or superseded shall not constitute a part of this Official Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

### Miscellaneous Matters

AGM makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, AGM 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 AGM supplied by AGM and presented under the heading "BOND INSURANCE".

## BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS

In the event of default of the payment of principal or interest with respect to the Bonds when all or some becomes due, any owner of the Bonds shall have a claim under the Policy for such payments. However, in the event of any acceleration of the due date of such principal by reason of mandatory or optional redemption or acceleration resulting from default or otherwise, 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 may insure against redemption premium, if any. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Bonds by the District which is recovered by the District from the Bond owner as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law may be covered by the Policy, however, such payments will be made by the Insurer at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absence such prepayment by the District unless the 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 Insurer without appropriate consent. The Insurer may direct and must consent to any remedies that the Paying Agent/Registrar exercises and the Insurer's consent may be required in connection with amendments to any applicable Bond documents.

In the event the 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 by the Paying Agent/Registrar pursuant to the applicable Bond documents. In the event the Insurer becomes obligated to make payments with respect to the Bonds, no assurance is given that such event will not adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds.

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

The obligations of the Insurer under the Policy are general obligations of the Insurer and in an event of default by the Insurer; the remedies available may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law. Neither the District, the Purchaser, nor its Financial Advisor has made an independent investigation into the claims paying ability of the Insurer and no assurance or representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of the Insurer is given.

Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of the District to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds and the claims paying ability of the Insurer, particularly over the life of the investment. See "BOND INSURANCE" herein.

### CLAIMS-PAYING ABILITY AND FINANCIAL STRENGTH OF MUNICIPAL BOND INSURERS

Moody's Investors Services, Inc., S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), and Fitch Ratings, Inc. (the "Rating Agencies") have, since 2008, downgraded, and/or placed on negative credit watch, the claims-paying ability and financial strength of all providers of municipal bond insurance. Additional downgrades or negative changes in the rating outlook for all bond insurers is possible. In addition, recent events in the credit markets have had substantial negative effects on the bond insurance business. These developments could be viewed as having a material adverse effect on the claims-paying ability of municipal bond insurers.

### **INVESTMENT POLICIES**

The District invests its investable funds in investments authorized by State law, including Chapter 2256, as amended, Texas Government Code (the "Texas Public Funds Investment Act"), and in accordance with investment policies approved by the Board. Both State law and the District's investment policies are subject to change.

### Legal Investments

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

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

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

### **Investment Policies**

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

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

### Current Investments

TABLE 1

As of September 30, 2021, the District held investments as follows:

Investment Type	Amount	Percentage
Cash, Money Markets, and Certificates of Deposit	\$223,309.82	100.00%
Maintenance Reserve Fund	2,362,592.19	
Bond Construction Fund	2,441,488.90	
Total Investme	ents <u>\$5,027,390.91</u>	

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

## AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES

The Board is authorized to levy an annual ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the District in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, 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 Order to levy such a tax from year-toyear as described more fully herein under "THE BONDS - Source of and Security for Payment." Under Texas law, the Board is also authorized to levy and collect an annual ad valorem tax for the operation and maintenance of the District and its water and wastewater system and for the payment of certain contractual obligations, if authorized by its voters. See "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS."

## 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. The appraisal district is governed by a board of directors which is elected by the governing bodies of cities, towns, school districts, and conservation and reclamation districts such as the District that participate in the appraisal district and of the county. The board of directors of the appraisal district selects a chief appraiser to manage the appraisal offices of the appraisal district. All taxing units within Harris County, including the District, are included in the Harris County Appraisal District (the "Appraisal District"). The Appraisal District is responsible for appraising property within the District, subject to review by the Harris County Appraisal Review Board. The District must use the appraisal roll as approved by the Harris County Appraisal Review Board to establish its tax roll and tax rate.

## Property Subject to Taxation by the District

Except for certain exemptions provided by Texas law, all property with a tax situs in the District is subject to taxation by the District; however, no effort is made by the District to collect taxes on tangible or intangible personal property not devoted to commercial or industrial use. Principal categories of exempt property include: 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 non-profit cemeteries; farm products owned by the producer; and certain property owned by charitable, religious, scientific, literary, student *housing*, veterans, youth, development or fraternal organizations. Other principal categories of exempt property include tangible personal property not held or used for production

of income, solar and windpowered energy devices; most individually owned automobiles; an exemption from \$5,000 to a maximum of \$12,000 for real and personal property of disabled veterans or the surviving spouse or children of a deceased veteran who died while on active duty in the armed forces; and certain classes of intangible property.

Article VIII, Section 1-j of the Texas Constitution provides for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for "freeport property," which is defined as goods detained in the state for 175 days or less for the purpose of assembly, storage, manufacturing, processing or fabrication. Taxing units that took *action* prior to April 1, 1990 may continue to tax freeport property and decisions to continue to tax freeport property may be reversed in the future. However, decisions to exempt freeport property are not subject to reversal. Article VIII, Section 1-n of the Texas Constitution provides for the exemption from taxation of "goods-in-transit." "Goods-in-transit" is defined by Section 11.253 of the Tax Code, as personal property acquired or imported into Texas and transported to another location in the State or outside of the State within 175 days of the date the property was acquired or imported into Texas. The exemption excludes oil, natural gas, petroleum products, aircraft and special inventory, including motor vehicle, vessel and out-board motor, heavy equipment and manufactured housing inventory. Section 11.253 permits local governmental entities, on a local option basis, to take official action by January 1 of the year preceding a tax year, after holding a public hearing, to tax "goods-in-transit" during the following tax year except that a taxing unit may not tax such goods-in-transit in a tax year that begins on or after January 1, 2012 unless the governing body of the taxing unit took such official action on or after October 1, 2011. A taxpayer may only receive either the freeport exemption or the "goods-in-transit" exemption or the "goods-in-transit" exemption for items of personal property.

## **Residential Homestead Exemptions**

The Board may exempt up to 20% of the market value of residential homesteads from ad valorem taxation. Such exemption would be in addition to any other applicable exemptions provided by law. However, if ad valorem taxes have previously been pledged for the payment of debt, then the Board may continue to levy and collect taxes against the exempted value of the homesteads until the debt is discharged if the cessation of the levy would impair the obligation of the contract by which the debt was created. The Board has not granted any residential homestead exemptions except as discussed below. Also exempt, if approved by the Board or through a process of petition and referendum by the District's voters, are residential homesteads of certain persons who are disabled or at least 65 years old, to the extent of \$3,000 of appraised value or more. The District is authorized by statute to disregard such exemptions for the elderly and disabled if granting the exemptions would impair the District's obligation to pay tax supported debt incurred prior to adoption of the exemptions by the District. The Board has granted such elderly and disabled exemptions in the amount of \$50,000 of assessed valuation for the 2021 tax year.

With respect to a disabled veteran who receives a 100% disability compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100% disabled or of individual un-employability, State law exempts from taxation the total appraised value (100%) of the veteran's residence homestead. Furthermore, following the approval by the voters at a November 8, 2011 statewide election, effective January 1, 2012, the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran who had received a disability rating of 100% is entitled to receive a residential homestead exemption equal to the exemption received by the deceased spouse until such surviving spouse remarries. The surviving spouse of a first responder who was killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is, subject to certain conditions, also entitled to an exemption of the total appraised value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

# **Tax Abatement**

Harris County, Texas may designate all or part of the area within the District as a reinvestment zone. Thereafter, the District may enter into tax abatement agreements with owners of real property within the District for up to ten (10) years, agreeing not to levy taxes on 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 a comprehensive plan. None of the area within the District has been designated as a reinvestment zone to date and the District does not expect any area within the District to be so designated in the foreseeable future.

## Valuation of Property for Taxation

Generally, all taxable property in the District must be appraised by the Appraisal District at one hundred percent (100%) of market value as of January 1 of each year, subject to review and approval by the Appraisal Review Board. In determining market value, either for replacement cost or the market data method of valuation may be used, whichever is appropriate.

Certain land may be appraised at less than market value under the Property Tax Code. State law requires the appraised value of a residence homestead to be based solely on the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether residential use is considered to be the highest and best use of the property. State law further limits the appraised value of a residence homestead for a tax year to an amount not to exceed the lesser of (1) the market value of the property or (2) the sum of (a) 10% of the appraised value of the property for the last year in which the property was appraised for taxation times the number of years since the property was last appraised, plus (b) the appraised value of the property for the last year in which the property was appraised plus (c) the market value of all new improvements to the property. Increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads are limited to 10 percent annually regardless of the market value of the property.

The Property Tax Code requires the Appraisal District to implement a plan for periodic reappraisal of property to update appraised values. The plan must provide for appraisal of all real property by the Appraisal District at least once every three (3) years. It is not known what frequency of reappraisal will be utilized by the Appraisal District or whether reappraisals will be conducted on a zone or county-wide basis.

The Property Tax Code permits land designated for agricultural use (including wildlife management) (Section 1-d), open space, or timberland (Section 1-d-1) to be appraised at its value based on the land's capacity to produce agriculture or timber products rather than at its fair market value. The Property Tax Code permits, under certain circumstances, that residential real property inventory held by a person in the trade or business be valued at the price all such property would bring if sold as a unit to a purchaser who would continue the business. Landowners wishing to avail themselves of any of such designations must apply for the designation, and the Appraisal District is required by the Property Tax Code to act on each claimant's right to the designation individually. A claimant may waive the special valuation as to taxation by some political subdivisions and not as to others. 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 such taxes for a period of three (3) years to five (5) years for agricultural use, timberland or open space land prior to the loss of the designation. The same land may not be qualified under both Section 1-d and 1-d-1.

### **Reappraisal of Property after Disaster**

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 Tax Code, 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 Tax Code 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. Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code clarifies that purely non-physical economic damage to property is not eligible for this temporary tax exemption.

### Tax Payment Installments for Certain Property in Natural Disaster Area

Certain qualified taxpayers, including, (1) owners of residential homesteads, located within a natural disaster area and whose property has been damaged as a direct result of the disaster; and (2) owners of property owned or leased by a business entity with not more in gross receipts than the amount calculated by Section 31.032(h) of the Property Tax Code and located within a natural disaster area whether or not the property was damaged as a direct result of the disaster, are entitled to enter into a tax payment installment agreement with a taxing jurisdiction such as the District if the taxpayer pays at least one-fourth of the tax bill imposed on the property by the delinquency date. The remaining taxes may be paid without penalty or interest in three equal installments within six months of the delinquency date.

### **District and Taxpayer Remedies**

The chief appraiser must give written notice before the Appraisal Review Board meeting to an affected owner if a reappraisal has resulted in an increase in value over the prior year or the value rendered by the owner, or if property not previously included on the appraisal roll has been appraised. Any owner who has timely filed notice with the Appraisal Review Board may appeal the final determination by the Appraisal Review Board of the owner's protest by filing suit in Texas district court. Prior to such appeal, however, the owner must pay the tax due on the amount of value of the property involved that is not in dispute or the amount of tax paid in the prior year, whichever is greater, but not to exceed 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. Additionally, the District is entitled to challenge certain matters before the Appraisal Review Board, including the level of appraisal of certain category of property, the exclusion of property from the appraisal records, or the grant in whole or in part of a partial exemption, or a determination that land qualifies for a special use appraisal (agricultural or timber classification, for example). The District may not, however, protest a valuation of individual property.

### Levy of Taxes and Rollback of Operations and Maintenance Tax

The rate of taxation is set by the Board based upon the 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.

The District adopts its tax rate each year after it receives a tax roll certified by the Appraisal District. Texas law provides for notice and hearing procedures prior to the adoption of an ad valorem tax rate by the District.

Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code classifies districts differently based on the current operation and maintenance tax rate or on the percentage of build-out that the District has completed. Districts that have adopted an operation and maintenance tax rate 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 are classified herein as "Developing Districts." The impact each classification has on the ability of a district to increase its maintenance and operations is described for each classification below. Debt service 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 Tax Code, 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 Developed District is the current year's debt service and contract tax rate plus 1.035 times the previous year's operation and maintenance tax rate 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 of the classification of the District will be made by the Board of Directors of the District on an annual basis. For the 2021 tax year a Developing District status was determined, and the District adopted its tax rate in accordance with the requirements for a Developing District. The District cannot give any assurances as to what its classification will be at any point in time in the future. The District has statutory authority to levy and collect an annual ad valorem tax for maintaining and operating the District's facilities and for paying administrative expenses of the District. Such maintenance tax, as authorized by the District's voters, may not exceed \$0.10 per \$100 assessed valuation. Such a tax is in addition to debt service taxes which the District is authorized to levy for paying principal of and interest on the Outstanding Bonds, the Bonds and any additional tax bonds which may be issued in the future.

## **Collection of Taxes**

The District is responsible for the collection of its taxes, unless it elects to transfer such functions to another governmental entity. Taxes are due upon receipt of a bill therefore, and become delinquent after January 31 of the following year or 30 days after the date billed, whichever is later, or, if billed after January 10, they are delinquent on the first day of the month next following the 21st day after such taxes are billed. A delinquent tax incurs a penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent plus a one percent (1%) penalty 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. However, a tax delinquent on July 1 incurs a total penalty of twelve percent (12%) of the amount of the delinquent tax without regard to the number of months the tax has been delinguent, which penalty remains at such rate without further increase. If the tax is not paid by July 1, an additional penalty of up to the amount of the compensation specified in the District's contract with its delinquent tax collection attorney, but not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total tax, penalty and interest, may, under certain circumstances, be imposed by the District. With respect to personal property taxes that become delinquent on or after February 1 of a year and that remain delinquent sixty (60) days after the date on which they become delinquent and as an alternative to the penalty described in the foregoing sentence, an additional penalty of up to the amount specified in the District's contract with its delinquent tax attorney, but not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total tax, penalty and interest, may, under certain circumstances, be imposed by the District. In past years, District's contract with its delinquent tax collection attorney specified a twenty percent (20%) additional penalty. A delinquent tax also accrues interest at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid beginning the first calendar month it is delinquent. The District may waive penalties and interest on delinquent taxes only if an error or omission of a representative of the District, including the Appraisal District, caused the failure of the taxpayer to pay taxes. The Property Tax Code also makes provision for the split payment of taxes, discounts for early payment and the postponement of the delinquency of taxes under certain circumstances. Additionally, the owner of a residential homestead property who is a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older 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 owner of 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 state and local taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed for the year on the property. The lien exists in favor of each state and local taxing unit, including the District, having power to tax the property. The District's tax lien is on a parity with tax liens of such other taxing units. A tax lien on real property takes priority over the claim of most creditors and other holders of liens on the property encumbered by the tax lien, whether or not the debt or lien existed before the attachment of the tax lien; however, 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.

At any time after taxes on property become delinquent, the District may file suit to foreclose the lien securing payment of the tax, to enforce personal liability for the tax, or both. In filing a suit to foreclose a tax lien 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 be adversely affected by the amount of taxes owed to other taxing units, by the effects of market conditions on the foreclosure sale price, by taxpayer redemption

rights (a taxpayer may redeem property within two years of foreclosure) or by bankruptcy proceedings which restrict the collection of taxpayer debts.

Personal property under certain circumstances is subject to seizure and sale for the payment of delinquent taxes, penalty, and interest.

## Effect of FIRREA on Tax Collections

The "Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989" ("FIRREA") contains provisions which affect the time for protesting property valuations, the fixing of tax liens and the collection of penalties and interest on delinquent taxes on real property owned by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") when the FDIC is acting as the conservator or receiver of an insolvent financial institution.

Under FIRREA real property held by the FDIC is still subject to ad valorem taxation, but such act states (i) that no real property of the FDIC shall be subject to foreclosure or sale without the consent of the FDIC and no involuntary lien shall attach to such property, (ii) the FDIC shall not be liable for any penalties or fines, including those arising from the failure to pay any real property taxes when due and (iii) notwithstanding the failure of a person to challenge an appraisal in accordance with state law, such value shall be determined as of the period for which such tax is imposed.

To the extent that the FIRREA provisions are valid and applicable to any property in the District, and to the extent that the FDIC attempts to enforce the same, these provisions may affect the timeliness of collection of taxes on property owned by the FDIC in the District, and may prevent the collection of penalties and interest on such taxes.

## THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

The Appraisal District has the responsibility for appraising property in the District as well as other taxing units in Harris County. The Appraisal District is governed by a board of six directors appointed by members of the governing bodies of various political subdivisions within Harris County.

Property within the District is assessed as of January 1 of each year, taxes become due October 1 of the same year and become delinquent on February 1 of the following year.

The District does not tax personal property not used in the production of income (excluding manufactured or mobile homes), such as personal automobiles.

The District does collect an additional 20% penalty to defray attorney costs in the collection of delinquent taxes over and above the penalty automatically assessed under the Code.

The District collects its own taxes and it does not allow split payments of taxes or give discounts for early payment of taxes.

The District does tax Goods-in-Transit and took official action on October 11, 2011 to continue the taxation of Goods-in-Transit in the tax year 2012 and beyond.

The District does tax freeport goods.

The District grants an exemption of \$50,000 of the appraised value of the residential homestead for taxpayers at least 65 years of age or disabled.

The District does not have any tax abatements.

Charges for penalties and interest on the unpaid balance of delinquent taxes are as follows:

Date	Cumulative Penalty	Cumulative Interest <sup>(b)</sup>	Total
February	6%	1%	7%
March	7%	2%	9%
April	8%	3%	11%
May	9%	4%	13%
June	10%	5%	15%
July	12% <sup>(a)</sup>	6%	18%

<sup>(a)</sup> Excludes an additional penalty of 20% assessed in July if taxes are not paid in full by June 30th of the year in which they become delinguent.

<sup>(b)</sup> Interest continues to accrue after August 1 at the rate of 1 % per month and the interest remains at 6% until paid.

### **TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

The 87th Texas Legislature convened on January 12, 2021 and adjourned on May 31, 2021. Additionally, the Governor called a special session on July 8, 2021, a second special session on August 7, 2021 and a third special session on September 20, 2021. The Governor may call one or more additional special sessions, which may last no more than 30 days, and for which the Governor sets the agenda. During a special session, the Texas Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to the District and its finances. The District makes no representation regarding any actions the Texas Legislature may take.

## TAX MATTERS

### Tax Exemption

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

In rendering the foregoing opinions, Bond Counsel will rely upon the Sufficiency Certificate of the Financial Advisor regarding the sufficiency of the deposit to the Escrow Fund on the date of closing and rely upon the representations and certifications of the Issuer made in a certificate of even date with the initial delivery of the Bonds pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and will assume continuing compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance by the Issuer subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds. The

Ordinance contains covenants by the Issuer with respect to, among other matters, the use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facilities financed or refinanced therewith by persons other than state or local governmental units, the manner in which the proceeds of the Bonds are to be invested, if required, the calculation and payment to the United States Treasury of any arbitrage "profits" and the reporting of certain information to the United States Treasury. Failure to comply with any of these covenants may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof from the date of the issuance of the Bonds.

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

### **Tax Changes**

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

### Ancillary Tax Consequences

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

### **Tax Accounting Treatment of Discount Bonds**

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

on such Discount Bond and generally will be allocated to an initial purchaser in a different amount from the amount of the payment denominated as interest actually received by the initial purchaser during his taxable year.

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

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

### **Tax Accounting Treatment of Premium Bonds**

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

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

### **Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations**

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

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

### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

In the Order, the District has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains 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 MSRB. The information provided to the MSRB will be available to the public free of charge via the EMMA system through an internet website accessible at www.emma.msrb.org.

### **Annual Reports**

The District will file certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general included in Table 1 of the Official Statement, Tables 1 through 9 in Appendix A attached hereto, and Appendix D attached hereto. The District will update and provide this information within six months after the end of each fiscal year ending in or after 2021.

The financial information and operating data to be provided may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document available to the public on the MSRB's EMMA Internet Web site or filed with the SEC, as permitted by SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"). The updated information will include audited financial statements, if the District commissions an audit and it is completed by the required time. If audited financial statements are not available by the required time, the District will provide unaudited financial statements by the required time and audited financial statements when and if such audited financial statements become available. Any such financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in Appendix A and in Appendix C or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation.

The District's current fiscal year end is September 30. Accordingly, it must provide updated information by the last day in March in each year, unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will file notice of the change with the MSRB.

## Notice of Certain Events

The District will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event): (1) principal and interest payment delinguencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds, as the case may be; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material; (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the District, which shall occur as described below; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; (14) appointment of a successor or additional paying agent/registrar or the change of name of a paying agent/registrar, if material; (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of any such Financial Obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of any such Financial Obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties. In the Order, the District will adopt policies and procedures to ensure timely compliance of its continuing disclosure undertakings. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide annual financial information in accordance with their agreement described above under "Annual Reports." Neither the Bonds nor the Order make provision for credit enhancement (although the District has applied for a municipal insurance policy on the Bonds), or liquidity enhancement.

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

## Availability of Information

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

## **Limitations and Amendments**

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

The District may amend its continuing disclosure agreement to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the District, if the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the offering described herein in compliance with the Rule and either the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent or any person unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds. If the District amends its agreement, it must include with the next financial information and operating

data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of information and data provided. The District may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent any Purchaser from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds, respectively, in the primary offering of the Bonds.

## Compliance with Prior Undertakings

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

## LEGAL MATTERS

## Legal Opinions and No-Litigation Certificate

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

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

# Litigation

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

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

Pursuant to Section 49.186, Texas Water Code and Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, the Bonds, whether rated or unrated, are (a) legal investments for banks, savings banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, insurance companies, fiduciaries, and trustees and (b) legal investments for public funds of cities, counties, school districts and other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State. The Bonds are also eligible under the Public Funds Collateral Act, Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code, to secure deposits of public funds of the State or any political subdivision or public agency of the State and are lawful and sufficient security for those deposits to the extent of their market value. Most political subdivisions in the State of Texas are required to adopt investment guidelines under the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, and such political subdivisions may impose other, more stringent, requirements in order for the Bonds to be legal investments of such entity's funds or to be eligible to serve as collateral for their funds.

The District makes no representation that the Bonds will be acceptable to banks, savings and loans associations, or public entities for investment purposes or to secure deposits of public funds. The District has not reviewed the laws in other states to determine whether the Bonds are legal investments for various institutions in those states or eligible to serve as collateral for public funds in those states. The District has made no investigation of any other laws, rules, regulations or investment criteria that might affect the legality or suitability of the Bonds for any of the above purposes or limit the authority of any of the above persons or entities to purchase or invest in the Bonds.

## FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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

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

## OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

## **Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale**

The sale of the Bonds has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon exemptions provided in such Act; the Bonds have not been qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon exemptions contained therein; nor have the Bonds been qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction. The Issuer assumes no responsibility for qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which they may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions.

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

# Ratings

S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") has assigned an insured rating of "AA" (stable outlook) to the Bonds with the understanding that, concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds, a municipal bond insurance policy will be issued by AGM, see "BOND INSURANCE" herein. The District received an underlying unenhanced rating of "A-" from S&P. The rating of the Bonds by S&P reflects only the view of S&P at the time the rating is given, and the District makes no representations as to the appropriateness of the rating. There is no assurance that such a rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by S&P if, in the judgment of S&P, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

## Authenticity of Financial Information

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

## **Financial Advisor**

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

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

## Winning Bidder

After requesting competitive bids for the Bonds, the District accepted the bid of The Baker Group (the "Purchaser" or the "Initial Purchaser") to purchase the Bonds at the interest rates shown on the page 2 of this Official Statement at a price of par, plus a net original reoffering premium of \$399,268.55, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their Dated Date to their date of initial delivery. The District can give no assurance that any trading market will be developed for the District after their sale by the District to the Purchaser. The District has no control over the price at which the Bonds are subsequently sold and the initial yield at which the Bonds will be priced and reoffered will be established by and will be the responsibility of the Purchaser.

## **Certification of the Official Statement**

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

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

### **Concluding Statement**

No person has been authorized 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. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or 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 of solicitation. The information set forth herein has been obtained from the District's records, audited financial statements and other sources which the District considers to be reliable. There is no guarantee that any of the assumptions or estimates contained herein will ever be realized. All of the summaries of the statutes, documents and the Order contained in this Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such statutes, documents, and the Order. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions and reference is made to such summarized documents for further information. Reference is made to official documents in all respects.

The Order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds will also approve the form and content of this Official Statement and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto and authorize its further use in the re-offering of the Bonds by the Purchaser.

This Official Statement has been approved by the Board for distribution in accordance with the provisions of the SEC's Rule codified at 17 C.F.R. Section 240.15c2-12, as amended.

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

<u>/s/ Leon R. Mullins</u> President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

<u>/s/ Harvey Little</u> Secretary, Board of Directors (this page intentionally left blank)

# APPENDIX A

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

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### FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER

ASSESSED VALUATION			TABLE 1			
2021 Actual Certified Market	Value of Taxable Property (100% of Market Value)	\$	415,526,717			
Less Exemptions:						
	Optional Over-65 or Disabled		25,412,895			
	Prorated		-			
	Total		36,566,535			
	Solar		83,025			
	Personal Use Vehicle (Leased)		-			
	Under \$500		502			
	Veterans' Exemptions		2,875,464			
	Commerce		-			
	Freeport		15,127,293			
	TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	\$	80,065,714			
2021 Certified Assessed Value of Taxable Property						

Source: Harris County Appraisal District and San Jacinto Tax Service.

### GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDED DEBT

(as of December 1, 2021)	
General Obligation Debt Principal Outstanding	
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013	\$ 510,000
Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2017	6,740,000
Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022	 8,150,000
Total Net General Obligation Debt Outstanding	\$ 15,400,000
2021 Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 335,461,003
Ratio of Net General Obligation Debt to Certified Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	4.59%
Population: 2000 - 7,089; 2010 - 7,522; 2020 - 7,718; est 2021 - 7,872 Per Capita Certified Net Taxable Assessed Valuation - \$42,614.46	

Per Capita Net General Obligation Debt Principal - \$1,956.30

### GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

		rrent Total							Total
Fiscal Year	Οι	itstanding				The Bonds			Combined
Ending (9/30)		Debt	F	Principal Inte		Interest	Total	De	ebt Service
2022	\$	800,145		-	\$	146,717	\$ 146,717	\$	946,862
2023		802,445	\$	50,000		219,075	269,075		1,071,520
2024		538,195		320,000		211,675	531,675		1,069,870
2025		542,470		330,000		198,675	528,675		1,071,145
2026		541,370		345,000		185,175	530,175		1,071,545
2027		539,970		360,000		171,075	531,075		1,071,045
2028		538,270		370,000		156,475	526,475		1,064,745
2029		541,195		385,000		141,375	526,375		1,067,570
2030		538,745		400,000		127,675	527,675		1,066,420
2031		540,920		415,000		115,450	530,450		1,071,370
2032		542,364		425,000		104,975	529,975		1,072,339
2033		542,776		430,000		96,425	526,425		1,069,201
2034		542,060		440,000		87,725	527,725		1,069,785
2035		540,238		450,000		78,825	528,825		1,069,063
2036		542,563		460,000		69,725	529,725		1,072,288
2037		539,275		470,000		60,425	530,425		1,069,700
2038		-		480,000		50,925	530,925		530,925
2039		-		490,000		40,919	530,919		530,919
2040		-		500,000		30,088	530,088		530,088
2041		-		510,000		18,406	528,406		528,406
2042		-		520,000		6,175	 526,175		526,175
	\$	9,173,000	\$	8,150,000	\$	2,317,979	\$ 10,467,979	\$	19,640,979

#### TAX ADEQUACY (Includes Self-Supporting Debt)

2021 Freeze Adjusted Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 335,461,003
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirements (Fiscal Year Ending 9-30-2032)	1,072,339 *
Anticipated required I&S Fund Tax Rate at 98% Collections to produce Maximum Debt Service requirements	\$ 0.32618 *

\*Includes the Bonds.

Note: Above computations are exclusive of investment earnings, delinquent tax collections and penalties and interest on delinquent

#### UNAUDITED INTEREST AND SINKING FUND MANAGEMENT INDEX

Interest and Sinking Fund Balance, Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021 2021 Anticipated Interest and Sinking Fund Tax Levy at 95% Collections Produce <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	826,911 1,083,539
Total Available for General Obligation Debt Less: General Obligation Debt Service Requirements, Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/22	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,910,450</u> 946,862
Estimated Surplus at Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	963,589

<sup>(1)</sup> Does not include delinquent tax collections, penalties and interest on delinquent tax collections or investment earnings.

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

(As of January 1, 2	2022)	D						Description
Fiscal Year	Principal Repayment Schedule Year Currently The			-	Principal Unpaid at	Percent of Principal		
Ending 9-30		tstanding	Bonds		Total		End of Year	Retired (%)
2022	\$	580,000	\$ 	\$	580,000	\$	14,820,000	3.77%
2023		600,000	50,000		650,000		14,170,000	7.99%
2024		350,000	320,000		670,000		13,500,000	12.34%
2025		365,000	330,000		695,000		12,805,000	16.85%
2026		375,000	345,000		720,000		12,085,000	21.53%
2027		385,000	360,000		745,000		11,340,000	26.36%
2028		395,000	370,000		765,000		10,575,000	31.33%
2029		410,000	385,000		795,000		9,780,000	36.49%
2030		420,000	400,000		820,000		8,960,000	41.82%
2031		435,000	415,000		850,000		8,110,000	47.34%
2032		450,000	425,000		875,000		7,235,000	53.02%
2033		465,000	430,000		895,000		6,340,000	58.83%
2034		480,000	440,000		920,000		5,420,000	64.81%
2035		495,000	450,000		945,000		4,475,000	70.94%
2036		515,000	460,000		975,000		3,500,000	77.27%
2037		530,000	470,000		1,000,000		2,500,000	83.77%
2038		-	480,000		480,000		2,020,000	86.88%
2039		-	490,000		490,000		1,530,000	90.06%
2040		-	500,000		500,000		1,030,000	93.31%
2041		-	510,000		510,000		520,000	96.62%
2042		_	 520,000		520,000		-	100.00%
Total	\$	7,250,000	\$ 8,150,000	\$	15,400,000			

#### TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION FOR TAX YEARS 2012-2021

	Net Taxable	Change From Pre	ceding Year
Year	Assessed Valuation	Amount (\$)	Percent
2012-13	241,152,440	15,402,058	6.82%
2013-14	232,780,009	(8,372,431)	-3.47%
2014-15	247,238,890	14,458,881	6.21%
2015-16	251,902,637	4,663,747	1.89%
2016-17	258,405,645	6,503,008	2.58%
2017-18	275,949,806	17,544,161	6.36%
2018-19	297,402,427	21,452,621	7.21%
2019-20	323,920,086	26,517,659	8.19%
2020-21	328,115,162	4,195,076	1.28%
2021-22	335,461,003	7,345,841	2.19%

TABLE 3

Source: Harris County Appraisal District and San Jacinto Tax Services

#### CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION

TABLE 4

	 2021	% of Total	 2020	% of Total	 2019	% of Total
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 243,778,344	58.67%	\$ 237,142,183	57.73%	\$ 221,326,854	55.12%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family	1,265,643	0.30%	1,883,921	0.46%	1,708,320	0.43%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	10,164,617	2.45%	11,007,904	2.68%	10,790,263	2.69%
Real, Acreage (Land Only)	937,014	0.23%	1,027,807	0.25%	1,015,242	0.25%
Real, Farm and Ranch Improvements	297,000	0.07%	270,000	0.07%	280,000	0.07%
Real, Commercial and Industrial	49,080,094	11.81%	53,563,134	13.04%	51,372,495	12.79%
Real & Tangible, Personal Utilities	5,185,273	1.25%	4,895,125	1.19%	4,707,653	1.17%
Tangible Personal, Commercial & Industrial	62,043,750	14.93%	58,897,295	14.34%	68,705,198	17.11%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes	5,352,920	1.29%	5,472,765	1.33%	5,235,483	1.30%
Oil and Gas	54,590	0.01%	211,840	0.05%	215,100	0.06%
Special Inventory	804,117	0.19%	566,780	0.14%	514,336	0.14%
Exempt - charitable or religious	 36,563,355	8.80%	 35,857,959	<u>8.73</u> %	 35,675,337	8.88%
Total Appraised Value	\$ 415,526,717	100.00%	\$ 410,796,713	100.00%	\$ 401,546,281	100.02%
Less:	 					
Optional Over-65 or Disabled	25,412,895		26,707,733		25,857,385	
Prorated	-		27,810		99,836	
Total	36,566,535		35,983,396		35,742,830	
Solar	83,025		20,925		-	
Personal Use Vehicle (Leased)	-		321,280		142,783	
Under \$500	502		4,835		5,950	
Veterans' Exemptions	2,875,464		2,575,188		2,387,270	
Commerce	-		64,722		-	
Freeport	15,127,293		16,975,662		13,390,141	
Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 335,461,003		\$ 328,115,162		\$ 323,920,086	

Source: Harris County County Appraisal District and San Jacinto Tax Service.

#### PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS 2021

PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS 2021			TABLE 5
		2021	% of 2021
		Net Taxable	Assessed
Name	Type of Business/Property	Assessed Valuation	Valuation
ZXP Technologies LLC	Wholesale Supplier/Distribution Center	\$ 12,321,063	3.67%
BP Lubricants USA Inc.	Chemical Plant	8,619,840	2.57%
Plastipak Packaging	Industrial Manufacturing	7,063,845	2.11%
ZXP Technologies	Wholesale Supplier/Distribution Center	6,529,030	1.95%
Justin & Brandon Nguyen Invt Ltd.	Mobile Homes/Parks	5,125,318	1.53%
Pennzoil-Quaker State DBA Sopus	Oil & Gas	3,424,002	1.02%
Tabb Realty LLC	Industrial Manufacturing	3,252,422	0.97%
Tejas Motorsports LLC	Car Dealership	3,237,160	0.96%
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	Electric Utility/Power Plant	3,098,140	0.92%
Total Specialities USA Inc.	Oil & Gas / Energy	2,955,045	0.88%
		\$ 55,625,865	16.58%

Source: Harris County Appraisal District.

TAX RATE DISTRIBUTION					TABLE 6
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
General Fund	\$ 0.092000	\$ 0.091000	\$ 0.097800	\$ 0.099000	\$ 0.099000
I&S Fund	 0.248000	0.249000	 0.262200	 0.261000	 0.311000
Total Tax Rate	\$ 0.340000	\$ 0.340000	\$ 0.360000	\$ 0.360000	\$ 0.410000

Source: Harris County Appraisal District

#### TAX DATA

TABLE 7

Taxes are due October 1 and become delinquent after January 31. Discounts are allowed: 3% October, 2% November, and 1% if paid in December. Current collections are those taxes collected through August 31, applicable to the current year's tax levy. Penalities and Interest: (a) a delinquent tax incursa a penalty of six percent of the amount of the tax for the firt calendar month it is delinquent plus one percent for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to Juy 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. However, a tax delinquent on Juy 1 incurs a total penalty of twelve percent of the amunt of the delinquent tax without regard to the number of months the tax has been delinquent; (b) a delinquet tax accrues interest at at rare of one prcent for eachmonth or portion f a month the tax remains unpaid; and an additional penalty up to a maximum of 20% of taxe, penalty and interest may be imposed to defray costs of collection for taxes delinquet after Juy 1. all per centage of collections set for below exclude penalties and interest.

Тах	Net Taxable	Tax	Тах	% of Collec	tions	Year
Year	Assessed Valuation	Rate	Levy	Current	Total	Ended
2012	241,152,440	0.230000	\$ 554,651	95.12	100.19	9/30/2013
2013	232,780,009	0.220000	512,116	95.01	99.71	9/30/2014
2014	247,238,890	0.220000	543,926	95.16	100.31	9/30/2015
2015	251,902,637	0.220000	554,186	96.42	103.21	9/30/2016
2016	258,405,645	0.410000	1,059,463	95.70	101.69	9/30/2017
2017	275,949,806	0.360000	993,419	95.46	97.50	9/30/2018
2018	297,402,427	0.360000	1,070,649	95.41	99.57	9/30/2019
2019	323,920,086	0.340000	1,101,328	95.10	99.43	9/30/2020
2020	328,115,162	0.340000	1,115,592	92.23	95.77	9/30/2021
2021	335,461,003	0.340000	1,140,567	(In Process of C	ollections)	9/30/2022

Source: Harris County Appraisal District and San Jacinto Tax Service.

(As of September 30, 2021)

The following table indicates the indebtedness, defined as outstanding bonds payable from ad valorem taxes, of governmental entities overlapping the City and the estimated percentages and amounts of such indebtedness attributable to property within the City. Expenditures of the various taxing bodies overlapping the territory of the Issuer are paid out of ad valorem taxes levied by these taxing bodies on properties overlapping the Issuer. These political taxing bodies are independent of the Issuer and may incur borrowings to finance their expenditures. The following statements of direct and estimated overlapping ad valorem tax bonds was developed from information contained in the "Texas Municipal Reports" published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. Except for the amounts relating to the Issuer, the Issuer has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information, and no person should rely upon such information as being accurate or complete. Furthermore, certain of the entities listed below may have authorized or issued additional bonds since the date stated below, and such entities may have programs requiring the authorization and/or issuance of substantial amounts of additional bonds, the amount of which cannot be determined.

	Gross Debt	%	Amount
Taxing Body	(As of 09/30/21)	Overlapping	Overlapping
Goose Creek Cons ISD	\$ 632,275,123	1.93%	\$ 12,202,910
Harris County	1,443,576,841	0.06%	866,146
Harris County Dept. of Education	20,185,000	0.06%	12,111
Harris County Flood Control	327,927,168	0.06%	196,756
Harris County Hospital District	81,540,000	0.06%	48,924
Harris County Toll Road	-	0.06%	-
Lee College District	37,890,000	1.93%	731,277
Port of Houston Authority	446,699,397	0.06%	268,020
Total Gross Overlapping Debt			\$ 14,326,144
Harris County WC&ID #1			\$ 15,400,000 *
Total Gross Direct and Overlapping Debt			<u>\$ 29,726,144</u> *
Ratio of Gross Direct Debt and Overlapping Debt			8.86% *
Per Capita Gross Direct Debt and Overlapping Debt			\$3,302.90 *

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. \*Includes the Bonds.

#### GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

The following statements set forth in condensed form reflect the historical operations of the Issuer. Such summary has been prepared for inclusion herein based upon information obtained from the Issuer's audited financial statements and records. Reference is made to such statements for further and complete information.

			Fisc	al Year Ended		
	 9/30/2020	9/30/2019		9/30/2018	 9/30/2017	 9/30/2016
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 2,638,549	\$ 2,335,091	\$	1,765,743	\$ 1,168,339	\$ 1,026,114
Revenues	\$ 2,987,002	\$ 2,814,561	\$	2,888,523	\$ 2,822,504	\$ 2,672,566
Expenditures	 2,214,392	 2,193,738		2,076,747	 1,982,735	 2,087,975
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues	\$ 772,610	\$ 620,823	\$	811,776	\$ 839,769	\$ 584,591
Over Expenditures						
Operating Transfers Out Insurance Prodeeds	\$ -	\$ (317,365)	\$	(637,365) 394,937	\$ (242,365)	\$ (442,365)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses): Prior Year End Adjustment	\$ -	\$ (317,365)	\$	(242,428)	\$ (242,365)	\$ (442,365) -
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 3,411,159	\$ 2,638,549	\$	2,335,091	\$ 1,765,743	\$ 1,168,340

Source: The Issuer's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports and information provided by the Issuer.

\* The District's unaudited General Fund balance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 was approximately \$2,405,254.72. During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 the District expended roughly \$1,000,000 toward for planned and budgeted improvements to its East Houston Water Plant.

#### ASSESSED VALUATION AND TAX RATE OF OVERLAPPING ISSUERS

Governmental Subdivision 2020 Assessed Valuation		Assessed Valuation	% of Actual	2020 Tax Rat	
Goose Creek Cons ISD	\$	16,098,760,914	100%	\$	1.34110
Harris County		505,415,870,000	100%		0.39156
Harris County Dept. of Education		510,293,030,704	100%		0.00514
Harris County Flood Control		495,555,897,000	100%		0.03142
Harris County Hospital District		495,843,633,862	100%		0.17277
Harris County Toll Road		502,563,071,913	100%		0.00000
Lee College District		16,183,883,356	100%		0.24710
Port of Houston Authority		492,097,433,000	100%		0.00991

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

#### AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISIONS

lssuer	Date of Authorization	Amount Authorized						Amount Unissued
Harris County WC&ID #1*	11/3/2015	\$	16,000,000	\$	16,000,000			
Goose Creek Cons ISD	None							
Harris County	11/3/2015	\$	2,576,000,000	\$	1,769,059,000	\$	806,941,000	
Harris County Dept. of Education	None							
Harris County Flood Control	8/25/2018	\$	2,814,000,000	\$	530,700,000	\$	2,283,300,000	
Harris County Hospital District	None							
Harris County Toll Road	9/13/1983	\$	900,000,000	\$	884,852,000	\$	15,148,000	
Lee College District	None							
Port of Houston Authority	None							

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

\* Assumes the issuance of the Bonds contemplated in this issuance.

#### INSURANCE

TABLE 10

At September 30, 2021, the District had property coverage of \$10,800,606 with TML. The District also had \$1,000,000 of liability insurance and \$1,000,000 excess liability insurance with Allied World Speciality. The District's worker's compensation coverage was with Accident Fund Insurance.

Source: The Issuer's Annual Financial Reports and information provided by the Issuer.

#### WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND DEBT DATA

(As of September 30, 2021)

-NONE-

REVENUE BONDS AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED	
(As of Septemer 30, 2021)	

#### er 30, 2 -NONE-PLANT. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (As of September 30, 2020) 105.132 I and \$ **Construction in Progress** 634,224 Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated 739,356 Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation: **Buildinas** 86.730 2,626,753 Water System Sewer System 6,832,317 Leaed Equipment 434,286 Machinery and Equipment 185.277 Furniture & Fixtures 1.217 Vehicles 540 \$ 10,167,120 Subtotal Accumulated Depreciation Total \$ 10,906,476 Source: The Issuer's Unaudited Annual Financial Reports for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020.

#### WATER SUPPLY

The District entered into an agreement with the Baytown Area Water Authority ("BAWA") in September, 1993, to purchase at least 850,000 gallons of water per day at a minimum cost of one (\$1.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons and that such purchases shall begin no later than December 31, 1994. The cost of the water has increased periodically and was \$2.95 per one thousand gallons during the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021. The District's cost for such water during the current year was \$445,793.15. The District purchases approximately 70% of its water from BAWA with the balance of water coming from District owned wells.

Source: The Issuer's Annual Financial Reports for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020

#### WATER RATES

1, 2021)				
Nev	v Rates	<u>Old</u>	Rates	
\$	15.50	\$	15.50	
\$	6.50	\$	6.00	
	. ,	<u>New Rates</u> \$ 15.50	New Rates         Old           \$ 15.50         \$	New Rates         Old Rates           \$ 15.50         \$ 15.50

#### Water Service - Out of District

Each out-of-district customer shall be charged a monthly surchare of 1 1/2 times the water rates established in this Section 1-2(a)

#### Bulk Water Sales for Construction

Minimum of \$40.00 for the First 2,000 gallons, then \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons thereafter.

#### Fire Lines

Fire lines installed to serve Customers shall be subject to the same fees, charges, and rules as commercial connections, except for water usage fees. The District shall charge a monthly service fee of \$300 per month for each fire line and water usage fees of \$5.00 per 1,000.

Source: The Issuer's Ordinance Adopting Amended Rates and Fees for Services, Adopted September 14, 2021.

### SEWER TREATMENT

Wastewater treatment capacity is provided by a 2.35 MGD wastewater treatment plant owned by the District. The Peak capacity is 9.0 MGD. Based upon a design criteria of 300 gpd per single family connection, the capacity is adequate to serve approximately 7,830 connections. The District currently has 2,568 connections in district sewer connections, and 220 out of district sewer connections for a total of 2,788 sewer connections.

#### SEWER RATES

(Based on Monthly Billing, Rates Effective October 1, 2021)

	New Rates			d	Rates	
Sewer Service - In District						
(Residential)						
For 2,000 gallons (minimum)	\$	15.50	5	5	15.50	
Rate per 1,000 Gallons Over Minimum	\$	4.50	5	5	4.10	
(Cap of 18,000 gallons)						
(Commercial)						
For 2,000 gallons (minimum)	\$	15.50	ç	5	15.50	
Rate per 1,000 gallons over minimum	\$	4.50	S	5	4.10	

#### Sewer Service - Out of District

Each out-of-district customer shall be charged a montly surcharge of 1 1/2 time the wastewater (sanitary sewer) rates established in this Section 1-2(d) with a cap at 18,000 gallons over minimum.

Source: The Issuer's Ordinance Adopting Amended Rates and Fees for Services, Adopted September 14, 2021.

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#### APPENDIX B

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

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### **Proposed Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel**

### An opinion in substantially the following form will be delivered by Johnson Petrov L.L.P., Bond Counsel, upon delivery of the Bonds, assuming no material changes in facts or law

WE HAVE ACTED as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance by Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (the "Issuer") of its bonds styled "Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022" (the "Bonds"). The Bonds, dated December 15, 2021 (the "Initial Date"), are issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,150,000 and mature serially on February 15 in the years and amounts as set forth in the order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Order").

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

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

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, IT IS OUR OPINION that the Bonds have been duly authorized and issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas now in force and that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District enforceable in accordance with the terms and conditions described therein, except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights or the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity. The Bonds are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the District. Such covenant to levy taxes is subject to the right of a city, under existing Texas law, to annex all of the territory within the District; to take over all properties and assets of the District; to assume all debts, liabilities, and obligations of the District, including the Bonds; and to abolish the District.

ALSO BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, it is our further opinion that, subject to the restrictions hereinafter described, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes under existing law and is not an item of preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. The opinion set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph is subject to the condition that the Issuer comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted in the Bond Order to comply with each such requirement. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal income tax purposes to be retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Code and the existing regulations, rulings and court decisions thereunder, upon which the foregoing opinions of Bond Counsel are based, are subject to change, which could prospectively or retroactively result in the inclusion of the interest on the Bonds in gross income sthereof for federal income tax purposes.

WE ARE OF THE OPINION that the Bonds are not private activity bonds, as defined in the Code.

WE CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT the Bonds have been designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for financial institutions as that term is defined by Section 265 of the Code.

The Bonds are obligations solely of the Issuer and are not obligations of the State of Texas, Harris County, City of Baytown, Texas or any other entity.

THE OPINIONS SET FORTH ABOVE are based upon existing law and our knowledge of the facts as of the date hereof. We assume no obligation to update or supplement these opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

Respectfully,

#### APPENDIX C

#### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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

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# HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2020** 

McCALL GIBSON SWEDLUND BARFOOT PLLC Certified Public Accountants

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 Harris County, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express 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 District'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.

Board of Directors Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1

#### **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 September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position 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, the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund, the Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, and the Schedule of District Contributions – Pension be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing 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 supplementary information required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as published in the *Water District Financial Management Guide* is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The supplementary information, excluding that portion marked "Unaudited" on which we express no opinion or provide any assurance, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC Certified Public Accountants Houston, Texas

February 9, 2021

Management's discussion and analysis of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1's (the "District") financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

### **USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) combined fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements and (2) notes to the financial statements. The combined fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements combine both: (1) the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and (2) the Statement of Activities and Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. This report also includes required and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District's annual report includes two financial statements combining the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The Statement of Net Position includes all of the District's assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the District would extend to other non-financial factors.

The Statement of Activities reports how the District's net position changed during the current fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid.

### FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The combined statements also include fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District has three governmental fund types. The General Fund accounts for customer service revenues, tax revenues and general expenditures. The Debt Service Fund accounts for ad valorem taxes and financial resources restricted, committed or assigned for servicing bond debt and the cost of assessing and collecting taxes. The Capital Projects Fund accounts for financial resources restricted, committed or assigned for acquisition or construction of facilities and related costs.

### FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Governmental funds are reported in each of the financial statements. The focus in the fund statements provides a distinctive view of the District's governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of the District and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. The adjustments columns, the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position and the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities explain the differences between the two presentations and assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information ("RSI"). The budgetary comparison schedule is included as RSI for the General Fund. Additional schedules related to the pension plan and the other postemployment benefits plan are included as RSI as well.

### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$12,700,159 as of September 30, 2020. A portion of the District's net position reflects its net investment in capital assets (buildings and equipment as well as the water, sewer and drainage facilities, less any debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding). The following is a comparative analysis of Government-wide changes in Net Position:

### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

	Summary of Changes in the Statement of Net Position					
			Change Positive			
	2020	2019	(Negative)			
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated	\$ 10,753,594	\$ 10,195,151	\$ 558,443			
Depreciation)	10,906,476	11,146,998	(240,522)			
Total Assets	\$ 21,660,070	\$ 21,342,149	\$ 317,921			
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 88,551	\$ 254,601	<u>\$ (166,050)</u>			
Bonds and Lease Payable Other Liabilities	\$ 8,271,334 606,073	\$ 9,124,840 804,476	\$ 853,506 198,403			
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,877,407	\$ 9,929,316	\$ 1,051,909			
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 171,055	\$ 41,083	<u>\$ (129,972)</u>			
Net Position: Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted Unrestricted	\$ 8,112,899 1,104,088 3,483,172	\$ 7,487,061 934,920 3,204,370	\$ 625,838 169,168 278,802			
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 12,700,159</u>	<u>\$ 11,626,351</u>	<u>\$ 1,073,808</u>			

The following table provides a summary of the District's operations for the years ended September 30, 2020, and September 30, 2019.

	Summary of Changes in the Statement of Activities						
		2020 2019			Change Positive (Negative)		
Revenues:				2019		1 (08001 (0)	
Property Taxes	\$	1,191,039	\$	1,069,612	\$	121,427	
Charges for Services		2,598,936		2,374,916		224,020	
Other Revenues		183,197		349,796		(166,599)	
Total Revenues	\$	3,973,172	\$	3,794,324	\$	178,848	
Expenses for Services		2,899,364		2,979,056		79,692	
Change in Net Position	\$	1,073,808	\$	815,268	\$	258,540	
Net Position, Beginning of Year		11,626,351		10,811,083		815,268	
Net Position, End of Year	\$	12,700,159	\$	11,626,351	\$	1,073,808	

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The District's combined fund balances as of September 30, 2020, were \$9,886,290, an increase of \$540,390 from the prior year.

The General Fund fund balance increased by \$772,610, primarily due to operating revenues and maintenance tax revenues being higher than operating and capital costs.

The Debt Service Fund fund balance increased by \$59,662, primarily due to the structure of the District's outstanding debt.

The Capital Projects Fund fund balance decreased by \$291,882. The District used bond proceeds received in a prior year to pay for current year projects.

### **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors adopted an unappropriated budget for the current fiscal year. Actual revenues were \$175,450 more than budgeted revenues primarily due to higher than expected service and property tax revenues. Actual expenditures were \$436,361 less than budgeted expenditures primarily due to lower than expected personnel expenditures.

### LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

As of September 30, 2020, the District had total bond debt payable of \$7,810,000. The changes in the debt position of the District during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, are summarized as follows:

Bond Debt Payable, October 1, 2019	\$ 8,355,000
Less: Bond Principal Paid	 545,000
Bond Debt Payable, September 30, 2020	\$ 7,810,000

The District's Series 2013 Refunding and Series 2017 Bonds carry an underlying rating of "A-" issued and an insured rating of "AA" by virtue of bond insurance issued by Build America Mutual Insurance Corp. These ratings were in effect for the current and prior fiscal years.

### LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY (Continued)

As of September 30, 2020, the District had total capital lease payable of \$432,631. The changes in the debt position of the District during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, are summarized as follows:

Capital Lease Payable, October 1, 2019	\$ 532,168
Less: Capital Lease Principal Paid	 99,537
Bond Debt Payable, September 30, 2020	\$ 432,631

### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets as of September 30, 2020, total \$10,906,476 (net of accumulated depreciation) and include land, buildings and equipment, furniture and fixtures, vehicles as well as the water, sewer and drainage systems.

			-		Change Positive
	 2020 2019 (1		2019		Negative)
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:					
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 105,132	\$	105,132	\$	
Construction in Progress	634,224		1,614,765		(980,541)
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated					
Depreciation:					
Building	86,730		94,690		(7,960)
Water System	2,626,753		1,335,494		1,291,259
Sewer System	6,832,317		7,244,532		(412,215)
Leased Equipment	434,286		527,761		(93,475)
Machinery and Equipment	185,277		218,345		(33,068)
Furniture and Fixtures	1,217		1,536		(319)
Vehicles	 540		4,743		(4,203)
	\$ 10,906,476	\$	11,146,998	\$	(240,522)

Capital Assets At Year-End, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, 125 San Jacinto Avenue, Highlands, TX 77562.

## HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

ASSETS Cash \$ 3,590,607 \$ 855,958	Debt General Fund Service Fund
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	\$ 3,590,607 \$ 855,958
Investments 222,525	222,525
Receivables:	
Property Taxes 40,906 91,367	40,906 91,367
Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	Delinquent Taxes
Service Accounts 232,428	•
Other 180 496	180 496
Net Pension Asset	
Due from Other Funds 51,695	51,695
Prepaid Costs 51,859 75	
Land	
Construction in Progress	
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	cumulated Depreciation)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS \$</b> 3,967,675 <b>\$</b> 1,170,421	
	<u>φ 3,501,010</u> <u>φ 1,110,121</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	S OF RESOURCES
Deferred Pension Plan Charges \$ - 0 - \$ - 0 -	
-	<u>*                                    </u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	EFERRED OUTFLOWS
OF RESOURCES         \$ 3,967,675         \$ 1,170,421	<u>\$ 3,967,675</u> <u>\$ 1,170,421</u>

Pro	Capital ojects Fund		Total	A	Adjustments		tatement of let Position
\$	5,537,514	\$	9,984,079	\$		\$	9,984,079
			222,525				222,525
			132,273				132,273
			10_,_,0		46,053		46,053
			232,428				232,428
			676				676
					83,626		83,626
			51,695		(51,695)		
			51,934				51,934
					105,132		105,132
					634,224		634,224
					10,167,120		10,167,120
\$	5,537,514	\$	10,675,610	\$	10,984,460	\$	21,660,070
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<u>\$</u>	- 0 -	\$	- 0 -	\$	88,551	\$	88,551
\$	5,537,514	\$	10,675,610	\$	11,073,011	\$	21,748,621

### HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

				Debt	
	G	General Fund		ervice Fund	
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$	153,916	\$		
Accrued Compensated Absences		16,710			
Accrued Interest Payable					
Due to Other Funds				51,695	
Security Deposits		344,984			
Long-Term Liabilities:					
Bonds Payable, Due Within One Year					
Bonds Payable, Due After One Year					
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	515,610	\$	51,695	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Property Taxes	\$	40,906	\$	121,352	
Pension Plan Income					
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$	40,906	\$	121,352	
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable:					
Prepaid Costs	\$	51,859	\$		
Restricted for Authorized Construction					
Restricted for Debt Service				997,374	
Unassigned		3,359,300			
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$	3,411,159	\$	997,374	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS					
OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	3,967,675	\$	1,170,421	
NET POSITION					
Net Investment in Capital Assets					
Restricted for Debt Service					
Unrestricted					
Unrestricted					

TOTAL NET POSITION

Capital Projects Fund	Total	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
\$ 59,757	\$ 213,673 16,710 51,695 344,984	\$ 30,706 (51,695)	\$ 213,673 16,710 30,706 344,984
\$ 59,757	\$ 627,062	662,872 7,608,462 \$ 8,250,345	662,872 7,608,462 \$ 8,877,407
\$ <u>\$</u> - 0 -	\$ 162,258 \$ 162,258	\$ (132,273) <u>141,070</u> \$ 8,797	\$ 29,985 <u>141,070</u> \$ 171,055
\$ 5,477,757	\$	\$ (51,859) (5,477,757) (997,374) (3,359,300)	\$
\$ 5,477,757	\$ 9,886,290	\$ (9,886,290)	\$ - 0 -
<u>\$                                    </u>	\$ 10,675,610		
		\$ 8,112,899 1,104,088 3,483,172 \$ 12,700,159	\$ 8,112,899 1,104,088 3,483,172 \$ 12,700,159

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## HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 9,886,290
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Net Pension Assets, Deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to the pension plan activities are recorded in the government-wide financial statements.	31,107
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.	10,906,476
Deferred inflows of resources related to property tax revenues and penalty and interest receivable on delinquent taxes for the 2019 and prior tax levies became part of recognized revenue in the governmental activities of the District.	178,326
Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. These liabilities at year end consist of:	
Accrued Interest Payable\$ (30,706)Bonds Payable(8,271,334)	(8,302,040)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 12,700,159

## HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

			Debt	
	General Fund		Service Fund	
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$	316,809	\$	842,665
Service Revenues		2,467,106		
Penalty and Interest		61,182		42,230
Tap Connection and Inspection Fees		24,680		
Investment and Miscellaneous Revenues		117,225		15,907
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	2,987,002	\$	900,802
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES				
Service Operations:				
Personnel Expenditures	\$	792,542	\$	
Professional Fees		40,517		13,491
Contracted Services		191,265		24,438
Purchased Water Services		541,230		
Utilities		109,779		
Repair and Maintenance		117,944		
Depreciation				
Other		236,261		4,391
Capital Outlay		67,489		
Debt Service:				
Principal		99,537		545,000
Interest		17,828		253,820
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$	2,214,392	\$	841,140
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	\$	772,610	\$	59,662
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				
FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION -				
<b>OCTOBER 1, 2019</b>		2,638,549		937,712
FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION -				
<b>SEPTEMBER 30, 2020</b>	\$	3,411,159	\$	997,374

Pr	Capital Projects Fund		Total		Adjustments		atement of Activities
\$		\$	1,159,474 2,467,106	\$	31,565	\$	1,191,039 2,467,106
	50,065		103,412 24,680 183,197		3,738		107,150 24,680 183,197
\$	50,065	\$	3,937,869	\$	35,303	\$	3,973,172
\$	8,805	\$	792,542 62,813 215,703 541,230 109,779 117,944	\$	(16,896)	\$	775,646 62,813 215,703 541,230 109,779 117,944
	333,142		240,652 400,631		641,153 (400,631)		641,153 240,652
			644,537 271,648		(644,537) (77,204)		194,444
\$	341,947	\$	3,397,479	\$	(498,115)	\$	2,899,364
\$	(291,882)	\$	540,390	\$	(540,390)	\$	
					1,073,808		1,073,808
	5,769,639		9,345,900		2,280,451		11,626,351
\$	5,477,757	\$	9,886,290	\$	2,813,869	\$	12,700,159

### HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 540,390
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report tax revenues when collected. However, in the Statement of Activities, revenue is recorded in the accounting period for which the taxes are levied.	31,565
Governmental funds report penalty and interest revenue on property taxes when collected. However, in the Statement of Activities, revenue is recorded when penalties and interest are assessed.	3,738
Governmental funds do not account for depreciation. However, in the Statement of Net Position, capital assets are depreciated and depreciation expense is recorded in the Statement of Activities.	(641,153)
Governmental funds report capital expenditures as expenditures in the period purchased. However, in the Statement of Net Position, capital assets are increased by new purchases and the Statement of Activities is not affected.	400,631
This adjustment accounts for the current year activity related to the pension plan and other postemployment benefit plan as well as the associated deferred inflows and outflows of resources.	16,896
Governmental funds report principal payments as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Net Position, principal payments are reported as decreases in long-term liabilities.	644,537
Governmental funds report interest expenditures on long-term debt as expenditures in the year paid. However, in the Statement of Net Position, interest is accrued on the long-term debt through fiscal year-end.	77,204
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 1,073,808
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### NOTE 1. CREATION OF DISTRICT

Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 of Harris County, Texas (the "District") was created, according to official state records, on May 1, 1939, by the State Board of Water Engineers, a state agency that was a predecessor of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, and operates under provisions of Chapter 51 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, and other general statues of Texas. The first board meeting of the lawfully appointed Board of Directors was on or about May 25, 1939. On July 1, 1939, a new board was duly elected in accordance with state law by the duly qualified voters of the District. The first boards were sold July 20, 1939. The District is located in an unincorporated area north of Baytown, Texas.

# **NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). In addition, the accounting records of the District are maintained generally in accordance with the *Water District Financial Management Guide* published by the Commission.

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas governed by an elected board. GASB has established the criteria for determining whether or not an entity is a primary government or a component unit of a primary government. The primary criteria are that it has a separately elected governing body, it is legally separate, and it is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. Under these criteria, the District is considered a primary government and is not a component unit of any other government. Additionally, no other entities meet the criteria for inclusion in the District's financial statement as component units.

#### Financial Statement Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Part II, Financial Reporting ("GASB Codification").

The GASB Codification sets forth standards for external financial reporting for all state and local government entities, which include a requirement for a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. It requires the classification of net position into three components: Net Investment in Capital Assets; Restricted; and Unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

# **NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

#### Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

- \* Net Investment in Capital Assets This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
- \* Restricted Net Position This component of net position consists of external constraints placed on the use of assets imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulation of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- \* Unrestricted Net Position This component of net position consists of assets that do not meet the definition of Restricted or Net Investment in Capital Assets.

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

### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. The District's Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities are combined with the governmental fund financial statements. The District is viewed as a special-purpose government and has the option of combining these financial statements.

The Statement of Net Position is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report on the full accrual basis, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. Any amounts recorded due to and due from other funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Activities is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report only items related to current year revenues and expenditures. Items such as capital outlay are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Internal activities between governmental funds, if any, are eliminated by adjustment to obtain net total revenue and expense of the government-wide Statement of Activities.

#### Fund Financial Statements

As discussed above, the District's fund financial statements are combined with the governmentwide statements. The fund statements include a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

# **NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

#### Governmental Funds

The District has three governmental funds and considers each to be a major fund.

<u>General Fund</u> - To account for resources not required to be accounted for in another fund, customer service revenues, tax revenues and general expenditures.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - To account for ad valorem taxes and financial resources restricted, committed or assigned for servicing bond debt and the cost of assessing and collecting taxes.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> - To account for financial resources, committed or assigned for acquisition or construction of facilities and related costs.

#### Basis of Accounting

The District uses the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental fund types. The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues when both "measurable and available." Measurable means the amount can be determined. Available means collectable within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The District considers revenue reported in governmental funds to be available if they are collectable within 60 days after year end. Also, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures when payment is due.

Property taxes considered available by the District and included in revenue include taxes collected during the year and taxes collected after year-end, which were considered available to defray the expenditures of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources related to property tax revenues are those taxes which the District does not reasonably expect to be collected soon enough in the subsequent period to finance current expenditures.

Amounts transferred from one fund to another fund are reported as other financing sources or uses. Loans by one fund to another fund and amounts paid by one fund for another fund are reported as interfund receivables and payables in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet if there is intent to repay the amount and if the debtor fund has the ability to repay the advance on a timely basis.

# **NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund incurred and as an expense in the government-wide Statement of Activities. Capital asset additions, improvements and preservation costs that extend the life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset. Engineering fees and certain other costs are capitalized as part of the asset.

Individual capital items, including infrastructure assets are capitalized, if they have an original cost greater than \$2,000 and a useful life over two years. Depreciation is calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method of depreciation. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

	Years
Buildings	35-40
Furniture and Fixtures	7-10
Machinery and Equipment	5-15
Water Distribution System	30-50
Sewer Collection System	30-50

#### Budgeting

An annual unappropriated budget is adopted for the General Fund by the District's Board of Directors. The budget is prepared using the same method of accounting as for financial reporting. The original General Fund budget for the current year was not amended. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund presents the original budget amounts compared to the actual amounts of revenues and expenditures for the current year.

#### Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that directors are considered to be "employees" for federal payroll tax purposes only. A pension plan has not been established for the directors. A plan has been established for the District's employees other than directors. (See Note 8).

#### Measurement Focus

Measurement focus is a term used to describe which transactions are recognized within the various financial statements. In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement

# **NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

### Measurement Focus (Continued)

of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities associated with the activities are reported. Fund equity is classified as net position.

Governmental fund types are accounted for on a spending or financial flow measurement focus. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheet, and the reported fund balances provide an indication of available spendable or appropriable resources. Operating statements of governmental fund types report increases and decreases in available spendable resources. Fund balances in governmental funds are classified using the following hierarchy:

*Nonspendable*: amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted*: amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation, or because of constraints that are imposed externally.

*Committed*: amounts that can be spent only for purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Directors. The Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. This action must be made no later than the end of the fiscal year. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board. The District does not have any committed fund balances.

*Assigned*: amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. The District has not adopted a formal policy regarding the assignment of fund balances and does not have any assigned fund balances.

Unassigned: all other spendable amounts in the General Fund.

When expenditures are incurred for which restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of restricted funds, then committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

#### Accounting 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 amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### NOTE 3. LONG-TERM DEBT

	Refunding Series 2013	Series 2015
Amount Outstanding - September 30, 2020	\$ 750,000	\$ 7,060,000
Interest Rates	3.00%	3.00% - 3.50%
Maturity Date	February 15, 2021/2023	February 15, 2021/2037
Interest Payment Dates	February15/ August 15	February 15/ August 15
Callable Dates	February 15, 2022*	February 15, 2026*

\* Or any date thereafter at a price of par plus unpaid accrued interest in whole or in part, at the option of the District.

The District entered into a capital lease for the acquisition and installation of advanced metering infrastructure at a cost of \$931,342 during 2014. The terms of the lease include annual payments of \$117,365 including interest at 3.5%. There is a pre-payment option that begins in June of 2021. The General Fund provides the resources to pay the lease payments.

The following is a summary of transactions regarding bonds payable for the year ended September 30, 2020:

	(	Dctober 1, 2019	A	dditions	Re	tirements	Se	ptember 30, 2020
Bonds Payable Capital Lease - Meters Unamortized Discounts Unamortized Premiums Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ \$	8,355,000 532,168 (72,936) 111,301 8,925,533	\$ \$	-0-	\$ \$	545,000 99,537 (7,061) 16,723 654,199	\$ \$	7,810,000 432,631 (65,875) 94,578 8,271,334
			Amo	unt Due Wit unt Due Afte Bonds Paya	er One Y		\$ \$	662,872 7,608,462 8,271,334

### **NOTE 3. LONG-TERM DEBT** (Continued)

As of September 30, 2020, the debt service requirements on the bonds outstanding were as follows:

Fiscal Year	 Principal	Interest		 Total
2021	\$ 560,000	\$	237,245	\$ 797,245
2022	580,000		220,145	800,145
2023	600,000		202,445	802,445
2024	350,000		188,195	538,195
2025	365,000		177,470	542,470
2026-2030	1,985,000		714,550	2,699,550
2031-2035	2,325,000		383,358	2,708,358
2036-2037	1,045,000		36,838	1,081,838
	\$ 7,810,000	\$	2,160,246	\$ 9,970,246

As of September 30, 2020, the debt service requirements on the lease payments outstanding were as follows:

Fiscal Year	]	Principal	cipal Interest		 Total
2021	\$	102,872	\$	14,493	\$ 117,365
2022		106,318		11,047	117,365
2023		109,880		7,485	117,365
2024		113,561		3,804	 117,365
	\$	432,631	\$	36,829	\$ 469,460

As of September 30, 2020, the District had authorized but unissued bonds in the amount of \$8,150,000 for water, sanitary sewer and drainage bonds.

During the year ended September 30, 2020, the District levied ad valorem debt service tax rate of \$0.26216 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which resulted in a levy of \$849,007 on the adjusted taxable valuation of \$323,850,604 for the 2019 tax year. The bond order requires the District to levy and collect an ad valorem debt service tax sufficient to pay interest and principal on bonds when due and the costs of assessing and collecting taxes. See Note 7 for the maintenance tax levy.

All property values and exempt status, if any, are determined by the appraisal district. Assessed values are determined as of January 1 of each year, at which time a tax lien attaches to the related property. Taxes are levied around October/November, are due upon receipt and are delinquent the following February 1. Penalty and interest attach thereafter.

#### NOTE 4. SIGNIFICANT BOND ORDER AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The bond order states that the District is required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide annual continuing disclosure of certain general financial information and operating data to certain information repositories. This information, along with the audited annual financial statements, is to be provided within six months after the end of each fiscal year.

The District has covenanted that it will take all necessary steps to comply with the requirement that rebatable arbitrage earnings on the investment of the gross proceeds of the bonds, within the meaning of section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, be rebated to the federal government. The minimum requirement for determination of the rebatable amount is on each 5th year anniversary of each issue.

#### NOTE 5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

#### **Deposits**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of Texas statutes.

Texas statutes require that any cash balance in any fund shall, to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, be continuously secured by a valid pledge to the District of securities eligible under the laws of Texas to secure the funds of the District, having an aggregate market value, including accrued interest, at all times equal to the uninsured cash balance in the fund to which such securities are pledged. At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$10,206,604 and the bank balance was \$10,252,690. The District was not exposed to custodial credit risk at year-end.

The carrying values of the deposits are included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position at September 30, 2020, as listed below:

	Cash	Total	
	 	 Deposit	 
GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,590,607	\$	\$ 3,590,607
DEBT SERVICE FUND	855,958	222,525	1,078,483
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	 5,537,514	 	 5,537,514
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 9,984,079	\$ 222,525	\$ 10,206,604

# **NOTE 5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

#### Investments

Under Texas law, the District is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity and that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management, and all District funds must be invested in accordance with the following investment objectives: understanding the suitability of the investment to the District's financial requirements, first; preservation and safety of principal, second; liquidity, third; marketability of the investment if the need arises to liquidate the investment before maturity, fourth; diversification of the investment portfolio, fifth; and yield, sixth.

The District's investments must be made "with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived." No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board of Directors.

Texas statutes include specifications for and limitations applicable to the District and its authority to purchase investments as defined in the Public Funds Investment Act. The District has adopted a written investment policy to establish the guidelines by which it may invest. This policy is reviewed annually. The District's investment policy may be more restrictive than the Public Funds Investment Act.

The District records in investments in certificates of deposit at acquisition cost

As of September 30, 2020, the District had the following investments and maturities:

		Maturities of
Fund and		Less Than
Investment Type	Fair Value	1 Year
DEBT SERVICE FUND Certificates of Deposit	\$ 222,525	\$ 222,525

Credit risk is the risk that the issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The District manages credit risk by investing in certificates of deposit with balances covered in accordance with Texas statutes.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District manages interest rate risk by investing in certificates of deposits with maturities of approximately one year or less.

#### **NOTE 5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

#### Restrictions

All cash and investments of the Debt Service Fund are restricted for payment of debt service and the cost of assessing and collecting taxes. All cash and investments of the Capital Projects Fund are restricted for purchases of capital assets.

#### NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2020 is as follows:

	October 1, 2019				ises	September 30, 2020		
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	in and the second s							
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 10	5,132 \$		\$		\$	105,132	
Construction in Progress	1,61	4,765	400,631	1,381	,172		634,224	
Total Capital Assets Not Being								
Depreciated	\$ 1,71	9,897 \$	400,631	<u>\$ 1,381</u>	,172	\$	739,356	
Capital Assets Subject								
to Depreciation								
Building		0,235 \$		\$		\$	280,235	
Water System		8,443	1,372,724				4,251,167	
Sewer System		6,186	8,448				15,334,634	
Leased Equipment		1,342					931,342	
Machinery and Equipment	46	7,642					467,642	
Furniture and Fixtures		5,688					5,688	
Vehicles	12	0,344					120,344	
Total Capital Assets								
Subject to Depreciation	\$ 20,00	9,880 \$	1,381,172	\$ -0-		\$	21,391,052	
Accumulated Depreciation								
Building	\$ 18	5,545 \$	7,960	\$		\$	193,505	
Water System	1,54	2,949	81,465				1,624,414	
Sewer System	8,08	1,654	420,663				8,502,317	
Leased Equipment	40	3,581	93,475				497,056	
Machinery and Equipment	24	9,297	33,068				282,365	
Furniture and Fixtures		4,152	319				4,471	
Vehicles	11	5,601	4,203				119,804	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 10,58	\$2,779	641,153	\$ -0-		\$	11,223,932	
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of								
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 9,42	\$7,101	740,019	\$ -0-		\$	10,167,120	
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated								
Depreciation	\$ 11,14	6,998 \$	1,140,650	\$ 1,381	,172	\$	10,906,476	

#### NOTE 7. MAINTENANCE TAX

At an election held September 14, 2002, the voters of the District approved the levy and collection of a maintenance tax not to exceed \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District. During the year ended September 30, 2020, the District levied a maintenance tax rate of \$0.09784 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which resulted in a tax levy of \$316,855 on the adjusted taxable valuation of \$323,850,604 for the 2019 tax year.

#### NOTE 8. PENSION PLAN

#### Plan Description

The District provides retirement for all of its full-time employees through a nontraditional defined benefit pension plan in the statewide Texas County and District Retirement System ("TCDRS"). The Board of Trustees of TCDRS is responsible for the administration of the statewide agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system consisting of more than 780 nontraditional defined benefit pension plans. TCDRS in the aggregate issues a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) on a calendar year basis. The CAFR is available on the TCDRS website (www.tcdrs.org).

### Benefits Provided

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the District, within the options available in the Texas state statutes governing the TCDRS (TCDRS Act). Members can retire at ages 60 and above with 8 or more years of service, with 30 years of service, regardless of age, or when the sum of their age and years of service equals 75 or more. Members are vested after 8 years of service but must leave their accumulated deposits in the plan to receive any employer-financed benefit. Members who withdraw their personal deposits in a lump sum are not entitled to any amounts contributed by the District.

Benefit amounts are determined by the sum of the employee's deposits to the plan, with interest, and employer-financed monetary credit. The level of these monetary credits is adopted by the governing body of the District within the actuarial constraints imposed by the TCDRS Act so that the resulting benefits can be expected to be adequately financed by the employer's commitment to contribute. At retirement, death, or disability, the benefit is calculated by converting the sum of the employee's accumulated deposits and the employer-financed monetary credits to a monthly annuity using annuity purchase rates prescribed by the TCDRS Act.

### NOTE 8. PENSION PLAN (Continued)

At September 30, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	4
Inactive employees entitled but not yet receiving benefits	7
Active employees	13

### Contributions

The plan is funded by monthly contributions from both employee members and the employer based on the covered payroll of employee members. Under the TCDRS Act, the contribution rate of the employer is actuarially determined annually. The employer contributed using the actuarially determined rate of 14.0% for the months of the 2020 accounting year and the 2019 accounting year. The deposit rate payable by the employee members for calendar years 2019 and 2020 is 7.0% as adopted by the governing body of the District. The employee deposit rate and the employer contribution rate may be changed by the governing body of the District within the options available in the TCDRS Act.

For the District's accounting year ended September 30, 2020, the annual pension cost for the TCDRS plan for its employees was \$84,224 and the actual contributions were \$84,224.

#### Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumption:

Actuarial valuation date	12/31/19
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment return <sup>1</sup>	8.10%
Projected salary increases <sup>1</sup>	4.90%
Inflation	2.75%
Cost-of-living adjustments	0.00%

<sup>1</sup> Includes inflation at the stated rate

# **NOTE 8. PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

All actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability as of December 31, 2019 were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2016, except where required to be different by GASB 68.

Mortality rates were based on the following:

Depositing members – 90% of the RP-2014 Active Employee Mortality Table for males and 90% of the RP-2014 Active Employee Mortality Table for females, projected with 110% of the MP-2014 Ultimate Scale after 2014.

Service retirees, beneficiaries and non-depositing members – 130% of the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and 110% of the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for females, both projected with 110% of the MP-2014 Ultimate scale after 2014.

Disabled retirees - 130% of the RP-2014 Disabled Annuitant Mortality Table for males and 115% of the RP-2014 Disabled Annuitant Mortality Table for females, both projected with 110% of the MP-2014 Ultimate scale after 2014.

### Depletion of Plan Assets/ GASB Discount Rate

The discount rate is the single rate of return that, when applied to all projected benefit payments results in an actuarial present value of projected benefit payments equal to the total of the following:

- 1) The actuarial present value of benefit payments projected to be made in future periods in which (a) the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be greater than the benefit payments that are projected to be made in that period and (b) pension plan assets up to that point are expected to be invested using a strategy to achieve the long-term rate of return, calculated using the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments.
- 2) The actuarial present value of projected benefit payments not included in (1), calculated using the municipal bond rate.

Therefore, if plan investments in a given future year are greater than projected benefit payments in that year and are invested such that they are expected to earn the long-term rate of return, the discount rate applied to projected benefit payments in that year should be the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments. If future years exist where this is not the case, then an index rate reflecting the yield on a 20-year, tax-exempt municipal bond should be used to discount the projected benefit payments for those years.

### **NOTE 8. PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

The determination of a future date when plan investments are not sufficient to pay projected benefit payments is often referred to as a depletion date projection. A depletion date projection compares projections of the pension plan's fiduciary net position to projected benefit payments and aims to determine a future date, if one exists, when the fiduciary net position is projected to be less than projected benefit payments. If an evaluation of the sufficiency of the projected fiduciary net position compared to projected benefit payments can be made with sufficient reliability without performing a depletion date projection, alternative methods to determine sufficiency may be applied.

In order to determine the discount rate to be used by the employer we have used an alternative method to determine the sufficiency of the fiduciary net position in all future years. Our alternative method reflects the funding requirements under the employer's funding policy and the legal requirements under the TCDRS Act.

#### Depletion of Plan Assets/ GASB Discount Rate (Continued)

- 1) TCDRS has a funding policy where the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) shall be amortized as a level percent of pay over 20-year closed layered periods.
- 2) Under the TCDRS Act, the employer is legally required to make the contribution specified in the funding policy.
- 3) The employer's assets are projected to exceed its accrued liabilities in 20 years or less. When this point is reached, the employer is still required to contribute at least the normal cost.
- 4) An increased cost due to the adoption of a COLA is required to be funded over a period of 15 years, if applicable.

Based on the above, the projected fiduciary net position is determined to be sufficient compared to projected benefit payments. Based on the expected level of cash flows and investment returns to the system, the fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability is projected to increase from its current level in future years.

Since the projected fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay projected benefit payments in all future years, the discount rate for purposes of calculating the total pension liability and net pension liability of the employer is equal to the long-term assumed rate of return on investments. This long-term assumed rate of return should be net of investment expenses, but gross of administrative expenses for GASB 68 purposes.

### **NOTE 8. PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

Therefore, we have used a discount rate of 8.10%. This rate reflects the long-term assumed rate of return on assets for funding purposes of 8.00%, net of all expenses, increased by 0.10% to be gross of administrative expenses.

#### Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on TCDRS assets is determined by adding expected inflation to expected long-term real returns and reflecting expected volatility and correlation. The capital market assumptions and information shown below are provided by TCDRS' investment consultant, Cliffwater LLC. The numbers shown are based on April 2020 information for a 10-year time horizon.

Note that the valuation assumption for long-term expected return is re-assessed at a minimum of every four years and is set based on a 30-year time horizon; the most recent analysis was performed in 2017. See Millian's TCDRS Investigation of Experience report for period January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016 for more details.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Geometric Real Rate of Return (Expected minus Inflation)
US Equities	14.50%	5.20%
Private Equity	20.00%	8.20%
Global Equities	2.50%	5.50%
International Equities-Development	7.00%	5.20%
International Equities-Emerging	7.00%	5.70%
Investment-Grade Bonds	3.00%	-0.20%
Strategic Credit	12.00%	3.14%
Direct Lending	11.00%	7.16%
Distressed Debt	4.00%	6.90%
REIT Equities	3.00%	4.50%
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)	2.00%	8.40%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	6.00%	5.50%
Hedge Funds	8.00%	2.30%

### **NOTE 8. PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

Changes in Net Pension Liability:

-	Increase (Decrease)							
-	To	otal Pension	Pla	n Fiduciary	Ne	et Pension		
		Liability	Ν	et Position	Liab	ility/(Asset)		
		(a)	(b)			(a)-(b)		
Balances of December 31, 2018	\$	3,134,103	\$	2,934,796	\$	199,307		
Changes for the year:								
Service Costs		71,067				71,067		
Interest on the Total Pension Liability		253,296				253,296		
Effect of Econimic/Demographic								
Gains or Losses		(14,478)				(14,478)		
Benefit Payments		(159,229)		(159,229)				
Administrative Expenses				(2,567)		2,567		
Member Contributions				38,150		(38,150)		
Net investment income				481,997		(481,997)		
Employer Contributions				76,300		(76,300)		
Other				(1,064)		1,064		
Balances of December 31, 2019	\$	3,284,759	\$	3,368,383	\$	(83,624)		

Sensitivity Analysis - The following presents the net pension liability of the District, calculated using the discount rate of 8.10%, as well as what the District net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (7.10%) or 1 percentage point higher (9.10%) than the current rate.

	1%	Current	1%		
	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase		
	7.10%	8.10%	9.10%		
Total pension liability	\$ 3,698,063	\$ 3,284,759	\$ 2,933,645		
Fiduciary net position	3,368,383	<u>3,368,383</u>	<u>3,368,383</u>		
Net pension liability	<u>\$ 329,680</u>	<u>\$ (86,624</u> )	<u>\$ (\$434,738)</u>		

# NOTE 8. PENSION PLAN (Continued)

As of December 31, 2019, the deferred inflows and outflows of resources are as follows:

	Deferred Inflows of resources		Deferred Outflows of resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	54,463	\$	16,647
Changes in assumptions				7,332
Net difference between projected and actual earnings		86,607		
Contributions paid to TCDRS subsequent to the measurement date				64,572
Total	\$	141,070	\$	88,551

The District made plan contributions subsequent to the measurement date and prior to the District fiscal year-end of \$64,572, which are recorded as deferred outflows of resources. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2020	\$ (35,530)
2021	(34,946)
2022	2,175
2023	(47,979)
2024	1,259
Thereafter	(2,070)

### NOTE 9. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences payable recorded in the accompanying financial statements relates to earned vacation time. Accumulated compensated absences related to sick time amounting to approximately \$78,899 as of September 30, 2020, are not recorded in the accompanying financial statement since such compensation is not fully vested and is dependent upon the occurrence of future employee illnesses, the probability of which cannon be measured.

### NOTE 10. GRANT FUNDS

The District has applied for a grant of almost \$3,900,000 related to certain wastewater treatment plant improvements. This grant was approved in October of 2019 and the District anticipates construction related to this grant beginning in 2020 with the project being completed in 2021 or 2022.

#### NOTE 11. PURCHASE WATER AGREEMENT

The District entered into an agreement with the Baytown Area Water Authority ("BAWA") in September, 1993, to purchase at lease 350,000 gallons of water per day at a minimum cost of one dollar (\$1.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons and that such purchase shall begin no later than December 31, 1994. The cost of the water has increased periodically and was \$2.86 per thousand gallons at September 30, 2020. The District's cost for such water during the current year was \$541,230. The District currently purchases approximately 80% of its water from BAWA and would likely incur an interruption in service and/or a significant increase in costs if BAWA ceased to provide the water.

#### NOTE 12. 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. The District participates in the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TML) to provide property, general liability, automobile, boiler and machinery, errors and omissions, windstorm and workers compensation coverage. The District, along with other participating entities, contributes annual amounts determined by TML's management. As claims arise they are submitted and paid by TML. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

### NOTE 13. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

As of September 30, 2020, the Debt Service Fund recorded a payable to the General Fund in the amount of \$51,695 for maintenance tax collections.

### NOTE 14. ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a global pandemic. As a result, economic uncertainties have arisen which could have an impact on the operations of the District. The District is carefully monitoring the situation and evaluating its options during this time. No adjustments have been made to these financial statements as a result of this uncertainty, as the potential financial impact of this pandemic is unknown at this time.

#### APPENDIX D

SPECIMEN MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

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# MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

**ISSUER:** 

BONDS: \$ in aggregate principal amount of

Policy No: -N Effective Date: Premium: \$

ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. ("AGM"), for consideration received, hereby UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY agrees to pay to the trustee (the "Trustee") or paying agent (the "Paying Agent") (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance of and securing the Bonds) for the Bonds, for the benefit of the Owners or, at the election of AGM, 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 Business Day next following the Business Day on which AGM shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, AGM will disburse to or for the benefit of each Owner of a Bond the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bond that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by AGM, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner's right to receive payment of the 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 AGM. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day if it is received prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on such Business Day; otherwise, if will be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by AGM is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by AGM for purposes of the preceding sentence and AGM shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, who may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement in respect of a Bond, AGM shall become the owner of the Bond, any appurtenant coupon to the Bond or right to receive for payment of principal of or interest on the Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner's right to receive payments under the Bond, to the extent of any payment by AGM to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owner's shall, to the extent thereof, discharge the obligation of AGM under this Policy.

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 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 AGM 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 of principal or interest that is Due for Payment made to an Owner by or on behalf of the Issuer which from has been recovered such Owner pursuant to the

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United States Bankruptcy Code by a trustee in bankruptcy in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction. "Notice" means telephonic or telecopied notice, subsequently confirmed in a signed writing, or written notice by registered or certified mail, from an Owner, the Trustee or the Paying Agent to AGM which notice shall specify (a) the person or entity making the claim, (b) the Policy Number, (c) the claimed amount and (d) the date such claimed amount 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 or any person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Bonds.

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

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, AGM 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 AGM to avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy.

This Policy sets forth in full the undertaking of AGM, 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. (a) any premium paid in respect of this Policy is nonrefundable for any reason whatspever, including payment, or provision being made for payment, of the Bonds prior to maturity and (b) this Policy may not be canceled or revoked. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW.

In witness whereof, ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. has caused this Policy to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Officer.



ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP.

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Authorized Officer

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