#### **OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED APRIL 28, 2021**

#### NEW ISSUE-BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

RATINGS: Insured BAM S&P "AA" (Stable Outlook); Underlying Rating: Moody's "A2"
See "MUNICIPAL BOND RATINGS" and "BOND INSURANCE"

IN THE OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL, UNDER EXISTING LAW, INTEREST ON THE BONDS IS EXCLUDABLE FROM GROSS INCOME FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX ON INDIVIDUALS, SEE "TAX MATTERS" FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL.

The District has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for financial institutions. See "TAX MATTERS – Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations."

#### \$3,790,000

#### Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374

(A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas Located in Harris County, Texas)

#### **UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021**

**Dated: June 1, 2021 (Interest accrues from Date of Delivery)** 

Due: September 1, as shown on the inside cover page

The \$3,790,000 Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds"), constitute obligations solely of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 (the "District") and are not obligations of the State of Texas (the "State"), Harris County, Texas, the City of Houston, Texas, or any entity other than the District. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form only, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000. Interest on the Bonds accrues from the Date of Delivery (defined herein), currently anticipated to be June 3, 2021, and is payable September 1, 2021, and each March 1 and September 1 thereafter until the earlier of maturity or redemption. Interest will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds will be initially registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Beneficial owners of the Bonds will not receive physical certificates representing the Bonds, but will receive a credit balance on the books of the nominees of such beneficial owners. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar directly to DTC, which will, in turn, remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM." The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. The Bonds are being issued to refund a portion of the District's outstanding Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2012A and Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, to achieve a debt service savings, and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. See "PLAN OF FINANCING."

The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under a municipal bond insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by **BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY**. See "MUNICIPAL BOND RATINGS" AND "BOND INSURANCE."



## MATURITY SCHEDULE, INTEREST RATES, INITIAL YIELDS, REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AND CUSIP NUMBERS (see inside cover page)

The Bonds, when issued, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the District and will be payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied against taxable property within the District. See "THE BONDS – Source of and Security for Payment." This cover page contains information for quick reference only and is not a summary of the Bonds. Potential investors must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to making an informed investment decision.

THE BONDS ARE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN. See "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS."

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the District and accepted by the initial purchaser thereof named below (the "Underwriter") subject, among other things, to the approval of the Initial Bond by the Attorney General of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel. Certain other matters will be passed upon, on behalf of the Underwriter, by Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Houston, Texas, Underwriter's Counsel. The Bonds in definitive form are expected to be available for delivery through DTC on June 3, 2021 (the "Date of Delivery").

## MATURITY SCHEDULE (Due September 1)

**CUSIP PREFIX: 413897** 

			Initial					Initial	
	Principal	Interest	Reoffering	CUSIP		Principal	Interest	Reoffering	CUSIP
Due	Amount <sup>(a)</sup>	Rate	Yield <sup>(b)</sup>	Suffix <sup>(c)</sup>	Due	Amount <sup>(a)</sup>	Rate	Yield <sup>(b)</sup>	Suffix <sup>(c)</sup>
2021	\$ 25,000	3.00%	0.45%	QA0	2027	\$ 200,000	3.00%	1.01%	QG7
2022	30,000	3.00%	0.46%	QB8	2028	200,000	3.00%	1.19%	QH5
2023	30,000	3.00%	0.50%	QC6	2029 (a)	220,000	2.00%	1.34%	QJ1
2024	30,000	3.00%	0.58%	QD4	2030 <sup>(a)</sup>	220,000	2.00%	1.45%	QK8
2025	180,000	3.00%	0.65%	QE2	***	***	***	***	***
2026	175,000	3.00%	0.82%	QF9	2037 <sup>(a)</sup>	1,035,000	2.00%	1.93%	QP7
\$450,000 2.000% Term Bond Due September 1, 2032 <sup>(a)</sup> Yield 1.610% <sup>(b)</sup> CUSIP Suffix QL6 <sup>(c)</sup>									
\$490,000 2.000% Term Bond Due September 1, 2034 <sup>(a)</sup> Yield 1.750% <sup>(b)</sup> CUSIP Suffix QM4 <sup>(c)</sup>									
	\$505,000 2.000% Term Bond Due September 1, 2036 <sup>(a)</sup> Yield 1.860% <sup>(b)</sup> CUSIP Suffix QN2 <sup>(c)</sup>								

<sup>(</sup>a) Redemption Provisions: The District reserves the right to redeem, prior to maturity, in integral multiples of \$5,000, those Bonds maturing on and after September 1, 2029, in whole or from time to time in part, on September 1, 2028, or on any date thereafter at a price of par plus accrued interest, if any, from the most recent interest payment date to the date fixed for redemption. The Term Bonds maturing September 1, 2032, September 1, 2034, and September 1, 2036 (collectively, the "Term Bonds") are also subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. See "THE BONDS - Redemption."

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

<sup>(</sup>b) The initial reoffering yields indicated represent the lower of the yields resulting when priced to maturity or the first call date. The initial yields at which the Bonds will be priced will be established by and will be the sole responsibility of the Underwriter. The yields may be changed at any time at the discretion of the Underwriter.

<sup>(</sup>c) 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. This data is not intended to create a database and does not serve in any way as a substitute for the CUSIP Services provided by CUSIP Global Services. None of the Underwriter, the District, or Public Finance Group LLC, the District's financial advisor (the "Financial Advisor"), is responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth herein. The CUSIP number for a specific maturity is subject to being changed after the issuance of the Bonds as a result of various subsequent actions including, but not limited to, a refunding in whole or in part as a result of the procurement of secondary market portfolio insurance or other similar enhancement by investors that is applicable to all or a portion of certain maturities of the Bonds.

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No dealer, broker, salesman, or other 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 alone constitute, and is not authorized by the District for use in connection with, an offer to sell or the solicitation of any 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.

The information set forth herein has been obtained from the District and other sources believed to be reliable, but such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness and is not to be construed as the promise or guarantee of the Financial Advisor. This Official Statement contains, in part, estimates and matters of opinion which are not intended as statements of facts, and no representation is made as to the correctness of such estimates and opinions, or that they will be realized.

Any reference to website addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and may be in the form of a hyperlink solely for the readers' convenience. Unless specified otherwise, such websites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement.

All of the summaries of the statutes, orders, contracts, records, and engineering and other related reports set forth in the Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such documents. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions, and reference is made to such documents, copies of which are available from the District's General Counsel, for further information.

This Official Statement contains, in part, estimates, assumptions, and matters of opinion which are not intended as statements of fact, and no representation is made as to the correctness of such estimates, assumptions, or matters of opinion, or as to the likelihood that they will be realized. Any information and expressions of opinion herein contained are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District or the other matters described herein since the date hereof. However, the District has agreed to keep this Official Statement current by amendment or sticker to reflect material changes in the affairs of the District, and to the extent that information actually comes to its attention, other matters described in the Official Statement until delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriter.

NONE OF THE DISTRICT, THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR, OR THE UNDERWRITER 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.

THE CONTENTS OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS LEGAL, BUSINESS, OR TAX ADVICE, AND PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS AND BUSINESS AND TAX ADVISORS.

#### SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BONDS

#### Underwriting

The Underwriter listed on the cover page of this Official Statement has agreed, subject to certain conditions in the bond purchase agreement, to purchase the Bonds from the District for \$3,890,996.69 (an amount equal to the principal amount of the Bonds, plus a premium of \$139,531.20, less an Underwriter's discount of \$38,534.51). The Underwriter's obligation is to purchase all of the Bond if any are purchased. See "PLAN OF FINANCING – Sources and Uses of Funds."

#### Prices and Marketability

The prices and other terms with respect to the offering and sale of the Bonds may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter after the Bonds are released for sale, and the Bonds may be offered and sold at prices other than the initial offering prices, including sales to dealers who may sell the Bonds into investment accounts. IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING OF THE BONDS, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICES OF THE BONDS AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

The District has no control over trading of the Bonds in the secondary market. Moreover, there is no guarantee that a secondary market will be made in the Bonds. In such a secondary market, the difference between the bid and asked price of utility district bonds may be greater than the difference between the bid and asked price of bonds of comparable maturity and quality issued by more traditional municipal entities.

#### Securities Laws

NEITHER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "SEC") NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THE BONDS OR PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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

sold, or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions in such other jurisdiction.

The statements contained in this Official Statement, and in other information provided by the District, that are not purely historical, are forward-looking statements, including regarding the District's expectations, hopes, intentions or strategies regarding the future. 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. See "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS – Forward-Looking Statements."

#### MUNICIPAL BOND RATINGS

S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") is expected to assign a rating of "AA" (stable outlook) to the Bonds, as a result of a municipal bond insurance policy to be issued by Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM" or the "Insurer") at the time of delivery of the Bonds. Additionally, Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") has assigned an underlying rating of "A2" to the Bonds.

An explanation of the significance of a rating may be obtained from the company furnishing the rating. The rating reflects only the respective view of such company, and the District makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the rating. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating company, if, in the judgement of such company, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

#### BOND INSURANCE

#### **Bond Insurance Policy**

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM") will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds (the "Policy"). The Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as an appendix to this Official Statement.

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

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

BAM is a New York domiciled mutual insurance corporation and is licensed to conduct financial guaranty insurance business in all fifty states of the United States and the District of Columbia. BAM provides credit enhancement products solely to issuers in the U.S. public finance markets. BAM will only insure obligations of states, political subdivisions, integral parts of states or political subdivisions or entities otherwise eligible for the exclusion of income under section 115 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. No member of BAM is liable for the obligations of BAM.

The address of the principal executive offices of BAM is: 200 Liberty Street, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10281, its telephone number is: 212-235-2500, and its website is located at: www.buildamerica.com.

BAM is licensed and subject to regulation as a financial guaranty insurance corporation under the laws of the State of New York and in particular Articles 41 and 69 of the New York Insurance Law.

BAM's financial strength is rated "AA/Stable" by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"). An explanation of the significance of the rating and current reports may be obtained from S&P at www.standardandpoors.com. The rating of BAM should be evaluated independently. The rating reflects the S&P's current assessment of the creditworthiness of BAM and its ability to pay claims on its policies of insurance. The above rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and such rating is subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by S&P, including withdrawal initiated at the request of BAM in its sole discretion. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the above rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. BAM only guarantees scheduled principal and scheduled interest payments payable by the issuer of the Bonds on the date(s) when such amounts were initially scheduled to become due and payable (subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Policy), and BAM does not guarantee the market price or liquidity of the Bonds, nor does it guarantee that the rating on the Bonds will not be revised or withdrawn.

#### Capitalization of BAM

BAM's total admitted assets, total liabilities, and total capital and surplus, as of December 31, 2020 and as prepared in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the New York State Department of Financial Services were \$485.4 million, \$160.7 million and \$324.7 million, respectively.

BAM is party to a first loss reinsurance treaty that provides first loss protection up to a maximum of 15% of the par amount outstanding for each policy issued by BAM, subject to certain limitations and restrictions.

BAM's most recent Statutory Annual Statement, which has been filed with the New York State Insurance Department and posted on BAM's website at www.buildamerica.com, is incorporated herein by reference and may be obtained, without charge, upon request to BAM at its address provided above (Attention: Finance Department). Future financial statements will similarly be made available when published.

BAM makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, BAM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding BAM, supplied by BAM and presented under the heading "BOND INSURANCE".

Additional Information Available from BAM

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

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

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BAM receives compensation (an insurance premium) for the insurance that it is providing with respect to the Bonds. Neither BAM nor any affiliate of BAM has purchased, or committed to purchase, any of the Bonds, whether at the initial offering or otherwise.

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#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

The following material is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and financial statements appearing elsewhere 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 summary from this Official Statement or to otherwise use it without the entire Official Statement.

#### THE DISTRICT

The District	Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 (the "District"), located in Harris County, Texas, and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, was created by order of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, now known as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ" or the "Commission"), effective September 19, 2001 and confirmed pursuant to an election held within the District on November 6, 2001. The District was created for the purpose of providing, operating, and maintaining facilities to control storm water, distribute potable water, and collect and treat wastewater and operates pursuant to Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code and Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, both as amended. See "THE DISTRICT – General."
Location	The District is located in Harris County within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, approximately 25 miles northwest of downtown Houston, Texas, and south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 290 and Fry Road. The District is located entirely within the jurisdiction of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District. The District's northern boundary is the Union Pacific railroad track, western boundary is Fry Road and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 371, eastern boundary is Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 500, and southern boundary is Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 433. Access to the District is provided by U.S. Hwy 290 to Fry Road.
The Developer	The District was developed by Mischer Development, LP ("Mischer"), a Texas limited partnership composed of Mischer Investments, L.P., a Texas limited partnership ("Investments") (owning a 99% limited partner interest), and Mischer Management, L.L.C., a Texas limited liability company ("Management") (owning a 1% general partner interest).
Status of Development	Of the approximately 732 acres within the District, approximately 692 acres are developable. All of the developable acreage within the District has been developed with utility facilities as the single-family residential subdivisions, multi-family residential housing and retail/commercial development known as Cypress Creek Lakes. Development within the District includes 979 developed single-family lots, all of which have completed homes, on approximately 478.81 acres. Additional development within the District includes two apartment complexes (called Cortland North Haven and Camden Cypress Creek) containing 854 apartment units on approximately 49.94 acres. Additionally, the utility facilities serving approximately 25.6 acres of retail/commercial acres have been constructed, of which approximately 17.86 acres contain above ground commercial/retail improvements, including two retail and restaurant strip centers, a storage facility, a daycare center, and a gas station. In addition, the District contains eight lakes, two recreation centers on approximately 3.38 acres, and District facility sites on approximately 4.50 acres. The District also contains approximately 130 acres of Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District ("Cypress-Fairbanks ISD") school facilities, which are exempt from ad valorem taxation. See "THE DISTRICT – Status of Development."
COVID-19 Pandemic	The potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the District cannot be quantified at this time but the continued outbreak of COVID-19 could have an adverse effect on the District's operations and financial condition. The financial and operating data contained herein is the latest available but is largely as of dates and for the periods prior to the economic impact of the pandemic and the measures instituted to control the pandemic. Accordingly, the data is not indicative of the economic impact of the pandemic on the District's financial condition. See "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS – Infectious Disease Outlook (COVID-19)."
	THE BONDS
Description	The Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,790,000 mature serially in varying amounts on September 1 of each of the years 2021 through 2030, inclusive, and 2037, and as Term Bonds which mature on September 1, 2032, September 1, 2034, and September 1, 2036 (collectively, the "Term Bonds"), as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. Interest accrues from the Date of Delivery at the rates per annum set forth on the inside cover page hereof and is payable September 1, 2021, and each March 1 and September 1 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds are offered in fully registered form in integral multiples of \$5,000 for any one maturity. See "THE BONDS - General Description."
Redemption	Bonds maturing on and after September 1, 2029, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District in whole or from time to time to support on September 1, 2028, or on any date thereafter, at par plus accrued interest, if any, from the most recent interest payment date to the date of redemption. The

Term Bonds are also subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. See "THE BONDS - Redemption."

Source of Payment	Principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from the proceeds of a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax levied upon all taxable property within the District, which under Texas law is not legally limited as to rate or amount. See "TAXING PROCEDURES." The Bonds are obligations solely of the District and are not obligations of the City of Houston, Texas; Harris County, Texas; the State of Texas; or any entity other than the District. See "THE BONDS - Source of and Security for Payment."			
Payment Record	The District has never defaulted in the timely payment of principal of or interest on its outstanding obligations. See "FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Outstanding Bonds – Table 6."			
Authority for Issuance	The Bonds are being issued pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution and the general laws of the State, Chapter 1207 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, Chapters 49 and 54, of the Texas Water Code, as amended, City of Houston Ordinance 97-416, and a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted by the Board of Directors of the District and a pricing certificate executed by the authorized representative designated in the resolution (the resolution and pricing certificate are collectively referred to herein as the "Bond Resolution"). See "THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance."			
Use of Proceeds	Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, and lawfully available funds of the District, will be used to (i) refund a portion of the District's Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2012A and Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, to achieve a debt service savings; and (ii) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. See "PLAN OF FINANCING."			
Bonds Authorized But Unissued	At an election held within the District on November 6, 2001, the voters within the District approved the issuance of \$37,200,000 in unlimited tax bonds for construction of water, sanitary sewer, and drainage facilities, of which \$410,000 in unlimited tax bonds remain authorized but unissued. The voters of the District also authorized the issuance of refunding bonds in a total aggregate principal amount of \$24,200,000. The Bonds are the ninth series of refunding bonds issued by the District and will use \$100,996.69 of the District's voted authorization of refunding bonds. After the issuance of the Bonds, \$19,047,543.98 of voted authorization of refunding bonds will remain unissued. Additionally, at an election held in the District on May 15, 2004, the voters within the District approved the issuance of \$9,500,000 in unlimited tax bonds for the acquisition and construction of parks and recreational facilities, of which \$5,160,000 unlimited tax bonds remain authorized but unissued. See "FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Outstanding Bonds – Table 6" and "THE BONDS - Issuance of Additional Debt."			
Municipal Bond Ratings and Bond Insurance	S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") is expected to assign a rating of "AA" (stable outlook) to the Bonds, as a result of a municipal bond insurance policy to be issued by Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM" or the "Insurer") at the time of delivery of the Bonds. Additionally, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") has assigned an underlying rating of "A2" to the Bonds.			
Tax Exemption	In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal tax purposes under existing law and interest on the Bonds is not subject to the alternative minimum tax on individuals. See "TAX MATTERS" for a description of Bond Counsel's opinion.			
Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations	The District has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. See "TAX MATTERS - Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations."			
	INCLEMENT WEATHER			
General	The greater Houston area, including the District, is subject to occasional severe weather events, including tropical storms and hurricanes. If the District were to sustain damage to its facilities requiring substantial repair or replacement or if substantial damage were to occur to taxable property within the District as a result of such a weather event, the investment security of the Bonds could be adversely affected.			
Impact on District	The greater Houston area has experienced four storms exceeding a 0.2% probability (i.e. "500-year flood" events) since 2015, including Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall along the Texas Gulf Coast on August 26, 2017, and brought historic levels of rainfall during the successive four days. According to Inframark Water & Infrastructure Services (the "Operator"), there were no interruptions of water and sewer service as a result of Hurricane Harvey. According to BGE, Inc. (the "Engineer"), the District's system did not sustain any material damage from Hurricane Harvey. The District did not receive reports that any homes or improvements within the District experienced structural flooding or other damage as a result of Hurricane Harvey.			

If a future weather event significantly damaged all or part of the improvements within the District, the assessed value of property within the District could be substantially reduced, which could result in a decrease in tax revenues and/or necessitate an increase the District's 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 or other casualty insurance), that any insurance company will fulfill its obligation to provide insurance proceeds, or that insurance proceeds will be used to rebuild or repair any damaged improvements within the District. Even if insurance proceeds are available and improvements are rebuilt, there could be a lengthy period in which assessed values within the District could be adversely affected.

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Financial Advisor ...... Public Finance Group LLC, Austin, Texas.

Paying Agent/Registrar..... BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas.

Escrow Agent ...... BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas.

Verification Agent...... Public Finance Partners LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The purchase and ownership of the Bonds involve certain investment considerations and all prospective purchasers are urged to carefully examine the Official Statement, including particularly the section captioned "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS," with respect to the investment security of the Bonds.

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## SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

2020 Certified Assessed Valuation	486,434,652 <sup>(a)</sup>
Gross Debt Outstanding (after the issuance of the Bonds)	\$ 35,070,000 <sup>(b)</sup>
Ratio of Gross Debt to 2020 Certified Assessed Valuation	7.21%
2020 Tax Rate per \$100 Assessed Valuation  Debt Service  Maintenance	\$ 0.5180 0.2320
Total 2020 Tax Rate	\$ 0.7500
Debt Service Fund Balance (as of April 8, 2021)	\$ 2,998,931 <sup>(c)</sup>
Percentage of current tax collections (Tax Year 2020)	98.11% <sup>(d)</sup>
Percentage of total tax collections (Tax Years 2009-2020)	99.79% <sup>(d)</sup>
Average Annual Debt Service Requirement of the Remaining Outstanding Bonds ("Average Requirement") (2021-2039, inclusive)	\$ 2,425,648
Tax Rate Required to pay Average Requirement based upon the 2020 Certified Assessed Valuation at 95% collections	\$0.53 /\$100 AV
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement of the Remaining Outstanding Bonds ("Maximum Requirement") (2032)	\$ 2,633,489
Tax Rate Required to pay Maximum Requirement based upon the 2020 Certified Assessed Valuation at 95% collections	\$0.57 /\$100 AV
Number of active connections as of March 1, 2021 Single Family - Occupied	977
Apartments/Townhomes (854 units of which 837 units are occupied) Commercial	3 12
Irrigation	20
Other	<u>6</u>
Total Number of Active Connections	1,018
Estimated Population as of March 1, 2021	5,024 <sup>(e)</sup>

<sup>(</sup>a) Assessed valuation of the District as of January 1, 2020 as certified by the Harris County Appraisal District ("HCAD"). See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes the Bonds, excludes the Refunded Bonds.

<sup>(</sup>c) Unaudited as of April 8, 2021. Neither Texas law nor the Bond Resolution requires the District to maintain any particular sum in the debt service fund.

<sup>(</sup>d) Unaudited as of March 31, 2021. See "TAX DATA – Tax Collections."

<sup>(</sup>e) Based on 3.0 residents per active occupied single-family connection and 2.5 residents per occupied apartment unit. As of March 1, 2021, the apartments were 98% occupied.

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT relating to

#### \$3,790,000

#### Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374

(A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas Located in Harris County, Texas)

#### **UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021**

#### INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement provides certain information in connection with the issuance by Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 (the "District") of its \$3,790,000 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are issued pursuant to a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted by the Board of Directors of the District on April 8, 2021, and a pricing certificate executed by the authorized representative designated in the resolution (the resolution and pricing certificate are collectively referred to herein as the "Bond Resolution"), Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, the general laws of the State of Texas (the "State") including Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, and Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended, and the City of Houston Ordinance No. 97-416.

Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms used in this Official Statement have the same meaning assigned to such terms in the Bond Resolution.

Included in this Official Statement are descriptions of the Bonds and certain information about the District, and its finances. Copies of such documents may be obtained from the District c/o Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, Attention: Sandra Staine, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, or from the District's Financial Advisor, Public Finance Group LLC, 900 South Capital of Texas Highway, Building IV, Suite 475, West Lake Hills, Texas 78746, upon payment of reasonable copying, mailing, and handling charges.

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

#### PLAN OF FINANCING

#### **Purpose**

At elections held within the District on November 6, 2001 and May 15, 2004, the District's voters authorized the issuance of an aggregate principal amount of \$37,200,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for the construction of the District's water, sanitary sewer, and drainage system ("Utility Facilities") and \$9,500,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds to acquire or construct park and recreational facilities. To date, the District has issued eight installments of unlimited tax bonds to acquire Utility Facilities in the aggregate principal amount of \$36,790,000 and \$410,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds remain authorized but unissued. The District has issued two installments of unlimited tax bonds to acquire or construct park and recreational facilities in the principal amount of \$4,340,000 and \$5,160,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds remain authorized but unissued for such purposes. On November 6, 2001, voters of the District authorized the issuance of a total of \$24,200,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of refunding the District's outstanding debt, and \$19,047,543.98 principal amount of unlimited tax refunding bonds will remain authorized but unissued after the issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds are being issued to achieve a debt service savings in the years 2021 through 2037, inclusive, by refunding \$1,060,000 of the District's outstanding Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2012A and \$2,730,000 of the District's outstanding Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will also be used to pay the cost of issuance of the Bonds. See "Sources and Uses of Funds" herein.

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#### The Refunded Bonds

Proceeds of the Bonds and lawfully available funds of the District will be applied to currently refund the Refunded Bonds in the principal amounts and with maturity dates set forth below and to pay certain costs of issuing the Bonds.

Year	Series 2012A	Series 2015	Total
2022	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
2023	-	25,000	25,000
2024	-	25,000	25,000
2025	-	175,000	175,000
2026	-	170,000	170,000
2027	-	195,000	195,000
2028	-	195,000	195,000
2029	-	215,000	215,000
2030	-	215,000	215,000
2031	-	220,000	220,000
2032	-	230,000	230,000
2033	-	255,000	255,000
2034	-	250,000	250,000
2035	-	270,000	270,000
2036	-	265,000	265,000
2037	1,060,000		1,060,000
	<u>\$ 1,060,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,730,000</u>	\$ 3,790,000
Redemption Date:	6/4/2021	9/1/2021	

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#### The Remaining Outstanding Bonds

The following bonds will remain outstanding after issuance of the Bonds (collectively, the "Remaining Outstanding Bonds"):

Year	Series 2012	Series 2012B	Series 2014	Series 2015	Series 2016	Series 2016A	Series 2018	Series 2019	Series 2020	The Bonds	Total
2021	\$ 325,000	\$ -	\$ 335,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 405,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,380,000
2022	335,000	-	325,000	-	165,000	10,000	90,000	435,000	-	30,000	1,390,000
2023	-	-	-	-	160,000	10,000	90,000	780,000	370,000	30,000	1,440,000
2024	-	-	-	-	185,000	10,000	95,000	830,000	390,000	30,000	1,540,000
2025	-	-	-	-	185,000	10,000	95,000	1,145,000	5,000	180,000	1,620,000
2026	-	-	-	-	180,000	10,000	100,000	1,175,000	5,000	175,000	1,645,000
2027	-	-	-	-	180,000	10,000	105,000	1,235,000	5,000	200,000	1,735,000
2028	-	-	-	-	175,000	10,000	105,000	1,280,000	5,000	200,000	1,775,000
2029	-	-	-	-	200,000	15,000	110,000	1,335,000	5,000	220,000	1,885,000
2030	-	-	-	-	195,000	15,000	115,000	1,405,000	5,000	220,000	1,955,000
2031	-	-	-	-	220,000	15,000	120,000	895,000	595,000	220,000	2,065,000
2032	-	-	-	-	215,000	15,000	120,000	985,000	590,000	230,000	2,155,000
2033	-	-	-	-	215,000	15,000	125,000	865,000	590,000	250,000	2,060,000
2034	-	-	-	-	235,000	15,000	-	955,000	285,000	240,000	1,730,000
2035	-	525,000	-	-	350,000	15,000	-	965,000	-	255,000	2,110,000
2036	-	-	-	-	1,235,000	560,000	-	140,000	-	250,000	2,185,000
2037	-	-	-	-	250,000	575,000	-	140,000	-	1,035,000	2,000,000
2038	-	595,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,645,000	-	-	2,240,000
2039		600,000	<u> </u>					1,560,000			2,160,000
	\$ 660,000	\$ 1,720,000	\$ 660,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,510,000	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 1,355,000	\$ 18,175,000	\$ 2,860,000	\$ 3,790,000	\$ 35,070,000

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#### **Escrow Agreement**

The principal of and interest due on a portion of the Refunded Bonds are to be paid on the scheduled interest payment dates, maturity dates and the respective redemption dates of such Refunded Bonds, as applicable, from funds and direct obligations of the United States of America, to be deposited pursuant to a certain Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") between the District and BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Escrow Agent"). The Bond Resolution provides that from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds received from the Underwriter, the District will deposit with the Escrow Agent cash and direct obligations of the United States authorized by Chapter 1207 Texas Government Code in amounts sufficient to accomplish the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds on their respective maturity dates and redemption dates, as applicable.

The District will give irrevocable instructions to provide notice to the owners of the Refunded Bonds that the Refunded Bonds will be redeemed prior to their stated maturity on the redemption date, on which date money will be made available to redeem the Refunded Bonds from money held under the Escrow Agreement.

By the deposit of the direct obligations of the United States and cash with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the District will have effected the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the terms of the Bond Resolutions authorizing the issuance of such Refunded Bonds and in accordance with State law, including Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended. It is the opinion of Bond Counsel that, as a result of such defeasance and in reliance upon the Verification Report of Public Finance Partners LLP, the Refunded Bonds are deemed to have been fully paid and no longer outstanding, except for the purpose of being paid from funds provided therefore in the Escrow Agreement.

The District has covenanted in the Escrow Agreement to make timely deposits to the Escrow Fund from lawfully available funds, of any additional amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds, if for any reason, the cash balances on deposit or scheduled to be on deposit in the Escrow Fund are insufficient to make such payment.

#### **Sources and Uses of Funds**

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, together with lawfully available funds of the District, will be applied approximately as follows:

Sources	of Funds:

Par Amount of Bonds	\$3,790,000.00
Premium	139,531.20
District Contribution	75,000.00
Total Sources of Funds	\$4,004,531.20
Uses of Funds:	
Escrow Deposit	\$3,842,659.54
Costs of Issuance (includes municipal bond insurance premium)	123,060.80
Underwriter's Discount	38,534.51
Deposit to Debt Service Fund (Rounding Amount)	276.35
Total Uses of Funds	\$4,004,531.20

#### THE BONDS

#### **General Description**

The Bonds will bear interest from the Date of Delivery, currently anticipated to be June 3, 2021, and will mature on September 1 of the years and in the principal amounts, and will bear interest at the rates per annum, set forth on the inside cover page hereof. Interest on the Bonds will be paid on September 1, 2021 and each March 1 and September 1 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year composed 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, 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 utilizing DTC's book-entry-only system (the "Book-Entry-Only System"). So long as Cede & Co., as the nominee of 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 for the Bonds is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar" or "Paying Agent").

If the specified date for any payment of principal (or redemption price (the "Redemption Price")) of or interest on the Bonds is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday or equivalent (other than a moratorium) for banking institutions generally in the city in which the Place of Payment (defined herein) 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.

Initially, the Bonds will be registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will distribute the amounts paid to the participating members of DTC for subsequent payment to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM."

#### Redemption

**Optional Redemption** . . . The District reserves the right to redeem, prior to maturity, in integral multiples of \$5,000, those Bonds maturing on and after September 1, 2029, in whole or from time to time in part, on September 1, 2028, or on any date thereafter at a price of par plus accrued interest, if any, from the most recent interest payment date to the date fixed for redemption.

*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption* . . . In addition to being subject to optional redemption, as provided above, the Bonds maturing on September 1, 2032, September 1, 2034, and September 1, 2036 (collectively, the "Term Bonds") are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity by lot in the following amounts, on the following dates and at a price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date from amounts required to be deposited in the Debt Service Fund:

\$450,000 Term Bond Maturing September 1, 2032					
Mandatory					
Redemption	Principal				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>				
2031	\$220,000				
2032*	230,000				

\$490,000 Term Bond Maturing					
September 1, 2034					
Mandatory					
Redemption	Principal				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>				
2033	\$250,000				
2034*	240,000				

\$505,000 Term Bond Maturing				
September	1,2036			
Mandatory				
Redemption	Principal			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>			
2035	\$255,000			
2036*	250,000			

The principal amount of the Bonds required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of the mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions shall be reduced, at the option of the District, by the principal amount of any Bonds of the stated maturity which, at least 45 days prior to a mandatory redemption date, (1) shall have been acquired by the District, at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation, (2) shall have been purchased and cancelled by the Paying Agent at the request of the District, with monies in the Debt Service Fund at a price not exceeding the principal amount of the Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, or (3) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions and not theretofore credited against a mandatory sinking fund redemption requirement.

**Notice of Redemption...** At least 30 calendar days prior to the date fixed for any optional redemption of Bonds or portions thereof prior to maturity a written notice of such redemption shall be sent by the Paying Agent by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at its address as it appeared on the 45th calendar day prior to such redemption date and to major securities depositories and bond information services.

The Bonds of a denomination larger than \$5,000 may be redeemed in part (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof). Any Bond to be partially redeemed must be surrendered in exchange for one or more new Bonds of the same maturity for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Bonds so surrendered. In the event of redemption of less than all of the Bonds, the particular Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the District. If less than all of the Bonds of a particular maturity are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent is required to select the Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed by lot.

With respect to any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless certain prerequisites to such redemption required by the Bond Resolution have been met and money sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds to be redeemed have been received by the Paying Agent prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice will state that said redemption may, at the option of the District, be conditional upon the satisfaction of such prerequisites and receipt of such money by the Paying Agent on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, or upon any prerequisite set forth in such notice of redemption. If a conditional notice of redemption is given and such prerequisites to the redemption are not fulfilled, such notice will be of no force and effect, the District will not redeem such Bonds, and the Paying Agent will give notice in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that the Bonds have not been redeemed.

#### **DTC Redemption Provision**

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, notice of proposed amendment to the Bond Resolution or other notices with respect to the Bonds only to DTC. Any failure by DTC to advise any DTC Participant, as herein defined, or of any Direct Participant or Indirect Participant, as herein defined, to notify the beneficial owner, shall not affect the validity of the redemption of Bonds called for redemption or any other action premised on 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 Direct Participants and Indirect Participants may implement a redemption of such Bonds and such redemption 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 the 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 Direct Participants, Indirect Participants, or beneficial owners of the selection of portions of the Bonds for redemption.

<sup>\*</sup>Stated Maturity.

#### Termination of Book-Entry-Only System

In the event that the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by DTC or the District, the following provisions will be applicable to the Bonds. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM".

**Payment**... The principal and Redemption Price of the Bonds is payable upon surrender at the designated paying office of the Paying Agent/Registrar (the "Place of Payment"). If the specified date for any payment of principal (or Redemption Price) of or interest on the Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday or equivalent (other than a moratorium) for banking institutions generally in the city in which the Place of Payment 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.

Interest on any Bond which is payable, and which is paid or duly provided for on or within 10 days after, any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Bond (or one or more Predecessor Bonds evidencing the same debt) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the 15<sup>th</sup> day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next proceeding such Interest Payment Date. Any interest on any Bond which is payable on, but is not paid or duly provided for on or within 10 days after, any Interest Payment Date (herein referred to as "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on the relevant Regular Record Date solely by virtue of such Holder having been such Holder; and such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Bond (or one or more respective Predecessor Bonds) is registered at the close of business on a special record date (the "Special Record Date") for the payment of such Defaulted Interest. The Regular Record Date for the Bonds for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date is the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

**Registration...** The District shall cause to be kept at the Place of Payment a register (herein referred to as the "Security Register") in which the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the registration of the Bonds and registration of transfers of the Bonds. Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond at the Place of Payment, the District will execute, and the Paying Agent/Registrar will register and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new fully registered Bonds of the same Stated Maturity, of any authorized denominations, and of a like aggregate principal amount.

At the option of the Registered Owner, Bonds may be exchanged for other Bonds of the same Stated Maturity, of any authorized denominations, and of like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged at the Place of Payment. Whenever any Bonds are so surrendered for exchange, the District will execute, and the Paying Agent/Registrar will register and deliver, the Bonds which the Registered Owner of Bonds making the exchange is entitled to receive.

Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange must be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar duly executed, by the Registered Owner thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

No service charge may be made to the Registered Owner for any registration, transfer, or exchange of Bonds, but the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds.

Neither the District nor the Paying Agent/Registrar is required (1) to transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning 45 days prior to a Redemption Date hereunder and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of a notice of redemption or (2) thereafter to transfer or exchange in whole or in part any Bond so selected for redemption.

#### **Replacement Bonds**

If a Bond is mutilated, the Paying Agent will provide a replacement Bond in exchange for the mutilated bond. If a Bond is destroyed, lost, or stolen, the Paying Agent will provide a replacement Bond upon (i) the filing by the registered owner with the Paying Agent of evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent of the destruction, loss or theft of the Bond and the authenticity of the registered owner's ownership and (ii) the furnishing to the Paying Agent of indemnification in an amount satisfactory to hold the District and the Paying Agent harmless. All expenses and charges associated with such indemnity and with the preparation, execution and delivery of a replacement Bond must be borne by the registered owner. The provisions of the Bond Resolution relating to the replacement Bonds are exclusive and to the extent lawful, preclude all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds.

#### **Authority for Issuance**

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Bond Resolution; Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended; Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; City of Houston Ordinance No. 97-416, and Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.

#### Source of and Security for Payment

The Bonds will be payable from and secured by a pledge of the proceeds of a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax without legal limitation as to rate or amount levied against all taxable property located within the District. The Board covenants in the Bond Resolution that, while any of the Bonds are outstanding and the District is in existence, it will levy an annual ad valorem tax and will undertake to collect such a tax against 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 a sinking fund for the payment of principal of the Bonds when due or the redemption price at any earlier required redemption

date, to pay when due any 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 net proceeds from taxes levied to pay debt service on the Bonds are required to be placed in a special account of the District designated its "Debt Service Fund" for the Bonds. The Bond Resolution provides for the termination of the pledge of taxes when and if the City of Houston, Texas (the "City") dissolves the District and assumes all debts and liabilities of the District.

The Bonds are obligations solely of the District and are not obligations of the City, Harris County, Texas; the State of Texas; or any political subdivision or entity other than the District.

#### **Payment Record**

The District has previously issued seventeen series of bonds consisting of: \$3,000,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2005; \$4,730,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2007; \$5,250,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2007A; \$7,500,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2008; \$4,010,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2009; \$3,930,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2010; \$14,885,000 Unlimited Tax and Refunding Bonds, Series 2012; \$5,370,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2012A; \$2,845,000 Unlimited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2012B; \$6,945,000 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014; \$2,980,000 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015; \$5,075,000 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016: \$1,390,000 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A; \$1,495,000 Unlimited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2018; \$18,430,000 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019; and \$2,860,000 Unlimited Tax Refund

#### Flow of Funds

The Bond Resolution creates, or affirms creation, establishment, and maintenance by the District of a Debt Service Fund for the Bonds.

To provide for the payment of the principal (and redemption price) of, interest on, and Paying Agent fees in respect of the Bonds, the District will maintain a Debt Service Fund on its books of account. The District will credit to the Debt Service Fund: (i) all receipts of taxes (and penalty and interest thereon) levied to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on (or fees and expenses of the Paying Agent with respect to) the Bonds, (ii) all earnings from the investment of amounts credited to the Debt Service Fund, and (iii) any other funds of the District deposited to the Debt Service Fund to pay principal (or redemption price) of or interest on the Bonds.

The Refunded Bonds and the interest due thereon will be paid on the redemption date from funds on deposit with the Escrow Agent and held in a separate Payment Account. See "PLAN OF FINANCING – Escrow Agreement."

#### **Defeasance of Outstanding Bonds**

The Bond Resolution provides that any bond shall be deemed to be paid and shall no longer be considered to be a bond within the meaning of the Bond Resolution when payment of the principal of and interest on such bond to its stated maturity or (if notice of redemption shall have been duly given, irrevocably provided for or duly waived) to the redemption date shall have been made or shall have been provided for under the provisions of the Bond Resolution. Such payment may be provided for by deposit with the Paying Agent (or with any other bank or trust company which has agreed to hold the same for such purpose) of (i) money sufficient to make such payment, (ii) Defeasance Obligations (as defined below) certified by an independent verification firm of national reputation to be of such maturities and interest payment dates and to bear such interest as will, without further investment or reinvestment of either the principal amount thereof or the interest earnings therefrom, be sufficient to make such payment, or (iii) a combination of money and Defeasance Obligations together so certified sufficient to make such payment, provided that all the expenses pertaining to the Bonds with respect to which such deposit is made shall have been paid or the payment thereof provided for to the satisfaction of the Paying Agent (and to such other bank or trust company).

For purposes of these provisions, "Defeasance Obligations" means (i) direct obligations of, or obligations the timely payment of the principal of and interest on which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America, (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the 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, or (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date 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, but in the case of each of (i), (ii), and (iii), only if such obligations may not be called for redemption prior to maturity.

There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made without amounts deposited to defease the Bonds. Because the Bond Resolution does not contractually limit such investments, registered owners may be deemed to have consented to defeasance with such other investments, notwithstanding the fact that such investments may not be of the same investment quality as those currently permitted under State law. There is no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities used as Defeasance Obligations or those for any other Defeasance Obligation will be maintained at any particular rating category.

#### Paying Agent/Registrar

Principal of and semiannual interest on the Bonds will be paid by BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, having its office for payment in Dallas, Texas, the initial Paying Agent/Registrar. The Paying Agent must be either a bank, trust company, financial institution, or other entity duly qualified and equally authorized to serve and perform the duties as paying agent and registrar for the Bonds.

Provision is made in the Bond Resolution for the District to replace the Paying Agent by a resolution of the District giving notice to the Paying Agent of the termination of the appointment, stating the effective date of the termination and appointing a successor Paying Agent. If the Paying Agent is replaced by the District, the new Paying Agent shall be required to accept the previous Paying Agent's records and act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent. Any successor paying agent/registrar selected by the District shall be subject to the same qualification requirements as the Paying Agent. The successor paying agent/registrar, if any, shall be determined by the Board of Directors and written notice thereof, specifying the name and address of such successor paying agent/registrar, will be sent by the District or the successor paying agent/registrar to each Registered Owner by first-class mail, postage prepaid.

#### **Record Date**

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

#### **Issuance of Additional Debt**

The District may issue additional bonds, with the approval of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "Commission" or the "TCEQ"), as necessary, to provide and maintain improvements and facilities consistent with the purposes for which the District was created. See "THE DISTRICT - General." The District's voters have authorized the issuance of a total of \$37,200,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of acquiring or constructing water, sanitary sewer, and drainage facilities, of which \$410,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds remains authorized but unissued. The District's voters also have authorized a total of \$24,200,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for refunding purposes, of which \$19,047,543.98 principal amount of unlimited tax refunding bonds will remain authorized but unissued after the issuance of the Bonds.

The District is authorized by statute to develop parks and recreational facilities, including the issuing of unlimited tax bonds payable from taxes for such purpose. The Board has approved a park plan and at an election held on May 15, 2004, voters in the District authorized the issuance of \$9,500,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for park and recreational purposes, of which \$5,160,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds remains authorized but unissued. If the District does issue additional park bonds, the outstanding principal amount of such bonds may not exceed an amount equal to one percent of the value of the taxable property in the District, and the issuance of such bonds must be approved by the TCEQ and the Attorney General of Texas.

The District is also authorized by statute to engage in fire-fighting activities, including the issuing of bonds payable from taxes for such purposes. Before the District could issue such bonds, the following actions would be required: (a) approval of a detailed fire plan by the TCEQ; (b) authorization of the detailed fire plan and bonds for such purposes by the qualified voters in the District; (c) approval of the bonds by the TCEQ; and (d) approval of bonds by the Attorney General of Texas. The Board has not considered a fire plan or calling an election at this time for such purposes. Fire protection is currently provided to property in the District by Harris County ESD No. 9.

The District has the right to issue the authorized but unissued bonds without the necessity of further voter authorization. Before issuing any additional bonds for waterworks, sanitary sewer, and drainage facilities or park and recreational facilities, the District would have to obtain approval of the TCEQ for the issuance of such bonds and the projects to be financed thereby. In addition to the above mentioned bonds, the District has the right to issue such additional tax bonds or combination tax and revenue bonds as may be hereafter approved by the voters of the District. The District also has the right to issue revenue notes, bond anticipation notes, and tax anticipation notes without the necessity of voter approval. In addition, the District has the right to enter into contracts and to pledge its taxing power to secure any payments the District is required to make under such contract, provided the provisions of the contract are approved by the voters of the District.

#### Lost, Stolen, Mutilated or Destroyed Bonds

If (i) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Paying Agent, or the District and the Paying Agent receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of any Bond, and (ii) there is delivered to the District and the Paying Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the District or the Paying Agent that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the District will execute and upon its request the Paying Agent will authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same maturity and of like tenor and principal amount.

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

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

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

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

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

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 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.

#### Remedies in Event of Default

If the District defaults in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds when due or in the observance or performance of any of the covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Bond Resolution, any bondholder shall, in addition to all other rights and remedies of such bondholder provided by the laws of the State, be entitled to a writ of mandamus issued by a court of proper jurisdiction compelling and requiring the governing body and other officers of the District to make such payment or to observe and perform such covenant, obligation, or condition. No delay or omission by any bondholder to exercise any right or power accruing to such bondholder upon default will impair any such right and power, or be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right or power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. Except for mandamus, the Bond Resolution does not specifically provide for remedies to protect and enforce the interests of the bondholders. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. Further, there is no trust indenture or trustee, and all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the bondholders. Statutory language authorizing local governments such as the District to sue and be sued does not waive the local government's sovereign immunity from suits for money damages, and a suit for money damages may not be brought without legislative authorization. Even if a judgment against the District for money damages could be obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the District's property. Further, the bondholders cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District to enforce the tax lien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the bondholders may further be limited by a State of Texas statute reasonably required to attain an important public purpose or by laws relating to bankruptcy, reorganization or other similar laws of general application affecting the rights of creditors of political subdivisions, such as the District.

#### Annexation by the City of Houston

Under existing Texas law, since the District lies wholly within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City, the District must conform to a City consent ordinance. Generally, the District may be annexed by the City without the District's consent, and the City cannot annex territory within the District unless it annexes the entire District; however, under legislation effective December 1, 2017, the City may not annex the District unless (i) such annexation has been approved by a majority of those voting in an election held for that purpose within the area to be annexed, and (ii) if the registered voters in the area to be annexed do not own more than 50 percent of the land in the area, a petition has been signed by more than 50 percent of the landowners consenting to the annexation. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the described election and petition process does not apply during the term of a strategic partnership agreement between the City and the District specifying the procedures for full purpose annexation of all or a portion of the District. See "Strategic Partnership" below, for a description of the terms of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City and the District.

If the District is annexed, the City will assume the District's assets and obligations (including the Bonds) and dissolve the District. 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 makes no representation that the City will ever annex the District and assume its debt. Moreover, no representation is made concerning the ability of the City to make debt service payments should annexation occur.

#### Strategic Partnership Agreement

In 2012, the District entered into a strategic partnership agreement with the City pursuant to Section 43.0751, Texas Local Government Code, whereby the commercial portion of the District was annexed into the City for limited purposes, while the balance of the District remains in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction. As a result of the agreement, the City imposes a one percent sales and use tax (but not its property taxes) within the area of limited purpose annexation, and remits one-half of the City's sales and use tax receipts from within the District to the District to be used for any lawful District purpose. In addition, for the 30-year term of the agreement, the City agrees not to annex the District for general purposes, thus delaying for at least 30 years from the date of the agreement any dissolution of the District and assumption of its assets and liabilities by the City. The City and the District may amend the strategic partnership agreement at any time. Funds to be received by the City under the agreement are not pledged to the payment of the Bonds. After the 30-year term, if the District is annexed, the City will assume the District's assets and obligations and dissolve the District within ninety (90) days. Annexation of the 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 makes no representation that the City will ever annex and assume its debt, nor does the District make any representation concerning the ability of the City to pay debt service on the District's bonds if annexation were to occur.

#### Consolidation

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) and liabilities (such as the Bonds) with the assets and liabilities of districts with which it is consolidating. Although no consolidation is presently contemplated by the District, no representation is made concerning the likelihood of consolidation in the future.

#### Alteration of Boundaries

In certain circumstances, under Texas law the District may alter its boundaries to: 1) upon satisfying certain conditions, annex additional territory; and 2) exclude land subject to taxation within the District that is not served by District facilities if the District simultaneously annexes land of equal acreage and value that may be practicably served by District facilities. The District would be required to obtain the consent of the City before adding any land in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction or corporate limits. No representation is made concerning the likelihood that the District would effect any further change in its boundaries.

#### No Arbitrage

The District will, at the time of closing, certify that based upon all facts or estimates now known or reasonably expected to be in existence on the date the Bonds are delivered, the District reasonably expects that the proceeds of the Bonds will not be used in a manner that would cause the Bonds, or any portion of the Bonds, to be "arbitrage bonds" under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations prescribed thereunder. Furthermore, all officers, employees and agents of the District are authorized to certify to the facts and circumstances and reasonable expectations of the District on the date the Bonds are delivered regarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Bonds. Moreover, the District covenants that it shall make such use of the proceeds of the Bonds, regulate investment of the proceeds of the Bonds, and take such other and further actions and follow such procedures, including without limitation, calculating the yield on the Bonds as may be required so that the Bonds shall not become "arbitrage bonds" under the Code and the regulations prescribed from time to time thereunder.

#### Approval of the Bonds

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

#### **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 DTC while the Bonds are registered in its nominee's name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The District believes the source of such information to be reliable, but takes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

The District cannot and does not give any assurance that (i) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or redemption or other notices, to DTC Participant, (ii) 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 (iii) DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered Bonds 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 each maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

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

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC 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, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within 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 MMI 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).

All 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 payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with Bonds 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, 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, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of 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 the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

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

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but neither the District nor the Financial Advisor take any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

#### INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

#### General

The Bonds, which are obligations of the District and are not obligations of the State; Harris County, Texas; the City; or any other political subdivision, will be secured by a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property located within the District. See "THE BONDS - Source of and Security for Payment". The ultimate security for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds depends on the ability of the District to collect from the property owners within the District all taxes levied against the property, or in the event of foreclosure, on the value of the taxable property with respect to taxes levied by the District and by other taxing authorities. The collection by the District of delinquent taxes owed to it and the enforcement by registered owners of the District's obligation to collect sufficient taxes may be a costly and lengthy process. Furthermore, the District cannot and does not make any representations that continued development of property within the District will occur or that the development in the District will maintain taxable values sufficient to justify continued payment by property owners or that there will be a market for the property. See "Registered Owners' Remedies" below.

#### Infectious Disease Outlook (COVID-19)

The World Health Organization has declared a pandemic following the outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus (the "Pandemic"), which is currently affecting many parts of the world, including the United States and 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 in connection with COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States (the "President") declared the Pandemic a national emergency and the State Governor (the "Governor") declared COVID-19 an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State (collectively, the "disaster declarations"). On March 25, 2020, in response to a request from the Governor, the President issued a Major Disaster Declaration for the State.

Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has broad authority to respond to disasters, including suspending any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conducting State business or any order or rule of a State agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster, and issuing executive orders that have the force and effect of law. The Governor has since issued a number of executive orders relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation. Many of the federal, State, and local actions and policies under the aforementioned disaster declarations are focused on limiting instances where the public can congregate or interact with each other, which negatively affects the operation of businesses and the State and national economies. On March 2, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order GA-34 rescinding most of the Governor's earlier executive orders related to the Pandemic. Effective March 10, 2021, all businesses of any type may open to 100% capacity subject to mitigation strategies imposed by counties in the State in the event of increased hospitalizations. Additionally, the order ends the statewide mask mandate. Businesses may still limit capacity or implement additional safety protocols at their own discretion. Additional restrictions and measures at the State and local level may be required if active cases or increased hospitalizations occur.

Since the disaster declarations were made, the Pandemic has negatively affected travel, commerce, and caused volatility in financial markets locally and globally, and is widely expected to continue negatively affecting economic growth and financial markets worldwide and within the State. Stock values and crude oil prices, in the U.S. and globally, have seen significant volatility attributed to COVID-19 concerns. The State may be particularly at risk from any global slowdown, given the prevalence of international trade in the state and the risk of contraction in the oil and gas industry and spillover effects into other industries.

Such adverse economic conditions and volatility, if continued, could result in declines in the demand for residential and commercial property in the Houston, Texas area and could reduce or negatively affect property values or homebuilding activity within the District. 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.

The District continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and the potential impact of COVID-19 on the District. While the potential impact of COVID-19 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. The financial and operating data contained herein are the latest available but may not reflect the full economic impact of the Pandemic and measures instituted to slow it. Accordingly, they are not indicative of the full economic impact of the Pandemic on the District's financial condition.

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

Economic Factors, Interest Rates, Credit Availability and Residential Foreclosures: A substantial percentage of the taxable value of the District results from the current market value of single-family residences. The market value of such homes is related to general economic conditions affecting the demand for and taxable value of residences. Demand for residential dwellings can be significantly affected by factors such as interest rates, credit availability, foreclosure levels, construction costs, energy availability and the economic prosperity and demographic characteristics of the urban centers in which the District is located.

Potential Effects of Oil Price Declines on the Houston Area: The recent declines in oil prices in the United States of America and globally, which at times have led to the lowest prices in three decades, may lead to adverse conditions in the oil and gas industry, including, but not limited to, reduced revenues, declines in capital and operating expenditures, business failures, and layoffs of workers. The economy of the 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 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.

Impact on District Tax Rates: The value of the land and improvements currently existing within the District will be the major determinant of the ability or willingness of owners of property within the District to pay their taxes. The 2020 Certified Assessed Valuation of the District is \$486,434,652. After issuance of the Bonds, the Maximum Requirement will be \$2,633,489 (2032) and the Average Requirement will be \$2,425,648 (2021 through 2039, inclusive). Assuming (1) no increase or decrease from the 2020 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation; (2) the issuance of no additional debt; and (3) no other funds available for the payment of debt service, tax rates of \$0.57 and \$0.53 per \$100 assessed valuation at a ninety-five percent (95%) collection rate would be necessary to pay the Maximum Requirement and the Average Requirement, respectively. See "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE – TABLE 3" and "TAX DATA - Tax Adequacy for Debt Service."

#### **Changes in Tax Legislation**

Certain tax legislation, whether currently proposed or proposed in the future, may directly or indirectly reduce, or eliminate the benefit of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any proposed legislation, whether or not enacted, may also affect the value and liquidity of the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to any proposed, pending, or future legislation.

#### **Tax Collections and Foreclosure Remedies**

The District has a right to seek judicial foreclosure on a tax lien, but such remedy may prove to be costly and time consuming, and since the future market or resale market, if any, of the taxable real property within the District is uncertain, there can be no assurance that such property could be sold and delinquent taxes paid. Additionally, the District's tax lien is on a parity with the liens of all other State and local taxing authorities on the property against which the taxes are levied. Registered owners are entitled under Texas law to a writ of mandamus to compel the District to perform its obligations. Such remedy would have to be exercised upon each separate default and may prove costly, time consuming and difficult to enforce. Furthermore, there is no trust indenture or trustee, and all legal actions would have to be taken on the initiative of, and be financed by, registered owners to enforce such remedies. The rights and remedies of the registered owners and the enforceability of the Bonds may also be limited by bankruptcy, reorganization and other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.

#### **Extreme Weather Events**

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

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

If a future weather event significantly damaged all or part of the improvements within the District, the assessed value of property within the District could be substantially reduced, which could result in a decrease in tax revenues and/or necessitate an increase the District's 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 or other casualty insurance), that any insurance company will fulfill its obligation to provide insurance proceeds, or that insurance proceeds will be used to rebuild or repair any damaged improvements within the District. Even if insurance proceeds are available and improvements are rebuilt, there could be a lengthy period in which assessed values within the District could be adversely affected.

#### Specific Flood Type Risks

The District may be subject to the following flood risks:

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

Riverine (or Fluvial) Flood: Riverine, or fluvial, flooding occurs when water levels rise over the top of river, bayou, or channel banks due to excessive rain from tropical systems making landfall and/or persistent thunderstorms over the same area for extended periods of time. The damage from a riverine flood can be widespread. The overflow can affect smaller rivers and streams downstream, or may sheet-flow 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.

#### **Bond Insurance Risks**

The District has qualified for a bond insurance policy to guarantee the scheduled payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, and intends to use a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds to purchase the bond insurance. The risk factors relating to the purchase of bond insurance are listed below.

In the event of default of the payment of principal or interest with respect to the Bonds when all or some become due, any owner of the Bonds shall have a claim under the Bond Insurance Policy (the "Policy") for such payments. However, in the event of any acceleration of the due

date of such principal by optional redemption, the payments are to be made in such amounts and at such times as such payments would have been due had there not been any such acceleration. The Policy does not insure against redemption premium, if any. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Bonds by the issuer which is recovered by the issuer from the bond owner as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law is covered by the insurance policy, however, such payments will be made by the Insurer at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absent such prepayment by the Issuer unless the Bond Insurer chooses to pay such amounts at an earlier time.

Under most circumstances, default of payment of principal and interest does not obligate acceleration of the obligations of the Bond Insurer (the "Bond Insurer") without appropriate consent. The Bond Insurer may direct and must consent to any remedies and the Bond Insurer's consent may be required in connection with amendments to any applicable bond documents.

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

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

The obligations of Bond Insurer are contractual obligations and in an event of default by the Bond Insurer, the remedies available may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or state law related to insolvency of insurance companies.

Neither the District nor the Initial Purchaser has made independent investigation into the claims-paying ability of the Bond Insurer and no assurance or representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of the Bond Insurer is given. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of the District to pay principal and interest on the Bonds and the claims-paying ability of the Bond Insurer, particularly over the life of the investment. See "MUNICIPAL BOND RATINGS" and "BOND INSURANCE" herein for further information provided by the Bond Insurer and the Policy, which includes further instructions for obtaining current financial information regarding the Bond Insurer.

#### **Registered Owners' Remedies**

In the event of default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, the registered owners have the right to seek a writ of mandamus, requiring the District to levy adequate taxes each year to make such payments. Except for mandamus, the Bond Resolution does not specifically provide for remedies to protect and enforce the interest of the registered owners. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default, and consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. Although the registered owners could obtain a judgment against the District, such a judgment could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the District's property. Further, the registered owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District in order to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the registered owners may further be limited by laws relating to bankruptcy, reorganization or other similar laws of general application affecting the rights of creditors of political subdivisions such as the District.

#### **Bankruptcy Limitation to Registered Owners' Rights**

The enforceability of the rights and remedies of registered owners may be limited by laws relating to bankruptcy, reorganization or other similar laws of general application affecting the rights of creditors of political subdivisions such as the District. Subject to the requirements of Texas law discussed below, a political subdivision such as the District may voluntarily file a petition for relief from creditors under Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code, 11 USC sections 901-946. The filing of such petition would automatically stay the enforcement of registered owners' remedies, including mandamus and the foreclosure of tax liens upon property within the District discussed above. The automatic stay would remain in effect until the federal bankruptcy judge hearing the case dismisses the petition, enters an order granting relief from the stay or otherwise allows creditors to proceed against the petitioning political subdivision. A political subdivision, such as the District, may qualify as a debtor eligible to proceed in a Chapter 9 case only if it (i) is specifically authorized to file for federal bankruptcy protection by applicable state law, (ii) is insolvent or unable to meet its debts as they mature, (iii) desires to effect a plan to adjust such debts, and (iv) has either obtained the agreement of or negotiated in good faith with its creditors or is unable to negotiate with its creditors because negotiations are impracticable. Under State law a municipal utility district, such as the District, must obtain the approval of the Commission as a condition to seeking relief under the Federal Bankruptcy Code. The Commission is required to investigate the financial condition of a financially troubled district and authorize such district to proceed under federal bankruptcy law only if such district has fully exercised its rights and powers under State law and remains unable to meet its debts and other obligations as they mature.

Notwithstanding noncompliance by a district with State law requirements, a district could file a voluntary bankruptcy petition under Chapter 9, thereby involving the protection of the automatic stay until the bankruptcy court, after a hearing, dismisses the petition. A federal bankruptcy court is a court of equity and federal bankruptcy judges have considerable discretion in the conduct of bankruptcy proceedings and in making the decision of whether to grant the petitioning district relief from its creditors. While such a decision might be applicable, the concomitant delay and loss of remedies to the registered owners could potentially and adversely impair the value of the registered owners' claims.

If a petitioning district were allowed to proceed voluntarily under Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code, it could file a plan for an adjustment of its debts. If such a plan were confirmed by the bankruptcy court, it could, among other things, affect a registered owner by reducing or eliminating the amount of indebtedness, deferring, or rearranging the debt service schedule, reducing, or eliminating the interest rate, modifying, or abrogating collateral or security arrangements, substituting (in whole or in part) other securities, and otherwise compromising and modifying the rights and remedies of the registered owners' claims against a district.

#### Marketability

The District has no understanding with the Underwriter regarding the reoffering yields or prices of the Bonds and has no control over trading of the Bonds in the secondary market. Moreover, there is no assurance that a secondary market will be made in the Bonds. If there is a secondary market, the difference between the bid and asked price for the Bonds may be greater than the difference between the bid and asked price of bonds of comparable maturity and quality issued by more traditional issuers as such bonds are more generally bought, sold, or traded in the secondary market.

#### **Continuing Compliance with Certain Covenants**

Failure of the District to comply with certain covenants contained in the Bond Resolution on a continuing basis prior to the maturity of the Bonds could result in interest on the Bonds becoming taxable retroactively to the date of original issuance. See "TAX MATTERS."

#### **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; or
- Requiring remedial action to prevent or mitigate pollution.

Sanctions against a municipal utility district or other type of special purpose district for failure to comply with environmental laws and regulations may include a variety of civil and criminal enforcement measures, including assessment of monetary penalties, imposition of remedial requirements and 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 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ") may impact new industrial, commercial, and residential development in the Houston area. Under the Clean Air Act ("CAA") Amendments of 1990, the eight-county Houston-Galveston-Brazoria area ("HGB Area")—Harris, Galveston, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Waller, Montgomery and Liberty Counties—has been designated a nonattainment area under three separate federal ozone standards: the one-hour (124 parts per billion ("ppb")) and eight-hour (84 ppb) standards promulgated by the EPA in 1997 (the "1997 Ozone Standards"); the tighter, eight-hour ozone standard of 75 ppb promulgated by the EPA in 2008 (the "2008 Ozone Standard"), and the EPA's most-recent promulgation of an even lower, 70 ppb eight-hour ozone standard in 2015 (the "2015 Ozone Standard"). While the State of Texas has been able to demonstrate steady progress and improvements in air quality in the HGB Area, the HGB Area remains subject to CAA nonattainment requirements.

The HGB Area is currently designated as a severe ozone nonattainment area under the 1997 Ozone Standards. 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 has developed a formal request that the HGB Area be redesignated to attainment under the 1997 Ozone Standards. The TCEQ Commissioners approved publication of a proposed HGB Area redesignation request under the 1997 Ozone Standards on September 5, 2018.

The HGB Area is currently designated as a "moderate" nonattainment area under the 2008 Ozone Standard, with an attainment deadline of July 20, 2018. If the EPA ultimately determines that the HGB Area has failed to meet the attainment deadline based on the relevant data, the area is

subject to reclassification to a nonattainment classification that provides for more stringent controls on emissions from the industrial sector. In addition, the EPA may impose a moratorium on the awarding of federal highway construction grants and other federal grants for certain public works construction projects if it finds that an area fails to demonstrate progress in reducing ozone levels.

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

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

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 ninety (90) contaminants and has identified and listed other contaminants which may require national drinking water regulation in the future.

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

The District's stormwater discharges currently maintain permit coverage through the Municipal Separate Storm System Permit (the "Current Permit") issued to the Storm Water Management Joint Task Force consisting of Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, the City of Houston, and the Texas Department of Transportation. In the event that at any time in the future the District is not included in the Current Permit, it may be required to seek independent coverage under the TCEQ's General Permit for Phase II (Small) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (the "MS4 Permit"), which authorizes the discharge of stormwater to surface water in the state from small municipal separate storm sewer systems. If the District's inclusion in the MS4 Permit were required at a future date, the District could incur substantial costs to develop, implement, and maintain the necessary plans as well as to install or implement best management practices to minimize or eliminate unauthorized pollutants that may otherwise be found in stormwater runoff in order to comply with the MS4 Permit.

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 categories of waters that are considered "waters of the United States," and thus federally regulated under the CWA: (i) territorial seas and traditional navigable waters; (ii) perennial and intermittent tributaries to territorial seas and traditional navigable waters; (iii) certain lakes, ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters; and (iv) wetlands adjacent to jurisdictional waters. The new rule also identifies certain specific categories that are not "waters of the United States," and therefore not federally regulated under the CWA: (a) groundwater; (b) ephemeral features that flow only in direct response to precipitation; (c) diffuse stormwater runoff and directional sheet flow over upland; (d) certain ditches; (e) prior converted cropland; (f) certain artificially irrigated areas; (g) certain artificial lakes and ponds; (h) certain water-filled depressions and certain pits; (i) certain stormwater control features; (j) certain groundwater recharge, water reuse, and wastewater recycling structures; and (k) waste treatment systems. The NWPR is 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 Debt**

The District has the right to issue the remaining \$410,000 unissued unlimited tax bonds authorized to acquire additional Utility Facilities, the remaining \$5,160,000 principal amount of unissued unlimited tax bonds authorized to acquire and construct park and recreational facilities, the remaining \$19,047,543.98 principal amount of unissued unlimited tax refunding bonds authorized for refunding the District's debt, and such additional bonds as may hereafter be approved by both the Board and voters of the District. All of the remaining bonds described above which have heretofore been authorized by the voters of the District may be issued by the District from time to time as needed and would be on parity with the Bonds. If additional tax-supported bonds are issued in the future and property values have not increased proportionately, such issuance might increase gross debt/property valuation ratios and thereby adversely affect the investment quality or security of the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds. See "THE BONDS - Issuance of Additional Debt."

The District does not employ any formula with respect to appraised valuations and tax collections nor does it otherwise limit the amount of parity bonds which it may issue. The issuance of additional bonds is subject to approval by the TCEQ pursuant to its rules regarding issuance and feasibility of bonds. In addition, future changes in health or environmental regulations could require the construction and financing of additional improvements without any corresponding increases in taxable value in the District. See "THE BONDS – Issuance of Additional Debt."

#### Approval of the Bonds

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

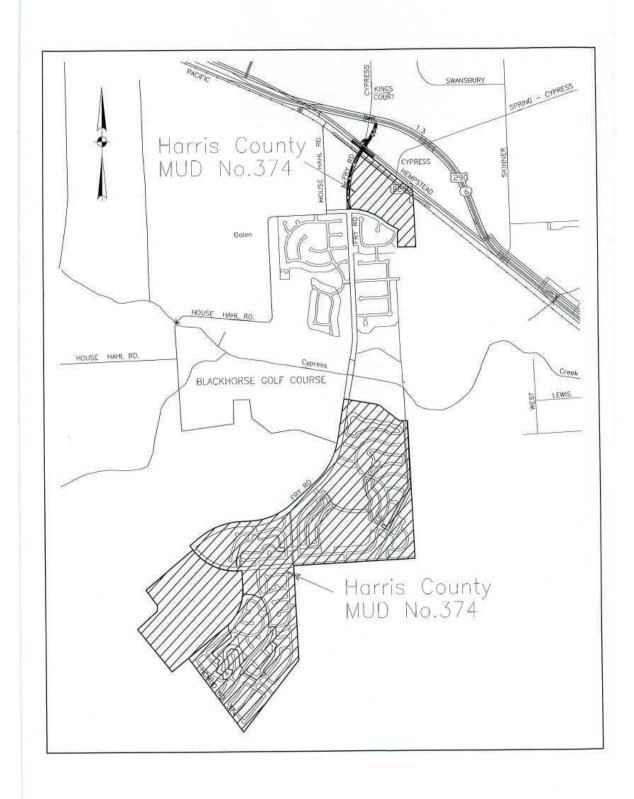
#### Forward-Looking Statements

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.

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, therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement would prove to be accurate.

#### LOCATION MAP



#### THE DISTRICT

#### General

The District was created by order of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, now known as the TCEQ, adopted on September 19, 2001, and by a confirmation election held within the District on November 6, 2001, and operates as a municipal utility district pursuant to the provisions of Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution and Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code and other general statutes of the State of Texas applicable to municipal utility districts. The District is subject to the continuing supervision of the TCEQ. The District as created contained approximately 343 acres. On November 11, 2004, approximately 180 acres were annexed, on May 11, 2006 an additional approximately 130 acres were annexed, and on March 8, 2007 an additional approximately 78.5 acres were annexed, bringing the total acreage of the District to approximately 732 acres.

The District is empowered, among other things, to purchase, construct, operate and maintain all works, improvements, facilities, and plants necessary for the supply and distribution of water; the collection, transportation, and treatment of wastewater; and the control and diversion of storm water. The District may issue bonds and other forms of indebtedness to purchase or construct such facilities. The District may also provide solid waste collection and disposal service and is empowered to establish, operate, and maintain a fire department, independently or with one or more other conservation and reclamation districts, if approved by the voters of the District, the City, and the TCEQ.

#### Management of the District

Board of Directors: The District is governed by a board, consisting of five directors, which has control over and management supervision of all affairs of the District. Directors' terms are four years with elections held within the District on the first Saturday in May in each even numbered year. All of the directors listed below own property within the District.

Name	Title	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Length of Service</b>
Joe Sykes	President	2024	13 Years
Thomas Mohr	Vice President	2024	9 Years
Brian Canepa	Secretary	2024	13 Years
Jennifer Naedler	Assistant Vice President	2022	4 Years
Scott Spidle	Assistant Secretary	2022	3 Years

#### Consultants

Tax Assessor/Collector: The Harris County Appraisal District appraises land and improvements in the District. The Board of Directors of the District appoints the Tax Assessor/Collector. Tax Tech, Inc. ("Tax Tech") currently serves the District in this capacity under contract.

Bookkeeper: McLennan & Associates, L.P. (the "Bookkeeper"), acts as bookkeeper for the District.

Operator: The District's water and sewer system is operated by Inframark Water & Infrastructure Services (the "Operator").

Engineer: The District's consulting engineer is BGE, Inc. (the "Engineer").

Auditor: The District's 2020 financial statements were audited by McGrath & Co., PLLC.

Bond Counsel: The District has engaged Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, Houston, Texas, to serve as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The fees of Bond Counsel are contingent upon the sale of and delivery of the Bonds. Such firm also acts as General Counsel to the District on matters not related to the issuance of bonds and is compensated based on time charges actually incurred.

Financial Advisor: Public Finance Group LLC serves as the District's financial advisor (the "Financial Advisor"). The fee for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is based upon the percentage of the Bonds actually issued, sold, and delivered and, therefore, such fee is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

#### Location

The District is located in Harris County within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, approximately 25 miles northwest of downtown Houston and south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 290 and Fry Road. The District is located entirely within the jurisdiction of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District. The District's northern boundary is the Union Pacific railroad track, western boundary is Fry Road and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 371, and eastern boundary is Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 500, and southern boundary is Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 433. Access to the District is provided by U.S. Hwy 290 to Fry Road. See "LOCATION MAP."

#### **Status of Development**

Residential development within the District includes 979 developed single-family lots, all of which contain completed homes, on approximately 478.81 acres. Additional development within the District includes two apartment complexes (called Cortland North Haven and Camden Cypress Creek) containing 854 apartment units on approximately 49.94 acres. Additionally, the Utility Facilities serving approximately 25.6 acres of retail/commercial acres have been constructed, of which approximately 17.86 acres contain above ground commercial/retail improvements, including two retail and restaurant strip centers, a storage facility, a daycare center, and a gas station. In addition, the District contains eight lakes, two recreation centers on approximately 3.38 acres, and District facility sites on approximately 4.50 acres. The District also contains approximately 130 acres of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD school facilities, which are exempt from ad valorem taxation.

The chart below reflects the status of development within the District:

				Single Family	
		Platted	Completed	Homes Under	Vacant
	Acreage	Lots	Homes	Construction	Lots
A. Single Family Developed with Utility Facilities					
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 1	115.37	116	116	0	0
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 2	69.44	126	126	0	0
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 3 North	35.70	69	69	0	0
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 3 South	25.80	79	79	0	0
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 4	54.80	107	107	0	0
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 5	41.50	104	104	0	0
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 6	53.13	84	84	0	0
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 7	24.93	96	96	0	0
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 8	27.57	102	102	0	0
Cypress Creek Lakes, Section 9	30.57	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Single Family Developed with Utilities</b>	478.81	979	979	0	0
B. Other Improvements Developed with Utility Fa Multi-Family (2 Apartment Complexes/854 Units)	cilities 49.94				
Retail/Commercial (a)	25.60				
Recreation Center	3.38				
District Facility Sites	4.50				
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD	130.00				
Total Other Improvements	213.42				
C. Total Developed Acres	692.23				
D. Remaining Developable Acreage	0.00				
E. Undevelopable Acreage	40.17				
Total	732.40				

<sup>(</sup>a) The Utility Facilities serving approximately 25.6 acres of retail/commercial acres have been constructed, of which approximately 17.86 acres contain above ground commercial/retail improvements.

#### **Future Development**

The District contains approximately 692.23 developable acres, all of which have been developed with Utility Facilities. The Developer has been fully reimbursed for the construction of water, sanitary sewer, and drainage facilities, as well as for the construction of parks and recreational facilities, that serve the District.

#### THE SYSTEM

#### Regulation

The purchase, acquisition, and construction of the Utility Facilities was financed by the District with the proceeds of previously issued new money bonds, and have been designed in accordance with accepted engineering practices and the recommendation of certain governmental agencies having regulatory or supervisory jurisdiction over construction and operation of such facilities, including, among others, the TCEQ, Harris County and the City. According to the Engineer, the design of all such facilities has been approved by all governmental agencies which have authority over the District.

Operation of the District's waterworks and wastewater facilities is subject to regulation by, among others, the Environmental Protection Agency and the TCEQ.

#### Water Supply and Distribution

The District currently obtains its water supply through two contractual agreements. The contractual agreements are as follows: Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 371 ("HCMUD 371"), the District and Mischer Investments, LP (the "371 Agreement") and a contractual agreement between the District and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 433 ("HCMUD 433") (the "433 Agreement"). Under the 371 Agreement, HCMUD 371 supplies water to the District with both ground water from two wells, Well No. 1, capacity 1,000 gallons per minute ("gpm") and Well No. 2, capacity 600 gpm, and surface water as delivered by the West Harris County Regional Water Authority ("WHCRWA"). HCMUD 371 currently owns and operates these existing water supply facilities for the District and HCMUD 371. According to the Engineer, the existing HCMUD 371 water supply facilities meet or exceed the minimum design criteria set by TCEQ, and will provide capacity for 600 equivalent single family connections ("ESFC"). Under the 433 Agreement, the District financed a portion of the water plant and well located in HCMUD 433. Harris County MUD 433 supplies water to the District from two water plants that consist of water supply from one ground water well, Well No. 1, capacity 1,000 gpm and surface water as delivered by the WHCRWA. The District has ownership rights to 1,377 ESFCs from the water plant facilities at full buildout. The capacity provided by the 371 Agreement and the 433 Agreement provide capacity to serve 1,977 ESFCs. According to the District's Engineer, the District has acquired sufficient capacity to serve the District at full build-out.

#### **Subsidence and Conversion to Surface Water Supply**

The District is within the boundaries of the Harris Galveston Subsidence District (the "Subsidence District") which regulates groundwater withdrawal. The Subsidence District has adopted regulations requiring reduction of groundwater withdrawals through conversion to alternate source water (e.g., surface water) in certain areas within the Subsidence District's jurisdiction, including the area within the District. In 2001, the Texas legislature created the West Harris County Regional Water Authority ("Authority") to, among other things, reduce groundwater usage in, and to provide surface water to, the western portion of Harris County and a small portion of Fort Bend County. The District is not located within the boundaries of the Authority, but has entered into a contract to be included in the Authority's GRP (defined below). The Authority has entered into a Water Supply Contract with the City of Houston, Texas ("Houston") to obtain treated surface water from Houston. The Authority has developed a groundwater reduction plan ("GRP") and obtained Subsidence District approval of its GRP. The Authority's GRP sets forth the Authority's plan to comply with Subsidence District regulations, construct surface water facilities, and convert users from groundwater to alternate source water (e.g., surface water). The District's groundwater well(s) are included within the Authority's GRP.

The District's authority to pump groundwater is subject to an annual permit issued by the Subsidence District to the Authority, which permit includes all groundwater wells that are included in the Authority's GRP. The Authority, among other powers, has the power to: (i) issue debt supported by the revenues pledged for the payment of its obligations; (ii) establish fees (including fees to be paid by the District for groundwater pumped by the District or for surface water received by the District from the Authority), user fees, rates, charges and special assessments as necessary to accomplish its purposes; and (iii) mandate water users, including the District, to convert from groundwater to surface water. The Authority currently charges the District, and other major groundwater users, a fee per 1,000 gallons based on the amount of groundwater pumped by the District and the amount of surface water, if any, received by the District from the Authority. The Authority has issued revenue bonds to fund, among other things, Authority surface water project costs. It is expected that the Authority will continue to issue a substantial amount of bonds by the year 2035 to finance the Authority's project costs, and it is expected that the fees charged by the Authority will increase substantially over such period.

Under the Subsidence District regulations and the GRP, the Authority is required: (i) through the year 2024, to limit groundwater withdrawals to no more than 70% of the total annual water demand of the water users within the Authority's GRP; (ii) beginning in the year 2025, to limit groundwater withdrawals to no more than 40% of the total annual water demand of the water users within the Authority's GRP; and (iii) beginning in the year 2035, and continuing thereafter, to limit groundwater withdrawals to no more than 20% of the total annual water demand of the water users within the Authority's GRP. If the Authority fails to comply with the above Subsidence District regulations or its GRP, the Authority is subject to a disincentive fee penalty per 1,000 gallons ("Disincentive Fees") imposed by the Subsidence District for any groundwater withdrawn in excess of 20% of the total water demand in the Authority's GRP. In the event of such Authority failure to comply, the Subsidence District may also seek to collect Disincentive Fees from the District. If the District failed to comply with surface water conversion requirements mandated by the Authority, the Authority would likely impose monetary or other penalties against the District.

The District cannot predict the amount or level of fees and charges, which may be due the Authority in the future, but anticipates the need to pass such fees through to its customers: (i) through higher water rates and/or (ii) with portions of maintenance tax proceeds, if any. In addition, conversion to surface water could necessitate improvements to the System which could require the issuance of additional bonds by the District. No representation is made that the Authority: (i) will build the necessary facilities to meet the requirements of the Subsidence District for conversion to surface water, (ii) will comply with the Subsidence District's surface water conversion requirements, or (iii) will comply with its GRP.

#### **Wastewater Collection and Treatment**

The District's Wastewater Treatment Facility is a 650,000 gallons per day capacity treatment plant that can serve 2,600 ESFCs. According to the Engineer, the wastewater treatment plant, based on current build-out projections, meets the ultimate service demand.

#### 100-Year Flood Plain

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

Approximately 38 acres of the District are located within the boundary of the 100-year Flood Plain for Cypress Creek as defined by FEMA Map Number 48201C0405L and 48201C0415L, Harris County Unincorporated Data, dated June 18, 2007. The 38 acres located in the 100-year Flood Plain include a mitigation lake area and an outfall channel. No lots are developed nor are any expected to be developed on the 38 acres of the District that are located within the boundary of the 100-year Flood Plain.

#### **Water and Wastewater Operations**

#### Rate and Fee Schedule - Table 1

Residential (Single-Family):

The Board of Directors of the District establishes rates and fees for water and sewer service, subject to change from time to time. The following schedule sets forth the rates and fees for the District's water and sewer service which were effective as of February 13, 2020.

#### Water (monthly billings)

	Trestate interval (Single 1 times).	
	First 5,000 gallons of water used	\$10.00 (minimum)
	5,000 – 10,000 gallons of water used	\$1.50 per 1,000 gallons
	10,000 – 20,000 gallons of water used	
	20,000 – 50,000 gallons of water used	
	50,000 – 75,000 gallons of water used	
	In excess of 75,000 gallons of water used	
	Non-Single Family User:	
	First 1,000 gallons of water used	\$20.00 (minimum)
	1,000 – 30,000 gallons of water used	\$1.00 per 1,000 gallons
	In excess of 30,000 gallons of water used	
	Single Meter: Minimum rate \$20.00 times the number of apartment units, with excess usage charged	
	Irrigation Systems:	\$15.00 (minimum)
	First 1,000 gallons of water used	\$1.75 man 1.000 callans
	In excess of 1,000 gallons of water used	
	West Harris County Regional Water Authority pumpage fee	110% of pumpage fee charged
Se	wer (monthly billings)	
	Residential:	
	First 5,000 gallons per unit	\$10.00 (minimum)
	In excess of 5,000 gallons per unit	
	Non-Single Family User:	4.55
	Rate per 1,000 gallons per unit	. \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons

#### **Operating Revenues and Expenses Statement - Table 2**

The following statement sets forth in condensed form the historical operations of the District as derived from the District's audited financial statement for the years ending August 31, 2016 through August 31, 2020. Accounting principles customarily employed in the determination of net revenues have been observed and in all instances exclude depreciation. Such summary has been prepared from information obtained from the District's financial statements and records. Reference is made to such statements for further and more complete information. Also see "Appendix A – Audited Financial Statements."

	Fiscal Year Ended				
	8/31/20 (a)	8/31/19 (a)	8/31/18 <sup>(a)</sup>	8/31/17 <sup>(a)</sup>	8/31/16 <sup>(a)</sup>
REVENUES					
Water Service	\$ 416,382	\$ 384,772	\$ 428,571	\$ 442,890	\$ 410,537
Sewer Service	391,988	355,441	402,163	397,040	378,612
Property Taxes	1,211,720	1,133,417	1,374,439	1,586,440	1,389,873
Penalties and Interest	13,913	18,266	15,131	23,113	19,904
City of Houston Sales Tax Rebates	41,243	38,349	37,510	36,970	33,175
Tap Connection and Inspection	173,329	12,880	10,310	9,200	42,080
Surface Water Fees	894,882	769,220	823,446	768,859	642,206
Chloramin Conversion Refund	-	-	244,443	-	-
Miscellaneous	12,602	34,844	22,486	13,557	17,114
Investment Revenues	59,635	123,094	71,677	25,634	7,627
	\$ 3,215,694	\$ 2,870,283	\$ 3,430,176	\$ 3,303,703	\$ 2,941,128
EXPENDITURES					
Bulk Water & Wastewater Purchases	\$ 843,994	\$ 752,380	\$ 822,605	\$ 789,708	\$ 619,868
Legal Fees	101,457	86,932	105,630	99,922	89,334
Financial Advisory Fees	1,750	1,580	1,500	1,500	1,525
Audit Fees	12,500	12,000	11,500	11,500	11,500
Engineering Fees	33,439	62,813	66,030	51,578	45,960
Bookkeeping Fees	22,125	24,245	21,805	24,394	22,500
Operator	92,823	104,929	78,126	76,366	71,051
Security Services	107,137	103,750	103,071	100,723	100,722
Tap Connection and Inspection	51,911	13,541	9,466	9,918	22,372
Sludge Removal	44,880	62,042	93,050	62,306	59,091
Repairs and Maintenance	661,451	769,663	807,700	785,872	958,156
Utilities	111,632	128,846	151,841	174,233	172,280
Directors Fees & related Payroll Taxes	9,600	12,300	12,150	11,400	11,550
Printing & Office Supplies	15,163	13,140	8,283	9,371	6,502
Insurance	23,334	23,661	22,373	21,654	21,566
Other	99,644	59,161	65,983	63,261	55,214
Capital Outlay	338,318	245,889	105,107	27,425	132,916
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,571,158	\$ 2,476,872	\$ 2,486,220	\$ 2,321,131	\$ 2,402,107
NET REVENUE / (DEFICIT)	\$ 644,536	\$ 393,411	\$ 943,956	\$ 982,572	\$ 539,021
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 5,649,638	\$ 5,256,227	\$ 4,312,271	\$ 2,872,410	\$ 2,333,389
Plus / (Less): Fund Transfers	(13,258)	<u></u>	<u>-</u>	457,289	<u>-</u>
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 6,280,916	\$ 5,649,638	\$ 5,256,227	\$ 4,312,271	\$ 2,872,410

<sup>(</sup>a) Audited.

# DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE – TABLE 3 Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 \$3,790,000

#### Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 Dated Date: June 1, 2021

First Interest Payment Due: September 1, 2021

Year	Current	Less			The Bonds		Total
Ending	<b>Debt Service</b>	Refunded	Principal		Interest	Principal	<b>Debt Service</b>
31-Dec	Requirement	<b>Debt Service</b>	(Due 9/01)	(Due 3/01)	(Due 9/01) Total	and Interest	Requirements
2021	\$ 2,409,069	\$ 61,694	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 20,656 \$ 20,656	\$ 45,656	\$ 2,393,031
2022	2,415,586	148,388	30,000	41,875	41,875 83,750	113,750	2,380,949
2023	2,428,924	147,638	30,000	41,425	41,425 82,850	112,850	2,394,136
2024	2,484,314	146,888	30,000	40,975	40,975 81,950	111,950	2,449,376
2025	2,514,889	296,138	180,000	40,525	40,525 81,050	261,050	2,479,801
2026	2,491,895	285,888	175,000	37,825	37,825 75,650	250,650	2,456,658
2027	2,533,045	305,788	200,000	35,200	35,200 70,400	270,400	2,497,658
2028	2,508,895	299,938	200,000	32,200	32,200 64,400	264,400	2,473,358
2029	2,565,895	314,088	220,000	29,200	29,200 58,400	278,400	2,530,208
2030	2,579,620	307,638	220,000	27,000	27,000 54,000	274,000	2,545,983
2031	2,634,858	305,919	220,000	24,800	24,800 49,600	269,600	2,598,539
2032	2,667,333	309,044	230,000	22,600	22,600 45,200	275,200	2,633,489
2033	2,516,633	326,569	250,000	20,300	20,300 40,600	290,600	2,480,664
2034	2,133,558	313,281	240,000	17,800	17,800 35,600	275,600	2,095,876
2035	2,468,583	325,156	255,000	15,400	15,400 30,800	285,800	2,429,226
2036	2,476,720	311,044	250,000	12,850	12,850 25,700	275,700	2,441,376
2037	2,234,551	1,097,100	1,035,000	10,350	10,350 20,700	1,055,700	2,193,151
2038	2,383,326	-	-	-	-	-	2,383,326
2039	2,230,500	-	-	-		-	2,230,500
	\$ 46,678,191	\$ 5,302,194	\$ 3,790,000	\$ 450,325	<u>\$ 470,981</u> <u>\$ 921,306</u>	\$ 4,711,306	\$ 46,087,303

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Unaudited)

#### Assessed Value - Table 4

2020 Certified Assessed Valua	tion		486,434,652 <sup>(a)</sup>
Gross Debt Outstanding (after	the issuance of the Bonds)	\$	35,070,000 <sup>(b)</sup>
Ratio of Gross Debt to 2020 C	ertified Assessed Valuation		7.21%
2020 Tax Rate per \$100 Asses	ssed Valuation		
Debt Service			0.5180
	Maintenance		0.2320
	Total 2020 Tax Rate	\$	0.7500
Debt Service Fund Balance (as	of April 8, 2021)	\$	2,998,931 <sup>(c)</sup>

Area of District: 732.4 acres Estimated Population as of March 1, 2021 – 5,024<sup>(d)</sup>

#### **Unlimited Tax Bonds Authorized but Unissued - Table 5**

Date of Authorization	Purpose	Amount Authorized	Issued to Date	Unissued
11/6/2001	Water, Sewer and Drainage	\$37,200,000.00	\$ 36,790,000.00	\$ 410,000.00
11/6/2001	Refunding	24,200,000.00	5,152,456.02 <sup>(a)</sup>	19,047,543.98
5/15/2004	Parks and Recreational Facilities	9,500,000.00	4,340,000.00	5,160,000.00

<sup>(</sup>a) The voters of the District authorized the issuance of refunding bonds in a total aggregate principal amount of \$24,200,000. To the extent the par amount of the refunding bonds exceeds the par amount of the refunded bonds, the difference is counted against the refunding authorization. Additionally, any net premium received by the District from the sale of refunding bonds after deducting Underwriter's discount is also counted against the District's refunding authorization. The issuance of the Bonds uses \$100,996.69 of the total amount of refunding bonds authorized. After the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have used a total of \$5,152,456.02 of the District's voted authorization of refunding bonds and, following the issuance of the Bonds, \$19,047,543.98 of voted authorization of refunding bonds remains unissued.

<sup>(</sup>a) Assessed valuation of the District as January 1, 2020, as certified by the Harris County Appraisal District ("HCAD"). See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes the Bonds, excludes the Refunded Bonds.

<sup>(</sup>c) Unaudited as of April 8, 2021. Neither Texas Law nor the Bond Resolution requires the District to maintain any particular sum in the debt service fund.

<sup>(</sup>d) Based on 3.0 residents per active occupied single-family connection and 2.5 residents per occupied apartment unit. As of March 1, 2021, the apartments were 98% occupied.

#### **Outstanding Bonds - Table 6**

D. d. d		0.555.4	Original Principal		ncipal Amount	
Dated Date	Dumaga	Original Series	Amount		Outstanding after the Issuance of the Bonds <sup>(a)</sup>	
A. New Money B	Purpose onds	Series	Amount	Issuanc	te of the bonus	
10/1/2005	Water, Sanitary Sewer & Drainage	2005	\$ 3,000,000	\$	-	
3/1/2007	Water, Sanitary Sewer & Drainage	2007	4,730,000		-	
12/1/2007	Water, Sanitary Sewer & Drainage	2007A	5,250,000		-	
12/1/2008	Water, Sanitary Sewer & Drainage	2008	7,500,000		-	
10/1/2009	Water, Sanitary Sewer & Drainage	2009	4,010,000		-	
8/1/2010	Water, Sanitary Sewer & Drainage	2010	3,930,000		-	
2/1/2012	Water, Sanitary Sewer & Drainage	2012	3,000,000		195,000	
12/1/2012	Water, Sanitary Sewer & Drainage	2012A	5,370,000		-	
12/1/2012	Parks and Recreational Facilities	2012B	2,845,000		1,720,000	
9/1/2018	Parks and Recreational Facilities	2018	1,495,000		1,355,000	
	Subtotal		\$ 41,130,000	\$	3,270,000	
B. Refunding Bon						
2/1/2012	Refunding	2012	\$ 11,885,000	\$	465,000	
3/1/2013	Refunding	2013	6,945,000		-	
6/1/2014	Refunding	2014	2,905,000		660,000	
4/1/2015	Refunding	2015	2,980,000		20,000	
8/1/2016	Refunding	2016	5,075,000		4,510,000	
0/1/2010	· ·					
8/1/2016	Refunding	2016A	1,390,000		1,320,000	
	Refunding Refunding	2016A 2019	1,390,000 18,430,000		1,320,000 18,175,000	
8/1/2016	· ·		18,430,000 2,860,000		18,175,000 2,860,000	
8/1/2016 6/1/2019	Refunding	2019	 18,430,000		18,175,000	
8/1/2016 6/1/2019 10/1/2020	Refunding Refunding	2019 2020	\$ 18,430,000 2,860,000	\$	18,175,000 2,860,000	

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes the Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds.

#### Cash and Investment Balances - Table 7 (a)

General Fund \$6,689,715

Debt Service Fund 2,998,931 (b)
Capital Projects Fund 9,511

#### **Investment Authority and Investment Practices of the District**

Under Texas law, the District is authorized to invest in (1) obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including letters of credit; (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which is guaranteed or insured by or backed by the full

<sup>(</sup>b) The Bonds.

<sup>(</sup>a) Unaudited as of April 8, 2021.

<sup>(</sup>b) Neither Texas Law nor the Bond Resolution requires the District to maintain any particular sum in the debt service fund.

faith and credit of, the State of Texas or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or by explicit full faith and credit of the Unites States; (5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent; (6) bonds issued, assumed or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) interest-bearing banking deposits that are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund or their respective successors; (8) certificates of deposit and share certificates meeting the requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, as amended) (the "PFIA") (i) that are issued by or through an institution that has its main office or a branch office in Texas and are guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, or are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (6) or in any other manner and amount provided by law for District deposits; or (ii) that are invested by the District through a depository institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State of Texas and otherwise meets the requirements of the PFIA; (9) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date, are fully secured by obligations described in clause (1), and are placed through a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State of Texas; (10) certain bankers' acceptances with the remaining term of 270 days or less, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its parent are rated at least A-1 or P-1 or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (11) commercial paper with a stated maturity of 270 days or less that is rated at least A-1 or P-1 or the equivalent by either (a) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or (b) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a U.S. or state bank; (12) no-load money market mutual funds registered with and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission that complies with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7; (13) no-load mutual funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission that have an average weighted maturity of less than two years, and either has a duration of one year or more and is invested exclusively in obligations described in the this paragraph, or has a duration of less than one year and the investment portfolio is limited to investment grade securities, excluding asset-backed securities; and (14) local government investment pools organized in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act (Chapter 791, Texas Government Code) as amended, whose assets consist exclusively of the obligations that are described above. A public funds investment pool must be continuously ranked no lower than "AAA", "AAA-m" or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service. In addition, bond proceeds may be invested in guaranteed investment contracts that have a defined termination date and are secured by obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under such contract, other than the prohibited obligations described below.

A political subdivision such as the District may enter into securities lending programs if (i) the securities loaned under the program are 100% collateralized, a loan made under the program allows for termination at any time and a loan made under the program is either secured by (a) obligations that are described in clauses (1) through (6) above, (b) irrevocable letters of credit issued by a state or national bank that is continuously rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm at not less than A or its equivalent or (c) cash invested in obligations described in clauses (1) through (6) above, clauses (11) through (13) above, or an authorized investment pool; (ii) securities held as collateral under a loan are pledged to the District, held in the District's name and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or a third party designated by the District; (iii) a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State of Texas; and (iv) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less.

The District may invest in such obligations directly or through government investment pools that invest solely in such obligations provided that the pools are rated no lower than AAA or AAAm or an equivalent by at least one nationally recognized rating service. The District may also contract with an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or with the State Securities Board to provide for the investment and management of its public funds or other funds under its control for a term up to two years, but the District retains ultimate responsibility as fiduciary of its assets. In order to renew or extend such a contract, the District must do so by order, ordinance, or resolution.

The District is specifically prohibited from investing in: (1) obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal; (2) obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security and bears no interest; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity of greater than 10 years; and (4) collateralized mortgage obligations the interest rate of which is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

Under Texas law, the District is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity; that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management; and that include a list of authorized investments for District funds, the maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment, the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund, groups methods to monitor the market price of investments acquired with public funds, a requirement for settlement of all transactions, except investment pool funds and mutual funds, on a delivery versus payment basis, and procedures to monitor rating changes in investments acquired with public funds and the liquidation of such investments consistent with the PFIA. All District funds must be invested consistent with a formally adopted "Investment Strategy Statement" that specifically addresses each fund's investment. Each Investment Strategy Statement will describe its objectives concerning: (1) suitability of investment type, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability of each investment, (5) diversification of the portfolio, and (6) yield.

Under Texas law, 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." At least quarterly the District's investment officers must submit an investment report to the Board of Directors detailing: (1) the investment position of the District, (2) that all investment officers jointly prepared and signed the report, (3) the beginning market value, and any additions and changes to market value and the ending value of each pooled fund group, (4) the book value and market value of each separately listed asset at the beginning and end of the reporting period, (5) the maturity date of each separately invested asset, (6) the account or fund or pooled fund group for which each individual investment was

acquired, and (7) the compliance of the investment portfolio as it relates to: (a) adopted investment strategies and (b) Texas law. No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board of Directors.

Under Texas law, the District is additionally required to: (1) annually review its adopted policies and strategies, (2) require any investment officers with personal business relationships or family relationships with firms seeking to sell securities to the District to disclose the relationship and file a statement with the Texas Ethics Commission and the District, (3) require the registered principal of firms seeking to sell securities to the District to: (a) receive and review the District's investment policy, (b) acknowledge that reasonable controls and procedures have been implemented to preclude imprudent investment activities, and (c) deliver a written statement attesting to these requirements; (4) in conjunction with its annual financial audit, perform a compliance audit of the management controls on investments and adherence to the District's investment policy, (5) restrict reverse repurchase agreements to not more than 90 days and restrict the investment of reverse repurchase agreement funds to no greater than the term of the reverse repurchase agreement, (6) restrict the investment in nonmoney market mutual funds in the aggregate to no more than 15% of the District's monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds and reserves and other funds held for debt service and (7) require local government investment pools to conform to the new disclosure, rating, net asset value, yield calculation, and advisory board requirements.

#### **Current Investments - Table 8**

The District, as of April 8, 2021, is invested in TexPool. This investment portfolio is generally representative of the District's investment practices. GASB Statement No. 3 requires the District to assign risk categories for its investment, except those in which securities are not used as evidence of the investment. TexPool is a public funds investment pool. TexPool has not been assigned a risk category since the District has not issued securities, but rather it owns an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of TexPool. State law requires the District to mark its investments to market price each calendar quarter and upon the conclusion of each fiscal year, for the purpose of compliance with applicable accounting policies concerning the contents of the District's audited financial statements.

	V	nvestment falue as of pril 8, 2021
TexPool	\$	9,681,092
Total	\$	9,681,092

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#### **Estimated Overlapping Debt Statement**

Other governmental entities whose boundaries overlap the District have outstanding bonds payable from ad valorem taxes. The following statement of direct and estimated overlapping ad valorem tax debt was developed from several sources, including information contained in "Texas Municipal Reports," published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. Except for the amount relating to the District, the District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information, and no person is entitled to rely upon information as being accurate or complete. Furthermore, certain of the entities listed below may have issued additional bonds since the dates stated in this table, and such entities may have programs requiring the issuance of substantial amounts of additional bonds, the amount of which cannot be determined. Political subdivisions overlapping the District are authorized by State law to levy and collect ad valorem taxes for operation, maintenance and/or general revenue purposes in addition to taxes of debt service and the tax burden for operation, maintenance and/or general purposes is not included in these figures.

	Gross D	ebt	% of Overlapping	Amount of Overlapping
Taxing Body	Amount	As of	Net Debt	Net Debt
Harris County	\$1,672,657,125	3/31/2021	0.100%	\$ 1,672,657
Harris County Department of Education	20,185,000	3/31/2021	0.100%	20,185
Harris County Flood Control District	334,270,000	3/31/2021	0.100%	334,270
Harris County Toll Road (a)	-	3/31/2021	0.000%	-
Harris County ESD No. 9 (b)	-	3/31/2021	0.000%	-
Harris County Hospital District	81,540,000	3/31/2021	0.100%	81,540
Port of Houston Authority	492,439,397	3/31/2021	0.100%	492,439
Lone Star College System	518,505,000	3/31/2021	0.250%	1,296,263
Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District	3,107,910,000	3/31/2021	0.820%	25,484,862
TOTAL ESTIMATE	ED OVERLAPPING I	DEBT		\$ 29,382,216
The District	\$ 35,070,000 <sup>(c)</sup>	6/1/2021	100.000%	\$ 35,070,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED DIF	<u>\$ 64,452,216</u>			
Ratio of Estimated and Overlapping Debt to 20	20 Certified Assesse	d Valuation		13.25%

- (a) No outstanding debt due to self-supporting toll road system.
- (b) Taxing jurisdiction with no outstanding debt.
- (c) Includes the Bonds; excludes the Refunded Bonds.

#### Overlapping Taxes for 2020

Overlapping Entity	2020 Tax Rate Per \$100 Assessed Valuation Harris County	Average Tax Bill <sup>(a)</sup> Harris County
Harris County	\$0.391160	\$ 1,486
Harris County Department of Education	0.004993	19
Harris County Flood Control District	0.031420	119
Harris County ESD No. 9	0.059492	226
Harris County Hospital District	0.166710	633
Port of Houston Authority	0.009910	38
Lone Star College System	0.107800	409
Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District	1.355500	5,149
The District	<u>0.750000</u>	2,849
Total	\$2.876985	\$ 10,928

<sup>(</sup>a) Based upon the 2020 average single family home value of \$379,836, as provided by the District's tax assessor/collector.

TAX DATA

#### Classification of Assessed Valuation - Table 9

	2020		2019		2018		
Type of Property	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	
Land Value	\$ 100,538,191	20.67%	\$ 94,778,872	20.56%	\$ 94,223,104	20.97%	
Improvements	488,527,649	100.43%	473,224,585	102.63%	453,928,113	101.05%	
Personal Property	4,337,134	0.89%	5,590,343	1.21%	5,887,492	1.31%	
Less: Exemptions	(106,968,322)	<u>-21.99%</u>	(112,517,128)	<u>-24.40%</u>	(104,813,926)	<u>-23.33%</u>	
Total	\$ 486,434,652	100.00%	\$ 461,076,672	100.00%	\$ 449,224,783	100.00%	

#### **Tax Collections - Table 10**

The following statement of tax collections reflects the historical tax collection experience of the District. Such summary has been prepared for inclusion herein based upon information from District audits and records of the District Tax Assessor/Collector. Reference is made to such audits and records for further and more complete information. See "Classification of Assessed Valuation" above.

Tax	Assessed	Tax	Tax	Current Co	llections	Total Coll	ections	Year
Year	Valuation <sup>(a)</sup>	Rate	Levy	Amount	%	Amount	%	Ending
2009	225,673,634	0.9500	2,143,900	2,143,900	100.00%	2,143,900	100.00%	8/31/2010 (b)
2010	243,000,469	0.9500	2,308,504	2,308,504	100.00%	2,308,504	100.00%	8/31/2011 (b)
2011	262,820,752	0.9500	2,496,797	2,496,760	100.00%	2,496,760	100.00%	8/31/2012 (b)
2012	282,693,846	0.9500	2,685,591	2,685,510	100.00%	2,685,510	100.00%	8/31/2013 (b)
2013	328,521,210	0.9500	3,120,951	3,120,560	99.99%	3,120,560	99.99%	8/31/2014 (b)
2014	376,878,079	0.9300	3,504,966	3,504,481	99.99%	3,504,481	99.99%	8/31/2015 (b)
2015	402,669,107	0.9200	3,704,556	3,704,336	99.99%	3,704,336	99.99%	8/31/2016 (b)
2016	433,652,083	0.9200	3,989,599	3,986,097	99.91%	3,986,097	99.91%	8/31/2017 (b)
2017	457,647,210	0.8500	3,890,001	3,886,379	99.91%	3,886,379	99.91%	8/31/2018 (b)
2018	449,222,272	0.8200	3,683,623	3,680,588	99.92%	3,680,588	99.92%	8/31/2019 (b)
2019	464,021,139	0.8000	3,712,169	3,701,964	99.73%	3,701,964	99.73%	8/31/2020 (b)
2020	486,434,652	0.7500	3,647,566	3,578,761	98.11%	3,578,761	98.11%	8/31/2021 <sup>(c)</sup>

<sup>(</sup>a) Assessed Valuation reflects the adjusted value as of August 31st of each respective year as included in the audited financial statement.

#### **District Tax Rates - Table 11**

	Tax Rate per \$100 Assessed Valuation								
	2020		2019		2018		2017	2016	2015
Debt Service	\$ 0.5180	\$	0.5385	\$	0.5655	\$	0.5485	\$ 0.5540	\$ 0.5805
Maintenance and Operations	 0.2320		0.2615		0.2545		0.3015	 0.3660	 0.3395
Total	\$ 0.7500	\$	0.8000	\$	0.8200	\$	0.8500	\$ 0.9200	\$ 0.9200

#### **Tax Rate Limitation**

The District's tax rate for debt service on the Bonds is legally unlimited as to rate or amount.

b) Audited

<sup>(</sup>c) Unaudited. Reflects collections through March 31, 2021. Taxes were due with no penalty by January 31, 2021.

#### **Maintenance Tax**

The District has the statutory authority to levy and collect an annual ad valorem tax for maintaining, repairing, and operating the District's facilities and for paying administrative expenses of the District, if such maintenance tax is authorized by the District's voters. An election for such a tax was held on November 6, 2001, at which time a maintenance tax not to exceed \$1.50 per \$100 assessed valuation was approved by the District's voters. The District levied a 2020 maintenance tax of \$0.2320.

#### **Additional Penalties**

The District has contracted with a tax attorney to collect certain delinquent taxes. In connection with that contract, the District can establish an additional penalty of twenty percent (20%) of the tax to defray the costs of collection. This 20% penalty applies to taxes that either: (1) become delinquent on or after February 1 of a year, but not later than May 1 of that year, and that remain delinquent on April 1 (for personal property) and July 1 (for real property) of the year in which they become delinquent or (2) become delinquent on or after June 1, pursuant to the Texas Tax Code.

#### Principal Taxpayers - Table 12

The following list of principal taxpayers was provided by the District's Tax Assessor/Collector based on the 2020, 2019 and 2018 tax rolls of the District, which reflect the appraised value of taxable property owed as of January 1, of each year shown.

Name	Type of Property	2020	2019	2018
Mound TX Partners LLC	Apartments	\$ 47,162,208	\$ 42,816,000	\$ 40,908,952
Fund Cypress I LLC	Apartments	39,724,844	33,572,622	33,000,000
Community Self Storage VI LP	Commercial/Retail	7,707,989	6,799,166	5,983,528
Shop at Cypress Creek Lakes LLC	Commercial/Retail	7,659,909	6,801,705	6,500,000
Fund Cypress II LLC	Apartments	7,228,499	(a)	(a)
Euni Eli Investment LLC	Land and Improvements	4,908,653	4,630,000	4,630,000
Texas Petroleum Group LLC	Personal Property	2,337,230	2,358,930	2,297,059
Mahalakshmi Properties LLC	Land and Improvements	2,230,870	2,250,000	2,256,614
Sherman Trust	Land and Improvements	1,939,820	1,973,625	1,936,159
Chick-Fil-a Inc.	Commercial/Retail	1,655,681	1,655,681	1,635,240
Prause Education	Land and Improvements	(a)	1,667,331	1,606,421
Total		<u>\$ 122,555,703</u>	<u>\$ 104,525,060</u>	<u>\$ 100,753,973</u>
Percent of Certified Assessed Valuation		25.19%	22.53%	22.43%

<sup>(</sup>a) Not a principal taxpayer for respective year.

#### Tax Adequacy for Debt Service

The calculations shown below assume, solely for purposes of illustration, no increase or decrease in assessed valuations from the 2020 certified assessed valuation, and utilize tax rates adequate to service the District's total debt service requirements, including the Bonds. No available debt service funds are reflected in these computations. See "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS – Factors Affecting Taxable Values and Tax Payments - *Impact on District Tax Rates*."

Average Requirement on the Remaining Outstanding Bonds (2021 through 2039)	\$2,425,648
\$0.53 Tax Rate on 2020 Certified Assessed Valuation of \$486,434,652 @ 95% collections produces	\$2,449,198
Maximum Requirement on the Remaining Outstanding Bonds (2032)	\$2,633,489
\$0.57 Tax Rate on 2020 Certified Assessed Valuation of \$486,434,652 @ 95% collections produces	\$2,634,044

#### **Debt Service Fund Management Index**

Debt Service Requirements for year ending 12/31/21	\$2,393,031 <sup>(a)</sup>
Unaudited Debt Service Fund Balance as of 9/10/20\$1,210,667 (b)	
2020 Debt Service Tax Levy @ 95% collections produces	
Total Available for Debt Service	\$3,604,412
Projected Debt Service Fund Balance as of 9/30/2022	\$1,211,381

- (a) Interest payments on the Bonds begin September 1, 2021.
- (b) Unaudited debt service fund balance of as of September 2, 2020; does not include any 2020 tax collections and represents debt service fund balance after all 2020 debt service requirements have been paid.
- (c) The District levied a 2020 debt service tax rate of \$0.5180, collection of which was due with no penalty by January 31, 2021.

#### TAXING PROCEDURES

#### **Authority to Levy Taxes**

The Board is authorized to levy an annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property within the District in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Outstanding Bonds, and any additional bonds payable from taxes which the District may hereafter issue (see "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS – Future Debt") and to pay the expenses of assessing and collecting such taxes. The District agrees in the Bond Resolution to levy such a tax from year to year as described more fully herein under "THE BONDS – Source of and Security for Payment." Under Texas law, the Board may also levy and collect an ad valorem tax for the operation and maintenance of the District and its water and wastewater system and, if approved by the voters, for the payment of certain contractual obligations. See "TAX DATA – Maintenance Tax."

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

Title I of the Texas 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. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts may provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property.

#### **Property Subject to Taxation by the District**

Except for certain exemptions provided by Texas law, all real property, tangible personal property held or used for the production of income, mobile homes, and certain categories of intangible personal property with a tax situs in the District are subject to taxation by the District. Principal categories of exempt property include, but are not limited to: property owned by the State of Texas or its political subdivisions if the property is used for public purposes; property exempt from ad valorem taxation by federal law; income producing tangible personal property or mineral interest with a taxable value of less than \$500; certain property used for the control of air, water or land pollution; solar and wind powered energy devices; certain household goods, wares and merchandise in transit; certain farm products owned by the producer; certain property of charitable organizations, youth development organizations, religious organizations, and qualified schools; designated historical sites; travel trailers; and most individually owned automobiles. Partially exempt to between \$5,000 and \$12,000 of assessed value depending upon the disability rating of the veteran is property owned by a disabled veteran or by the spouse or certain children of a deceased disabled veteran or a veteran who died while on active duty. Additionally, a disabled veteran who receives 100% disability compensation due to a service- connected disability and a rating of 100% disabled or of individual employability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of their residence homestead, effective for the tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009. Also partially exempt are residence homesteads of certain persons who are disabled or at least 65 years old of \$35,000 of appraised value. The District's tax assessor is authorized by statute to disregard exemptions for the disabled and elderly if granting the exemption would impair the District's obligation to pay tax-supported debt incurred prior to adoption of the exemption by the District. 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, and, subject to certain conditions, an exemption up to the same amount may be transferred to a subsequent residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

**Residential Homestead Exemptions:** The Property Tax Code authorizes the governing body of each political subdivision in the State of Texas to exempt up to twenty percent (20%) of the appraised value of residential homesteads from ad valorem taxation. Where ad valorem taxes have previously been pledged for the payment of debt, the governing body of a political subdivision may continue to levy and collect taxes against the exempt value of the homesteads until the debt is discharged if the cessation of the levy would impair the obligations of the contract by which the debt was created. The adoption of a homestead exemption may be considered each year, but must be adopted before June 1. The District has not adopted a general homestead exemption.

Freeport Goods and Goods-in-Transit Exemptions: A "Freeport Exemption" applies to goods, wares, ores, and merchandise other than oil, gas, and petroleum products (defined as liquid and gaseous materials immediately derived from refining petroleum or natural gas), and to

aircraft or repair parts used by a certified air carrier acquired in or imported into Texas which are destined to be forwarded outside of Texas and which are detained in Texas for assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing or fabricating for less than 175 days. Although certain taxing units may take official action to tax such property in transit and negate such exemption, the District does not have such an option. A "Goods-in-Transit" Exemption is applicable to the same categories of tangible personal property which are covered by the Freeport Exemption, if, for tax year 2011 and prior applicable years, such property is acquired in or imported into Texas for assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing, or fabricating purposes and is subsequently forwarded to another location inside or outside of Texas not later than 175 days after acquisition or importation, and the location where said property is detained during that period is not directly or indirectly owned or under the control of the property owner. For tax year 2012 and subsequent years, such Goods-in-Transit Exemption includes tangible personal property acquired in or imported into Texas for storage purposes only if such property is stored under a contract of bailment by a public warehouse operator at one or more public warehouse facilities in Texas that are not in any way owned or controlled by the owner of such property for the account of the person who acquired or imported such property. A property owner who receives the Goods-in-Transit Exemption is not eligible to receive the Freeport Exemption for the same property. Local taxing units such as the District may, by official action and after public hearing, tax goods-in-transit personal property at the time and in the manner prescribed by applicable law. The District has taken official action to allow taxation of all such goods-in-transit personal property for all prior and subsequent years.

Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by a 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 by 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. There is currently no judicial precedent for how the statute will be applied but Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-0299, issued on April 13, 2020, concluded a court would likely find the Texas Legislature intended to limit the temporary tax exemption to apply to property physically harmed as a result of a declared disaster.

#### Tax Abatement

Harris County or the City may designate all or part of the area within the District as a reinvestment zone. Thereafter, Harris County, the City (after annexation of the District), or the District, at the option and discretion of each entity, may enter into tax abatement agreements with owners of property within the zone. Prior to entering into a tax abatement agreement, each entity must adopt guidelines and criteria for establishing tax abatement, which each entity will follow in granting tax abatement to owners of property. The tax abatement agreements may exempt from ad valorem taxation by each of the applicable taxing jurisdictions, including the District, for a period of up to ten (10) years, all, or any part of any increase in the assessed valuation of property covered by the agreement over its assessed valuation in the year in which the agreement is executed, on the condition that the property owner make specified improvements or repairs to the property in conformity with the terms of the agreement. Effective September 1, 1999, the terms of the tax abatement agreements of the taxing jurisdiction are not required to be identical.

#### Valuation of Property for Taxation

Generally, all taxable property in the District must be appraised by the Harris County 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. A residence homestead is to be appraised solely on the basis of its value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether residential use is considered to be the highest and best use of the property. Increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads are limited to 10 percent annually regardless of the market value of the property. Upon application of a landowner, land which qualifies as "open-space land" is appraised based on the category of land, using accepted income capitalization methods applied to the average net income derived from the use of the land for agriculture and hunting or recreational leases. Upon application of a landowner, land which qualifies as "timber land" is appraised using accepted income capitalization methods applied to the average net income derived from the use of the land for production of timber. Land which qualifies as an aesthetic management zone, critical wildlife management zone, or streamside management zone or is being regenerated for timber production for 10 years after harvest is valued at one-half that amount. In the case of both open space and timber land valuations, if the use of land changes, an additional tax is generally imposed on the land equal to the difference between the taxes imposed on the land for each of the five (5) years preceding the year in which the change of use occurs and the tax that would have been imposed had the land been taxed on the basis of market value in each of those years, plus interest at an annual rate of seven percent (7%) calculated from the dates on which the differences would have become due. There are also special appraisal methods for agricultural land owned by individuals whose primary occupation and income are farming and for recreational, park, and scenic land. Also, houses or lots held for sale by a developer or builder which remain unoccupied, are not leased, or rented and produce no income are required to be assessed at the price for which they would sell as a unit to a purchaser who would continue the owner's business, upon application of the owner.

Once an appraisal roll is prepared and approved by the Appraisal Review Board, it is used by the District in establishing its tax rate. 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 in the Appraisal District at least one 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.

#### **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 and Collection of Taxes

The District is responsible for the levy and collection of its taxes unless it elects to transfer such functions to another governmental entity. The rate of taxation is set by the Board of Directors, after the legally required notice has been given to owners of property within the District, based upon: a) the valuation of property within the District as of the preceding January 1, and b) the amount required to be raised for debt service, maintenance purposes, and authorized contractual obligations. Taxes are due October 1, or when billed, whichever comes later, and become delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the year following the year in which imposed. A delinquent tax incurs a penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent, plus one percent (1%) for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. If the tax is not paid by July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent, the tax incurs a total penalty of twelve percent (12%) regardless of the number of months the tax has been delinquent and incurs an additional penalty for collection costs of an amount established by the District and a delinquent tax attorney. A delinquent tax on personal property incurs an additional penalty, in an amount established by the District and a delinquent tax attorney, 60 days after the date the taxes become delinquent. The delinquent tax accrues interest at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month it remains unpaid. The Property Tax Code makes provisions for the split payment of taxes, discounts for early payment and the postponement of the delinquency date of taxes under certain circumstances which, at the option of the District, may be rejected by taxing units. The District's tax collector is required to enter into an installment payment agreement with any person who is delinquent on the payment of tax on a residence homestead for payment of tax, penalties, and interest, if the person requests an installment agreement and has not entered into an installment agreement with the collector in the preceding 24 months. The installment agreement must provide for payments to be made in monthly installments and must extend for a period of at least 12 months and no more than 36 months. Additionally, the owner of a residential homestead property who is (i) sixty-five (65) years of age or older, (ii) disabled, or (iii) a disabled veteran, is entitled by law to pay current taxes on a residential homestead in installments without penalty or to defer the payment of taxes during the time of ownership. In the instance of tax deferral, a tax lien remains on the property and interest continue to accrue during the period of deferral.

#### Rollback of Operation and Maintenance Tax Rate

Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, classifies municipal utility districts differently based on their current operation and maintenance tax rate or on the percentage of projected build-out that a 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 herein as "Special Taxing Units." Districts that have financed, completed, and issued bonds to pay for all land, 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 tax rate is described for each classification below. Debt service and contract tax rates cannot be reduced by a rollback election held within any of the districts described below.

Special Taxing Units: Special Taxing Units that adopt a total tax rate that would impose more than 1.08 times the amount of the total tax imposed by such district in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence homestead in the district, 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 the operation and maintenance tax rate that would impose 1.08 times the amount of operation and maintenance tax imposed by the district in the preceding year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence homestead in the district in that year, subject to certain homestead exemptions.

**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 in the district, subject to certain homestead exemptions, plus any unused increment rates, as calculated and described in Section 26.013 of the Texas 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 the operation and maintenance tax rate that would impose 1.035 times the amount of operation and maintenance tax imposed by the district in the preceding year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence homestead in the district in that year, subject to certain homestead exemptions, 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:** The qualified voters of these Developing Districts, upon a Developing District's adoption of 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 in the district, 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 the operation and maintenance tax rate that would impose 1.08 times the amount of operation and maintenance tax imposed by the district in the preceding year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence homestead in the district in that year, subject to certain homestead exemptions.

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

#### 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 the State of Texas and each 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. See "FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Estimated Overlapping Debt Statement" and "- Overlapping Taxes for 2020." 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. Personal property under certain circumstances is subject to seizure and sale for the payment of delinquent taxes, penalty, and interest.

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 (in the case of a residential homestead or agricultural property, a taxpayer may redeem such property within two years after the purchaser's deed issued at the foreclosure sale is filed in the county records, otherwise six (6) months) or by bankruptcy proceedings which restrict the collection of taxpayer debts. See "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS – General" and "- Tax Collections and Foreclosure Remedies."

#### **Delinquent Tax Payments for Disaster Areas**

Taxpayers for homesteads and small businesses damaged as a direct result of a disaster may pay property taxes on the property in four equal quarterly installments by notice to the District before the delinquency date without penalty or interest. Installments must be completed within six months of the delinquency date, which normally is February 1 but could be delayed because of delayed valuations. Quarterly payments by a substantial number of owners could adversely affect a District's collection of taxes for debt services in the year following a disaster.

### LEGAL MATTERS

Delivery of the Bonds will be accompanied by the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Attorney General of Texas to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied by the District, without limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property within the District, and, based upon their examination of a transcript of certified proceedings relating to the issuance and sale of the Bonds, the approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel, to a like effect, and to the effect that, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and interest on the Bonds is not subject to the alternative minimum tax on individuals.

Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP also serves as general counsel to the District on matters other than the issuance of bonds. The legal fees paid to Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds are based on a percentage of the bonds actually issued, sold, and delivered and, therefore, such fees are contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

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.

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

The District will furnish to the Underwriter a certificate, dated as of the Date of Delivery of the Bonds, executed by both the President and Secretary of the Board, to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending or threatened, either in state or federal courts, contesting or attacking the Bonds; restraining or enjoining the issuance, execution or delivery of the Bonds; affecting the provisions made for the payment of or security for the Bonds; in any manner questioning the authority or proceedings for the issuance, execution, or delivery of the Bonds; or affecting the validity of the Bonds.

#### No Material Adverse Change

The obligations of the Underwriter to take and pay for the Bonds, and of the District to deliver the Bonds, are subject to the condition that, up to the time of delivery of and receipt of payment for the Bonds, there shall have been no material adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of the District from that set forth or contemplated in the Official Statement.

#### VERIFICATION OF MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS

Public Finance Partners LLC will deliver to the District, on or before the settlement date of the Bonds, its verification report indicating that it has verified the mathematical accuracy of (a) the mathematical computations of the adequacy of the cash and the maturing principal of and interest on the Escrowed Securities, to pay, when due, the maturing principal of, interest on and related call premium requirements, if any, of the Refunded Bonds; (b) the mathematical computations of yield used by Bond Counsel to support its opinion that interest on the Bonds will be excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes; and (c) compliance with City of Houston Ordinance 97-416.

Public Finance Partners, LLC relied on the accuracy, completeness and reliability of all information provided to it by, and on all decisions and approvals of, the District. In addition, Public Finance Partners LLC has relied on any information provided to it by the District's retained advisors, consultants, or legal counsel.

The report will be relied upon by Bond Counsel in rendering its opinion with respect to the excludability from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds and with respect to the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds.

#### TAX MATTERS

In the opinion of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, Bond Counsel, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and interest on the Bonds is not subject to the alternative minimum tax on individuals.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") imposes a number of requirements that must be satisfied for interest on state or local obligations, such as the Bonds, to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. These requirements include limitations on the use of proceeds and the source of repayment, limitations on the investment of proceeds prior to expenditure, a requirement that excess arbitrage earned on the investment of proceeds be paid periodically to the United States and a requirement that the issuer file an information report with the Internal Revenue Service. The District has covenanted in the Bond Resolution that they will comply with these requirements.

Bond Counsel's opinion will assume continuing compliance with the covenants of the Bond Resolution pertaining to those sections of the Code which affect the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes and, in addition, will rely on representations by the District, the District's Financial Advisor and the Underwriter with respect to matters solely within the knowledge of the District, the District's Financial Advisor, and the Underwriter, respectively, which Bond Counsel has not independently verified. Bond Counsel will further rely on the report of Public Finance Partners, LLC, with respect to the accuracy of certain mathematical computations. If the District should fail to comply with the covenants in the Bond Resolution or if the foregoing representations or report should be determined to be inaccurate or incomplete, interest on the Bonds could become taxable from the Date of Delivery of the Bonds, regardless of the date on which the event causing such taxability occurs.

Under the Code, taxpayers are required to report on their returns the amount of tax exempt interest, such as interest on the Bonds, received or accrued during the year. Payments of interest on tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds are in many cases required to be reported to the IRS. Additionally, backup withholding may apply to any such payments to any owner who is not an "exempt recipient" and who fails to provide certain identifying information. Individuals generally are not exempt recipients, whereas corporations and certain other entities generally are exempt recipients.

Except as stated above, Bond Counsel will express no opinion as to any federal, state, or local tax consequences resulting from the ownership of, receipt of interest on, or disposition of, the Bonds.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that the ownership of tax exempt obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to financial institutions, life insurance and property and casualty insurance companies, certain S corporations with Subchapter C earnings and profits, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax exempt obligations, taxpayers owning an interest in a FASIT that holds tax-exempt obligations, and individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income credit. In addition, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States may be subject to the "branch profits tax" on their effectively-connected earnings and profits, including tax exempt interest such as interest on the Bonds. These categories of prospective purchasers should consult their own tax advisors as to the applicability of these consequences.

Bond Counsel's opinions are based on existing law, which is subject to change. Such opinions are further based on Bond Counsel's knowledge of facts as of the date hereof. Bond Counsel assumes no duty to update or supplement its opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to Bond Counsel's attention or to reflect any changes in any law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, Bond Counsel's opinions are not a guarantee of result and are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (the "Service"); rather, such opinions represent Bond Counsel's legal judgment based upon its review of existing law and in reliance upon the representations and covenants referenced above that it deems relevant to such opinions. The Service has an ongoing audit program to determine compliance with rules that relate to whether interest on state or local obligations is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. No assurance can be given whether or not the Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. If an audit is commenced, in accordance with its current published procedures the Service is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer and the owners of the Bonds may not have a right to participate in such audit. 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 the ultimate outcome of the audit.

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

The Code requires a pro rata reduction in the interest expense deduction of a financial institution to reflect such financial institution's investment in tax-exempt obligations acquired after August 7, 1986. An exception to the foregoing provision is provided in the Code for "qualified tax-exempt obligations," which include tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, (a) designated by the issuer as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" and (b) issued by or on behalf of a political subdivision for which the aggregate amount of tax-exempt obligations (not including private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) to be issued during the calendar year is not expected to exceed \$10,000,000.

The District has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" and has represented that the aggregate amount of tax-exempt bonds (including the Bonds) issued by the District and entities aggregated with the District under the Code during calendar year 2020 is not expected to exceed \$10,000,000 and that the District and entities aggregated with the District under the Code have not designated more than \$10,000,000 in "qualified tax-exempt obligations" (including the Bonds) during calendar year 2021.

Notwithstanding these exceptions, financial institutions acquiring the Bonds will be subject to a 20% disallowance of allocable interest expense.

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

In the Bond Resolution, the District has 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 material events, to certain information to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). Information will be available free of charge by the MSRB via the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system at www.emma.msrb.org.

# **Annual Reports**

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB via EMMA annually.

The information to be updated with respect to the District includes all quantitative financial information and operating data of the general type included in this Official Statement included under the headings "SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION," "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE - TABLE 3," "FINANCIAL STATEMENT- Outstanding Bonds - Table 6," "TAX DATA-Classification Of Assessed Valuation-Table 9," "-Tax Collections-Table 10," "-District Tax Rates-Table 11," and "APPENDIX A" (the Audit). The District will update and provide this information within six months after the end of each of its fiscal years ending in or after 2021. The District will provide the updated information to the MSRB via EMMA.

The District may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly available documents, as permitted by SEC Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule"). The updated information will include audited financial statements if it commissions an audit and the audit is completed by the required time. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within such period, then the District shall provide unaudited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB via EMMA within such six month period, and audited financial statements when the audit report on such statements becomes available. Any such financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in the Bond Resolution, 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 August 31. Accordingly, it must provide updated information by February 28 in each year, unless it changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB via EMMA of the change.

The District shall notify the MSRB via EMMA, in a timely manner, of any failure by the District to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with the Bond Resolution.

#### **Event Notices**

The District shall notify the MSRB via EMMA, in a timely manner not in excess of 10 business days, of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (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 or other obligated person;
- (13) consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or other obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District or other obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee if material.
- (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, any of which affect Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, if material; and
- default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

The terms "obligated person" and "financial obligation" when used in this paragraph shall have the meanings ascribed to them under SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"). The term "material" when used in this paragraph shall have the meaning ascribed to it under federal securities laws. Neither the Bonds nor the Bond Resolution makes any provision for debt service reserves or liquidity enhancement. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide financial information, operating data, or financial statements in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports."

#### Availability of Information from MSRB

The District has agreed to provide the foregoing updated information only to the MSRB. The MSRB makes the information available to the public without charge through the EMMA internet portal at <a href="https://www.emma.msrb.org">www.emma.msrb.org</a>.

#### **Limitations and Amendments**

The District has agreed to update information and to provide notices of 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 continuing disclosure agreement or from any

statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders or beneficial owners of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the District to comply with its agreement.

The District may amend its continuing disclosure agreement from time to time to adapt the 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 but only if the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the offering made hereby in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and either the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent to the amendment 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 and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District may amend or repeal the agreement in the Bond Resolution if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction determines that such provisions are invalid or unenforceable, but only to the extent that its right to do so would not prevent the Underwriter from lawfully purchasing the Bonds in the initial offering. If the District so amends the agreement, it has agreed to include with any financial information or operating data next 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 financial information and operating data so provided.

#### Compliance with Prior Undertakings

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

#### FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The Official Statement was compiled and edited under the supervision of Public Finance Group LLC (the "Financial Advisor"), which firm was employed in 2014 as financial advisor to the District. The fees paid the Financial Advisor for services rendered in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds are based on a percentage of the Bonds actually issued, sold, and delivered, and therefore such fees are contingent on the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

#### Preparation

The District has no employees but engages various professionals and consultants to assist the District in the day-to-day activities of the District. See "THE DISTRICT." The Board of Directors in its official capacity has relied upon the below mentioned experts and sources in the preparation of this Official Statement. The information in this Official Statement was compiled and edited by the Financial Advisor. In addition to compiling and editing such information, the Financial Advisor has obtained the information set forth herein under the captions indicated from the following sources:

"DEVELOPER" – Mischer Investments LP ("Developer"); "THE DISTRICT" – BGE, Inc. ("Engineer"), Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District, the Developer, various area commercial and retail establishments and residential developers; "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM" – Depository Trust Company; "THE SYSTEM" - Engineer; "FINANCIAL STATEMENT-Unlimited Tax Bonds Authorized but Unissued" - Records of the District ("Records"); "FINANCIAL STATEMENT" - Harris County Appraisal District; "FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Estimated Overlapping Debt Statement" - Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and Financial Advisor; "TAX DATA" and "THE SYSTEM - Water And Wastewater Operations" - Audits, Harris County Appraisal District, Records and Tax Assessor/Collector; "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE – TABLE 3" - Financial Advisor; "THE BONDS," "TAXING PROCEDURES," "LEGAL MATTERS," and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" - Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP

#### Consultants

In approving this Official Statement, the District has relied upon the following consultants:

The Engineer: The information contained in the Official Statement relating to engineering matters and to the description of the System and, in particular, that information included in the sections entitled "THE DISTRICT" and "THE SYSTEM," has been provided by BGE, Inc., and has been included in reliance upon the authority of said firm in the field of civil engineering.

Tax Assessor/Collector: The information contained in this Official Statement relating to the certified assessed valuation of property in the District and, in particular, such information contained in the section captioned "FINANCIAL STATEMENT," has been provided by the Harris County Appraisal District in reliance upon its authority in the field of appraising and tax assessing. The information contained in this Official Statement relating to tax collection rates and principal taxpayers has been provided by Tax Tech, Inc., in reliance upon the authority of said firm in the field of tax assessing and collecting.

Auditor: The District's 2020 financial statements were audited by McGrath & Co., PLLC, and excerpts of the District's Audited Financial Statements as of August 31, 2020, have been included as Appendix A in reliance upon such firm's authority in the field of accounting.

#### **Annual Audits**

Under State Law, the District must keep its fiscal records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. It must also have its financial accounts and records audited by a certified or permitted public accountant within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year of the District, and must file each audit report with the TCEQ within 135 days after the close of the fiscal year so long as the District has bonds outstanding. Copies of each audit report must also be filed in the office of the District. The District's fiscal records and audit reports are available for public inspection during regular business hours, and the District is required by law to provide a copy of the District's audit reports to any registered owner or other member of the public within a reasonable time on request, upon payment of prescribed charges.

This Official Statement was approved by the Board of Directors of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374, as of the date shown on the first page hereof.

/s/ Joe Sykes
President, Board of Directors
Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374

/s/ Brian Canepa Secretary, Board of Directors Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

The following photographs were taken in the District. The homes and commercial establishments shown in the photographs are representative of the type of construction presently located within the District, and these photographs are presented solely to illustrate such construction. The District makes no representation that any additional construction such as that as illustrated in the following photographs will occur in the District. See "THE DISTRICT."

















# APPENDIX A Audited Financial Statements

The information contained in this appendix has been excerpted from the final audited financial statement of Harris County Municipal Utility District No 374 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2020. Certain information not considered to be relevant to this financing has been omitted; however, complete audit reports are available upon request.

# HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 374

# HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

# FINANCIAL REPORT

August 31, 2020

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# **Independent Auditors' Report**

Board of Directors Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 Harris County, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements 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 basic 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 basic financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles 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 to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Board of Directors Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 Harris County, Texas

# **Opinion**

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 Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374, as of August 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information 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 Texas Supplementary Information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Texas Supplementary Information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied to the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the 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 financial statements taken as a whole.

Houston, Texas December 10, 2020

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

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### Using this Annual Report

Within this section of the financial report of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 (the "District"), the District's Board of Directors provides a narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2020. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the independent auditors' report and the basic financial statements that follow this section.

In addition to this discussion and analysis, this annual report consists of:

- The District's basic financial statements;
- Notes to the basic financial statements, which provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements;
- Supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) concerning the District's budget; and
- Other Texas supplementary information required by the District's state oversight agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

#### Overview of the Financial Statements

The District prepares its basic financial statements using a format that combines fund financial statements and government-wide statements onto one financial statement. The combined statements are the *Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet* and the *Statement of Activities and Governmental Funds Revenues*, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Each statement contains an adjustments column which quantifies the differences between the government-wide and fund level statements. Additional details of the adjustments are provided in Note 2 to the basic financial statements.

# Government-Wide Financial Statements

The focus of government-wide financial statements is on the overall financial position and activities of the District, both long-term and short-term. The District's government-wide financial statements consist of the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*, which are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The *Statement of Net Position* includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the residual reported as net position. Over time, changes in net position may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating.

Accounting standards establish three components of net position. The net investment in capital assets component represents the District's investments in capital assets, less any outstanding debt or other borrowings used to acquire those assets. Resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. The restricted component of net position consists of financial resources that are restricted for a specific purpose by enabling legislation or external parties. The unrestricted component of net position represents resources not included in the other components.

The Statement of Activities reports how the District's net position has changed during the fiscal year. All revenues and expenses are included on this statement, regardless of whether cash has been received or paid.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements include the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. The focus of fund financial statements is on specific activities of the District rather than the District as a whole, reported using modified accrual accounting. These statements report on the District's use of available financial resources and the balances of available financial resources at the end of the year. Except for the General Fund, a specific fund is established to satisfy managerial control over resources or to satisfy finance-related legal requirements established by external parties, governmental statutes or regulations.

For further discussion on the government-wide and fund financial statements, please refer to Note 1 in the financial statements.

# Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

The District's net position at August 31, 2020, was negative \$4,714,399. This amount is negative because the District incurs debt to construct drainage facilities along public streets which it conveys to Harris County for maintenance. A comparative summary of the District's overall financial position, as of August 31, 2020 and 2019, is as follows:

	2020	2019
Current and other assets	\$ 8,153,649	\$ 7,514,091
Capital assets	20,995,447	21,516,369
Total assets	29,149,096	29,030,460
Total deferred outflows of resources	2,056,339	2,248,172
Current liabilities	1,922,688	1,798,685
Long-term liabilities	33,997,146	35,362,639
Total liabilities	35,919,834	37,161,324
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	(8,278,383)	(8,527,634)
Restricted	1,274,100	1,194,567
Unrestricted	2,289,884	1,450,375
Total net position	\$ (4,714,399)	\$ (5,882,692)

The total net position of the District increased during the current fiscal year by \$1,168,293. A comparative summary of the District's *Statement of Activities* for the past two years is as follows:

	2020		2019
Revenues			
Property taxes, penalties and interest	\$ 3,729	,803	\$ 3,713,652
Water and sewer service	808	3,370	740,213
Other	1,201	,335	1,046,291
Total revenues	5,739	,508	5,500,156
Expenses			
Current service operations	2,754	,843	2,301,530
Debt interest and fees	1,295	,450	1,528,473
Developer interest			197,935
Debt issuance costs			768,457
Depreciation and amortization	520	,922	520,922
Total expenses	4,571	,215	5,317,317
Change in net position before other item	1,168	3,293	182,839
Other item			
Change in estimate of due to developer		<u> </u>	346,609
Change in net position	1,168	3,293	529,448
Net position, beginning of year	(5,882	2,692)	(6,412,140)
Net position, end of year	\$ (4,714	,399)	\$ (5,882,692)

# Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

The District's combined fund balances, as of August 31, 2020, were \$7,544,465, which consists of \$6,280,916 in the General Fund, \$1,254,042 in the Debt Service Fund, and \$9,507 in the Capital Projects Fund.

#### General Fund

A comparative summary of the General Fund's financial position as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	 2020		2019
Total assets	\$ 6,868,647	\$	6,096,557
	 _		
Total liabilities	\$ 576,293	\$	435,410
Total deferred inflows	11,438		11,509
Total fund balance	 6,280,916		5,649,638
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance	\$ 6,868,647	\$	6,096,557

A comparative summary of the General Fund's activities for the current and prior fiscal year is as follows:

	 2020	 2019
Total revenues	\$ 3,215,694	\$ 2,870,283
Total expenditures	(2,571,158)	(2,476,872)
Revenues over expenditures	644,536	393,411
Other changes in fund balance	 (13,258)	
Net change in fund balance	\$ 631,278	\$ 393,411

The District manages its activities with the objectives of ensuring that expenditures will be adequately covered by revenues each year and that an adequate fund balance is maintained. The District's primary financial resources in the General Fund are from property tax levy and the provision of water and sewer services to customers within the District. Financial resources are influenced by a variety of factors each year:

- Property tax revenues are dependent upon assessed values in the District and the maintenance tax rate set by the District. Property tax revenues increased from prior year because the District increased the maintenance and operations component of the levy and because assessed values increased from prior year.
- Water, sewer and surface water revenues are dependent upon customer usage, which fluctuates from year to year as a result of factors beyond the District's control.

#### Debt Service Fund

A comparative summary of the Debt Service Fund's financial position as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	 2020	 2019
Total assets	\$ 1,275,495	\$ 1,194,619
Total liabilities	\$ 1,395	\$ 52
Total deferred inflows	20,058	21,067
Total fund balance	 1,254,042	 1,173,500
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance	\$ 1,275,495	\$ 1,194,619

A comparative summary of the Debt Service Fund's activities for the current and prior fiscal year is as follows:

	2020	2019
Total revenues	\$ 2,523,738	\$ 2,602,682
Total expenditures	(2,443,196)	(3,425,370)
Revenues over/(under) expenditures	80,542	(822,688)
Other changes in fund balance		970,760
Net change in fund balance	\$ 80,542	\$ 148,072

The District's financial resources in the Debt Service Fund in both the current year and prior year are from property tax revenues. The difference between these financial resources and debt service requirements resulted in an increase in fund balance each year. It is important to note that the District sets its annual debt service tax rate as recommended by its financial advisor, who monitors projected cash flows in the Debt Service Fund to ensure that the District will be able to meet its future debt service requirements.

During the prior year, the District issued \$18,430,000 in unlimited tax refunding bonds to refund \$17,855,000 of its outstanding Series 2012, Series 2021A and Series 2013 refunding bonds. This refunding will save the District \$911,895 in future debt service requirements.

# Capital Projects Fund

A comparative summary of the Capital Projects Fund's financial position as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	2020		2019
Total assets	\$	9,507	\$ 222,915
Total liabilities	\$	-	\$ 223
Total fund balance		9,507	 222,692
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	9,507	\$ 222,915

A comparative summary of activities in the Capital Projects Fund for the current and prior fiscal year is as follows:

	 2020	 2019
Total revenues	\$ 1,158	\$ 14,062
Total expenditures	 (227,601)	 (2,124,710)
Revenues under expenditures	(226,443)	(2,110,648)
Other changes in fund balance	 13,258	 1,495,000
Net change in fund balance	\$ (213,185)	\$ (615,648)

During the current year, the District used \$204,149 in surplus funds to pay for the installation of smart meters in the District. In the prior year, the District's capital asset activity was financed with proceeds from the issuance of its Series 2018 Unlimited Tax Park Bonds.

# General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Board of Directors adopts an annual unappropriated budget for the General Fund prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The Board amended the budget during the year to reflect changes in anticipated revenues and expenditures.

Since the District's budget is primarily a planning tool, actual results varied from the budgeted amounts. Actual net change in fund balance was \$444,511 greater than budgeted. The *Budgetary Comparison Schedule* on page 34 of this report provides variance information per financial statement line item.

# **Capital Assets**

Capital assets held by the District at August 31, 2020 and 2019 are summarized as follows:

	2020	2019
Capital assets not being depreciated		
Land and improvements	\$ 5,862,989	\$ 5,862,989
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized		
Infrastructure	13,122,831	13,122,831
Interest in joint facilities	6,710,269	6,710,269
Other facilities	1,270,427	1,270,427
	21,103,527	21,103,527
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization		
Infrastructure	(3,611,757)	(3,287,428)
Interest in joint facilities	(1,817,788)	(1,667,263)
Other facilities	(541,524)	(495,456)
	(5,971,069)	(5,450,147)
Depreciable capital assets, net	15,132,458	15,653,380
Capital assets, net	\$ 20,995,447	\$ 21,516,369

### Long-Term Debt

At August 31, 2020 and 2019, the District had total bonded debt outstanding as shown below:

Series	2020		2019
2012 WSD & Refunding	\$	660,000	\$ 975,000
2012A		1,060,000	1,060,000
2012B Park		1,720,000	1,720,000
2013 Refunding		2,070,000	2,430,000
2014 Refunding		1,415,000	1,700,000
2015 Refunding		2,750,000	2,770,000
2016 Refunding		4,510,000	4,650,000
2016A Refunding		1,320,000	1,330,000
2018 Park		1,355,000	1,440,000
2019 Refunding		18,175,000	 18,220,000
	\$	35,035,000	\$ 36,295,000

At August 31, 2020, the District had \$410,000 unlimited tax bonds authorized, but unissued for the purposes of acquiring, constructing and improving the water, sanitary sewer and drainage systems within the District; \$5,160,000 for parks and recreational facilities; and \$19,277,289 for refunding purposes.

# Next Year's Budget

In establishing the budget for the next fiscal year, the Board considered various economic factors that may affect the District, most notably projected revenues from property taxes and water/sewer services and the projected cost of operating the District and providing services to customers. A comparison of next year's budget to current year actual amounts for the General Fund is as follows:

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Total revenues	\$ 3,215,694	\$ 3,082,148
Total expenditures	(2,571,158)	(2,195,000)
Revenues over expenditures	644,536	887,148
Other changes in fund balance	(13,258)	
Net change in fund balance	631,278	887,148
Beginning fund balance	5,649,638	6,280,916
Ending fund balance	\$ 6,280,916	\$ 7,168,064

#### **Property Taxes**

The District's property tax base increased approximately \$11,246,000 for the 2020 tax year from \$464,021,139 to \$475,267,539. This increase was primarily due to increased property values. For the 2020 tax year, the District has levied a maintenance tax rate of \$0.232 per \$100 of assessed value and a debt service tax rate of \$0.518 per \$100 of assessed value, for a total combined tax rate of \$0.75 per

\$100. Tax rates for the 2019 tax year were \$0.2615 per \$100 for maintenance and operations and \$0.5385 per \$100 for debt service for a combined total of \$0.80 per \$100 of assessed value.

# Infectious Disease Outlook (COVID-19)

As further discussed in Note 13, the World Health Organization has declared a pandemic following the outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory virus currently affecting many parts of the world, including the United States and Texas. The pandemic has negatively affected the economic growth and financial markets worldwide and within Texas. While the potential impact of COVID-19 on the District cannot be quantified at this time, the continued outbreak could have an adverse effect on the District's operations and financial condition by negatively affecting property taxes and ad valorem tax revenues within the District.

**Basic Financial Statements** 

# Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet August 31, 2020

		General Fund		Debt Service Fund		Capital Projects Fund		Total		Adjustments		atement of et Position
Assets	<b>#</b>	270.024	•	(2.727	•	400	<b>#</b>	442.444	<b>#</b>		<b></b>	442.444
Cash	\$	379,024	\$	63,737	\$	680	\$	443,441	\$	-	\$	443,441
Investments		6,019,170		1,199,564		8,827		7,227,561				7,227,561
Taxes receivable		7,037		20,058				27,095				27,095
Customer service receivables		252,530						252,530				252,530
Due from other governments Internal balances		11,152		(7.07.4)				11,152				11,152
		7,864		(7,864)				42.077				42.077
Prepaid items		43,077						43,077				43,077
Operating reserve		148,793						148,793		F 0.42.000		148,793
Capital assets not being depreciated										5,862,989		5,862,989
Capital assets, net	_			4.055.405	_	0.505		0.450.640		15,132,458		15,132,458
Total Assets	\$	6,868,647	\$	1,275,495	\$	9,507		8,153,649		20,995,447		29,149,096
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b> Deferred difference on refunding										2,056,339		2,056,339
Liabilities												
Accounts payable	\$	95,065	\$	988	\$	_	\$	96,053				96,053
Other payables		,	"	407	"		"	407				407
Customer deposits		150,444						150,444				150,444
Due to other governments		330,784						330,784				330,784
Long-term debt		,						<b>,</b>				,
Due within one year										1,345,000		1,345,000
Due after one year										33,997,146		33,997,146
Total Liabilities	-	576,293		1,395				577,688		35,342,146		35,919,834
Deferred Inflows of Resources												
Deferred property taxes		7,037		20,058				27,095		(27,095)		
City of Houston sales tax rebates		4,401						4,401		(4,401)		
Fund Balances/Net Position												
Fund Balances												
Nonspendable		191,870						191,870		(191,870)		
Restricted				1,254,042		9,507		1,263,549		(1,263,549)		
Unassigned		6,089,046						6,089,046		(6,089,046)		
Total Fund Balances		6,280,916		1,254,042		9,507		7,544,465		(7,544,465)		
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows				, ,		,				<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>		
of Resources and Fund Balances	\$	6,868,647	\$	1,275,495	\$	9,507	\$	8,153,649				
Net Position												
Net investment in capital assets										(8,278,383)		(8,278,383)
Restricted for debt service										1,274,100		1,274,100
Unrestricted										2,289,884		2,289,884
Total Net Position									\$	(4,714,399)	\$	(4,714,399)
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See notes to basic financial statements.

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374

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

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects			Statement of
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total	Adjustments	Activities
Revenues						11001100
Water service	\$ 416,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 416,382	\$ -	\$ 416,382
Sewer service	391,988			391,988		391,988
Property taxes	1,211,720	2,495,359		3,707,079	(2,256)	3,704,823
Penalties and interest	13,913	10,414		24,327	653	24,980
City of Houston sales tax rebates	41,243			41,243	521	41,764
Tap connection and inspection	173,329			173,329		173,329
Surface water fees	894,882			894,882		894,882
Miscellaneous	12,602			12,602		12,602
Investment earnings	59,635	17,965	1,158	78,758		78,758
Total Revenues	3,215,694	2,523,738	1,158	5,740,590	(1,082)	5,739,508
Expenditures/Expenses						
Current service operations						
Purchased services	843,994			843,994		843,994
Professional fees	149,146		1,452	150,598		150,598
Contracted services	318,876	56,790		375,666		375,666
Repairs and maintenance	661,451		22,000	683,451		683,451
Smart meter installation	235,318		204,149	439,467		439,467
Utilities	111,632			111,632		111,632
Administrative	90,745	2,294		93,039		93,039
Other	56,996			56,996		56,996
Capital outlay	103,000			103,000	(103,000)	
Debt service						
Principal		1,260,000		1,260,000	(1,260,000)	
Interest and fees		1,124,112		1,124,112	171,338	1,295,450
Depreciation and amortization					520,922	520,922
Total Expenditures/Expenses	2,571,158	2,443,196	227,601	5,241,955	(670,740)	4,571,215
Revenues Over (Under)						
Expenditures	644,536	80,542	(226,443)	498,635	(498,635)	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)						
Internal transfers	(13,258)		13,258			
Net Change in Fund Balances	631,278	80,542	(213,185)	498,635	(498,635)	
Change in Net Position					1,168,293	1,168,293
Fund Balance/Net Position						
Beginning of the year	5,649,638	1,173,500	222,692	7,045,830	(12,928,522)	(5,882,692)
End of the year	\$ 6,280,916	\$ 1,254,042	\$ 9,507	\$ 7,544,465	\$ (12,258,864)	\$ (4,714,399)

See notes to basic financial statements.

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#### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 (the "District") conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). The following is a summary of the most significant policies:

#### Creation

The District was organized, created and established pursuant to an order of the Texas Natural Conservation Commission, statutory predecessor to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, dated September 19, 2001, and operates in accordance with the Texas Water Code, Chapters 49 and 54. The Board of Directors held its first meeting on September 19, 2001 and the first bonds were issued on October 5, 2005.

The District's primary activities include construction, maintenance and operation of water, sewer, drainage, and park and recreational facilities. The District has contracted with various consultants to provide services to operate and administer the affairs of the District. The District has no employees, related payroll or pension costs.

#### Reporting Entity

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas governed by an elected five-member board. The GASB has established the criteria for determining the reporting entity for financial statement reporting purposes. To qualify as a primary government, a government must have a separately elected governing body, be legally separate, and be fiscally independent of other state and local governments, while a component unit is a legally separate government for which the elected officials of a primary government are financially accountable. Fiscal independence implies that the government has the authority to adopt a budget, levy taxes, set rates, and/or issue bonds without approval from other 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 statements as component units.

#### Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements display information about the District as a whole. These statements focus on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. Interfund activity, if any, has been removed from these statements. These aggregated statements consist of the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*.

# Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Fund financial statements display information at the individual fund level. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for a specific purpose. Each fund is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Most governments typically have many funds; however, governmental financial statements focus on the most important or "major" funds with non-major funds aggregated in a single column. The District has three governmental funds, which are all considered major funds.

The following is a description of the various funds used by the District:

- The General Fund is used to account for the operations of the District's water and sewer system and all other financial transactions not reported in other funds. The principal sources of revenue are property taxes and water and sewer service fees. Expenditures include costs associated with the daily operations of the District.
- <u>The Debt Service Fund</u> is used to account for the payment of interest and principal on the District's general long-term debt. The primary source of revenue for debt service is property taxes. Expenditures include costs incurred in assessing and collecting these taxes.
- <u>The Capital Projects Fund</u> is used to account for the expenditures of bond proceeds for the construction of the District's water, sewer and drainage facilities.

As a special-purpose government engaged in a single governmental program, the District has opted to combine its government-wide and fund financial statements in a columnar format showing an adjustments column for reconciling items between the two.

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied.

The fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized in the accounting period in which it becomes both available and measurable to finance expenditures of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period. Revenues susceptible to accrual include property taxes, interest earned on investments, City of Houston sales tax rebates, and income from District operations. Property taxes receivable at the end of the fiscal year are treated as deferred inflows because they are not considered available to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

# Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

Note 2 further details the adjustments from the governmental fund presentation to the government-wide presentation

#### Use of Restricted Resources

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, the District uses restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### **Prepaid Items**

Certain payments made by the District reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. Receivables from and payables to external parties are reported separately and are not offset, unless a legal right of offset exists. At August 31, 2020, allowance of \$994 was provided for possible uncollectible property taxes. An allowance for uncollectible water/sewer accounts was not considered necessary.

#### **Unbilled Service Revenues**

Utility revenue is recorded when earned. Customers are billed monthly. The estimated value of services provided but unbilled at year-end has been included in the accompanying financial statements.

#### **Interfund Activity**

During the course of operations, transactions occur between individual funds. This can include internal transfers, payables and receivables. This activity is combined as internal balances and is eliminated in both the government-wide and fund financial statement presentation.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets do not provide financial resources at the fund level, and, therefore, are reported only in the government-wide statements. The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value, which is the price that would be paid to acquire the asset on the acquisition date. The District has not capitalized interest incurred during the construction of its capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

# Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# Capital Assets (continued)

Depreciable capital assets, which primarily consists of infrastructure and the District's investment in joint facilities, are depreciated or amortized using the straight-line method as follows:

Assets	Useful Life
Infrastructure	15-45 years
Interest in joint facilities	40 years
Other facilities	10-50 years

The District's detention facilities and drainage channels are considered improvements to land and are non-depreciable.

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

A deferred inflow of financial resources is the acquisition of resources in one period that is applicable to a future period, while a deferred outflow of financial resources is the consumption of financial resources in one period that is applicable to a future period. A deferred inflow results from the acquisition of an asset without a corresponding revenue or assumption of a liability. A deferred outflow results from the use of an asset without a corresponding expenditure or reduction of a liability.

At the fund level, property taxes receivable and City of Houston sales tax rebates receivable that are not collected within 60 days of fiscal year end do not meet the availability criteria required for revenue recognition and are recorded as deferred inflows of financial resources.

Deferred outflows of financial resources at the government-wide level are from refunding bond transactions in which the amount required to repay the old debt exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt. This amount is being amortized to interest expense.

#### Net Position – Governmental Activities

Governmental accounting standards establish the following three components of net position:

Net investment in capital assets – represents the District's investments in capital assets, less any outstanding debt or other borrowings used to acquire those assets.

Restricted – consists of financial resources that are restricted for a specific purpose by enabling legislation or external parties.

Unrestricted – resources not included in the other components.

# Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

Governmental accounting standards establish the following fund balance classifications:

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. The District's nonspendable fund balance consists of prepaid items and operating reserves paid to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 371 and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 433 for the joint facilities (see Note 9).

Restricted - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments. The District's restricted fund balances consist of unspent bond proceeds in the Capital Projects Fund and property taxes levied for debt service in the Debt Service Fund.

Committed - amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Directors. The Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. 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 an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses/expenditures during the period reported. These estimates include, among others, the collectability of receivables; the value of unbilled utility revenues and receivables and the useful lives and impairment of capital assets. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically, and the effects of revisions are reflected in the financial statements in the period they are determined to be necessary. Actual results could differ from the estimates.

# Note 2 – Adjustment from Governmental to Government-wide Basis

# Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

Total fund balance, governmental funds		\$ 7,544,465
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.  Historical cost  Less accumulated depreciation/amortization  Change due to capital assets	\$ 26,966,516 (5,971,069)	20,995,447
The difference between the face amount of bonds refunded and the amount paid to the escrow agent is recorded as a deferred difference on refunding		
in the <i>Statement of Net Position</i> and amortized to interest expense. It is not recorded in the fund statements because it is not a financial resource.		2,056,339
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and,		
therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. The		
difference consists of bonds payable, net.		(35,342,146)
Receivables that are not collected within sixty days of fiscal year end are not considered available soon enough to pay current period expenditures, therefore, are deferred in the funds.		
Property taxes receivable	20,584	
Penalty and interest receivable	6,511	
City of Houston sales tax rebates	4,401	
Change due to property taxes	 , -	31,496
Total net position - governmental activities		\$ (4,714,399)

# Note 2 – Adjustment from Governmental to Government-wide Basis (continued)

# Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 498,635
Governmental funds do not report revenues that are not available to pay current obligations. In contrast, such revenues are reported in the <i>Statement of Activities</i> when earned. The difference is for property taxes, related penalties and interest and City of Houston sales tax rebates.  Property taxes and penalties and interest City of Houston sales tax rebates	\$ (1,603) 521	(1,082)
		(1,002)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures in the funds; however, in the <i>Statement of Activities</i> , the cost of capital assets is charged to expense over the estimated useful life of the asset.  Capital outlays  Depreciation/amortization expense	103,000 (520,922)	(417,922)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal uses current financial resources. However, neither transaction has any effect on net assets. Other elements of debt financing are reported differently between the fund and government wide statements.  Principal payments	1,260,000	
Interest expense accrual	(171,338)	
	(1,1,000)	1,088,662
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$ 1,168,293

#### Note 3 – Deposits and Investments

#### **Deposit Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk as it applies to deposits (i.e. cash) is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the depository institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities. The *Public Funds Collateral Act* (Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code) requires that all of the District's deposits with financial institutions be covered by federal depository insurance and, if necessary, pledged collateral held by a third-party custodian. The act further specifies the types of securities that can be used as collateral. The District's written investment policy establishes additional requirements for collateralization of deposits.

# Note 3 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

#### Use of Surplus Funds

The District approved funding for rehabilitation of water meters in the amount of \$449,455. On November 8, 2019, the District notified the TCEQ of its intention to use surplus funds for a portion of this project and to fund project costs in excess of available surplus funds with General operating funds. During the current year, the District used \$204,149 in surplus funds for costs associated with this project.

#### **Investments**

The District is authorized by the *Public Funds Investment Act* (Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code) to invest in the following: (1) obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including Federal Home Loan Banks, (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities, (3) certain collateralized mortgage obligations, (4) other obligations, which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the State of Texas or the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States, (5) certain A rated or higher obligations of states and political subdivisions of any state, (6) bonds issued, assumed or guaranteed by the State of Israel, (7) certain insured or collateralized certificates of deposit and share certificates, (8) certain fully collateralized repurchase agreements, (9) bankers' acceptances with limitations, (10) commercial paper rated A-1 or P-1 or higher and a maturity of 270 days or less, (11) no-load money market mutual funds and no-load mutual funds, with limitations, (12) certain guaranteed investment contracts, (13) certain qualified governmental investment pools and (14) a qualified securities lending program.

The District has adopted a written investment policy to establish the principles by which the District's investment program should be managed. This policy further restricts the types of investments in which the District may invest.

As of August 31, 2020, the District's investments consist of the following:

				Weighted
		Carrying		Average
Туре	Fund	Value	Rating	Maturity
TexPool	General	\$ 6,019,1	170	
	Debt Service	1,199,5	564	
	Capital Projects	8,8	327_	
		\$ 7,227,5	AAAm	32 days

#### Note 3 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

#### **TexPool**

The District participates in TexPool, the Texas Local Government Investment Pool. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts exercises oversight responsibility of TexPool, which includes (1) the ability to significantly influence operations, (2) designation of management and (3) accountability for fiscal matters. Additionally, the State Comptroller has established an advisory board composed of both participants in TexPool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool. The Advisory Board members review the investment policy and management fee structure.

As permitted by GAAP, TexPool uses amortized cost (which excludes unrealized gains and losses) rather than market value to compute share price and seeks to maintain a constant dollar value per share. Accordingly, the fair value of the District's position in TexPool is the same as the value of TexPool shares. Investments in TexPool may be withdrawn on a same day basis, as long as the transaction is executed by 3:30 p.m.

#### **Investment Credit and Interest Rate Risk**

Investment credit risk is the risk that the investor may not recover the value of an investment from the issuer, while interest rate risk is the risk that the value of an investment will be adversely affected by changes in interest rates. The District's investment policies do not address investment credit and interest rate risk beyond the rating and maturity restrictions established by state statutes.

#### Note 4 – Interfund Balances and Transactions

Amounts due to/from other funds at August 31, 2020, consist of the following:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Ar	nounts	Purpose
General Fund	Debt Service Fund	\$	7,864	Maintenance tax collections not remitted as
				of year end.

Amounts reported as internal balances between funds are considered temporary balances and will be paid during the following fiscal year.

In a previous fiscal year, the District recorded an internal balance between the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund for construction related engineering fees paid by the General Fund. It was anticipated that the General Fund would be reimbursed by the Capital Projects Fund during the current year. Since the reimbursement did not take place, the internal balance was eliminated, which resulted in an internal transfer of \$13,258 being reported between the funds.

# Note 5 – Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets, for the year ended August 31, 2020, is as follows:

	Beginning					Ending		
		Balances	Additions			Balances		
Capital assets not being depreciated								
Land and improvements	\$	5,862,989			\$	5,862,989		
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized								
Infrastructure		13,122,831				13,122,831		
Interest in joint facilities		6,710,269				6,710,269		
Other facilities		1,270,427			1,270,42			
		21,103,527				21,103,527		
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization								
Infrastructure		(3,287,428)		(324,329)		(3,611,757)		
Interest in joint facilities		(1,667,263)		(150,525)		(1,817,788)		
Other facilities		(495,456)		(46,068)		(541,524)		
		(5,450,147)		(520,922)		(5,971,069)		
Subtotal depreciable capital assets, net		15,653,380		(520,922)		15,132,458		
Capital assets, net	\$	21,516,369	\$	(520,922)	\$	20,995,447		

Depreciation/amortization expense for the current year was \$520,922.

#### Note 6 – Due to Others

During a prior fiscal year, the District entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Cypress Creek Lakes Property Owners Association, Inc. for the purchase of a 3.313-acre park property. The District agreed to purchase the land for \$309,000, made in three equal installments. During the current year, the District made the final payment of \$103,000, which was due on January 31, 2020.

#### Note 7 – Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

Bonds payable	\$ 35,035,000
Unamortized discounts	(128,583)
Unamortized premium	 435,729
	\$ 35,342,146
Due within one year	\$ 1,345,000

Note 7 – Long-Term Debt (continued)

The District's bonds payable at August 31, 2020, consists of unlimited tax bonds as follows:

				Maturity Date,		
				Serially,	Interest	
	Amounts	Original	Interest	Beginning/	Payment	Call
Series	Outstanding	Issue	Rates	Ending	Dates	Dates
2012 WSD	\$ 660,000	\$ 14,885,000	2.5% - 3.25%	September 1,	March 1,	September 1,
& Refunding				2012 - 2022	September 1	2018
2012A	1,060,000	5,370,000	3.5% - 5%	September 1,	March 1,	September 1,
				2013 - 2037	September 1	2019
2012B Park	1,720,000	2,845,000	3.4% - 5%	September 1,	March 1,	September 1,
				2035 - 2039	September 1	2019
2013	2,070,000	6,945,000	3% - 3.5%	September 1,	March 1,	September 1,
Refunding				2013 - 2034	September 1	2019
2014	1,415,000	2,905,000	2% - 3%	September 1,	March 1,	September 1,
Refunding	, ,	, ,		2014 - 2024	September 1	
2015	2,750,000	2,980,000	2% - 3.375%	September 1,	March 1,	September 1,
Refunding	, ,	, ,		2015 - 2036	September 1	,
2016	4,510,000	5,075,000	2% - 3.5%	September 1,	March 1,	September 1,
Refunding	.,,	2,0.2,000	_,, _	2016 - 2037	September 1	,
2016A	1,320,000	1,390,000	2% - 3%	September 1,	March 1,	September 1,
Refunding	,,	,,		2016 - 2037	September 1	•
2018 Park	1,355,000	1,495,000	2% - 3.25%	September 1,	March 1,	
	, ,	, ,		2019 - 2033	September 1	,
2019	18,175,000	18,430,000	3% - 4%	September 1,	March 1,	September 1,
Refunding				2019 - 2039	September 1	2027
	\$ 35,035,000				-	

Payments of principal and interest on all series of bonds are to be provided from taxes levied on all properties within the District. Investment income realized by the Debt Service Fund from investment of idle funds will be used to pay outstanding bond principal and interest. The District is in compliance with the terms of its bond resolutions.

At August 31, 2020, the District had authorized but unissued bonds in the amount of \$410,000 for water, sewer and drainage facilities; \$5,160,000 for park and recreational facilities; and \$19,277,289 for refunding purposes.

# Note 7 – Long-Term Debt (continued)

The change in the District's long-term debt during the year is as follows:

Bonds payable, beginning of year	\$ 36,295,000
Bonds retired	 (1,260,000)
Bonds payable, end of year	\$ 35,035,000

The debt service payment due September 1 was made during the current fiscal year. The following schedule was prepared presuming this practice will continue. As of August 31, 2020, annual debt service requirements on bonds outstanding are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Totals
2021	\$ 1,345,000	\$ 1,084,384	\$ 2,429,384
2022	1,385,000	1,049,805	2,434,805
2023	1,435,000	1,013,144	2,448,144
2024	1,530,000	972,234	2,502,234
2025	1,610,000	926,858	2,536,858
2026	1,635,000	878,964	2,513,964
2027	1,725,000	830,214	2,555,214
2028	1,765,000	766,164	2,531,164
2029	1,875,000	713,264	2,588,264
2030	1,945,000	657,088	2,602,088
2031	2,055,000	597,425	2,652,425
2032	2,155,000	532,788	2,687,788
2033	2,070,000	464,714	2,534,714
2034	1,755,000	398,357	2,153,357
2035	2,125,000	343,582	2,468,582
2036	2,200,000	276,720	2,476,720
2037	2,025,000	209,552	2,234,552
2038	2,240,000	143,326	2,383,326
2039	2,160,000	70,500	2,230,500
	\$ 35,035,000	\$ 11,929,083	\$ 46,964,083

#### Note 8 – Property Taxes

On May 15, 2004, the voters of the District authorized the District's Board of Directors to levy taxes annually for use in financing general operations limited to \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed value. The District's bond resolutions require that property taxes be levied for use in paying interest and principal on long-term debt and for use in paying the cost of assessing and collecting taxes. Taxes levied to finance debt service requirements on long-term debt are without limitation as to rate or amount.

# Note 8 – Property Taxes (continued)

All property values and exempt status, if any, are determined by the Harris County 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.

Property taxes are collected based on rates adopted in the year of the levy. The District's 2020 fiscal year was financed through the 2019 tax levy, pursuant to which the District levied property taxes of \$0.80 per \$100 of assessed value, of which \$0.2615 was allocated to maintenance and operations and \$0.5385 was allocated to debt service. The resulting tax levy was \$3,712,169 on the adjusted taxable value of \$464,021,139.

Net property taxes receivable, at August 31, 2020, consisted of the following:

Current year taxes receivable	\$ 10,205
Prior years taxes receivable	11,373
Less allowance for uncollectible accounts	(994)
	20,584
Penalty and interest receivable	 6,511
Net property taxes receivable	\$ 27,095

# Note 9 – Regional Water Authority

The District is within the boundaries of the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority", which was created by the Texas Legislature. The Authority is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, governed by an elected nine member Board of Directors. The Authority was created to provide a regional entity to acquire surface water and build the necessary facilities to convert from groundwater to surface water in order to meet conversion requirements mandated by the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District, which regulates groundwater withdrawal.

As of August 31, 2020, the Authority's rates are \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons of water pumped from the District's wells and \$3.60 for surface water supplied to the District. These rates are subject to future increases. The District passes these costs on to its customers at 110%. During the current year, the District recognized \$894,882 in revenues related to surface water conversion.

# Note 10 – Water Supply Agreements

On January 8, 2004, the District, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 371 ("HC 371"), and the District's developer executed a contractual agreement (the "371 Agreement") for the construction and operation of joint water supply facilities. Pursuant to the 371 Agreement, the District owns 40% of capacity in the facilities, HC 371 owns 55% and the developer owns 5%. Each party is billed monthly for maintenance and operating costs based on the respective usage in accordance with budgeted unit cost. During the year ended August 31, 2020, the District paid \$106,621 to HC 371 for water plant operating costs. The District has also paid \$63,793 to HC 371 for an operating reserve deposit.

On January 11, 2007, the District and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 433 ("HC 433") entered into a contractual agreement for the construction and operation of a water plant and well (the "433 Agreement"). The cost to design and construct these facilities was allocated between the participating districts based on each district's pro rata share of equivalent single family connections. On July 1, 2016, the agreement was amended to add water plant no. 2 to the jointly owned and operated system serving both Districts. HC 433 constructed water plant no. 2 at its sole cost.

The District has agreed that HC 433 shall hold legal title to both water plants and water plant site, with the District having an undivided, equitable interest in the water plant and water plant site. HC433 is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the water plant.

Each party is billed monthly for maintenance and operating costs based on the respective usage in accordance with a budgeted unit cost. For the year ended August 31, 2020, the District paid \$737,373 to HC 433 for water plant operating costs. The District has also paid an operating reserve deposit to HC 433 in the amount of \$85,000.

#### Note 11 – Strategic Partnership Agreement

On October 11, 2012, the District entered into a thirty-year Strategic Partnership Agreement with the City of Houston (the "City"). The City annexed a portion of the District for limited purposes. At the end of the thirty-year term of this agreement, the parties may renegotiate the agreement, agree to a full purpose annexation of the District, or allow the agreement to expire.

During the period of limited purpose annexation, the City shall impose a sales and use tax on retail sales within the annexed area at a rate of one percent. The City will rebate to the District fifty percent of the sales and use tax that the City collects within the boundaries of the District. As consideration for receipt of the funds from the City, the District shall take one or a combination of the following actions: 1) accelerate the development of the water, wastewater and drainage facilities; 2) accelerate reimbursements to developers; 3) lower the overall property tax rate; or 4) perform other District functions that might otherwise be hindered by financial limitations, all of which would be done in order to encourage development of the District. During the current year, the District recognized \$41,764 in sales tax revenues from the City.

#### 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 personal injuries. The risk of loss is covered by commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

#### Note 13 – Infectious Disease Outlook (COVID-19)

The World Health Organization has declared a pandemic following the outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus (the "Pandemic"), which is currently affecting many parts of the world, including the United States and Texas. Federal, state and local governments have all taken actions to respond to the Pandemic, including disaster declarations by both the President of the United States and the Governor of Texas. On March 31, 2020, the Governor issued an executive order closing all non-essential businesses in the State. This order expired on April 30, 2020. Additionally, all the counties in the greater Houston area adopted various "Work Safe – Stay Home" orders. Such actions are focused on limiting instances where the public can congregate or interact with each other. These precautions resulted in the temporary closure of all non-essential businesses in the State.

Since the disaster declarations were made, the Pandemic has negatively affected travel, commerce, and financial markets locally and globally, and is widely expected to continue negatively affecting the economic growth and financial markets worldwide and within Texas. These negative impacts may reduce or negatively affect property taxes and ad valorem tax revenues within the District.

While the potential impact of the Pandemic on the District cannot be quantified at this time, the continued outbreak of the Pandemic could have an adverse effect on the District's operations and financial condition.

#### Note 14 – Subsequent Event

On October 28, 2020, the District issued its \$2,860,000 Series 2020 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds at a net effective interest rate of 2.184452% to refund \$2,070,000 and \$755,000 of its outstanding Series 2013 and Series 2014 refunding bonds, respectively. The District refunded the bonds to reduce total debt service payments over future years by approximately \$285,889 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of approximately \$244,733.

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Required Supplementary Information

# Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 Required Supplementary Information - Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund For the Year Ended August 31, 2020

					V	ariance
	(	Original	Final		P	ositive
		Budget	 Budget	Actual		egative)
Revenues						
Water service	\$	392,916	\$ 392,916	\$ 416,382	\$	23,466
Sewer service		385,848	385,848	391,988		6,140
Property taxes		1,179,378	1,169,441	1,211,720		42,279
Penalties and interest		12,500	12,500	13,913		1,413
City of Houston sales tax rebates		35,328	35,328	41,243		5,915
Tap connection and inspection		9,000	118,008	173,329		55,321
Surface water fees		771,000	771,000	894,882		123,882
Miscellaneous		35,600	35,600	12,602		(22,998)
Investment earnings		94,860	94,860	59,635		(35,225)
Total Revenues		2,916,430	3,015,501	3,215,694		200,193
Expenditures						
Current service operations						
Purchased services		830,747	830,747	843,994		(13,247)
Professional fees		161,000	163,500	149,146		14,354
Contracted services		281,782	318,118	318,876		(758)
Repairs and maintenance		684,594	682,094	661,451		20,643
Smart meter installation		430,000	430,000	235,318		194,682
Utilities		184,800	184,800	111,632		73,168
Administrative		100,845	103,425	90,745		12,680
Other		13,050	13,050	56,996		(43,946)
Capital outlay		100,000	103,000	103,000		
Total Expenditures		2,786,818	2,828,734	 2,571,158		257,576
Revenues Over Expenditures		129,612	186,767	644,536		457,769
Other Financing Uses						
Internal transfers			 	 (13,258)		(13,258)
Net Change in Fund Balance		129,612	186,767	631,278		444,511
Fund Balance						
Beginning of the year		5,649,638	5,649,638	 5,649,638		
End of the year	\$	5,779,250	\$ 5,836,405	\$ 6,280,916	\$	444,511

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 Notes to Required Supplementary Information August 31, 2020

# **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

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 budget was amended during the year to reflect changes in anticipated revenues and expenditures.

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Texas Supplementary Information

# Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-1. Services and Rates August 31, 2020

1. Services provided b	y the	District D	aring the Fiscal	Year:				
X Retail Water			holesale Water	Sol	id Was	te/Garbage	X Drainage	
X Retail Wastewa	ter	_	/holesale Wastewater				X Irrigation	
X Parks/Recreation		_	re Protection Roads X Security					
						(other than eme	rgency interconnec	~t)
Other (Specify)		intuic, regi	onar system and	7 OI wastewater	SCIVICC	(other than ente	igency interconnec	-()
2. Retail Service Pr	:ovidei	rs						
a. Retail Rates for	a 5/8"	meter (or	equivalent):					
						ate per 1,000		
		nimum	Minimum	Flat Rate		Gallons Over		
	C	harge	Usage	(Y / N)	Mi	nimum Usage	Usage Lev	rels
Water:	\$	10.00	5,000	N	\$	1.50		10,000
					\$	1.75		20,000
					\$	2.25 3.00		50,000 75,000
					\$ \$	3.60		75,000 no limit
Wastewater:	\$	10.00	5,000	N	\$	2.00		no limit
Surface water:	\$	3.96	1,000	N	\$	3.96		no limit
	water	fee charge	d to customers	is 110% of the	surface	water rate bille	d to the District.	
		_		F	_	_	_	
District emplo	ys win	iter averagi	ing for wastewat	ter usager [	Yes	S L	X No	
Total char	ges pe	er 10,000 ga	allons usage:	Wat	ter_\$	57.10	Wastewater \$	20.00
b. Water and Wast	ewate:	r Retail Co	onnections:					
			Total	Active			Active	
Meter	Size		Connections	Connection		ESFC Factor		
Unmet						x 1.0		_
less than			532	532		x 1.0	532	_
1"			456	453		x 2.5	1,133	_
1.5'	"		4	4		x 5.0	20	_
2"			16	16		x 8.0	128	_
3"			1	1		x 15.0	15	_
4"			1	1		x 25.0	25	_
6"			3	3		x 50.0	150	_
8"		7	7		x 80.0	560	_	
Total W			1,020	1,017			2,563	_
Total Was			993	991		x 1.0	991	_
See accompanying aud	See accompanying auditor's report.							

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-1. Services and Rates August 31, 2020

See accompanying auditors' report.

3.	Total Water Consumption during the fiscal year (rounded to	o the nearest thousand):
	*Gallons purchased: 174,922,850	Water Accountability Ratio: (Gallons billed / Gallons purchased)
	Gallons billed to customers: 173,185,000	99%
4.	Standby Fees (authorized only under TWC Section 49.231):	:
	Does the District have Debt Service standby fees?	Yes No X
	If yes, Date of the most recent commission Order:	
	Does the District have Operation and Maintenance stan	dby fees? Yes No X
	If yes, Date of the most recent commission Order:	
5.	Location of District	
	Is the District located entirely within one county?	Yes X No
	County(ies) in which the District is located:	Harris County
	Is the District located within a city?	Entirely Partly Not at all X
	City(ies) in which the District is located:	
	Is the District located within a city's extra territorial juris	sdiction (ETJ)?
		Entirely X Partly Not at all
	ETJs in which the District is located:	City of Houston
	Are Board members appointed by an office outside the	district? Yes No X
	If Yes, by whom?	
*P	Purchased from Harris County Municipal Utility District No.	433

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# Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-2 General Fund Expenditures For the Year Ended August 31, 2020

Purchased services		\$ 843,994
Professional fees		
Legal		101,457
Financial advisor fees		1,750
Audit		12,500
Engineering		33,439
		149,146
Contracted services		
Bookkeeping		22,125
Operator		92,823
Security service		107,137
Tap connection and inspection		51,911
Sludge removal		 44,880
		 318,876
Repairs and maintenance		 661,451
Smart meter installation		 235,318
Utilities		 111,632
Administrative		
Directors fees		9,600
Printing and office supplies		15,163
Insurance		23,334
Other		 42,648
		 90,745
Other		 56,996
Capital outlay		 103,000
Total expenditures		\$ 2,571,158
Reporting of Utility Services in Accordance with I	HB 3693:	
1 0	Usage	Cost
Electrical	1,665,742 kWh	\$ 109,999
Water	N/A	N/A
Natural Gas	N/A	N/A
See accompanying auditors' report.		

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-3. Investments August 31, 2020

F	<sup>2</sup> und	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance at End of Year
General	<u> </u>			
TexPool		Variable	N/A	\$ 6,019,170
Debt Service				
TexPool		Variable	N/A	1,198,137
TexPool		Variable	N/A	1,427
				1,199,564
Capital Projects				
TexPool		Variable	N/A	1,149
TexPool		Variable	N/A	7,678
				8,827
	Total - All Funds			\$ 7,227,561

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-4. Taxes Levied and Receivable August 31, 2020

			Ν	Iaintenance	Γ	ebt Service		
				Taxes		Taxes		Totals
Taxes Receivable, Beginning of Year			\$	7,629	\$	15,209	\$	22,838
Adjustments				(3,503)		(7,755)		(11,258)
Adjusted Receivable				4,126		7,454		11,580
2019 Original Tax Levy				1,181,253		2,432,523		3,613,776
Adjustments				32,162		66,231		98,393
Adjusted Tax Levy				1,213,415		2,498,754		3,712,169
Total to be accounted for				1,217,541		2,506,208		3,723,749
Tax collections								
Current year				1,210,080		2,491,885		3,701,965
Prior years				424		776		1,200
Total Collections				1,210,504		2,492,661		3,703,165
Taxes Receivable, End of Year			\$	7,037	\$	13,547	\$	20,584
Taxes Receivable, By Years								
2019			\$	3,336	\$	6,869	\$	10,205
2018				942		2,093		3,035
2017				1,285		2,337		3,622
2016 and prior				1,474		2,248		3,722
Taxes Receivable, End of Year			\$	7,037	\$	13,547	\$	20,584
		2019		2018		2017		2016
Property Valuations:								
Land	\$	94,778,872	\$	94,223,104	\$	90,761,989	\$	87,661,372
Improvements		476,121,932		453,928,113		444,892,875		441,542,086
Personal Property		5,602,165		5,348,165		24,276,681		5,205,467
Exemptions		(112,481,830)		(104,277,110)		(102,284,335)		(100,756,842)
Total Property Valuations	\$	464,021,139	\$	449,222,272	\$	457,647,210	\$	433,652,083
Tax Rates per \$100 Valuation:								
Maintenance tax rates	\$	0.2615	\$	0.2545	\$	0.3015	\$	0.3660
Debt service tax rates		0.5385		0.5655		0.5485		0.5540
Total Tax Rates per \$100 Valuation	\$	0.8000	\$	0.8200	\$	0.8500	\$	0.9200
Adjusted Tax Levy:	\$	3,712,169	\$	3,683,623	\$	3,890,001	\$	3,989,599
Percentage of Taxes Collected to Taxes Levied **		99.73%		00 0 <b>2</b> 0/.		QQ Q10/.		QQ Q10/.
	_			99.92%		99.91%		99.91%
* Maximum Maintenance Tax Rate Appr	oved	by Voters:	\$	1.50 on	-	May 15, 200	4	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculated as taxes collected for a tax year divided by taxes levied for that tax year.

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2012 Water, Sewer, Drainage, and Refunding--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ 325,000	\$ 17,338	\$ 342,338
2022	335,000	9,212	344,212
	\$ 660,000	\$ 26,550	\$ 686,550

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2012A--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due		
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,		
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total	
2021	\$ -	\$ 37,100	\$ 37,100	
2022		37,100	37,100	
2023		37,100	37,100	
2024		37,100	37,100	
2025		37,100	37,100	
2026		37,100	37,100	
2027		37,100	37,100	
2028		37,100	37,100	
2029		37,100	37,100	
2030		37,100	37,100	
2031		37,100	37,100	
2032		37,100	37,100	
2033		37,100	37,100	
2034		37,100	37,100	
2035		37,100	37,100	
2036		37,100	37,100	
2037	1,060,000	37,100	1,097,100	
	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 630,700	\$ 1,690,700	

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2012B Park--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ -	\$ 61,020	\$ 61,020
2022		61,020	61,020
2023		61,020	61,020
2024		61,020	61,020
2025		61,020	61,020
2026		61,020	61,020
2027		61,020	61,020
2028		61,020	61,020
2029		61,020	61,020
2030		61,020	61,020
2031		61,020	61,020
2032		61,020	61,020
2033		61,020	61,020
2034		61,020	61,020
2035	525,000	61,020	586,020
2036		43,170	43,170
2037		43,170	43,170
2038	595,000	43,170	638,170
2039	600,000	21,750	621,750
	\$ 1,720,000	\$ 1,066,560	\$ 2,786,560

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2013 Refunding--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ -	\$ 68,769	\$ 68,769
2022		68,769	68,769
2023		68,769	68,769
2024		68,769	68,769
2025		68,769	68,769
2026		68,769	68,769
2027		68,769	68,769
2028		68,769	68,769
2029		68,769	68,769
2030		68,768	68,768
2031	585,000	68,768	653,768
2032	590,000	49,756	639,756
2033	595,000	30,582	625,582
2034	300,000	10,500	310,500
	\$ 2,070,000	\$ 847,295	\$ 2,917,295

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2014 Refunding--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ 335,000	\$ 39,150	\$ 374,150
2022	325,000	30,775	355,775
2023	370,000	22,650	392,650
2024	385,000	11,550	396,550
	\$ 1,415,000	\$ 104,125	\$ 1,519,125

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2015 Refunding--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ 20,000	\$ 86,888	\$ 106,888
2022	25,000	86,288	111,288
2023	25,000	85,538	110,538
2024	25,000	84,788	109,788
2025	175,000	84,038	259,038
2026	170,000	78,788	248,788
2027	195,000	73,688	268,688
2028	195,000	67,838	262,838
2029	215,000	61,988	276,988
2030	215,000	55,538	270,538
2031	220,000	48,819	268,819
2032	230,000	41,944	271,944
2033	255,000	34,469	289,469
2034	250,000	26,181	276,181
2035	270,000	18,056	288,056
2036	265,000	8,944	273,944
	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 943,793	\$ 3,693,793

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2016 Refunding--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ 165,000	\$ 134,625	\$ 299,625
2022	165,000	131,325	296,325
2023	160,000	128,025	288,025
2024	185,000	124,825	309,825
2025	185,000	119,275	304,275
2026	180,000	113,725	293,725
2027	180,000	108,325	288,325
2028	175,000	102,925	277,925
2029	200,000	97,675	297,675
2030	195,000	91,675	286,675
2031	220,000	84,850	304,850
2032	215,000	77,150	292,150
2033	215,000	69,625	284,625
2034	235,000	62,100	297,100
2035	350,000	55,050	405,050
2036	1,235,000	44,550	1,279,550
2037	250,000	7,500	257,500
	\$ 4,510,000	\$ 1,553,225	\$ 6,063,225

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2016A Refunding--by Years August 31, 2020

Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	Interest Due March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ 10,000	\$ 38,910	\$ 48,910
2022	10,000	38,710	48,710
2023	10,000	38,510	48,510
2024	10,000	38,300	48,300
2025	10,000	38,050	48,050
2026	10,000	37,800	47,800
2027	10,000	37,550	47,550
2028	10,000	37,300	47,300
2029	15,000	37,050	52,050
2030	15,000	36,675	51,675
2031	15,000	36,300	51,300
2032	15,000	35,850	50,850
2033	15,000	35,400	50,400
2034	15,000	34,950	49,950
2035	15,000	34,500	49,500
2036	560,000	34,050	594,050
2037	575,000	17,250	592,250
	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 607,155	\$ 1,927,155

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2018 Park--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ 85,000	\$ 38,628	\$ 123,628
2022	90,000	36,800	126,800
2023	90,000	34,776	124,776
2024	95,000	32,526	127,526
2025	95,000	30,150	125,150
2026	100,000	27,656	127,656
2027	105,000	24,906	129,906
2028	105,000	21,756	126,756
2029	110,000	18,606	128,606
2030	115,000	15,306	130,306
2031	120,000	11,712	131,712
2032	120,000	7,962	127,962
2033	125,000	4,062	129,062
	\$ 1,355,000	\$ 304,846	\$ 1,659,846

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2019 Refunding--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ 405,000	\$ 561,956	\$ 966,956
2022	435,000	549,806	984,806
2023	780,000	536,756	1,316,756
2024	830,000	513,356	1,343,356
2025	1,145,000	488,456	1,633,456
2026	1,175,000	454,106	1,629,106
2027	1,235,000	418,856	1,653,856
2028	1,280,000	369,456	1,649,456
2029	1,335,000	331,056	1,666,056
2030	1,405,000	291,006	1,696,006
2031	895,000	248,856	1,143,856
2032	985,000	222,006	1,207,006
2033	865,000	192,456	1,057,456
2034	955,000	166,506	1,121,506
2035	965,000	137,856	1,102,856
2036	140,000	108,906	248,906
2037	140,000	104,532	244,532
2038	1,645,000	100,156	1,745,156
2039	1,560,000	48,750	1,608,750
	\$ 18,175,000	\$ 5,844,834	\$ 24,019,834

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements All Bonded Debt Series--by Years August 31, 2020

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	March 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	September 1	Total
2021	\$ 1,345,000	\$ 1,084,384	\$ 2,429,384
2022	1,385,000	1,049,805	2,434,805
2023	1,435,000	1,013,144	2,448,144
2024	1,530,000	972,234	2,502,234
2025	1,610,000	926,858	2,536,858
2026	1,635,000	878,964	2,513,964
2027	1,725,000	830,214	2,555,214
2028	1,765,000	766,164	2,531,164
2029	1,875,000	713,264	2,588,264
2030	1,945,000	657,088	2,602,088
2031	2,055,000	597,425	2,652,425
2032	2,155,000	532,788	2,687,788
2033	2,070,000	464,714	2,534,714
2034	1,755,000	398,357	2,153,357
2035	2,125,000	343,582	2,468,582
2036	2,200,000	276,720	2,476,720
2037	2,025,000	209,552	2,234,552
2038	2,240,000	143,326	2,383,326
2039	2,160,000	70,500	2,230,500
	\$ 35,035,000	\$ 11,929,083	\$ 46,964,083

### Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-6. Change in Long-Term Bonded Debt August 31, 2020

			Bond Issue			
	Series 2012 WSD & Refunding	Series 2012A	Series 2012B Park	Series 2013 Refunding	Series 2014 Refunding	
Interest rate Dates interest payable Maturity dates	2.5% - 3.25% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/19 - 9/1/22	3.5% - 5% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/19 - 9/1/37	3.4% - 5% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/35 - 9/1/39	3% - 3.5% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/19 - 9/1/34	2% - 3% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/14 - 9/1/24	
Beginning bonds outstanding	\$ 975,000	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 1,720,000	\$ 2,430,000	\$ 1,700,000	
Bonds retired	(315,000)			(360,000)	(285,000)	
Ending bonds outstanding	\$ 660,000	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 1,720,000	\$ 2,070,000	\$ 1,415,000	
Interest paid during fiscal year	\$ 27,576	\$ 37,100	\$ 61,020	\$ 79,568	\$ 46,275	
Paying agent's name and city Series 2018 Park and 2019R Series 2012 All other series	BOKF, N.A., D Wells Fargo Bar BOKF, N.A., dl					
Bond Authority: Amount Authorized by Voters Amount Issued Remaining To Be Issued	Water, Sewer and Drainage Bonds \$ 37,200,000 (36,790,000) \$ 410,000	Park Bonds \$ 9,500,000 (4,340,000) \$ 5,160,000	Refunding Bonds  \$ 24,200,000 (4,922,711) \$ 19,277,289			

All bonds are secured with tax revenues. Bonds may also be secured with other revenues in combination with taxes.

Debt Service Fund cash and investment balances as of August 31, 2020:

\$ 1,263,301

Average annual debt service payment (principal and interest) for remaining term of all debt:

\$ 2,471,794

Bond Issue

	eries 2015 Refunding		eries 2016 Lefunding		ries 2016A Refunding	S	eries 2018 Park		eries 2019 Refunding		Totals
	% - 3.375% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/15 - 9/1/36		% - 3.5% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/16 - 9/1/37		2% - 3% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/16 - 9/1/37		% - 3.25% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/19 - 9/1/33		3% - 4% 3/1; 9/1 9/1/19 - 9/1/39		
\$	2,770,000	\$	4,650,000	\$	1,330,000	\$	1,440,000	\$	18,220,000	\$	36,295,000
	(20,000)		(140,000)		(10,000)		(85,000)		(45,000)		(1,260,000)
\$ \$	2,750,000 87,488	\$ \$	4,510,000 137,426	<u>\$</u> \$	1,320,000 39,110	<u>\$</u> \$	1,355,000 40,328	\$ \$	18,175,000 563,306	\$ \$	35,035,000 1,119,197

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374
TSI-7a. Comparative Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - General Fund
For the Last Five Fiscal Years

			Amounts		
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Revenues				_	
Water service	\$ 416,382	\$ 384,772	\$ 428,571	\$ 442,890	\$ 410,537
Sewer service	391,988	355,441	402,163	397,040	378,612
Property taxes	1,211,720	1,133,417	1,374,439	1,586,440	1,389,873
Penalties and interest	13,913	18,266	15,131	23,113	19,904
City of Houston sales tax rebates	41,243	38,349	37,510	36,970	33,175
Tap connection and inspection	173,329	12,880	10,310	9,200	42,080
Surface water fees	894,882	769,220	823,446	768,859	642,206
Chloramine conversion refund			244,443		
Miscellaneous	12,602	34,844	22,486	13,557	17,114
Investment earnings	59,635	123,094	71,677	25,634	7,627
Total Revenues	3,215,694	2,870,283	3,430,176	3,303,703	2,941,128
Expenditures					
Current service operations					
Purchased services	843,994	752,380	822,605	789,708	619,868
Professional fees	149,146	163,325	184,660	164,500	148,319
Contracted services	318,876	308,507	305,518	273,707	275,736
Repairs and maintenance	661,451	769,663	807,700	785,872	958,156
Smart meter installation	235,318				
Utilities	111,632	128,846	151,841	174,233	172,280
Administrative	90,745	86,751	93,057	90,099	75,154
Other	56,996	21,511	15,732	15,587	19,678
Capital outlay	103,000	245,889	105,107	27,425	132,916
Total Expenditures	2,571,158	2,476,872	2,486,220	2,321,131	2,402,107
Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 644,536	\$ 393,411	\$ 943,956	\$ 982,572	\$ 539,021

<sup>\*</sup>Percentage is negligible

Percent of Fund Total Revenues

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
120/	120/	120/	120/	1.40/
13%	13%	12%	13%	14%
12%	12%	12%	12%	13%
38%	40%	41%	49%	47%
*	1%	*	1%	1%
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
5%	*	*	*	1%
29%	28%	24%	23%	22%
		7%		
*	1%	1%	*	1%
2%	4%	2%	1%	*
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
26%	26%	24%	24%	21%
5%	6%	5%	5%	5%
10%				
10/0	11%	9%	8%	
	11% 27%	9% 24%	8% 24%	9%
21% 7%				9%
21%				9% 33%
21% 7%	27%	24%	24%	9% 33%
21% 7% 3% 3%	27% 4%	24% 4%	24% 5%	9% 33% 6% 3% 1%
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Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374
TSI-7b. Comparative Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Debt Service Fund
For the Last Five Fiscal Years

			Amounts			
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ 2,495,359	\$ 2,539,644	\$ 2,502,403	\$ 2,381,011	\$ 2,382,759	
Penalties and interest	10,414	13,076	16,500	12,276	25,720	
Miscellaneous					50	
Investment earnings	17,965	49,962	28,437	12,279	5,204	
Total Revenues	2,523,738	2,602,682	2,547,340	2,405,566	2,413,733	
Expenditures						
Tax collection services	59,084	48,408	54,909	48,177	57,634	
Debt service						
Principal	1,260,000	1,380,000	1,035,000	1,030,000	1,100,000	
Interest and fees	1,124,112	1,357,132	1,225,852	1,250,575	1,250,080	
Debt issuance costs		639,830			193,106	
Total Expenditures	2,443,196	3,425,370	2,315,761	2,328,752	2,600,820	
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	\$ 80,542	\$ (822,688)	\$ 231,579	\$ 76,814	\$ (187,087)	
m this p have	4.04	4.045	4.046	4.04.6	4.045	
Total Active Retail Water Connections	1,017	1,015	1,016	1,016	1,015	
Total Active Retail Wastewater						
Connections	991	990	992	992	992	
Connections	991	990	992	992	992	

<sup>\*</sup>Percentage is negligible

Percent of Fund Total Revenues

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
99%	97%	98%	99%	99%
*				
44	1%	1%	1%	1%
			*	*
1%	2%	1%	*	*
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
50%	53%	41%	43%	46%
45%	52%	48%	52%	52%
	25%			8%
97%	132%	91%	97%	108%
3%	(32%)	9%	3%	(8%)

# Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 374 TSI-8. Board Members, Key Personnel and Consultants For the Year Ended August 31, 2020

Complete District Mailing Address:	3200 Southwest F	reeway, Suite 26	500, Hou	ston, TX	77027	
District Business Telephone Number:	713-860-6400					
Submission Date of the most recent Dist	rict Registration For	m				
(TWC Sections 36.054 and 49.054):	May 14, 2020					
Limit on Fees of Office that a Director may receive during a fiscal year: \$ 7,2						
(Set by Board Resolution TWC Section	n 49.0600)					
Names:	Term of Office (Elected or Appointed) or Date Hired	Fees of Office Paid *	Reiml	ense burse-	Title at Year End	
Board Members				,		
Joe Sykes	5/20 - 5/24	\$ 2,100	\$	234	President	
Thomas Mohr	5/20 - 5/24	1,950		259	Vice President	
Brian Canepa	5/20 - 5/24	3,000		78	Secretary	
Scott Spidle	6/18 - 5/22	1,350		97	Assistant Secretary	
Jennifer Naedler	5/18 - 5/22	1,200		148	Assistant Vice President	
Consultants		Amounts Paid				
Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP General legal fees	08/03	\$ 103,777			Attorney	
Inframark, LLC	04/04	609,128			Operator	
McLennan & Associates, L.P.	04/04	25,682			Bookkeeper	
Tax Tech, Inc.	08/03	16,519			Tax Collector	
Harris County Appraisal District	Legislation	34,558			Property Valuation	
Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins	04/04	4,778			Delinquent Tax	

Attorney

Engineer

Auditor

Financial Advisor

& Mott, LLP

McGrath & Co., PLLC

Public Finance Group, LLC

BGE, Inc.

08/12

Annual

03/14

31,590

12,500

1,750

<sup>\*</sup> Fees of Office are the amounts actually paid to a director during the District's fiscal year. See accompanying auditors' report.

## APPENDIX B Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy



## MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

ISSUER: [NAME OF ISSUER]	Policy No:
MEMBER: [NAME OF MEMBER]	
BONDS: \$ in aggregate principal amount of [NAME OF TRANSACTION] [and maturing on]	Risk Premium: \$  Member Surplus Contribution: \$  Total Insurance Payment: \$

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

On the later of the day on which such principal and interest becomes Due for Payment or the first Business Day following the Business Day on which BAM shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, BAM will disburse (but without duplication in the case of duplicate claims for the same Nonpayment) to or for the benefit of each Owner of the Bonds, the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bonds that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by BAM, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner's right to receive payment of such principal or interest then Due for Payment and (b) evidence, including any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Owner's rights with respect to payment of such principal or interest that is Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in BAM. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day if it is received prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on such Business Day; otherwise, it will be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by BAM is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by BAM for purposes of the preceding sentence, and BAM shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, any of whom may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement under this Policy in respect of a Bond and to the extent of such payment, BAM shall become the owner of such Bond, any appurtenant coupon to such Bond and right to receive payment of principal of or interest on such Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner's right to receive payments under such Bond. Payment by BAM either to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owners, or directly to the Owners, on account of any Nonpayment shall discharge the obligation of BAM under this Policy with respect to said Nonpayment.

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

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

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

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

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

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY
By: Authorized Officer

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

Email:

claims@buildamerica.com

Address:
1 World Financial Center, 27<sup>th</sup> floor
200 Liberty Street

Telecopy:

212-962-1524 (attention: Claims)

