# PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JULY 13, 2020

This Preliminary Official Statement is subject to completion and amendment. Upon sale of the Bonds, the Official Statement will be completed and delivered to the Underwriter.

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 BONDS WILL BE DESIGNATED "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. SEE "TAX MATTERS—QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS."

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# \$2,070,000\* FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 136

(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located within Fort Bend County) UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS

# **SERIES 2020**

Dated: September 1, 2020 Due: March 1, as shown below

The bonds described above (the "Bonds") are obligations solely of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 (the "District") and are not obligations of the State of Texas, Fort Bend County, the City of Sugar Land or any entity other than the District.

Principal of the Bonds is payable at maturity at the principal payment office of the paying agent/registrar, initially The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar") upon surrender of the Bonds for payment. Interest on the Bonds accrues from September 1, 2020, and is payable each March I and September 1, commencing March 1, 2021, until maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form and in denominations of \$5,000 each or integral multiples thereof. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their maturity, as shown below.

The Bonds will be 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."

# MATURITY SCHEDULE

			Initial					Initial	
Due	Principal*	Interest	Reoffering	CUSIP	Due	Principal*	Interest	Reoffering	CUSIP
(March 1)	Amount	Rate	Yield (a)	Number (b)	(M arch 1)	Amount	Rate	Yield (a)	Number (b)
2021	\$ 90,000				2030	\$ 120,000 (c)			
2022	95,000				2031	125,000 (c)			
2023	100,000				2032	135,000 (c)			
2024	105,000				2033	135,000 (c)			
2025	105,000				2034	145,000 (c)			
2026	110,000				2035	150,000 (c)			
2027	110,000 (c)	)			2036	150,000 (c)			
2028	115,000 (c)	)			2037	160,000 (c)			
2029	120,000 (c)	)							

- Initial yield represents the initial offering yield to the public which has been established by the Underwriter (as herein defined) for offers to the public and which may be subsequently changed by the Underwriter and is the sole responsibility of the Underwriter. The initial yields indicated above represent the lower of the yields resulting when priced to maturity or to the first call date. Accrued interest from September 1, 2020 to the date fixed for delivery is to be added to
- CUSIP numbers have been assigned to the Bonds by CUSIP Service Bureau and are included solely for the convenience of the purchasers of the Bonds. Neither the District nor the Underwriter shall be responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth herein.

  Bonds maturing on or after March 1, 2027, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, in whole or from time-to-time in part, on March 1, 2026, or on any date thereafter, at a price equal to the par value thereof plus accrued interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to the date

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 all taxable property in the District. THE BONDS ARE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL RISK FACTORS DESCRIBED HEREIN. Bond purchasers are encouraged to read this OFFICIAL STATEMENT prior to making an investment decision. The proceeds of the Bonds will be applied to refund certain outstanding bonds of the District and to pay certain costs in connection with the issuance of the Bonds in order to achieve gross and net present value savings. See "PLAN OF FINANCING."

The Bonds are offered by the Underwriter subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued by the District and accepted by the Underwriter, subject, among other things, to the approval of the initial Bonds by the Attorney General of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, Bond Counsel. Certain other legal matters will be passed upon, on behalf of the Underwriter, by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Houston, Texas. Delivery of the Bonds in book-entry form through the facilities of the DTC is expected on or about September 10, 2020.

#### HILLTOPSECURITIES

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary; subject to change.

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#### USE OF INFORMATION IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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

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 representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the District.

This OFFICIAL STATEMENT is not to be used in an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy in any state in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

All of the summaries of the statutes, orders, contracts, audited financial statements, engineering and other related reports set forth in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT are made subject to all of the provisions of such documents. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions, and reference is made to such documents, copies of which are available from Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas, 77027-7528 upon payment of the costs of duplication therefor.

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 other matters described herein since the date hereof. However, the District has agreed to keep this OFFICIAL STATEMENT current by amendment or sticker to reflect material changes in the affairs of the District and, to the extent that information actually comes to its attention, the other matters described in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT until delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriter (as herein defined) and thereafter only as specified in "PREPARATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT—Updating the Official Statement."

#### SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BONDS

#### The Underwriter

The Bonds are being pure	chased by Hilltop Securities Inc. (the "Underwriter") pursuant	t to a bond purchase
agreement with the District (the "Be		(representing the par
amount of the Bonds of \$	, plus/minus a net premium/discount on the Bonds of \$	
less an Underwriter's discount of \$	plus accrued interest. The Underwriter's obl	ligation is to purchase
all of the Bonds, if any are purchase	d. See "PLAN OF FINANCING—Sources and Uses of Funds."	

The Underwriter and its respective affiliates are full-service financial institutions engaged in various activities that may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, municipal advisory, brokerage, and asset management. In the ordinary course of business, the Underwriter and its respective affiliates may actively trade debt and, if applicable, equity securities (or related derivative securities) and provide financial instruments (which may include bank loans, credit support or interest rate swaps). The Underwriter and its respective affiliates may engage in transactions for their own accounts involving the securities and instruments made the subject of this securities offering or other offering of the District. The Underwriter and its respective affiliates may make a market in credit default swaps with respect to municipal securities in the future. The Underwriter and its respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and publish independent research views in respect of this securities offering or other offerings of the District.

# **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 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 municipal entities, as bonds of such entities are more generally bought, sold or traded in the secondary market.

# **Securities Laws**

No registration statement relating to the offer and sale of the Bonds has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemptions provided thereunder. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the 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 or qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any other jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be offered, sold or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions in such other jurisdiction.

# OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

The following is a brief summary of certain information contained herein which is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information and financial statements appearing elsewhere in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The summary should not be detached and should be used in conjunction with more complete information contained herein. A full review should be made of the entire Official Statement and of the documents summarized or described therein.

# **INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK (COVID-19)**

General...

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. As described herein under "RISK FACTORS—Infectious Disease Outbreak (COVID-19)", 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 and Stay in Place order from Fort Bend County. Such actions are focused on limiting instances where the public can congregate or interact with each other, which affects economic growth within Texas.

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 economic growth and financial markets worldwide and within Texas.

Such adverse economic conditions, if they continue, could result in declines in the demand for residential and commercial property in the Houston area and could reduce or negatively affect commercial activity within the District. The Bonds are secured by an unlimited ad valorem tax, and a reduction in commercial activity and 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. See "THE DISTRICT—Status of Commercial Development."

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 are as of dates and for periods prior to the economic impact of the Pandemic and measures instituted to slow it. Accordingly, they are not indicative of the economic impact of the Pandemic on the District's financial condition. See "RISK FACTORS—Infectious Disease Outbreak (COVID-19)."

# RECENT EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS; HURRICANE HARVEY

General...

The greater Houston area, including Fort Bend County and the City of Sugar Land, is subject to occasional severe weather events, including tropical storms and hurricanes. 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 25, 2017, and brought historic levels of rainfall during the successive four days.

Impact on the District...

The City of Sugar Land, Texas (the "City") operates the water and sewer system in the District. According to reports from the City, the City's water and wastewater system serving the District sustained no material damage and there was no interruption of water and sewer service from the City as a result of Hurricane Harvey. The District is aware of structural flooding to the Dairy Queen and the NTB Store along Highway 90A adjacent to Bullhead Slough (both of which are currently operational), but it is not aware of any other structural flooding 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 in 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. See "RISK FACTORS—Recent Extreme Weather Events; Hurricane Harvey."

# THE DISTRICT

Description...

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, created by order of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ"), on April 1, 2005, and operates pursuant to Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code. The District contains approximately 139 acres of land. See "THE DISTRICT."

Location...

The District is located approximately 20 miles southwest of the central downtown business district of the City of Houston and lies wholly within the corporate boundaries of the City. The District is also located within the boundaries of the Fort Bend Independent School District and Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 17. The District is bordered by U.S. Highway 90A on the north, State Highway 6 on the east and Bullhead Bayou on the south. See "THE DISTRICT."

Telfair...

The District is part of the 2,018 acre master-planned community of Telfair in the City, consisting of the District and three other municipal utility districts and a levee improvement district. Single-family residential is complete in Telfair with 2,839 homes. The Houston Museum of Natural Science's Sugar Land branch is located in a 43,000 square foot historic building located in Telfair. Recreational amenities within Telfair include a 2,200 square foot meeting complex and central sales office, a lake system, a greenbelt system, over five miles of landscaped trails, eleven neighborhood parks each with open space and playground and two recreational pools, a sand volleyball court and a playground.

Status of Development...

All of the developable land within the District (approximately 101 acres) has been provided with water and sanitary sewer trunk facilities and drainage facilities for commercial development. A Hilton Garden Inn and adjacent retail shopping center have been constructed on approximately 27 of such acres. The Hilton Garden Inn contains 202 guest rooms and approximately 6,000 square feet of conference meeting space. Bonaventure Plaza is an 18,000 square foot retail shopping center constructed on approximately 2 acres and contains an eye care facility, three restaurants and/or food related businesses, a nail salon, a dental office, a massage therapy office and State Farm Insurance. An adjacent medical office building is located on approximately one acre and includes an eye care and lasik business, a dental office and an acupuncture clinic. In addition, four free standing restaurants are located within the District, constructed on approximately 8 acres. A Whataburger, Dairy Queen and Shipley's Donuts have been constructed on approximately 3 acres. Two freestanding banks have been constructed on approximately 2 acres. University Plaza, a two-story office and retail building, has been constructed on approximately 4 acres and is adjacent to an additional two story office building located on approximately 2 acres and the Telfair Office Park which has recently been constructed on approximately 8 acres within the District. Additional development includes a Cornelius nursery on approximately 1 acre, two auto repair establishments on approximately 2 acres, a car wash on approximately 1 acre, a Learning Center on approximately 2 acres and a Goodwill Center located on approximately 3 acres. A Hampton Inn & Suites is currently under construction on approximately 2 acres within the District.

A 150,000 square foot HEB grocery store, a free-standing gas station operated by HEB and additional retail space have been constructed on approximately 15 acres.

Approximately 38 acres are not developable (rights-of-way, detention, open spaces, easements and utility sites). See "RISK FACTORS—Infectious Disease Outbreak (COVID-19)" and "THE DISTRICT."

Fort Bend Levee Improvement District No. 17...

All of the land within Telfair lies within Fort Bend Levee Improvement District No. 17 ("LID 17"), which encompasses approximately 2,330 acres of land. LID 17 has constructed a system of a levee, detention ponds, channels and other drainage improvements, reclaiming land from the Brazos River flood-plain, including the land within the District, as well as public recreational facilities, and has financed the acquisition and/or construction of these facilities with the proceeds of its unlimited tax bonds. LID 17 currently has \$52,585,000 principal amount of bonds outstanding. In addition, LID 17 expects to issue \$12,000,000 principal amount of unlimited tax levee bonds and \$3,145,000 principal amount of unlimited tax park bonds in September 2020. LID 17 levied a total 2019 tax rate of \$0.56 per \$100 of assessed valuation (\$0.25 for debt service and \$0.31 for maintenance and operations). See "RISK FACTORS—Overlapping Debt and Taxes" and "THE SYSTEM—Flood Protection."

Payment Record...

The District has previously sold \$2,375,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for water, sewer and drainage facilities in one series and \$2,525,000 principal amount of unlimited tax road bonds in one series. The District has a total of \$3,895,000 principal amount of bonds outstanding as of the date hereof (the "Outstanding Bonds"). The District has never defaulted in payment on its Outstanding Bonds. See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Outstanding Bonds."

Future Debt...

The District has authorized preparation and filing of a bond application report to the TCEQ requesting approval to sell approximately \$2,500,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for drainage facilities. The District expects approval by the TCEQ and the sale of such bonds in the first quarter of 2021. See "RISK FACTORS—Future Debt" and "THE BONDS—Issuance of Additional Debt."

# THE BONDS

Description...

\$2,070,000\* Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 (the "Bonds") mature serially on March 1 in each year 2021 through 2037, both inclusive, in the principal amounts set forth on the cover page. Interest accrues from September 1, 2020, at the rates per annum set forth on the cover page hereof, and is payable March 1, 2021, and each September 1 and March 1 thereafter, until stated maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued pursuant to a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted by the Board (the "Bond Resolution"), in fully registered form only, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000. See "THE BONDS—Description."

Book-Entry-Only...

The Depository Trust Company (defined as "DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds and will be deposited with DTC. See "BOOK- ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM."

Redemption...

Bonds maturing on or after March 1, 2027 are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity dates on March 1, 2026, or on any date thereafter at a price of par plus unpaid accrued interest from the most recent interest payment date to the date fixed for redemption. See "THE BONDS—Redemption Provisions."

Use of Proceeds...

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds and available debt service funds, if any, will be used to pay certain costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and to currently refund \$1,940,000\* of the Outstanding Bonds in order to achieve net savings in the District's annual debt service expense. The bonds to be refunded and discharged with Bond proceeds are referred to herein as the "Refunded Bonds." After the issuance of the Bonds, \$1,955,000\* principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds will remain outstanding (the "Remaining Outstanding Bonds"). See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Outstanding Bonds."

Authority for Issuance...

The Bonds are the first series of bonds issued out of an aggregate of \$13,000,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds authorized by the District's voters for the purpose of refunding bonds. The Bonds are issued by the District pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Bond Resolution, Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Chapter 1207 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, and general laws of the State of Texas relating to the issuance of bonds by political subdivisions of the State of Texas. See "THE BONDS—Authority for Issuance" "—Issuance of Additional Debt" and "RISK FACTORS—Future Debt."

Source of Payment

Principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Remaining Outstanding Bonds are payable from the proceeds of a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied upon all taxable property within the District. The Bonds are obligations of the District and are not obligations of Fort Bend County, the State of Texas, the City, or any entity other than the District. See "THE BONDS—Source of Payment."

Municipal Bond Rating...

The District has not applied for an underlying rating nor is it expected that the District would have received an investment grade rating had such application been made.

Qualified Tax-Exempt

The Bonds will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Obligations...

Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, Houston, Texas. See "MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT" and "LEGAL MATTERS" and "TAX MATTERS." Bond Counsel...

Masterson Advisors LLC, Houston, Texas. Financial Advisor...

Underwriter's Counsel... McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Houston, Texas.

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas. See "THE BONDS— Paying Agent/Registrar...

Method of Payment of Principal and Interest."

# RISK FACTORS

The purchase and ownership of the Bonds are subject to special risk factors and all prospective purchasers are urged to examine carefully this entire OFFICIAL STATEMENT with respect to the investment security of the Bonds, including particularly the section captioned "RISK FACTORS."

# SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)

2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$102,314,075 (a) \$119,979,087 (b)
Gross Direct Debt Outstanding	\$4,025,000* (c) <u>8,424,611</u> (d) \$12,449,611*
Ratio of Gross Direct Debt to: 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation	3.93%* 3.35%*
Ratio of Gross Direct Debt and Estimated Overlapping Debt to: 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation	12.17%* 10.38%*
Water, Sewer and Drainage Debt Service Fund Balance as of July 13, 2020	\$202,560 (e) <u>210,948</u> (e) \$413,508 (e)
Operating Funds Available as of July 13, 2020	\$375,029
2019 Debt Service Tax Rate	\$0.185 (f) 0.235 \$0.420
Average Annual Debt Service Requirement (2021-2037)	\$299,142* (c) \$320,119* (c)
Tax Rate Required to Pay Average Annual Debt Service (2021-2037) at a 95% Collection Rate:  Based upon 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation  Based upon 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$0.31* (g) \$0.27* (g)
Tax Rate Required to Pay Maximum Annual Debt Service (2021) at a 95% Collection Rate:  Based upon 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation  Based upon 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$0.33* (g) \$0.29* (g)

<sup>(</sup>a) As certified by the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District (the "Appraisal District"). See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

<sup>(</sup>b) The Appraisal District has certified \$117,778,687 of taxable value as of January 1, 2020. An additional \$2,200,400 of taxable value remains uncertified, subject to downward revision prior to certification. The 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation shown throughout the OFFICIAL STATEMENT represents the certified value plus the uncertified value. See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

<sup>(</sup>c) After the issuance of the Bonds. See "See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Outstanding Bonds" and "—Debt Service Requirements."

<sup>(</sup>d) See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Estimated Overlapping Debt" and "—Overlapping Taxes."

<sup>(</sup>e) Although all of the District's debt, including the Remaining Outstanding Bonds and the Bonds, is payable from an unlimited tax pledge on parity, a pro rata portion of the District's ad valorem tax revenue will be allocated to the Water, Sewer and Drainage Bonds and a pro rata portion will be allocated to Road Bonds. See "See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Outstanding Bonds." The Water, Sewer and Drainage Debt Service Fund is not pledged to the Road Bonds and the Road Debt Service Fund is not pledged to the Water, Sewer and Drainage Bonds (including the Bonds).

<sup>(</sup>f) For tax year 2019, the total debt service rate of \$0.185 per \$100 of assessed valuation is comprised of \$0.090 for payment of Water, Sewer and Drainage Bond debt service and \$0.095 for payment of Road Bond debt service. See "TAX DATA."

<sup>(</sup>g) The District receives a tax rebate from the City equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the City taxes collected upon taxable value in the District. While the District anticipates using the City tax rebate to pay debt service on its bonded debt, such revenue is not pledged to the payment of the Bonds or the Remaining Outstanding Bonds and, therefore, is not included in the calculation of the tax rate requirements. The calculations above are performed without taking into account receipt of the City rebate and represent the tax rates required to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Remaining Outstanding Bonds, when due, assuming no further increase or any decrease in taxable assessed values in the District, collection of ninety-five percent (95%) of taxes levied, the sale of no additional bonds, and no other funds available for the payment of debt service. See "UTILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND"

# PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

\$2,070,000\*

# FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 136

(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located within Fort Bend County)

# UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 2020

This OFFICIAL STATEMENT provides certain information in connection with the issuance by Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 (the "District") of its \$2,070,000\* Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are issued pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Chapter 1207 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, an election held within the District, the general laws of the State of Texas relating to the issuance of bonds by political subdivisions of the State of Texas and a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Resolution") adopted by the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board").

This OFFICIAL STATEMENT includes descriptions, among others, of the Bonds and the Bond Resolution, and certain other information about the District and development activity in the District. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each document. Copies of documents may be obtained from Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, Bond Counsel, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, upon payment of duplication costs.

# PLAN OF FINANCING

#### **Purpose**

At a bond election held within the District on September 10, 2005, voters of the District authorized the issuance of \$13,000,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of refunding bonds. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to such authorization. The District has previously sold \$2,375,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for water, sewer and drainage facilities in one series and \$2,525,000 principal amount of unlimited tax road bonds in one series. The District has a total of \$3,895,000 principal amount of bonds outstanding as of the date hereof (the "Outstanding Bonds").

The proceeds of the Bonds and available debt service funds, if any, will be used to currently refund and defease a portion of the District's Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2011 totaling \$1,940,000\* principal amount (the "Refunded Bonds") in order to achieve a net savings in the District's debt service expense. The proceeds will also be used to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. See "Sources and Uses of Funds" in this section. The bonds to be refunded are collectively referred to as the "Refunded Bonds." See "Refunded Bonds" in this section. A total of \$1,955,000\* in principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds will remain outstanding after the issuance of the Bonds (the "Remaining Outstanding Bonds"). See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Outstanding Bonds," and "—Debt Service Requirements."

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary; subject to change.

# **Refunded Bonds**

Proceeds of the Bonds and available debt service funds, if any, 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.

Maturity Date	Series			
September 1	 2011			
2021	\$ 70,000			
2022	75,000			
2023	80,000			
2024	85,000			
2025	90,000			
2026	95,000			
2027	100,000			
2028	105,000			
2029	110,000			
2030	115,000			
2031	120,000			
2032	130,000			
2033	135,000			
2034	145,000			
2035	155,000			
2036	160,000			
2037	 170,000			
	\$ 1,940,000			

Redemption Date: September 10, 2020

# **Defeasance of the Refunded Bonds**

The Refunded Bonds and the interest due thereon, are to be paid on the redemption date from funds to be deposited with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, as Paying Agent for the Refunded Bonds. The Bond Resolution provides that from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds and lawfully available debt service funds, if any, the District will deposit with the Paying Agent for the Refunded Bonds the amount necessary to accomplish the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds. Such funds will be held by the Paying Agent for the Refunded Bonds in a segregated payment account (the "Payment Account"). At the time of delivery of the Bonds, Public Finance Partners LLC, will verify to the District, the Paying Agent for the Refunded Bonds, Bond Counsel, and the Financial Advisor that the monies held in the Payment Account are sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds. By the deposit of the cash with the Paying Agent for the Refunded Bonds and the making of irrevocable arrangements for the giving of notice of redemption of the Refunded Bonds, the terms of the prior resolution of the District securing payment of the Refunded Bonds shall have been satisfied and such Refunded Bonds will no longer be considered outstanding except for the payment out of the amounts so deposited in the Payment Account, and the amounts so deposited in the Payment Account will constitute firm banking arrangements under Texas law for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds.

# **Sources and Uses of Funds**

The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds, exclusive of accrued interest, and available debt service funds, if any, will be applied as follows:

Sources of Funds:	
Principal Amount of the Bonds	\$
Plus/Minus: Net Premium/Discount on the Bonds	
Total Sources of Funds	\$
Uses of Funds: Deposit to the Payment Account	\$
Issuance Expenses and Underwriter's Discount	·····
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# **RISK FACTORS**

#### General

The Bonds are obligations solely of the District and are not obligations of the City, Fort Bend County, the State of Texas, or any entity other than the District. Payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds depends upon the ability of the District to collect taxes levied on taxable property within the District in an amount sufficient to service the District's bonded debt or in the event of foreclosure, on the value of the taxable property in the District and the taxes levied by the District and other taxing authorities upon the property within the District. See "THE BONDS—Source of Payment." 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 taxable property within the District will accumulate or maintain taxable values sufficient to justify continued payment of taxes by property owners or that there will be a market for the property or that owners of the property will have the ability to pay taxes. See "Registered Owners' Remedies and Bankruptcy Limitations" below.

# **Infectious Disease Outbreak (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. 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 Texas Governor (the "Governor") declared COVID-19 an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in Texas (collectively, the "disaster declarations"). The Governor has issued successive renewals of the disaster declarations, most recently renewing such declaration on July 10, 2020. On March 25, 2020, in response to a request from the Governor, the President issued a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Texas.

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 this disaster and issuing executive orders that have the force and effect of law. The Governor has issued a number of executive orders relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation. 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 affects economic growth within Texas.

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 economic growth and financial markets worldwide and within Texas. Stock values and crude oil prices, in the U.S. and globally, have seen significant declines attributed to COVID-19 concerns. Texas 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, if they continue, could result in declines in the demand for residential and commercial property in the Houston area and could reduce or negatively affect commercial activity within the District. The Bonds are secured by an unlimited ad valorem tax, and a reduction in commercial activity and property values may require an increase in the ad valorem tax rate required to pay the Bonds as well as the District's operations and maintenance expenses. See "THE DISTRICT—Status of Commercial Development"

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 are as of dates and for periods prior to the economic impact of the Pandemic and measures instituted to slow it. Accordingly, they are not indicative of the economic impact of the Pandemic on the District's financial condition.

#### Recent Extreme Weather Events; Hurricane Harvey

The greater Houston area, including Fort Bend County and the City, is subject to occasional severe weather events, including tropical storms and hurricanes. 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 25, 2017, and brought historic levels of rainfall during the successive four days.

The City operates the water and sewer system in the District. According to reports from the City, the City's water and wastewater system serving the District sustained no material damage and there was no interruption of water and sewer service from the City as a result of Hurricane Harvey. The District is aware of structural flooding to the Dairy Queen and the NTB Store along Highway 90A adjacent to Bullhead Slough, but it is not aware of any other structural flooding as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and both of these businesses are currently operational.

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**

<u>Riverine (or Fluvial) Flood</u> 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.

<u>Ponding (or Pluvial) Flood</u> 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.

#### **Dependence on Principal Taxpayers**

Based on the certified portion (\$117,778,687) of the District's 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation, approximately 59.59% (\$70,182,989) of the District's 2020 certified tax roll was attributable to the top ten taxpayers within the District. The largest taxpayer, HEB Grocery Company LP, owner and operator of the HEB grocery store and gas center located within the District, represents approximately 15.50% (\$18,250,640) of the District's 2020 certified tax roll. See "TAX DATA—Principal Taxpayers." If any of the principal taxpayers were to default in the payment of taxes in an amount which exceeds the balance in the debt service fund (see "THE BONDS—Source of Payment"), the ability of the District to make timely payment of debt service on the Bonds would be dependent on the ability of the District to enforce and liquidate its tax lien, which is a time-consuming process, or to sell tax anticipation notes. Failure to recover or borrow funds in a timely fashion could result in the District being forced to set an excessive tax rate, hindering growth and leading to further defaults in the payment of taxes. The District is not required by law or the Bond Resolution to maintain any specified amount of surplus in its debt service funds. See "Tax Collections Limitations and Foreclosure Remedies" in this section and "TAXING PROCEDURES—Levy and Collection of Taxes."

# **Possible Impact on District Tax Rates**

Assuming no further development, the value of the land and improvements currently 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 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation is \$102,314,075. After issuance of the Bonds, the maximum debt service requirement will be \$320,119\* (2021), and the average annual debt service requirement will be \$299,142\* (2021-2037 inclusive). Assuming no increase or decrease from the 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation, the issuance of no additional debt, and no other funds available for the payment of debt service, tax rates of \$0.33\* and \$0.31\* per \$100 of assessed valuation at a ninety-five percent (95%) collection rate would be necessary to pay the maximum debt service requirement and the average annual debt service requirements, respectively. The 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation is \$119,979,087 (\$117,778,687 certified plus \$2,200,400 uncertified), which reduces the above calculations to a tax rate of \$0.29\* to pay the maximum debt service requirement on the Bonds and a tax rate of \$0.27\* to pay the average debt service requirement on the Bonds. See "Utility Agreement with Sugar Land" below," FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Debt Service Requirements" and "TAXING PROCEDURES."

No representation or suggestion is made that the uncertified portion of the 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation will not be adjusted downward and no person should rely upon such amounts or its inclusion herein as assurance of its attainment. See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

# **Utility Agreement with Sugar Land**

All of the land in the District is located within the corporate limits of the City. The City and the District have entered into a Utility Agreement, dated July 21, 2005 (the "Utility Agreement"), which obligates the District to acquire, construct and extend water, wastewater and storm drainage facilities (the "System") to serve land in the District and, when completed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the City, to convey title to such utility facilities to the City. The City will then operate and maintain such facilities, and be responsible for establishing water and sewer rates and collecting charges for water and sewer service from District customers. The City also levies and collects ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the District as it does with any other property located in the City. Pursuant to the Utility Agreement with the District, the City has agreed to rebate to the District fifty percent (50%) of such City taxes collected upon taxable property within the District beginning with taxes collected for the 2012 tax year, the District's initial year of debt service tax levy and continuing each year thereafter until the year 2046. The amount of rebate payment will vary with changes in the City's tax rate and the District's appraised valuation. Consequently, the amounts subject to rebate by the City under the formula will vary from year to year. The District intends to use such rebate from the City toward the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, however, the rebate is not pledged to the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds. Any significant reduction in the amount of the tax rebate may require a corresponding increase in the District's tax rate. See "THE BONDS—Source of Payment."

# **Overlapping Debt and Taxes**

All of the land within the District is located within LID 17, and is subject to taxation by LID 17. LID 17's 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation from the Appraisal District is \$1,961,230,487 (\$1,905,514,327 certified plus \$55,716,160 uncertified). The 2019 tax rate of LID 17 is \$0.56 per \$100 of appraised valuation (\$0.25 for debt service and \$0.31 for maintenance and operations). LID 17 currently has \$52,585,000 principal amount of bonds outstanding and is authorized to issue a maximum of \$125,000,000 in principal amount of unlimited tax bonds without additional voter approval. LID 17 expects to issue \$12,000,000 principal amount of unlimited tax levee bonds and \$3,145,000 principal amount of unlimited tax park bonds in September 2020 and may issue additional levee improvement bonds in the future. The District cannot represent whether any of the development planned or occurring in LID 17 will be successful or whether the appraised valuation of the land located within LID 17 will justify continued payment of the LID 17 tax, as well as District taxes, by property owners. Increases in LID 17's tax rate could have an adverse impact upon future development and upon development and home sales within LID 17, which includes the District, and the willingness of owners of property located within the District to pay ad valorem taxes levied by LID 17 and the District.

The District intends that the composite of its tax rate and those of LID 17 and the City, will not exceed \$1.50 per \$100 of appraised valuation; however, the District cannot control the tax rates of the City or LID 17. There can be no assurances that the composite of the tax rates imposed by all jurisdictions on property in the District will be competitive with the composite of the tax rates of competing projects in the Harris/Fort Bend County region. To the extent that such composite tax rates are not competitive with competing developments, the growth of property tax values in the District and the investment quality or security of the Bonds could be adversely affected. A composite tax rate of \$1.50 is higher than the tax rate of many municipal utility districts in the Fort Bend County and Harris County region, although such a combined rate is within the range set by certain municipal utility districts in the Fort Bend County and Harris County region in stages of development comparable with the District.

The current TCEQ rules regarding the feasibility of a bond issue for utility districts in Fort Bend County limit the "combined projected tax rate" attributable to an entity levying a tax for water, wastewater and drainage to \$1.50. In the case of the District, the total "combined tax rate" under current TCEQ rules includes the tax rate of the District, LID 17 and the City. If the total "combined tax rate" specifically attributable to water, sewer, drainage, roads and recreational facilities should ever exceed \$1.50, the District and LID 17 could be prohibited under rules of the TCEQ from selling additional bonds. See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Overlapping Taxes."

# **Tax Collections Limitations and Foreclosure Remedies**

The District's ability to make debt service payments may be adversely affected by its inability to collect ad valorem taxes. Under Texas law, the levy of ad valorem taxes by the District constitutes a lien in favor of the District on a parity with the liens of all other local taxing authorities on the property against which taxes are levied, and such lien may be enforced by judicial foreclosure. The District's ability to collect ad valorem taxes through such foreclosure may be impaired by (a) cumbersome, time-consuming and expensive collection procedures, (b) a bankruptcy court's stay of tax collection procedures against a taxpayer, or (c) market conditions affecting the marketability of taxable property within the District and limiting the proceeds from a foreclosure sale of such property. Moreover, the proceeds of any sale of property within the District available to pay debt service on the Bonds may be limited by the existence of other tax liens on the property (see "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Overlapping Taxes"), by the current aggregate tax rate being levied against the property, and by other factors (including the taxpayers' right to redeem property within two years of foreclosure for residential and agricultural use property and six months for other property). Finally, any bankruptcy court with jurisdiction over bankruptcy proceedings initiated by or against a taxpayer within the District pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Code could stay any attempt by the District to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes assessed against such taxpayer. In addition to the automatic stay against collection of delinquent taxes afforded a taxpayer during the pendency of a bankruptcy, a bankruptcy could affect payment of taxes in two other ways: first, a debtor's confirmation plan may allow a debtor to make installment payments on delinquent taxes for up to six years; and, second, a debtor may challenge, and a bankruptcy court may reduce, the amount of any taxes assessed against the debtor, including taxes that have already been paid.

# Registered Owners' Remedies and Bankruptcy Limitations

If the District defaults in the payment of principal, interest, or redemption price on the Bonds when due, or if it fails to make payments into any fund or funds created in the Bond Resolution, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Bond Resolution, the Registered Owners have the statutory right of a writ of mandamus issued by a court of competent jurisdiction requiring the District and its officials to observe and perform the covenants, obligations, or conditions prescribed in the Bond Resolution. Except for mandamus, the Bond Resolution does not specifically provide for remedies to protect and enforce the interests of the Registered Owners. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. Further, there is no trust indenture or trustee, and all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the Registered Owners. Statutory language authorizing local governments such as the District to sue and be sued does not waive the local government's sovereign immunity from suits for money damages, so that in the absence of other waivers of such immunity by the Texas Legislature, a default by the District in its covenants in the Bond Resolution may not be reduced to a judgment for money damages. If such a judgment against the District were obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the District's property. Further, the Registered Owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District to enforce the tax lien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the Registered Owners may further be limited by a State of Texas statute reasonably required to attain an important public purpose or by laws relating to bankruptcy, reorganization or other similar laws of general application affecting the rights of creditors of political subdivisions, such as the District.

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 U.S.C. Sections 901-946. The filing of such petition would automatically stay the enforcement of Registered Owner's remedies, including mandamus. 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 is (1) authorized to file for federal bankruptcy protection by applicable state law, (2) is insolvent or unable to meet its debts as they mature, (3) desires to effect a plan to adjust such debts, and (4) has either obtained the agreement of or negotiated in good faith with its creditors or is unable to negotiate with its creditors because negotiation is impracticable. Special districts such as the District must obtain the approval of the TCEQ as a condition to seeking relief under the Federal Bankruptcy Code. The TCEQ 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 Texas law and remains unable to meet its debts and other obligations as they mature.

Notwithstanding noncompliance by a district with Texas law requirements, the District could file a voluntary bankruptcy petition under Chapter 9, thereby invoking the protection of the automatic stay 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 appealable, the concomitant delay and loss of remedies to the Registered Owner could potentially and adversely impair the value of the Registered Owner's claim.

If 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 Registered Owners by reducing or eliminating the amount of indebtedness, deferring or rearranging the debt service schedule, reducing or eliminating the interest rate, modifying or abrogating the collateral or security arrangements, substituting (in whole or in part) other Bonds, and otherwise compromising and modifying the rights and remedies of the Registered Owners' claims against a district.

A district may not be forced into bankruptcy involuntarily.

#### **Future Debt**

The District has the right to issue obligations other than the Bonds, including tax anticipation notes and bond anticipation notes, and to borrow for any valid corporate purpose. The District's voters have authorized the issuance of \$20,000,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of constructing and or acquiring a waterworks, sanitary sewer and storm sewer system, \$13,000,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for refunding purposes, \$5,285,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for park and recreational facilities and could authorize additional amounts. The District currently has \$17,625,000 of unlimited tax bonds for a waterworks, sanitary sewer and storm sewer system and all of the bonds authorized for park and recreational purposes authorized but unissued. In addition, the District has \$2,760,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for road purposes authorized but unissued; however, the District will not issue the remaining unlimited road bond authorization based on an agreement with the City. After the issuance of the Bonds, \$12,870,000\* principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for refunding purposes will remain authorized but unissued. In addition, voters may authorize the issuance of additional bonds secured by ad valorem taxes. The issuance of additional obligations may increase the District's tax rate and adversely affect the security for, and the investment quality and value of, the Bonds.

The District has authorized preparation and filing of a bond application report to the TCEQ requesting approval to sell approximately \$2,500,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for drainage facilities. The District expects approval by the TCEQ and the sale of such bonds in the first quarter of 2021.

The District does not employ any formula with respect to appraised valuations, tax collections or otherwise to limit the amount of parity bonds which it may issue. The issuance of additional utility 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."

# **Environmental Regulations**

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 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.

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

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 "antibacksliding" 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.

# **Marketability of the Bonds**

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 of 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 retroactive to the date of original issuance. See "TAX MATTERS."

# **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 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.

# THE BONDS

# **Description**

The Bonds will be dated and accrue interest from September 1, 2020, with interest payable each September 1 and March 1, beginning March 1, 2021 (the "Interest Payment Date"), and will mature on the dates and in the amounts and accrue interest at the rates shown on the cover page hereof. The Bonds are issued in fully registered form, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000. Interest calculations are based on a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

#### Method of Payment of Principal and Interest

In the Bond Resolution, the Board has appointed The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in Dallas, Texas as the initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable, without exchange or collection charges, in any coin or currency of the United States of America, which, on the date of payment, is legal tender for the payment of debts due the United States of America. In the event the book-entry system is discontinued, principal of the Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds as they respectively become due and payable, at the principal payment office of the Paying Agent/Registrar in Dallas, Texas and interest on each Bond shall be payable by check payable on each Interest Payment Date, mailed by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or before each Interest Payment Date to the Registered Owner of record as of the close of business on the February 15 or August 15 immediately preceding each Interest Payment Date (defined herein as the "Record Date"), to the address of such Registered Owner as shown on the Paying Agent/Registrar's records (the "Register") or by such other customary banking arrangements as may be agreed upon by the Paying Agent/Registrar and the Registered Owners at the risk and expense of the Registered Owners.

If the date for payment of the principal of or interest on any Bond is not a business day, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding business day, as defined in the Bond Resolution.

# **Source of Payment**

While the Bonds or any part of the principal thereof or interest thereon remain outstanding and unpaid, the District covenants to levy and annually assess and collect in due time, form and manner, and at the same time as other District taxes are appraised, levied and collected, in each year, a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the District sufficient to pay the interest on the Bonds as the same becomes due and to pay each installment of the principal of the Bonds as the same matures, with full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection. In the Bond Resolution, the District covenants that said taxes are irrevocably pledged to the payment of the interest on and principal of the Bonds and to no other purpose.

The Bonds are obligations of the District and are not the obligations of the State of Texas, Fort Bend County, the City, or any entity other than the District.

# **Funds**

In the Bond Resolution, the Water, Sewer and Drainage Debt Service Fund is confirmed, and the proceeds from all taxes levied, appraised and collected for and on account of the Bonds authorized by the Bond Resolution shall be deposited, as collected, in such fund.

The District also maintains a Road Debt Service Fund that is not pledged to the Bonds. Funds in the Road Debt Service Fund are not available to pay principal and interest on the Bonds.

Accrued interest on the Bonds shall be deposited into the Water, Sewer and Drainage Debt Service Fund upon receipt. Any monies remaining after the refunding of the Refunded Bonds and payment of issuance costs will be deposited into the Water, Sewer and Drainage Debt Service Fund.

# **Redemption Provisions**

Bonds maturing on or after March 1, 2027 are subject to redemption at the option of the District, in whole, or from time to time in part, prior to their maturity dates on March 1, 2026, or on any date thereafter at a price of par plus unpaid accrued interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to the date fixed for redemption.

Bonds of a denomination larger than \$5,000 may be redeemed in part (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof). If less than all the Bonds are redeemed at any time, the maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the District. If less than all of the Bonds of a certain maturity are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed will be selected by the District prior to the redemption date by such random method as the District shall deem fair and appropriate (or by DTC in accordance with its procedures while the Bonds are in book-entry-only form).

Notice of any redemption identifying the Bonds to be redeemed in whole or in part shall be given by the Paying Agent/Registrar at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by sending written notice by first class mail to the Registered Owner of each Bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at the address shown on the Register. Such notices shall state the redemption date, the redemption price, the place at which the Bonds are to be surrendered for payment and, if less than all the Bonds outstanding are to be redeemed, the numbers of the Bonds or the portions thereof to be redeemed. Any notice given shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Registered Owner receives such notice. By the date fixed for redemption, due provision shall be made with the Paying Agent/Registrar for payment of the redemption price of the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. When Bonds have been called for redemption in whole or in part and due provision has been made to redeem the same as herein provided, the Bonds or portions thereof so redeemed shall no longer be regarded as outstanding except for the purpose of receiving payment solely from the funds so provided for redemption, and the rights of the Registered Owners to collect interest which would otherwise accrue after the redemption date on any Bond or portion thereof called for redemption shall terminate on the date fixed for redemption.

#### **Authority for Issuance**

At a bond election held within the District on September 10, 2005, voters of the District authorized the issuance of \$13,000,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for refunding bonds. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to such authorization.

The Bonds are issued by the District pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Bond Resolution, an election held within the District, Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Chapter 1207 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, and general laws of the State of Texas relating to the issuance of bonds by political subdivisions of the State of Texas.

Before the Bonds can be issued, the Attorney General of Texas must pass upon the legality of certain related matters. The Attorney General of Texas does not guarantee or pass upon the safety of the Bonds as an investment or upon the adequacy of the information contained in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

# Registration and Transfer

So long as any Bonds remain outstanding, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall keep the Register at its principal payment office and, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the registration and transfer of Bonds in accordance with the terms of the Bond Resolution.

In the event the "Book-Entry-Only" System is discontinued, each Bond shall be transferable only upon the presentation and surrender of such Bond at the principal payment office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, duly endorsed for transfer, or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the Registered Owner or his authorized representative in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. Upon due presentation of any Bond in proper form for transfer, the Paying Agent/Registrar has been directed by the District to authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor, within three (3) business days after such presentation, a new Bond or Bonds, registered in the name of the transferee or transferees, in authorized denominations and of the same maturity and aggregate principal amount and paying interest at the same rate as the Bond or Bonds so presented.

All Bonds shall be exchangeable upon presentation and surrender thereof at the principal payment office of the Paying Agent/Registrar for a Bond or Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate and in any authorized denomination in an aggregate amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of the Bond or Bonds presented for exchange. The Paying Agent/Registrar is authorized to authenticate and deliver exchange Bonds. Each Bond delivered shall be entitled to the benefits and security of the Bond Resolution to the same extent as the Bond or Bonds in lieu of which such Bond is delivered.

Neither the District nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to transfer or to exchange any Bond during the period beginning on a Record Date and ending the next succeeding Interest Payment Date or to transfer or exchange any Bond called for redemption during the thirty (30) day period prior to the date fixed for redemption of such Bond.

The District or the Paying Agent/Registrar may require the Registered Owner of any Bond to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with the transfer or exchange of such Bond. Any fee or charge of the Paying Agent/Registrar for such transfer or exchange shall be paid by the District.

# Replacement of Paying Agent/Registrar

Provision is made in the Bond Resolution for replacement of the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced by the District, the new Paying Agent/Registrar shall act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any paying agent/registrar selected by the District shall be a national or state banking institution, a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority, to act as Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds.

#### Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds

In the event the Book-Entry-Only System should be discontinued, upon the presentation and surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar of a mutilated Bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a replacement Bond of like maturity, interest rate and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. If any Bond is lost, apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken, the District, pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Texas and in the absence of notice or knowledge that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, shall, upon receipt of certain documentation from the Registered Owner and an indemnity bond, execute and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver a replacement Bond of like maturity, interest rate and principal amount bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

Registered owners of lost, stolen or destroyed bonds will be required to pay the District's costs to replace such bonds. In addition, the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar may require the Registered Owner to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed.

# **Issuance of Additional Debt**

The District's voters have authorized \$13,000,000 in principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for refunding purposes. After the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$12,870,000\* principal amount of unlimited tax refunding bonds authorized but unissued.

The District's voters have also authorized the issuance of \$20,000,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of constructing and or acquiring a waterworks, sanitary sewer and storm sewer system, \$5,285,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for road projects and could authorize additional amounts. The District currently has \$17,625,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for a waterworks, sanitary sewer and storm sewer system, \$2,760,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for road projects and all of the unlimited tax bonds for refunding purposes authorized but unissued. Prior to the issuance of any debt for such projects, the District must first obtain the consent of the City to issue such bonds; however, the District will not issue the remaining unlimited tax road bond authorization based on an agreement with the City. The District has authorized preparation and filing of a bond application report to the TCEQ requesting approval to sell approximately \$2,500,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for water, sewer and drainage facilities. The District expects approval by the TCEQ and the sale of such bonds in the first quarter of 2021. See "RISK FACTORS—Future Debt."

In addition, the District's voters authorized \$2,900,000 principal amount of unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of development and maintenance of recreational facilities at an election held within the District on September 10, 2005, all of which remain authorized but unissued. Current state law limits the outstanding principal amount of such bonds to an amount not to exceed one percent of the value of the taxable property in the District. In addition, the issuance of bonds for water, sewer and drainage facilities or recreational facilities requires the approval of the TCEQ. To date, the Board has not considered spending funds for recreational purposes. Existing public parks in Telfair are funded by LID 17 which overlays the District.

The District also is authorized by statute to engage in fire-fighting activities, including the issuing of bonds payable from taxes for such purpose. 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 bonds by the TCEQ; and (d) approval of the 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. Because the District is located in the City, such service is provided by the City. Prior to the issuance of any debt for such projects, the District must first obtain the consent of the City to issue all bonds.

The issuance of additional bonds could dilute the investment security for the Bonds.

# **Dissolution of the District**

Under Texas law, the District may be dissolved by the City without the District's consent. If the District is dissolved, the City will assume the District's assets and obligations (including the Bonds) and dissolve the District within ninety (90) days thereafter. Prior to dissolution by the City, the District shall have the opportunity to discharge any obligations of the District by selling its bonds or by causing the City to sell bonds of the City in an amount necessary to discharge such obligations. Dissolution of the District by the City is a policymaking matter within the discretion of the Mayor and the City Council of the City, and therefore, the District makes no representation that dissolution will or will not occur. Moreover, no representation is made concerning the ability of the City to make debt service payments should dissolution occur. See "THE BONDS—Remedies in Event of Default."

#### 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.

#### Remedies in Event of Default

If the District defaults in the payment of principal, interest, or redemption price on the Bonds when due, or if it fails to make payments into any fund or funds created in the Bond Resolution, or defaults in the observance or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Bond Resolution, the Registered Owners have the statutory right of a writ of mandamus issued by a court of competent jurisdiction requiring the District and its officials to observe and perform the covenants, obligations, or conditions prescribed in the Bond Resolution. Except for mandamus, the Bond Resolution does not specifically provide for remedies to protect and enforce the interests of the Registered Owners. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. Further, there is no trust indenture or trustee, and all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the Registered Owners. Statutory language authorizing local governments such as the District to sue and be sued does not waive the local government's sovereign immunity from suits for money damages, so that in the absence of other waivers of such immunity by the Texas Legislature, a default by the District in its covenants in the Bond Resolution may not be reduced to a judgment for money damages. If such a judgment against the District were obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the District's property. Further, the Registered Owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District to enforce the tax lien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the Registered Owners may further be limited by a State of Texas statute reasonably required to attain an important public purpose or by laws relating to bankruptcy, reorganization or other similar laws of general application affecting the rights of creditors of political subdivisions, such as the District. See "RISK FACTORS—Registered Owners' Remedies" and "—Bankruptcy Limitation to Registered Owners' Rights."

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

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

- "(a) All bonds, notes, and other obligations issued by a district shall be legal and authorized investments for all banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, insurance companies of all kinds and types, fiduciaries, and trustees, and for all interest and sinking funds and other public funds of the state, and all agencies, subdivisions, and instrumentalities of the state, including all counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, and all other kinds and types of districts, public agencies, and bodies politic."
- "(b) A district's bonds, notes, and other obligations are eligible and lawful security for all deposits of public funds of the state, and all agencies, subdivisions, and instrumentalities of the state, including all counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, and all other kinds and types of districts, public agencies, and bodies politic, to the extent of the market value of the bonds, notes, and other obligations when accompanied by any unmatured interest coupons attached to them."

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

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

# **Defeasance**

The Bond Resolution provides that the District may discharge its obligations to the Registered Owners of any or all of the Bonds to pay principal, interest and redemption price thereon in any manner permitted by law. Under current Texas law, such discharge may be accomplished either (i) by depositing with the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas a sum of money equal to the principal of, premium, if any, and all interest to accrue on the Bonds to maturity or redemption or (ii) by depositing with any place of payment (paying agent) of the Bonds or other obligations of the District payable from revenues or from ad valorem taxes or both, amounts sufficient to provide for the payment and/or redemption of the Bonds; provided that such deposits may be invested and reinvested only in (a) direct noncallable obligations of the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the District adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent,

and (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the governing body of the District adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to the investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and which mature and/or bear interest payable at such times and in such amounts as will be sufficient to provide for the scheduled payment and/or redemption of the Bonds.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded as outstanding or unpaid. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment or redemption of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the District to initiate proceedings to call the Bonds for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished; provided, however, that the right to call the Bonds for redemption is not extinguished if the District: (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption; (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements; and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in the future in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds.

## **BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM**

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry-only system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof. The District cannot and does not give any assurances that DTC, DTC Direct Participants or Indirect Participants will distribute to the Beneficial Owners (a) payments of interest, principal or premium, if any, with respect to the Bonds, (b) Bonds representing ownership interest in or other confirmation or ownership interest in the Bonds, or (c) prepayment or other notices sent to DTC or Cede & Co., its nominee, as the Registered Owner of the Bonds, or that they will so do on a timely basis or that DTC, DTC Direct Participants or DTC Indirect Participants will 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 "Procedure" of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Direct Participants are on file with DTC.

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

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of 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 from S&P Global Ratings of AA+. 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. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed. 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 (or the Paying Agent/Registrar on behalf thereof) 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).

Principal, premium, if any, interest payments and redemption proceeds 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 Paying Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal, premium, if any, interest payments and redemption proceeds 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, 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 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. 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 transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

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

# UTILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND

All land in the District is located within the corporate limits of the City. The City and the District have entered into the Utility Agreement, dated July 21, 2005 which obligates the District to acquire, construct and extend water, wastewater and storm drainage facilities (the "System") to serve land in the District and, when completed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the City, to convey title to such utility facilities to the City. The City will then operates and maintains such facilities, and is responsible for establishing water and sewer rates and collecting charges for water and sewer service from District customers. The City also levies and collects ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the District, the City has agreed to rebate to the District one-half of City taxes collected on taxable property within the District. Pursuant to the Utility Agreement, the City agrees to pay a portion of such City taxes collected upon taxable property within the District beginning with taxes collected for the 2012 tax year, the District's initial year of a debt service tax levy and continuing each year thereafter until the year 2046 and thereafter the City's payment obligation shall cease and the City shall not pay any portion of City taxes to the District. The amount of rebate payment will vary with changes in the City's tax rate and the District's appraised valuation and growth rate. Consequently, the amounts subject to rebate by the City under the formula will vary from year to year. Any significant reduction in the amount of the tax rebate could increase the District's rate of taxation.

The District will retain a security interest in the System to secure the City's performance under the Utility Agreement until the Bonds and any future bonds have been discharged, at which time the District will execute a release of such security interest, and the City will then own the System free and clear, and the City's obligation to make payments to the District will terminate if it has not previously ceased. The District and the City recognize that the District will levy its own annual ad valorem tax to secure additional funds for payment of the Remaining Outstanding Bonds, the Bonds and any additional bonds.

The District has agreed to extend the System to serve future users as necessary so that ultimately all landowners in the District will be in a position to receive services from the System; however, the District's obligation to extend the System is conditioned upon continued development within the District, the City's performance under the provisions of the Utility Agreement, and satisfaction of certain determinations of economic feasibility by the Board of Directors of the District and the TCEQ, and TCEQ approval and the ability of the District to sell bonds.

The Utility Agreement further requires the District to pay the City a capital recovery charge (the "City Connection Charge") to purchase water supply and wastewater treatment capacity in the City's existing system. The City Connection Charge is set by the City and may be amended without the District's consent at any time. The District has purchased sufficient capacity to serve all of the commercial tracts developed in the District. See "THE BONDS—Sources of Payment," "TAX DATA—Tax Adequacy for Debt Service," and "THE SYSTEM—Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment"

#### **TELFAIR**

The District is part of the 2,018 acre master-planned community of Telfair in Sugar Land, Texas, consisting of the District and three other municipal utility districts and an overlapping levee improvement district. Approximately 2,839 single-family residential lots have been constructed in Telfair. Although not in the District, recreational amenities within Telfair include a lake system, a greenbelt system, over five miles of landscaped trails, eleven neighborhood parks each with open space and playground and two recreational pools, a sand volleyball court and a playground. In addition, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land branch, is located in a 43,000 square foot historic building in Telfair.

#### THE DISTRICT

# General

The District is a municipal utility district created by an order of the TCEQ dated April 1, 2005, after a hearing on a petition for creation submitted by NNP-Telfair, LLC, the developer of the land in the District. The rights, powers, privileges, authority and functions of the District are established by the general laws of the State of Texas pertaining to utility districts, particularly Article XVI, Section 59 and Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, and Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code, as amended.

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 is also authorized to develop roads and parks and recreation facilities, including the issuance of bonds payable from taxes for such purposes. Prior to the issuance of any debt, the District must first obtain the consent of the City to issue any and all bonds. The District is also empowered to establish, operate, and maintain fire-fighting facilities, independently or with one or more conservation and reclamation districts, after approval by the voters of the District, although the City's Fire Department provides such services.

The TCEQ exercises continuing supervisory jurisdiction over the District. In order to obtain the consent for creation from the City, within whose boundaries the District lies, the District is required to observe certain requirements of the City which: limit the purposes for which the District may sell bonds for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of waterworks, wastewater, and drainage facilities, the construction and acquisition of roads and the development of park and recreational facilities; limit the net effective interest rate on such bonds and other terms of such bonds; require approval by the City of District construction plans; and permit connections only to lots and commercial or multi-family reserves described in plats which have been approved by the City and recorded in the real property records. Construction and operation of the District's system is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of additional governmental agencies. See "THE SYSTEM—Regulation."

#### **Description and Location**

The District contains approximately 139 acres of land and is located approximately 20 miles southwest of the central downtown business district of the City of Houston and lies wholly within the boundaries of the City of Sugar Land. The District also lies within the boundaries of the Fort Bend Independent School District. The District is bordered by U.S. Highway 90A on the north, State Highway 6 on the east and Bullhead Bayou on the south.

# **Land Use**

The District currently includes approximately 101 developed acres of commercial development and approximately 38 undevelopable acres (drainage and pipeline easements, street rights-of-way, recreation and open spaces and utility sites).

#### **Status of Commercial Development**

All of the developable land within the District (approximately 101 acres) has been provided with water and sanitary sewer trunk facilities and drainage facilities for commercial development. A Hilton Garden Inn and adjacent retail shopping center have been constructed on approximately 27 of such acres. The Hilton Garden Inn contains 202 guest rooms and approximately 6,000 square feet of conference meeting space. Bonaventure Plaza is an 18,000 square foot retail shopping center constructed on approximately 2 acres and contains an eye care facility, three restaurants and/or food related businesses, a nail salon, a dental office, a massage therapy office and State Farm Insurance. An adjacent medical office building is located on approximately 1 acre and includes an eye care and lasik business, a dental office and an acupuncture clinic. In addition, four free standing restaurants are located within the District, constructed on approximately 8 acres. A Whataburger, Dairy Queen and Shipley's Donuts have been constructed on approximately 3 acres. Two freestanding banks have been constructed on approximately 2 acres. University Plaza, a two-story office and retail building, has been constructed on approximately 4 acres and is adjacent to an additional two story office building located on approximately 2 acres and the Telfair Office Park which has recently been constructed on approximately 8 acres within the District. Additional development includes a Cornelius nursery on approximately 1 acre, two auto repair establishments on approximately 2 acres, a car wash on approximately 1 acre, a Learning Center on approximately 2 acres and a Goodwill Center located on approximately 3 acres. A Hampton Inn & Suites is currently under construction on approximately 2 acres within the District.

A 150,000 square foot HEB grocery store, a free-standing gas station operated by HEB and additional retail space have been constructed on approximately 15 acres. See "RISK FACTORS—Infectious Disease Outbreak (COVID-19)."

# MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Board of Directors**

The District is governed by the Board, consisting of five (5) directors, which has control over and management supervision of all affairs of the District. Directors are elected to four-year terms and elections are held in May in even numbered years only. All of the Board members own land within the District subject to a note and deed of trust in favor of NNP-Telfair, the original developer of the District. Directors have staggered four-year terms. The current members and officers of the Board along with their titles and terms, are listed as follows:

Name	Title	Term Expires
William Barnes	President	May 2022
Charles Partin	Vice President	May 2024
Amanda Malone	Secretary	May 2022
Virginia Neiser	Assistant Vice President	May 2024
Mike Thelen	Assistant Secretary	May 2024

#### **District Consultants**

The District does not have a general manager or other full-time employees, but contracts for certain necessary services as described below.

<u>Bond Counsel/Attorney</u>: The District has engaged Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP as general counsel to the District and as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the District's bonds. The fees of the attorneys in their capacity as Bond Counsel are contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds. Compensation to the attorneys for other services to the District is based on time charges actually incurred.

<u>Financial Advisor</u>: Masterson Advisors LLC serves as the District's Financial Advisor. The fee for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is based on a percentage of the Bonds actually issued, sold and delivered and, therefore, such fee is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

<u>Auditor</u>: The District's audited financial statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was prepared by McGrath & Co., PLLC. See APPENDIX A. McGrath & Co., PLLC. has been engaged to audit the District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Engineer: The District's consulting engineer is LJA Engineering, Inc.

<u>Tax Appraisal</u>: The Fort Bend Central Appraisal District has the responsibility of appraising all property within the District. See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

<u>Tax Assessor/Collector</u>: The District has appointed an independent tax assessor/collector to perform the tax collection function. Tax Tech, Inc. (the "Tax Assessor/Collector") has been employed by the District to serve in this capacity.

**Bookkeeper**: The District has contracted with Myrtle Cruz, Inc. (the "Bookkeeper") for bookkeeping services.

#### THE ROADS

The road system serves residents of the District by providing access to major thoroughfares and collectors within Telfair and the City. Upon completion of road projects, the City accepts the roadway for repair and maintenance.

#### THE SYSTEM

#### Regulation

Construction and operation of the District's water, wastewater and storm drainage system as it now exists or as it may be expanded from time to time is subject to regulatory jurisdiction of federal, state and local authorities. The TCEQ exercises continuing, supervisory authority over the District. Discharge of treated sewage into Texas waters, if any, is also subject to the regulatory authority of the TCEQ and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Construction of drainage facilities is subject to the regulatory authority of the Fort Bend County Drainage District, and Fort Bend County, the City, and the Texas Department of Health also exercise regulatory jurisdiction over the District's system.

# Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment

Customers of the District receive water and wastewater treatment service from the City pursuant to a Utility Agreement between the District and the City. As a condition of such service, the Utility Agreement obligates the District to acquire, construct, and extend water, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities (the "System") to serve land in the District and, when completed in accordance with approved plans and specifications, to convey title to the System to the City. The City then operates and maintains the System, and is responsible for establishing water and sewer rates and billing and collecting for such services. The Utility Agreement provides that the District retains a security interest in the System to secure the City's performance under the Utility Agreement until the District's bonds have been fully paid, at which time the District will execute a release of such security interest, and the City will own the System unencumbered.

The Utility Agreement further requires the District to pay the City the City Connection Charge to purchase water supply and wastewater treatment capacity in the City's existing system. The City Connection Charge is set by the City and may be amended without the District's consent at any time.

# Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection and Storm Drainage Facilities

Water distribution, wastewater collection and storm drainage facilities have been constructed to serve 101 acres of commercial tracts. See "THE DISTRICT—Land Use."

#### **Flood Protection**

A majority of the land within the boundaries of the District is protected from the Brazos River flood plain by levees constructed and maintained by LID 17. All of the acreage within the District has been officially removed from the floodplain with the approval of the LID 17 Tract Four Letter of Map Revision (the "LOMR") issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") on August 21, 2009.

<u>Flooding Due to Levee Breach or Overtopping</u>: According to the LID 17 engineer, the LID 17 levee and drainage systems have been designed and constructed to all current standards. However, the levee system does not protect against all flooding scenarios and flooding could occur in the District as a result of 1) an overtopping of the levee, 2) a failure (or breach) of the levee system, or 3) localized rainfall in excess of the 100-year event. See "RISK FACTORS—Recent Extreme Weather Events; Hurricane Harvey."

An overtopping of the levee could occur if the Brazos River or its tributaries reach flood stages higher than the 100-year event. The "100-year event" means the river elevation which has a statistical 1% chance of occurring in any given year. Current FEMA regulations require an earthen levee to be constructed a minimum of three feet above the level of a 100-year event. Fort Bend County, which regulates LID 17, requires an additional one foot above the 100-year floodplain.

In addition to the risk of overtopping, a portion of the District would experience flooding if the levee failed (or breached) while the Brazos River (or its tributaries) were at flood state of less than the 100-year event. To mitigate the risk, LID 17 performs weekly inspections of the levee to observe any visible deterioration of the levee that is in need to repair.

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

FEMA commissioned a study to reevaluate the "base flood elevation" (commonly referred to as the 100-year flood plain elevation) in Fort Bend County. The study concluded that the level of the 100-year flood plain was higher than then existing standards. LID 17's engineer concluded that the levee constructed by LID 17 was of sufficient height to meet the anticipated new FEMA, City and Fort Bend County requirements, and LID 17 submitted a levee recertification package to FEMA on November 12, 2009. LID 17 received approval of its recertification package on December 30, 2009. Fort Bend County released the final floodplain maps with an effective date of April 2, 2014. All of the acreage within the LID 17 boundary is outside the floodplain as reflected on the current floodplain maps See "RISK FACTORS—Recent Extreme Weather Events; Hurricane Harvey."

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

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)

2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$102,314,075 \$119,979,087	(a) (b)
Gross Direct Debt Outstanding Estimated Overlapping Debt Gross Direct Debt and Estimated Overlapping Debt	\$4,025,000* <u>8,424,611</u> \$12,449,611*	(c) (d)
Ratio of Gross Direct Debt to: 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation	3.93%* 3.35%*	
Ratio of Gross Direct Debt and Estimated Overlapping Debt to: 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation	12.17%* 10.38%*	
Water, Sewer and Drainage Debt Service Fund Balance as of July 13, 2020  Road Debt Service Fund Balance as of July 13, 2020  Total Funds Available for Debt Service as of July 13, 2020	<u>210,948</u>	(e) (e) (e)
Operating Funds Available as of July 13, 2020	\$375,029	

- After the issuance of the Bonds. See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Outstanding Bonds."
- See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Estimated Overlapping Debt—Overlapping Taxes."

# **Investments of the District**

The District has adopted an Investment Policy as required by the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code. The District's goal is to preserve principal and maintain liquidity while securing a competitive yield on its portfolio. Funds of the District will be invested in short term U.S. Treasuries, certificates of deposit insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or secured by collateral evidenced by perfected safekeeping receipts held by a third party bank, and public funds investment pools rated in the highest rating category by a nationally recognized rating service. The District does not currently own, nor does it anticipate, the inclusion of long term securities or derivative products in the District portfolio.

#### **Outstanding Bonds**

The following table lists the original principal amount of Outstanding Bonds, and the current amount of the Outstanding Bonds, the Refunded Bonds and the Remaining Outstanding Bonds.

	Original	Principal Amount		Remaining	
	Principal	Currently	Refunded	Outstanding	
Series	Amount	Outstanding	Bonds*	Bonds*	
2011	\$ 2,375,000	\$ 2,005,000	\$ 1,940,000	\$ 65,000	
2013 (a)	2,525,000	1,890,000		1,890,000	
Total	\$ 4,900,000	\$ 3,895,000	\$ 1,940,000	\$ 1,955,000 *	
The Bonds				2,070,000 *	
The Bonds and	\$ 4,025,000 *				

Unlimited Tax Road Bonds.

As certified by the Appraisal District. See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

The Appraisal District has certified \$117,778,687 of taxable value as of January 1, 2020. An additional \$2,200,400 of taxable value remains (b) uncertified, subject to downward revision prior to certification. The 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation shown throughout the OFFICIAL STATEMENT represents the certified value plus the uncertified value. See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

Although all of the District's debt, including the Remaining Outstanding Bonds and the Bonds, is payable from an unlimited tax pledge on parity, a pro rata portion of the District's ad valorem tax revenue will be allocated to the Water, Sewer and Drainage Bonds (as defined herein) and a pro rata portion will be allocated to Road Bonds (as defined herein). See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Outstanding Bonds". The Water, Sewer and Drainage Debt Service Fund is not pledged to the Road Bonds and the Road Debt Service Fund is not pledged to the Water, Sewer and Drainage Bonds.

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary; subject to change.

# **<u>Debt Service Requirements</u>**

The following sets forth the debt service requirements for the Outstanding Bonds, less the debt service on the Refunded Bonds (\$1,940,000\* principal amount), plus the estimated debt service on the Bonds.

	Outstanding Bonds Debt Service		Less: Debt		Dh D	1-1-4 C	service on the	. D	J. *	т	Total * Debt Service
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Year	Requirements		unded Bonds*		Principal		Interest		Total	_	Requirements
2020	\$ 254,116.25	(a)								\$	254,116.25
2021	337,655.00	\$	166,452.50	\$	90,000	\$	58,916.25	\$	148,916.25		320,118.75
2022	336,390.00		168,337.50		95,000		57,066.25		152,066.25		320,118.75
2023	334,790.00		169,887.50		100,000		55,016.25		155,016.25		319,918.75
2024	332,802.50		171,207.50		105,000		52,708.75		157,708.75		319,303.75
2025	330,352.50		172,170.00		105,000		50,241.25		155,241.25		313,423.75
2026	327,560.00		172,895.00		110,000		47,606.25		157,606.25		312,271.25
2027	323,977.50		173,145.00		110,000		44,787.50		154,787.50		305,620.00
2028	320,145.00		173,145.00		115,000		41,762.50		156,762.50		303,762.50
2029	315,695.00		172,895.00		120,000		38,381.25		158,381.25		301,181.25
2030	310,995.00		172,395.00		120,000		34,781.25		154,781.25		293,381.25
2031	306,045.00		171,645.00		125,000		31,106.25		156,106.25		290,506.25
2032	305,845.00		175,645.00		135,000		27,121.88		162,121.88		292,321.88
2033	300,015.00		174,015.00		135,000		22,818.75		157,818.75		283,818.75
2034	298,930.00		177,130.00		145,000		18,268.75		163,268.75		285,068.75
2035	297,335.00		179,735.00		150,000		13,381.25		163,381.25		280,981.25
2036	290,230.00		176,830.00		150,000		8,225.00		158,225.00		271,625.00
2037	287,870.00		178,670.00		160,000		2,800.00		162,800.00		272,000.00
		Ф.		Φ.		Φ.		Φ.		Φ.	
Total	\$ 5,610,748.75	\$	2,946,200.00	\$	2,070,000	\$	604,989.38	\$	2,674,989.38	\$	5,339,538.13

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes March 1, 2020 debt service payment of \$84,116.

Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement	(2021)	\$320,119*
Average Annual Debt Service Requirements	(2021-2037)	)\$299,142*

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary; subject to change.

# **Estimated Overlapping Debt**

The following table indicates the outstanding debt payable from ad valorem taxes, of governmental entities within which the District is located and the estimated percentages and amounts of such indebtedness attributable to property within the District. Debt figures equated herein to outstanding obligations payable from ad valorem taxes are based upon data obtained from individual jurisdictions or Texas Municipal Reports compiled and published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. Furthermore, certain entities listed below may have issued additional obligations since the date listed and may have plans to incur significant amounts of additional debt. Political subdivisions overlapping the District are authorized by Texas law to levy and collect ad valorem taxes for the purposes of operation, maintenance and/or general revenue purposes in addition to taxes for the payment of debt service and the tax burden for operation, maintenance and/or general revenue purposes is not included in these figures. The District has no control over the issuance of debt or tax levies of any such entities.

	Outstanding				ing
Taxing Jurisdiction	Bonds	As of	Percent		Amount
Fort Bend County	\$ 642,587,527	6/30/2020	0.14%	\$	899,623
Fort Bend LID No. 17 (a)	52,585,000	6/30/2020	5.33%		2,802,781
Fort Bend Independent School District	1,138,398,767	6/30/2020	0.24%		2,732,157
City of Sugar Land	315,881,144	6/30/2020	0.63%		1,990,051
Total Estimated Overlapping Debt				\$	8,424,611
The District's Total Direct Debt (b)					4,025,000 *
Total Direct and Estimated Overlapping Debt				. \$	12,449,611
Direct Debt and Estimated Overlapping Debt as a Percent	age of:				
2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation					12.17% *
2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation					10.38% *

<sup>(</sup>a) See "RISK FACTORS—Overlapping Debt and Taxes."

# **Overlapping Taxes**

Property within the District is subject to taxation by several taxing authorities in addition to the District. On January 1 of each year a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties and interest imposed on such property. The lien exists in favor of each taxing unit, including the District, having the power to tax the property. The District's tax lien is on a parity with tax liens of taxing authorities shown below. In addition to ad valorem taxes required to pay debt service on bonded debt of the District and other taxing authorities (see "Estimated Overlapping Debt" above), certain taxing jurisdictions, including the District, are also authorized by Texas law to assess, levy and collect ad valorem taxes for operation, maintenance, administrative and/or general revenue purposes.

Set forth below are all of the taxes levied for the 2019 tax year by all entities overlapping the District and of the District. No entity below has yet authorized a 2020 tax rate. No recognition is given to local assessments for civic association dues, fire department contributions, solid waste disposal charges or any other levy of entities other than political subdivisions.

2019

	per \$1	Tax Rate 00 of Taxable sed Valuation	
Fort Bend County (including Drainage District)		0.460000	
Fort Bend LID No. 17 (a)		0.560000	
Fort Bend Independent School District		1.270000	
City of Sugar Land		0.332000	
Total Overlapping Tax Rate	\$	2.622000	
The District (b)		0.420000	
Total Tax Rate	\$	3.042000	

<sup>(</sup>a) See "RISK FACTORS—Overlapping Debt and Taxes."

<sup>(</sup>b) The Bonds and the Remaining Outstanding Bonds. See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Outstanding Bonds."

<sup>(</sup>b) See "TAX DATA—Debt Service Tax—Maintenance Tax."

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary, subject to change.

# **Operating Fund**

The following statement sets forth in condensed form, the General Operating Fund, as shown in the District's audited financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 through June 30, 2019, and an unaudited summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 as provided by the Bookkeeper. Accounting principles customarily employed in the determination of net revenues have been observed and in all instances exclude depreciation. Reference is made to "APPENDIX A" for further and complete information.

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30							
		2020 (a)		2019	2018	2017	2016	
Revenues								
Property Taxes	\$	232,372	\$	180,493	\$174,592	\$135,128	\$131,389	
Master District Connection Charges		-		-	-	38,450	195,685	
Other		3,541		6,492	710	606	502	
Total Revenues	\$	235,913	\$	186,985	\$175,302	\$ 174,184	\$327,576	
Expenditures								
Professional Fees	\$	90,677	\$	72,923	\$ 68,084	\$ 71,059	\$ 64,222	
Purchased or Contracted Services		12,281		12,019	12,413	12,600	12,225	
Administrative Expenses		17,445		23,992	21,089	23,904	18,799	
Capital Outlay		4,286		162,474	-	120,629	310,152	
Other		3,087		135	-	265	483	
Developer Interest		-		9,738	-	-	-	
Debt Service - Interest and Fees		_		-	_	746	-	
Total Expenditures	\$	127,777	\$	281,281	\$101,586	\$229,203	\$405,881	
NET REVENUES	\$	108,137	\$	(94,296)	\$ 73,716	\$ (55,019)	\$ (78,305)	
General Operating Fund								
Balance (Beginning of Year)	\$	271,849	\$	366,145	\$292,429	\$347,448	\$425,753	
General Operating Fund								
Balance (End of Year)	\$	379,986	\$	271,849	\$366,145	\$ 292,429	\$347,448	

<sup>(</sup>a) Unaudited. Provided by the Bookkeeper.

#### TAX DATA

# **Debt Service Tax**

The Board covenants in the Bond Resolution to levy and assess, for each year that all or any part of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid, a tax adequate to provide funds to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. See "Historical Tax Rate Distribution," "Tax Roll Information" below, and "TAXING PROCEDURES."

#### **Maintenance Tax**

The Board has the statutory authority to levy and collect an annual ad valorem tax for the operation and maintenance of the District, if such a maintenance tax is authorized by the District's voters. A maintenance tax election was conducted September 10, 2005, and voters of the District authorized, among other things, the Board to levy a maintenance tax at a rate not to exceed \$1.50 per \$100 appraised valuation. A maintenance tax is in addition to taxes which the District is authorized to levy for paying principal of and interest on the Bonds. See "Debt Service Tax" above."

# **Historical Tax Rate Distribution**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Debt Service	\$ 0.270	\$ 0.260	\$ 0.220	\$ 0.215	\$ 0.185 (a)
Maintenance and Operations	0.160	0.160	0.200	0.205	0.235
Total	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.420	\$ 0.420	\$ 0.420	\$ 0.420

<sup>(</sup>a) For tax year 2019, the total debt service tax rate of \$0.185 per \$100 assessed valuation is comprised of \$0.090 for payment of Water, Sewer, and Drainage Bond debt service and \$0.095 for the payment of Road Bond debt service.

# **Tax Exemptions**

The District is currently not granting any tax exemptions.

#### **Additional Penalties**

The District has contracted with a delinquent tax attorney to collect certain delinquent taxes. In connection with that contract, the District established 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 Property Tax Code.

# **Historical Tax Collections**

The following statement of tax collections sets forth in condensed form a portion of the historical tax experience of the District. Such table has been prepared for inclusion herein, based upon information obtained from the District's Tax Assessor/Collector. Reference is made to such statements and records for further and complete information. Information in this summary may differ slightly from the assessed valuations shown herein due to difference in dates of data. See "Tax Roll Information" below.

Certified					Total Collections				
Tax	Taxa	ble Assessed	,	Гах	Total as of June 3			), 2020 (b)	
Year	V	Valuation(a)		Rate		Tax Levy		Amount	Percent
2015	\$	81,875,040	\$	0.43	\$	352,063	\$	352,045	99.99%
2016		84,945,540		0.42		356,771		355,912	99.76%
2017		90,615,667		0.42		380,586		379,745	99.78%
2018		91,602,272		0.42		384,730		382,637	99.46%
2019		102,314,075		0.42		429,719		412,145	95.91%

<sup>(</sup>a) As certified by the Appraisal District.

(b) Unaudited.

# **Tax Roll Information**

The District's assessed value as of January 1 of each year is used by the District in establishing its tax rate (see "TAXING PROCEDURES—Valuation of Property for Taxation"). The following represents the composition of property comprising the 2015 through 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation. See "TAXING PROCEDURES." No tax will be levied on such amount. Taxes are levied on taxable value certified by the Appraisal District as of January 1 of each year. Information in this summary may differ slightly from the assessed valuations shown herein due to difference in dates of

		Type of Property		Gross	De	eferments			N	let Taxable
Tax			Personal	Assessed		and	Unc	certified	1	Assessed
Year	Land	Improvements	Property	 Valuations	Exe	mptions(a)		/alue	\	Valuations
2015	\$ 33,130,410	\$ 39,241,450	\$ 9,576,770	\$ 81,948,630	\$	(73,590)	\$	-	\$	81,875,040
2016	32,324,480	42,672,420	10,047,730	85,044,630		(99,090)		-		84,945,540
2017	33,873,610	48,165,247	8,837,710	90,876,567		(260,900)		-		90,615,667
2018	32,421,770	49,330,412	10,110,480	91,862,662		(260,390)		-		91,602,272
2019	32,843,790	58,503,325	11,227,280	102,574,395		(260,320)		-		102,314,075
2020 (b)	35,377,180	72,862,017	9,613,310	117,852,507		(73,820)	2,	,200,400		119,979,087

#### **Principal Taxpayers**

The following table represents the principal taxpayers, the taxable appraised value of such property, and such property's taxable appraised value as a percentage of the certified portion (\$117,778,67) of the 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation of \$119,979,087. This represents ownership as of January 1, 2020. See "RISK FACTORS—Infectious Disease" Outbreak (COVID-19)" and "—Dependence on Principal Taxpayers." A list related to the uncertified portion of the 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation is not available.

_Taxpayer	Taxa	20 Certified ble Assessed Valuation	% of 2020 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation		
HEB Grocery Company LP	\$	18,250,640	15.50%		
GPI Hospitality Sugar Land LLC (a)		17,359,090	14.74%		
TCT Reserve C Ltd.		6,092,300	5.17%		
Rare Roses USA LP		5,441,120	4.62%		
Avalon Sugar Land Hospitality LLC		5,206,680	4.42%		
Hwy 6 & 90 Ltd.		4,471,150	3.80%		
Don Levin Trust		3,606,179	3.06%		
300 Promenade Way Interests Ltd.		3,369,340	2.86%		
Imperial Realty Group LLC		3,281,200	2.79%		
MBMGLP		3,105,290	2.64%		
Total	\$	70,182,989	59.59%		

<sup>(</sup>a) Hilton Garden Inn.

See "TAXING PROCEDURES—Property Subject to Taxation."
The Appraisal District has certified \$117,778,687 of taxable value as of January 1, 2020. An additional \$2,200,400 of taxable value remains uncertified, subject to downward revision prior to certification. The 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation shown throughout the OFFICIAL STATEMENT represents the certified value plus the uncertified value. See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

# Tax Adequacy for Debt Service

The tax rate calculations set forth below are presented to indicate the tax rates per \$100 appraised valuation which would be required to meet average annual and maximum debt service requirements if no growth in the District's tax base occurred beyond the 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation of \$102,314,075 and the 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation of \$119,979,087 (\$117,778,687 certified plus \$2,200,400 uncertified). The calculations contained in the following table are performed without receipt of the City rebate (see "UTILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND") and represent the tax rates required to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Remaining Outstanding Bonds, when due, assuming no further increase or any decrease in Taxable Assessed Values in the District, collection of ninety-five percent (95%) of taxes levied, the sale of no additional bonds, and no other funds available for the payment of debt service. While the District anticipates using a portion of the City tax rebate to pay debt service on the Bonds and the Remaining Outstanding Bonds, such revenue is not pledged to the payment of the Bonds or the Remaining Outstanding Bonds and is therefore not included in the calculations. See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT—Debt Service Requirements" and "UTILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND."

Average Annual Debt Service Requirement (2021-2037)	\$299,142*
\$0.31* Tax Rate on the 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation	
\$0.27* Tax Rate on the 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$307,746*
	,
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement (2021)	\$320,119*
\$0.33* Tax Rate on the 2019 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation	
\$0.29* Tax Rate on the 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$330,542*

No representation or suggestion is made that the uncertified portion of the 2020 Taxable Assessed Valuation provided by the Appraisal District for the District will not be adjusted downward prior to certification, and no person should rely upon such amounts or its inclusion herein as assurance of their attainment. See "TAXING PROCEDURES."

# 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 Remaining Outstanding Bonds, and any additional bonds payable from taxes which the District may hereafter issue (see "RISK FACTORS—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 Payment." Under Texas law, the Board may also levy and collect an annual ad valorem tax for the operation and maintenance of the District. See "TAX DATA—Debt Service Tax" and "—Maintenance Tax."

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

Title I of the Texas Tax Code (the "Property Tax Code") specifies the taxing procedures of all political subdivisions of the State of Texas, including the District. Provisions of the Property Tax Code are complex and are not fully summarized here.

The Property Tax Code requires, among other matters, county-wide appraisal and equalization of taxable property values and establishes in each county of the State of Texas an appraisal district with the responsibility for recording and appraising property for all taxing units within a county and an appraisal review board with responsibility for reviewing and equalizing the values established by the appraisal district. The Fort Bend Central Appraisal District (the "Appraisal District") has the responsibility for appraising property for all taxing units within Fort Bend County, including the District. Such appraisal values are subject to review and change by the Fort Bend Central Appraisal Review Board (the "Appraisal Review Board").

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary, subject to change.

# Property Subject to Taxation by the District

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

<u>Residential Homestead Exemptions</u>: The Property Tax Code authorizes the governing body of each political subdivision in the State of Texas to exempt up to twenty percent (20%) (not less than \$5,000) 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 July 1. See "TAX DATA."

Freeport Goods Exemption: A "Freeport Exemption" applies to goods, wares, ores, and merchandise other than oil, gas, and petroleum products (defined as liquid and gaseous materials immediately derived from refining 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 is limited to tangible personal property acquired in or imported into Texas for storage purposes only if such property is stored under a contract of bailment by a public warehouse operator at one or more public warehouse facilities in Texas that are not in any way owned or controlled by the owner of such property for the account of the person who acquired or imported such property. A property owner who receives the Goods-in-Transit Exemption is not eligible to receive the Freeport Exemption for the same property. Local taxing units such as the District may, by official action and after public hearing, tax goods-in-transit personal property. A taxing unit must exercise its option to tax goods-in-transit property before January 1 of the first tax year in which it proposes to tax the 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.

# **Tax Abatement**

Fort Bend County or the City may designate all or part of the area within the District as a reinvestment zone. Thereafter, Fort Bend County, the City and the District, under certain circumstances, 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 appraised valuation of property covered by the agreement over its appraised 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 tax abatement agreement. Each taxing jurisdiction has discretion to determine terms for its tax abatement agreements without regard to the terms approved by the other taxing jurisdictions.

# **Valuation of Property for Taxation**

Generally, property in the District must be appraised by the Appraisal District at market value as of January 1 of each year. Once an appraisal roll is prepared and finally approved by the Appraisal Review Board, it is used by the District in establishing its tax rolls and tax rate. Generally, assessments under the Property Tax Code are to be based on one hundred percent (100%) of market value, as such is defined in the Property Tax Code. In determining market value, either the replacement cost or the income or the market data method of valuation may be used, whichever is appropriate. Nevertheless, certain land may be appraised at less than market value under the Property Tax Code. Increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads are limited by the Texas Constitution to 10 percent annually regardless of the market value of the property.

The Property Tax Code permits land designated for agricultural use, open space or timberland to be appraised at its value based on the land's capacity to produce agricultural or timber products rather than at its market value. The Property Tax Code permits under certain circumstances that residential real property inventory held by a person in the trade or business be valued at the price all such property would bring if sold as a unit to a purchaser who would continue the business. Provisions of the Property Tax Code are complex and are not fully summarized here. Landowners wishing to avail themselves of the agricultural use, open space or timberland designation or residential real property inventory designation must apply for the designation and the appraiser is required by the Property Tax Code to act on each claimant's right to the designation individually. A claimant may waive the special valuation as to taxation by some political subdivisions while claiming it as to another. If a claimant receives the agricultural use designation and later loses it by changing the use of the property or selling it to an unqualified owner, the District can collect taxes based on the new use, including taxes for the previous three (3) years for agricultural use, open space land and timberland.

The Property Tax Code requires the Appraisal District to implement a plan for periodic reappraisal of property to update appraisal values. The plan must provide for appraisal of all real property in the Appraisal District at least once every three (3) years. It is not known what frequency of reappraisal will be utilized by the Appraisal District or whether reappraisals will be conducted on a zone or county-wide basis. The District, however, at its expense has the right to obtain from the Appraisal District a current estimate of appraised values within the District or an estimate of any new property or improvements within the District. While such current estimate of appraised values may serve to indicate the rate and extent of growth of taxable values within the District, it cannot be used for establishing a tax rate within the District until such time as the Appraisal District chooses formally to include such values on its appraisal roll.

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

#### **District and Taxpayer Remedies**

Under certain circumstances taxpayers and taxing units (such as the District) may appeal the orders of the Appraisal Review Board by filing a timely petition for review in State district court. In such event, the value of the property in question will be determined by the court or by a jury if requested by any party. Additionally, taxing units may bring suit against the Appraisal District to compel compliance with the Property Tax Code. The Property Tax Code also establishes a procedure for notice to property owners of reappraisals reflecting increased property value, appraisals which are higher than renditions, and appraisals of property not previously on an appraisal roll.

#### **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, which 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 districts differently based on the current operation and maintenance tax rate or on the percentage of build-out that the District has completed. Districts that have adopted an operation and maintenance tax rate for the current year that is 2.5 cents or less per \$100 of taxable value are classified as "Special Taxing Units." Districts that have financed, completed, and issued bonds to pay for all improvements and facilities necessary to serve at least 95% of the projected build-out of the district are classified as "Developed Districts." Districts that do not meet either of the classifications previously discussed can be classified herein as "Developing Districts." The impact each classification has on the ability of a district to increase its maintenance and operations tax rate s 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Taxes levied by the District are a personal obligation of the owner of the property as of 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 INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Overlapping Taxes." 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, subject to the restrictions on residential homesteads described above under "Levy and Collection of Taxes." 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 or by bankruptcy proceedings which restrict the collection of taxpayer debts. A taxpayer may redeem property within six (6) months for commercial property and two (2) years for residential and all other types of property after the purchaser's deed issued at the foreclosure sale is filed in the county records. The District's ability to foreclose its tax lien or collect penalties or interest on delinquent taxes may be limited on property owned by a financial institution which is under receivership by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. 1825, as amended. See "RISK FACTORS—General" and "—Tax Collections Limitations and Foreclosure Remedies."

#### The Effect of FIRREA on Tax Collections of the District

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

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

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

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

#### **Legal Proceedings**

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 tax purposes and interest on the Bonds is not subject to the alternative minimum tax on individuals and corporations.

Bond Counsel has reviewed the information appearing in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT under "PLAN OF FINANCING—Defeasance of Refunded Bonds," "UTILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND," "THE BONDS," "THE DISTRICT—General," "TAXING PROCEDURES," "LEGAL MATTERS," "TAX MATTERS" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" solely to determine whether such information fairly summarizes matters of law and the provisions of the documents referred to therein. Bond Counsel has not, however, independently verified any of the factual information contained in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT nor has it conducted an investigation of the affairs of the District for the purpose of passing upon the accuracy or completeness of this OFFICIAL STATEMENT. No person is entitled to rely upon Bond Counsel's limited participation as an assumption of responsibility for or an expression of opinion of any kind with regard to the accuracy or completeness of any information contained herein.

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 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 PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

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

The District will furnish the Underwriter a certificate, executed by both the President and Secretary of the Board, and dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, to the effect that there is not pending, and to their knowledge, there is not threatened, any litigation affecting the validity of the Bonds, or the levy and/or collection of taxes for the payment thereof, or the organization or boundaries of the District, or the title of the officers thereof to their respective offices, and that no additional bonds or other indebtedness have been issued since the date of the statement of indebtedness or nonencumbrance certificate submitted to the Attorney General of Texas in connection with approval of the 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 are not subject to the alternative minimum tax on individuals.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (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 "Service"). The District has covenanted in the Bond Resolution that it 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 regarding the mathematical accuracy of certain computations. If the District should fail to comply with the covenants in the Bond Resolution or if the foregoing representations 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 Service. 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 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.

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

The issue price of certain of the Bonds (the "Original Issue Discount Bonds") may be less than the stated redemption price at maturity. In such case, under existing law, and based upon the assumptions hereinafter stated (a) the difference between (i) the stated amount payable at the maturity of each Original Issue Discount Bond and (ii) the issue price of such Original Issue Discount Bond constitutes original issue discount with respect to such Original Issue Discount Bond in the hands of any owner who has purchased such Original Issue Discount Bond at the initial public offering price in the initial public offering of the Bonds; and (b) such initial owner is entitled to exclude from gross income (as defined in Section 61 of the Code) an amount of income with respect to such Original Issue Discount Bond equal to that portion of the amount of such original issue discount allocable to the period that such Original Issue Discount Bond continues to be owned by such owner.

In the event of the redemption, sale or other taxable disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bond prior to stated maturity, however, the amount realized by such owner in excess of the basis of such Original Issue Discount Bond in the hands of such owner (adjusted upward by the portion of the original issue discount allocable to the period for which such Bond was held by such initial owner) is includable in gross income. (Because original issue discount is treated as interest for federal income tax purposes, the discussion regarding interest on the Bonds under the caption "TAX MATTERS" generally applies, except as otherwise provided below, to original issue discount on a Original Issue Discount Bond held by an owner who purchased such Bond at the initial offering price in the initial public offering of the Bonds, and should be considered in connection with the discussion in this portion of the OFFICIAL STATEMENT.)

The foregoing is based on the assumptions that (a) the Underwriter has purchased the Bonds for contemporaneous sale to the general public and not for investment purposes, and (b) all of the Original Issue Discount Bonds have been offered, and a substantial amount of each maturity thereof has been sold, to the general public in arm's-length transactions for a cash price (and with no other consideration being included) equal to the initial offering prices thereof stated on the cover page of this OFFICIAL STATEMENT, and (c) the respective initial offering prices of the Original Issue Discount Bonds to the general public are equal to the fair market value thereof. Neither the District nor Bond Counsel warrants that the Original Issue Discount Bonds will be offered and sold in accordance with such assumptions.

Under existing law, the original issue discount on each Original Issue Discount Bond is accrued daily to the stated maturity thereof (in amounts calculated as described below for each six-month period ending on the date before the semiannual anniversary dates of the Bonds and ratably within each such six-month period) and the accrued amount is added to an initial owner's basis for such Bond for purposes of determining the amount of gain or loss recognized by such owner upon redemption, sale or other disposition thereof. The amount to be added to basis for each accrual period is equal to (a) the sum of the issue price plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in prior periods multiplied by the yield to stated maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) less (b) the amounts payable as current interest during such accrual period on such Bond.

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

#### **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 will designate 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 2020.

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

#### PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

## **Sources and Compilation of Information**

The financial data and other information contained in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT has been obtained primarily from the District's records, the Engineer, the Tax Assessor/Collector, the Appraisal District and information from other sources. All of these sources are believed to be reliable, but no guarantee is made by the District as to the accuracy or completeness of the information derived from such sources, and its inclusion herein is not to be construed as a representation on the part of the District except as described below under "Certification of Official Statement." Furthermore, there is no guarantee that any of the assumptions or estimates contained herein will be realized. The summaries of the agreements, reports, statutes, resolutions, engineering and other related information set forth in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT are included herein 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 for further information.

#### **Financial Advisor**

Masterson Advisors LLC is employed as the Financial Advisor to the District to render certain professional services, including advising the District on a plan of financing and preparing the OFFICIAL STATEMENT. In its capacity as Financial Advisor, Masterson Advisors LLC has compiled and edited this OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as a part of, its responsibilities to the District and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Financial Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

#### **Underwriter**

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

#### Consultants

In approving this OFFICIAL STATEMENT the District has relied upon the following consultants. Each consultant has agreed to the use of information provided by such firms.

<u>Engineer</u>: The information contained in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT relating to engineering and to the description of the System and, in particular that information included in the sections entitled "THE DISTRICT," "THE ROADS" and "THE SYSTEM" has been provided by LJA Engineering, Inc. and has been included herein in reliance upon the authority of said firm as experts in the field of civil engineering.

<u>Appraisal District</u>: The information contained in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT relating to the historical certified taxable appraised valuations has been provided by the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District and has been included herein in reliance upon the authority of such entity as experts in assessing the values of property in Fort Bend County, including the District.

<u>Tax Assessor/Collector</u>: The information contained in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT relating to the historical breakdown of the District's assessed valuations and certain other historical data concerning tax rates and tax collections has been provided by Tax Tech Inc. and is included herein in reliance upon the authority of such firm as an expert in assessing property values and collecting taxes.

<u>Auditor</u>: The District's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019, were prepared by McGrath & Co., PLLC. See "APPENDIX A" for a copy of the District's June 30, 2019, financial statements.

<u>Bookkeeper:</u> The information related to the "unaudited" summary of the District's General Operating Fund as it appears in "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT (UNAUDITED)—Operating Fund" has been provided by Myrtle Cruz, Inc., and is included herein in reliance upon the authority of such firm as experts in tracking and managing the various funds of utility districts.

#### **Updating the Official Statement**

If subsequent to the date of the OFFICIAL STATEMENT, the District learns, through the ordinary course of business and without undertaking any investigation or examination for such purposes, or is notified by the Underwriter, of any adverse event which causes the OFFICIAL STATEMENT to be materially misleading, and unless the Underwriter elects to terminate its obligation to purchase the Bonds, the District will promptly prepare and supply to the Underwriter an appropriate amendment or supplement to the OFFICIAL STATEMENT satisfactory to the Underwriter, provided, however, that the obligation of the District to the Underwriter to so amend or supplement the OFFICIAL STATEMENT will terminate when the District delivers the Bonds to the Underwriter, unless the Underwriter notifies the District on or before such date that less than all of the Bonds have been sold to ultimate customers, in which case the District's obligations hereunder will extend for an additional period of time as required by law (but not more than 90 days after the date the District delivers the Bonds).

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

The District, acting through its Board in its official capacity, hereby certifies, as of the date hereof, that the information, statements, and descriptions or any addenda, supplement and amendment thereto pertaining to the District and its affairs contained herein, to the best of its knowledge and belief, contain no untrue statement of a material fact and do not omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. With respect to information included in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT other than that relating to the District, the District has no reason to believe that such information contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; however, the Board has made no independent investigation as to the accuracy or completeness of the information derived from sources other than the District. In rendering such certificate, the official executing this certificate may state that he has relied in part on his examination of records of the District relating to matters within his own area of responsibility, and his discussions with, or certificates or correspondence signed by, certain other officials, employees, consultants and representatives of the District.

## CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

The offering of the Bonds qualifies for the Rule 15c2-12(d)(2) exemption from Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) regarding the District's continuing disclosure obligations because the District has not issued more than \$10,000,000 in aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and no person is committed by contract or other arrangement with respect to payment of the Bonds as required by the exemption. As required by the exemption, in the Bond Resolution, the District has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified material events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") or any successor to its functions as a repository through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system.

#### **Annual Reports**

The District will provide certain financial information and operating data which is customarily prepared by the District and is publicly available, annually to the MSRB. The financial information and operating data which will be provided with respect to the District will be the District's audited financial statements (APPENDIX A). The District will update and provide this information to the MSRB within six months after the end of each of its fiscal years ending in or after 2020. Any financial statements provided by the District shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards or other such principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and audited if the audit report is completed within the period during which it must be provided. If the audit report is not complete within such period, then the District shall provide unaudited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB within such six month period, and audited financial statements when the audit becomes available.

The District's current fiscal year end is June 30. Accordingly, it must provide updated information by December 31 in each year, unless it changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB of the change.

#### **Specified Event Notices**

The District will provide timely notices of certain specified events to the MSRB, but in no event will such notices be provided to the MSRB in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of an event. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (7) modifications to rights of Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, if material; (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, 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 an definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee,

if material; (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, any of which affect Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties. The terms "obligated person" and "financial obligation" when used in this paragraph shall have the meanings ascribed to them under SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"). The term "material" when used in this paragraph shall have the meaning ascribed to it under federal securities laws. Neither the Bonds nor the Bond 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, operational data, or financial statements in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports."

#### Availability of Information from MSRB

The District has agreed to provide the foregoing information only to the MSRB. The MSRB makes the information available to the public without charge through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") internet portal at www.emma.msrb.org.

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

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

All estimates, statements and assumptions in this OFFICIAL STATEMENT and the APPENDICES hereto have been made on the basis of the best information available and are believed to be reliable and accurate. Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any such statements will be realized.

This OFFICIAL STATEMENT was approved by the Board of Directors of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136, as of the date shown on the cover page.

	/s/
	President, Board of Directors
ATTEST:	
/s/Secretary, Board of Directors	

## APPENDIX A

The inform	ation contained	l in this appendi:	x includes the A	Annual Audit l	Report of Fort	Bend County	Municipal <sup>1</sup>	Utility
District No	. 136 and certa	in supplemental	information for	r the fiscal yea	ar ended June 3	0, 2019.	_	-

# FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 136

# FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

# FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2019

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

Board of Directors Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 Fort Bend County, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, 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 Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 Fort Bend 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 Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136, as of June 30, 2019, 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 October 14, 2019

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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 Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 (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 June 30, 2019. 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 June 30, 2019, was negative \$4,048,711. The District's net position is negative because the District incurs debt to construct water, sewer and drainage facilities and roads which it conveys to the City of Sugar Land. A comparative summary of the District's overall financial position, as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, is as follows:

	2019	2018
Current and other assets	\$ 700,360	\$ 825,486
Capital assets	265,391	113,124
Total assets	965,751	938,610
Current liabilities	230,030	230,137
Long-term liabilities	4,784,432	4,944,365
Total liabilities	5,014,462	5,174,502
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	191,546	77,226
Restricted	357,813	393,121
Unrestricted	(4,598,070)	(4,706,239)
Total net position	\$ (4,048,711)	\$ (4,235,892)

The total net position of the District increased during the current fiscal year by \$187,181. A comparative summary of the District's *Statement of Activities* for the past two years is as follows:

	2019	2018
Revenues		
Property taxes, penalties and interest	\$ 383,747	\$ 387,874
City of Sugar Land tax rebates	120,041	142,546
Other	7,270	1,455
Total revenues	511,058	531,875
Expenses		
Operating and administrative	123,610	118,715
Debt interest and fees	180,322	184,922
Developer interest	9,738	
Amortization	10,207	4,189
Total expenses	323,877	307,826
Change in net position	187,181	224,049
Net position, beginning of year	(4,235,892)	(4,459,941)
Net position, end of year	\$ (4,048,711)	\$ (4,235,892)

## Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

The District's combined fund balances, as of June 30, 2019, were \$679,462, which consists of \$271,849 in the General Fund and \$407,613 in the Debt Service Fund.

## General Fund

A comparative summary of the General Fund's financial position as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

	2019		 2018
Total assets	\$	284,311	\$ 372,542
Total liabilities	\$	6,794	\$ 5,314
Total deferred inflows		5,668	1,083
Total fund balance		271,849	 366,145
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance	\$	284,311	\$ 372,542

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

	 2019	 2018
Total revenues	\$ 186,985	\$ 175,302
Total expenditures	 (281,281)	 (101,586)
Revenues over/(under) expenditures	\$ (94,296)	\$ 73,716

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 a property tax levy, which is 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 assessed values increased from prior year.

#### Debt Service Fund

A comparative summary of the Debt Service Fund's financial position as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

	2019		2018
Total assets	\$	416,049	\$ 452,944
Total liabilities	\$	7	\$ 29
Total deferred inflows		8,429	1,395
Total fund balance		407,613	 451,520
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance	\$	416,049	\$ 452,944

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

	 2019	2018
Total revenues	\$ 312,455	\$ 355,355
Total expenditures	 (356,362)	 (358,429)
Revenues under expenditures	\$ (43,907)	\$ (3,074)

The District's financial resources in the Debt Service Fund in both the current year and prior year are from property tax revenues and City of Sugar Land tax rebates. The difference between these financial resources and debt service requirements resulted in a decrease 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.

## 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 did not amend the budget during the fiscal year.

Since the District's budget is primarily a planning tool, actual results varied from the budgeted amounts. Actual net change in fund balance was \$148,546 less than budgeted. The *Budgetary Comparison Schedule* on page 30 of this report provides variance information per financial statement line item.

#### **Capital Assets**

The District has entered into financing agreements with its developers for the financing of the construction of capital assets within the District. Developers will be reimbursed from proceeds of future bond issues or other lawfully available funds. These developer funded capital assets are recorded on the District's financial statements upon completion of construction.

Capital assets held by the District at June 30, 2019 and 2018 are summarized as follows:

	 2019		2018
Capital assets being amortized	 		
Connection charges	\$ 304,921	\$	142,447
Less accumulated amortization	 (39,530)		(29,323)
Capital assets, net	\$ 265,391	\$	113,124

The District and the City of Sugar Land (the "City") have entered into an agreement which obligates the District to construct water, wastewater, and certain storm drainage facilities to serve the District and, when completed, to convey title to the facilities to the City. Additional information is presented in Note 9.

## Long-Term Debt and Related Liabilities

As of June 30, 2019, the developer claims he is owed \$985,699 for completed projects. However, these projects were not constructed pursuant to the requirements of the Financing Agreement. As discussed in Note 5, the District has an additional commitment in the amount of \$1,336,313 for projects under construction by the developers. As previously mentioned, the District will owe its developer for these projects upon completion of construction, when the requirements of the Financing Agreement are met, at which time the cost of the capital asset and related liability will be estimated and recorded on the District's financial statements. The estimated cost is trued up when the developer is reimbursed. The District may reimburse the developer from proceeds of future bond issues or surplus operating funds, both of which require TCEQ approval.

At June 30, 2019 and 2018, the District had total bonded debt outstanding as shown below:

Series	2019	_	2018
2011	\$ 2,065,000		\$ 2,125,000
2013 Road	1,995,000	_	2,100,000
	\$ 4,060,000		\$ 4,225,000

At June 30, 2019, the District had \$17,625,000 unlimited tax bonds authorized, but unissued for the purposes of acquiring, constructing and improving the water, sanitary sewer and drainage systems within the District; \$2,900,000 for parks and recreational facilities; \$2,760,000 for road improvements and \$13,000,000 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 the projected cost of operating the District. A comparison of next year's budget to current year actual amounts for the General Fund is as follows:

	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Total revenues	\$ 186,985	\$ 190,000
Total expenditures	(281,281)	(131,600)
Revenues over/(under) expenditures	(94,296)	58,400
Beginning fund balance	366,145	271,849
Ending fund balance	\$ 271,849	\$ 330,249

## **Property Taxes**

The District's property tax base increased approximately \$10,152,000 for the 2019 tax year from \$91,613,972 to \$101,766,165. This increase was primarily due to increased property values. For the 2019 tax year, the District has levied a maintenance tax rate of \$0.235 per \$100 of assessed value; \$0.09 per 100 of assessed value for water, sewer and drainage debt service; and a road debt service tax rate of \$0.095 per \$100 of assessed value, for a total combined tax rate of \$0.42 per \$100. Tax rates for the 2018 tax year were \$0.205 per \$100 for maintenance and operations, \$0.105 per \$100 for water, sewer and drainage debt service and \$0.11 per \$100 for road debt service for a combined total of \$0.42 per \$100 of assessed value.

**Basic Financial Statements** 

## Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet June 30, 2019

	(	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total	Ad	justments		tement of
Assets								
Cash	\$	43,292	\$ 407,620	\$ 450,912	\$	-	\$	450,912
Investments		231,630		231,630				231,630
Taxes receivable		5,668	8,429	14,097				14,097
Prepaid insurance		3,721		3,721				3,721
Capital assets, net			 	 		265,391		265,391
Total Assets	\$	284,311	\$ 416,049	\$ 700,360		265,391		965,751
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$	6,794	\$ _	\$ 6,794				6,794
Other payables			7	7				7
Accrued interest payable						58,229		58,229
Due to developer						985,699		985,699
Long-term debt						,		,
Due within one year						165,000		165,000
Due after one year						3,798,733		3,798,733
Total Liabilities		6,794	7	6,801		5,007,661		5,014,462
Deferred Inflows of Resources								
Deferred property taxes		5,668	8,429	14,097		(14,097)		
Beterred property dixes		3,000	 0,122	 11,007		(11,007)		
Fund Balances/Net Position								
Fund Balances								
Nonspendable		3,721		3,721		(3,721)		
Restricted			407,613	407,613		(407,613)		
Unassigned		268,128	,	268,128		(268,128)		
Total Fund Balances		271,849	407,613	679,462		(679,462)		
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows						, , ,		
of Resources and Fund Balances	\$	284,311	\$ 416,049	\$ 700,360				
Net Position	_							
Net investment in capital assets						191,546		191,546
Restricted for debt service						357,813		357,813
Unrestricted					(	4,598,070)	(	(4,598,070)
Total Net Position						4,048,711)		(4,048,711)

See notes to basic financial statements.

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 Statement of Activities and Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balar For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Genera Fund	1	Debt Service Fund	Total	Adju	ıstments		tement of
Revenues								
Property taxes	\$ 180,4	93	\$ 189,157	\$ 369,650	\$	9,389	\$	379,039
Penalties and interest			2,479	2,479		2,229		4,708
City of Sugar Land tax rebates			120,041	120,041				120,041
Miscellaneous			35	35				35
Investment earnings	6,4	92	743	7,235				7,235
Total Revenues	186,9	85	312,455	499,440		11,618		511,058
Expenditures/Expenses								
Operating and administrative								
Professional fees	72,9	23		72,923				72,923
Contracted services	12,0	19	13,389	25,408				25,408
Administrative	23,9	92	739	24,731				24,731
Other	1	35	413	548				548
Capital outlay	162,4	74		162,474	(	(162,474)		
Debt service								
Principal			165,000	165,000	(	(165,000)		
Interest and fees			176,821	176,821		3,501		180,322
Developer interest	9,7	38		9,738				9,738
Amortization						10,207		10,207
Total Expenditures/Expenses	281,2	81	356,362	637,643	(	(313,766)		323,877
Revenues Over (Under)								
Expenditures	(94,2	96)	(43,907)	(138,203)		138,203		
Change in Net Position						187,181		187,181
Fund Balance/Net Position						-		-
Beginning of the year	366,1	45	451,520	817,665	(5.	,053,557)	(4	4,235,892)
End of the year	\$ 271,8	49	\$ 407,613	\$ 679,462	\$ (4	,728,173)		4,048,711)

See notes to basic financial statements.

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## Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 (the "District") conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. 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 Commission on Environmental Quality dated April 1, 2005 and operates in accordance with the Texas Water Code, Chapters 49 and 54. The Board of Directors held its first meeting on June 13, 2005 and the first bonds were issued on December 15, 2011.

The District's primary activities include construction of water, sewer, drainage and road facilities. As further discussed in Note 9, the District transfers these facilities to the City of Sugar Land upon completion of construction. 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 Governmental Accounting Standards Board has established the criteria for determining whether or not an entity is a primary government, a component unit of a primary government or a related organization. A primary government has a separately elected governing body; is legally separate; and is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. 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*.

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 two governmental funds, which are both considered major funds.

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

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

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

- <u>The General Fund</u> is used to account for the operations of the District and all other financial transactions not reported in other funds. The principal sources of revenue are property taxes. Expenditures include costs associated with the daily operations of the District.
- The Debt Service Fund 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 and City of Sugar Land tax rebates. Expenditures include costs incurred in assessing and collecting these taxes.

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, and City of Sugar Land tax rebates. 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 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.

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

#### **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 June 30, 2019, an allowance for uncollectible accounts was not considered necessary.

## **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.

Capital assets are amortized using the straight-line method as follows:

Assets	Useful Life
Impact fees	40 years (max)
Master District connection fees	40 years (max)

#### **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.

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

## Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Financial Resources (continued)

At the fund level, property taxes receivable 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.

#### **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.

#### 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.

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 City of Sugar Land tax rebates 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.

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

## Fund Balances – Governmental Funds (continued)

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 useful lives and impairment of capital assets; the value of amounts due to developer; the value of capital assets transferred to the City of Sugar Land and the value of capital assets for which the developer has not been fully reimbursed. 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		\$	679,462
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.  Historical cost Less accumulated amortization Change due to capital assets	\$ 304,921 (39,530)		265,391
Amounts due to the District's developer for prefunded construction are recorded as a liability in the <i>Statement of Net Position</i> .			(985,699)
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	(3,963,733)		
Interest payable on bonds Change due to long-term debt	(58,229)	(	(4,021,962)
Property taxes receivable have been levied and are due, but are not available soon enough to pay current period expenditures and,			
therefore, are deferred in the funds.			14,097
Total net position - governmental activities		\$ (	(4,048,711)

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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		\$ (138,203)
Governmental funds do not report revenues that are not available to		
pay current obligations. In contrast, such revenues are reported in the		
Statement of Activities when earned. The difference is for property taxes		
and related penalties and interest.		11,618
Governmental funds report capital outlays for reimbursements to		
developers as expenditures in the funds; however, in the Statement of		
Activities, impact fees paid to the City of Sugar Land are capitalized		
and charged to expense over the estimated useful life of the contract.		
Capital outlays	\$ 162,474	
Amortization expense	(10,207)	
The isomena of long town debt anomides granent financial recovered to		152,267
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	165,000	
Interest expense accrual	(3,501)	
Interest expense accidat	(3,301)	161,499
		, ,
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$ 187,181

#### Note 3 – Deposits and Investments

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

Custodial credit risk as it applies to deposits 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)

#### **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 June 30, 2019, the District's investments consist of the following:

				Weighted
		Carrying		Average
Туре	Fund	Value	Rating	Maturity
TexSTAR	General	\$ 231,630	AAAm	15 days

#### **TexSTAR**

The District participates in Texas Short Term Asset Reserve fund (TexSTAR) which is managed by Hilltop Securities, Inc., and J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. Hilltop Securities provides participant and marketing services while J.P. Morgan provides investment management services. Custodial and depository services are provided by J.P. Morgan Chase Bank N.A. or its subsidiary.

The District's investment in TexSTAR is reported at fair value because TexSTAR uses fair value to report investments. Governmental accounting standards establish the following hierarchy of inputs used to measure fair value: Level 1 inputs are based on quoted prices in active markets, Level 2 inputs are based on significant other observable inputs, and Level 3 inputs are based on significant unobservable inputs. The District's investment in TexSTAR is measured using published fair value per share (level 1 inputs).

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

## TexSTAR (continued)

Investments in TexSTAR may be withdrawn via wire transfer on a same day basis, as long as the transaction is executed by 4 p.m. ACH withdrawals made by 4 p.m. will settle on the next business day.

#### **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 – Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets, for the year ended June 30, 2019, is as follows:

	Beginning	Ending		
	Balances Additions		Balances	
Capital assets being amortized				
Connection charges	\$ 142,447	\$ 162,474	\$ 304,921	
Less accumulated amortization	(29,323)	(10,207)	(39,530)	
Capital assets, net	\$ 113,124	\$ 152,267	\$ 265,391	

Amortization expense for the current year was \$10,207.

## Note 5 – Due to Developer

The District has entered into financing agreements with its developer for the financing of the construction of water, sewer, drainage, and road facilities. Under the agreements, the developer will advance funds for the construction of facilities to serve the District. The developer will be reimbursed from proceeds of future bond issues or other lawfully available funds, subject to approval by TCEQ and compliance with terms of the Financing Agreement. The District does not record the capital asset and related liability on the government-wide statements until construction of the facilities is complete. The initial cost is estimated based on construction costs plus 10-15% for engineering and other fees. Estimates are trued up when the developer is reimbursed. Changes in estimated amounts due to developer during the year are as follows:

Due to developer, beginning of year	\$ 985,699
Developer reimbursements	(162,474)
Developer funded additions and adjustments	162,474
Due to developer, end of year	\$ 985,699

## Note 5 – Due to Developer (continued)

In addition, the District will owe the developer approximately \$1,336,313, which is included in the following schedule of contractual commitments. The exact amount is not known until approved by the TCEQ and verified by the District's auditor. As previously noted, these projects will be reported in the government-wide financial statements upon completion of construction.

	_	Contract Amount	 Amounts Paid	Potential Remaining Commitment	
Water, sewer and drainage facilities to serve	\$	901,313	\$ 804,925	\$	96,388
Crossing at Telfair, Section 4, Phase II					
Public waterline and sanitary sewer to serve		435,000	315,216		119,784
Telfair Office Park			 		
	\$	1,336,313	\$ 1,120,141	\$	216,172

## Note 6 – Long–Term Debt

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

Bonds payable	\$ <b>4,</b> 060 <b>,</b> 000
Unamortized discounts	 (96,267)
	\$ 3,963,733
Due within one year	\$ 165,000

The District's bonds payable at June 30, 2019, consists of unlimited tax bonds as follows:

		Maturity Date,					
				Serially,	Interest		
	Amounts	Original	Interest	Beginning/	Payment	Call	
 Series	Outstanding	Issue	Rates	Ending	Dates	Dates	
2011	\$ 2,065,000	\$ 2,375,000	4.0% - 5.1%	September 1,	September 1,	September 1,	
				2013/2037	March 1	2020	
2013	1,995,000	2,525,000	2.0% - 4.0%	September 1,	September 1,	September 1,	
Road				2014/2037	March 1	2020	
	\$ 4,060,000						

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.

# Note 6 – Long–Term Debt (continued)

At June 30, 2019, the District had authorized but unissued bonds in the amount of \$17,625,000 for water, sewer and drainage facilities; \$2,900,000 for park and recreational facilities; \$2,760,000 for road improvements; and \$13,000,000 for refunding purposes.

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

Bonds payable, beginning of year	\$ 4,225,000
Bonds retired	 (165,000)
Bonds payable, end of year	\$ 4,060,000

As of June 30, 2019, annual debt service requirements on bonds outstanding are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest		Totals	
2020	\$ 165,000	\$	170,737	\$	335,737
2021	170,000		165,443		335,443
2022	175,000		159,521		334,521
2023	180,000		153,090		333,090
2024	185,000		146,197		331,197
2025	190,000		139,078		329,078
2026	195,000		131,457		326,457
2027	200,000	123,269			323,269
2028	205,000		114,561		319,561
2029	210,000		105,420		315,420
2030	215,000		95,845		310,845
2031	220,000		86,020		306,020
2032	225,000		75,945		300,945
2033	235,000		65,430		300,430
2034	240,000		54,473		294,473
2035	250,000		43,133		293,133
2036	260,000	31,283			291,283
2037	265,000	19,050			284,050
2038	275,000		6,435		281,435
	\$ 4,060,000	\$	1,886,386	\$	5,946,386

## Note 7 – Property Taxes

On September 10, 2005, 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. On May 12, 2007, the voters of the District authorized the District's Board of Directors to levy taxes annually for maintenance of road facilities limited to \$0.25 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.

All property values and exempt status, if any, are determined by the Fort Bend Central 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 2019 fiscal year was financed through the 2018 tax levy, pursuant to which the District levied property taxes of \$0.42 per \$100 of assessed value, of which \$0.205 was allocated to maintenance and operations; \$0.105 was allocated to water, sewer and drainage debt service; and \$0.11 was allocated to road debt service. The resulting tax levy was \$384,779 on the adjusted taxable value of \$91,613,972.

Property taxes receivable, at June 30, 2019, consisted of the following:

Current year taxes receivable	\$ 9,546
Prior years taxes receivable	 2,322
	11,868
Penalty and interest receivable	 2,229
Property taxes receivable	\$ 14,097

#### Note 8 – Master District Facilities

The District has entered into agreements with Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 137, Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 138, and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 139 (the "Participating Districts") to construct certain regional water, sewer and drainage improvements ("Master District Facilities") to serve the Telfair master planned community. The District serves as the Master District and is reimbursed by the Participating Districts on a pro-rata basis for costs related to the construction of the Master District Facilities as a capital recovery charge (the "Master District Connection Charge"). The Master District Connection Charge is set by the District and may be amended without approval by the District at any time. Due to the adoption of the Agreement (described below), the District no longer collects these connection charges.

#### Note 8 – Master District Facilities (continued)

On August 8, 2016, the District and the Participating Districts entered into a Cost Sharing Agreement for Construction of Facilities (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, costs associated with the construction of certain shared facilities to serve the Telfair master planned community were allocated between the Participating Districts on a pro-rata basis based on capacity provided by the shared facilities. The reallocation was based on each Participating District's capacity as of June 30, 2016 and all of the Participating Districts' shares have been paid.

#### Note 9 – Utility Agreement with the City of Sugar Land

Residents of the District receive water and wastewater treatment service from the City of Sugar Land (the "City") pursuant to a Utility Agreement between the District's developers and the City, dated July 21, 2005, later assigned to the District by Board approval. As a condition of such service, the Utility Agreement obligates the District to acquire, construct, and extend water, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities (the "System") to serve land in the District and, when completed in accordance with approved plans and specifications, to convey title to the System to the City. The City then operates and maintains the System, and is responsible for establishing water and sewer rates and billing and collecting for such services. The Utility Agreement provides that the District retains a security interest in the System to secure the City's performance under the Utility Agreement until the District's bonds have been fully paid, at which time the District will execute a release of such interest, and the City will own the System unencumbered.

The District has agreed to extend the System to serve future users as necessary so that ultimately all land owners in the District will be able to receive services from the System. However, the District's obligation to extend the System is conditioned upon the Developer's continuing with its development program, the City's performing under the provisions of the Utility Agreement, the satisfaction of certain determinations of economic feasibility, governmental agency approvals and the ability to sell additional bonds. The term of the Utility Agreement is forty years.

The Utility Agreement further requires the District to pay the City a one-time capital recovery charge (the "City Connection Charge") to purchase water supply and wastewater treatment capacity in the City's existing system. The City Connection Charge is set by the City and may be amended without the District's consent at any time. The connection fee will be paid at the time the plant is recorded and prior to any tap into the System to service the area. The District has purchased sufficient capacity to serve all of the single family residential lots developed in the District.

The City levies and collects ad valorem taxes on all property within the District, as it does with any other property within the City. Pursuant to the Utility Agreement, the City has agreed to rebate to the District fifty percent (50%) of such City taxes collected upon taxable property within the District beginning on February 28 of the year following the year in which the District levies a debt service tax, and each ninety days thereafter. The amount of rebate payments will vary with changes in the City's tax rate and the District's appraised valuation. Consequently, the amounts subject to rebate by the City will vary from year to year. During the current year, the District recognized \$120,041 in revenue from tax rebates from the City.

## Note 10 – 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 11 – Concentration of Risk

Approximately 67% of the taxable property within the District is owned by the top 10 taxpayers. Since property taxes are the primary source of revenue for both the General Fund and the Debt Service Fund, the continued ability of these taxpayers to continue to pay their property taxes is an important factor in the District's ability to meet its future obligations.

Required Supplementary Information

# Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 Required Supplementary Information - Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Function the Year Ended June 30, 2019

					7	Variance
	Ot	Original and			Positive	
	Fin	al Budget		Actual	(1	Negative)
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$	184,000	\$	180,493	\$	(3,507)
Investment earnings		600		6,492		5,892
Total Revenues		184,600		186,985		2,385
Expenditures						
Operations and administration						
Professional fees		90,250	90,250 72,923			17,327
Contracted services		12,600	2,600 12,019			581
Administrative		25,500		23,992		1,508
Other		2,000		135		1,865
Capital outlay				162,474		(162,474)
Developer interest				9,738		(9,738)
Total Expenditures		130,350		281,281		(150,931)
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures		54,250		(94,296)		(148,546)
Fund Balance						
Beginning of the year		366,145		366,145		
End of the year	\$	420,395	\$	271,849	\$	(148,546)

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 Notes to Required Supplementary Information June 30, 2019

# **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. There were no amendments to the budget during the year.

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Texas Supplementary Information

# Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-1. Services and Rates June 30, 2019

1. Serv	rices provided by	the District	During the Fisca	al Year:				
	Retail Water	Wh	olesale Water	Sol	id Waste,	/Garbage	Drainage	2
	Retail Wastewar	ter Wh	olesale Wastew	ater Flo	od Cont	rol	Irrigation	ı
	Parks/Recreation	on Fire	e Protection	X Ros	ads		Security	
	Participates in jo	oint venture,	regional system	and/or waste	ewater se	rvice (other tha	an emergen	cy intercon
X	Other (Specify)	: Water an	d sewer service	s are provide	d by the	City of Sugar 1	Land	
2. Re	tail Service Provi	ders						
(Yo	ou may omit this	information	if your district of	does not prov	vide retail	services)		
a. Re	tail Rates for a 5,	/8" meter (or Minimum	equivalent):  Minimum	Flat Rate		per 1,000 ons Over		
		Charge	Usage	(Y / N)		um Usage	Usage	Levels
	Water: Wastewater: Surcharge:						t	0
	District employ	ys winter aver	raging for waste	water usage	Yes		No	
	Total charges	s per 10,000 g	gallons usage:	Wate	er	W	astewater_	
b. Wa	ter and Wastewa	ter Retail Cor	nnections:					
			Total	Active	<u>)</u>		A	ctive
	Meter Size		Connections	Connection	ons	ESFC Factor	ES	SFC'S
	Unmetered					x 1.0		
	less than 3/4" 1"					x 1.0 x 2.5		
	1 1.5"				<u></u>	x 2.3 x 5.0		
	2"					x 8.0	-	
	3"					x 15.0		
	4"					x 25.0		
	6"					x 50.0		
	8"					x 80.0		
	10"					x 115.0	<u></u>	
	Total Water				<del></del>			
	Total Wastewat	ter				x 1.0		

# Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-1. Services and Rates June 30, 2019

3.	. Total Water Consumption during the fiscal year (rounded to the nearest thousand):  (You may omit this information if your district does not provide water)						
	Gallons pumped into system: N/A	Water Accountability Ratio: (Gallons billed / Gallons pumped)					
	Gallons billed to customers: N/A	N/A					
4.	Standby Fees (authorized only under TWC Section 49.23 (You may omit this information if your district does	•					
	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 st	tandby fees? Yes No X					
	If yes, Date of the most recent commission Order:						
5.	Location of District (required for first audit year or whe otherwise this information may be omitted):	en information changes,					
	Is the District located entirely within one county?	Yes X No					
	County(ies) in which the District is located:	Fort Bend County					
	Is the District located within a city?	Entirely X Partly Not at all					
	City(ies) in which the District is located:	City of Sugar Land					
	Is the District located within a city's extra territorial ju	urisdiction (ETJ)?					
		Entirely Partly Not at all X					
	ETJs in which the District is located:						
	Are Board members appointed by an office outside	the district? Yes No X					
	If Yes, by whom?						
Sec	e accompanying auditors' report.						

# Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-2 General Fund Expenditures For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Professional fees			
Legal		\$	56,077
Audit			12,500
Engineering			4,346
			72,923
Contracted services			
Bookkeeping			12,019
Administrative			
Directors fees			9,900
Printing and office supplies			2,124
Insurance			3,903
Other			8,065
			23,992
Other			135
Capital outlay			162,474
D 1			0.720
Developer interest			9,738
T 1 12		ф	201 201
Total expenditures		<u> </u>	281,281
			•
Reporting of Utility Sorvices in Accordance with I	IR 3603.		
Reporting of Utility Services in Accordance with I	Usage		Cost
Electrical	N/A		N/A
Water	N/A		N/A
Natural Gas	N/A		N/A
	,		•

# Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-3. Investments June 30, 2019

			Balance at
	Interest	Maturity	End of
Fund	Rate	Date	Year
General			
TexStar	Variable	N/A	\$ 231,630

# Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-4. Taxes Levied and Receivable June 30, 2019

	Ma	intenance	W-	S-D Debt	Ro	ad Debt		
		Taxes	Ser	vice Taxes	Serv	rice Taxes		Totals
Taxes Receivable, Beginning of Year	\$	1,083	\$	644	\$	751	\$	2,478
Adjustments		(2,733)		(1,435)		(1,572)		(5,740)
Adjusted Receivable		(1,650)		(791)		(821)		(3,262)
2018 Original Tax Levy		188,682		96,642		101,244		386,568
Adjustments		(873)		(447)		(469)		(1,789)
Adjusted Tax Levy		187,809		96,195		100,775		384,779
Total to be accounted for		186,159		95,404		99,954		381,517
Tax collections:								
Current year		183,150		93,808		98,275		375,233
Prior years		(2,659)		(1,396)		(1,529)		(5,584)
Total Collections, net of refunds		180,491		92,412		96,746		369,649
Taxes Receivable, End of Year	\$	5,668	\$	2,992	\$	3,208	\$	11,868
Taxes Receivable, By Years								
2018	\$	4,659	\$	2,387	\$	2,500	\$	9,546
2017		604		317		348		1,269
2016		328		235		297		860
2015 and prior		77		53		63		193
Taxes Receivable, End of Year	\$	5,668	\$	2,992	\$	3,208	\$	11,868
		2018		2017		2016		2015
Property Valuations:								
Land	\$ 3	2,421,770	\$ 3	3,873,610	\$ 32	2,324,480	\$ 3	3,130,410
Improvements		9,330,412		8,165,247		2,672,420		9,241,450
Personal Property	1	0,122,180		8,837,710	10	0,047,730		9,576,770
Exemptions		(260,390)		(260,900)		(99,090)		(73,590)
Total Property Valuations	\$ 9	1,613,972	\$ 9	0,615,667	\$ 84	4,945,540	\$ 8	1,875,040
Tax Rates per \$100 Valuation:								
Maintenance tax rates (1)	\$	0.205	\$	0.200	\$	0.160	\$	0.160
W-S-D debt service tax rates		0.105		0.105		0.115		0.125
Road debt service tax rates		0.110		0.115		0.145		0.145
Total Tax Rates per \$100 Valuation	\$	0.420	\$	0.420	\$	0.420	\$	0.430
Adjusted Tax Levy:	\$	384,779	\$	380,586	\$	356,771	\$	352,063
Percentage of Taxes Collected		07.500/		00.4704		00.740/		00.050/
to Taxes Levied **		97.52%		99.67%		99.76%		99.95%

<sup>\*</sup> Maximum Maintenance Tax Rate Approved by Voters: \$1.50 on September 10, 2005

<sup>\*</sup> Maximum Road Facilities Maintenance Tax Rate Approved by Voters: \$0.25 on May 12, 20

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

<sup>(1)</sup> The District has only levied a maintenance tax for operation purposes and not for road maintenance.

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2011--by Years June 30, 2019

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	September 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	March 1	Total
2020	\$ 60,000	\$ 100,492	\$ 160,492
2021	65,000	97,849	162,849
2022	70,000	94,894	164,894
2023	75,000	91,612	166,612
2024	80,000	88,048	168,048
2025	85,000	84,189	169,189
2026	90,000	80,033	170,033
2027	95,000	<b>75,52</b> 0	170,520
2028	100,000	70,645	170,645
2029	105,000	65,520	170,520
2030	110,000	60,145	170,145
2031	115,000	54,520	169,520
2032	120,000	48,645	168,645
2033	130,000	42,330	172,330
2034	135,000	35,573	170,573
2035	145,000	28,433	173,433
2036	155,000	20,783	175,783
2037	160,000	12,750	172,750
2038	170,000_	4,335	174,335
	\$ 2,065,000	\$ 1,156,316	\$ 3,221,316

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements Series 2013 Road--by Years June 30, 2019

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due	September 1,	
Years Ending	September 1	March 1	Total
2020	\$ 105,000	\$ 70,245	\$ 175,245
2021	105,000	67,594	172,594
2022	105,000	64,627	169,627
2023	105,000	61,478	166,478
2024	105,000	58,149	163,149
2025	105,000	54,889	159,889
2026	105,000	51,424	156,424
2027	105,000	47,749	152,749
2028	105,000	43,916	148,916
2029	105,000	39,900	144,900
2030	105,000	35,700	140,700
2031	105,000	31,500	136,500
2032	105,000	27,300	132,300
2033	105,000	23,100	128,100
2034	105,000	18,900	123,900
2035	105,000	14,700	119,700
2036	105,000	10,500	115,500
2037	105,000	6,300	111,300
2038	105,000	2,100	107,100
	\$ 1,995,000	\$ 730,070	\$ 2,725,070

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-5. Long-Term Debt Service Requirements All Bonded Debt Series--by Years June 30, 2019

		Interest Due	
Due During Fiscal	Principal Due September 1,		
Years Ending	September 1	March 1	Total
2020	\$ 165,000	\$ 170,737	\$ 335,737
2021	170,000	165,443	335,443
2022	175,000	159,521	334,521
2023	180,000	153,090	333,090
2024	185,000	146,197	331,197
2025	190,000	139,078	329,078
2026	195,000	131,457	326,457
2027	200,000	123,269	323,269
2028	205,000	114,561	319,561
2029	210,000	105,420	315,420
2030	215,000	95,845	310,845
2031	220,000	86,020	306,020
2032	225,000	75,945	300,945
2033	235,000	65,430	300,430
2034	240,000	54,473	294,473
2035	250,000	43,133	293,133
2036	260,000	31,283	291,283
2037	265,000	19,050	284,050
2038	275,000	6,435	281,435
	\$ 4,060,000	\$ 1,886,386	\$ 5,946,386

# Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-6. Change in Long-Term Bonded Debt June 30, 2019

	_	Bond Issue					
		S	eries 2011	Series 2013 Road			Totals
Interest rate Dates interest payable Maturity dates			0% - 5.10% 9/1; 3/1 /13 - 9/1/37		0% - 4.00% 9/1; 3/1 /14 - 9/1/37		
Beginning bonds outstanding		\$	2,125,000	\$	2,100,000	\$	4,225,000
Bonds retired			(60,000)		(105,000)		(165,000)
Ending bonds outstanding		\$	2,065,000	\$	1,995,000	\$	4,060,000
Interest paid during fiscal year		\$	102,938	\$	72,634	\$	175,572
Paying agent's name and city All Series	The Bank of	New	York Mellon	Trus	t Company - I	Dallas	s, Texas
Bond Authority:	Water, Sewer and Drainage Bonds		ecreational cilities Bonds	Re	oad Bonds	F	Refunding Bonds
Amount Authorized by Voters Amount Issued	\$ 20,000,000 (2,375,000)	\$	2,900,000	\$	5,285,000 (2,525,000)	\$	13,000,000
Remaining To Be Issued	\$ 17,625,000	\$	2,900,000	\$	2,760,000	\$	13,000,000
All bonds are secured with tax rewith taxes.	venues. Bonds ma	y also	be secured w	ith ot	her revenues in	ı con	nbination
Debt Service Fund cash balances	as of June 30, 2019	9:				\$	407,620
Average annual debt service payn	nent (principal and	intere	st) for remaini	ing te	rm of all debt:	\$	312,968
See accompanying auditors' repor	rt.						

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Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-7a. Comparative Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - General Fund For the Last Five Fiscal Years

	Amounts					
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ 180,493	\$ 174,592	\$ 135,128	\$ 131,389	\$ 140,426	
Master District connection charges			38,450	195,685		
Investment earnings	6,492	710	606	502	585	
Total Revenues	186,985	175,302	174,184	327,576	141,011	
Expenditures						
Operations and administration						
Professional fees	72,923	68,084	71,059	64,222	65,298	
Contracted services	12,019	12,413	<b>12,6</b> 00	12,225	12,000	
Administrative	23,992	21,089	23,904	18,799	21,180	
Other	135		265			
Capital outlay	162,474		120,629	310,152		
Developer interest	9,738		746	483		
Total Expenditures	281,281	101,586	229,203	405,881	98,478	
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (94,296)	\$ 73,716	\$ (55,019)	\$ (78,305)	\$ 42,533	

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

Percent of Fund Total Revenues

2019	2018 2017		2016	2015
97%	100%	78%	40%	100%
		22%	60%	
3%	*	*	*	*
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
39%	39%	41%	20%	46%
6%	7%	7%	4%	9%
13%	12%	14%	6%	15%
*		*		
87%		69%	95%	
5%		*	*	
145%	58%	131%	125%	70%
(45%)	42%	(31%)	(25%)	30%

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136
TSI-7b. Comparative Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Debt Service Fund
For the Last Five Fiscal Years

	Amounts									
		2019		2018		2017	2016			2015
Revenues										
Property taxes	\$	189,157	\$	210,515	\$	219,487	\$	221,719	\$	218,206
Penalties and interest		2,479		1,549		2,718		994		1,302
City of Sugar Land tax rebates		120,041		142,546		133,184		122,991		143,162
Miscellaneous		35								
Investment earnings		743		745		411		495		477
Total Revenues		312,455		355,355		355,800		346,199		363,147
Expenditures										
Tax collection services		14,541		17,129		16,934		14,448		11,554
Debt service										
Principal		165,000		160,000		160,000		155,000		155,000
Interest and fees		176,821		181,300		185,600		189,800		193,850
Total Expenditures		356,362		358,429		362,534		359,248		360,404
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	(43,907)	\$	(3,074)	\$	(6,734)	\$	(13,049)	\$	2,743
Total Active Retail Water Connections		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A
Total Active Retail Wastewater										
Connections		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A

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

Percent of Fund Total Revenues

2015	2016	2017	2018 201		
61%	64%	62%	60%	61%	
*	*	1%	*	1%	
39%	36%	37%	40%	38%	
				*	
*	*	*	*	*	
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
3%	4%	5%	5%	5%	
43%	45%	45%	45%	53%	
53%	55%	52%	51%	57%	
99%	104%	102%	101%	115%	
1%	(4%)	(2%)	(1%)	(15%)	

# Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 136 TSI-8. Board Members, Key Personnel and Consultants For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Complete District Mailing Address:	3200 Southwest	Freeway, Suite	e 2600, Housto	n, Texas 77027				
District Business Telephone Number:	(713) 860-6400							
Submission Date of the most recent Distr	ict Registration For	m						
(TWC Sections 36.054 and 49.054): May 14, 2018								
Limit on Fees of Office that a Director m	ay receive during a	fiscal year:	\$	7,200				
(Set by Board Resolution TWC Section	49.0600)							
Name	Term of Office (Elected or Appointed)	Fees of Office	Expense Reimburse-	Talent Vent End				
Names: Board Members	or Date Hired	Paid *	ments	Title at Year End				
William Barnes	5/18 to 5/22	\$ 2,250	\$ 358	President				
Charles Partin	5/16 to 5/20	1,800	1,196	Vice President				
Amanda Malone	5/18 to 5/22	1,050	215	Secretary				
Mike Thelen	5/16 to 5/20	1,500	142	Assistant Secretary				
Virginia Neiser	5/16 to 5/20	2,700	185	Assistant Vice President				
Consultants Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP General legal fees	2005	Amounts Paid  \$ 56,077		Attorney				
Myrtle Cruz, Inc.	2005	12,019		Bookkeeper				
Tax Tech, Inc.	2005	10,800		Tax Collector				
Fort Bend Central Appraisal District	Legislation	2,589		Property Valuation				
Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP	2006	51		Delinquent Tax Attorney				
LJA Engineering	2005	4,346		Engineer				
McGrath & Co., PLLC	Annual	12,500		Auditor				
Masterson Advisors LLC	2018			Financial Advisor				

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