

In the opinion of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel, subject, however to certain qualifications described herein, under existing law, the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Bonds may be subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, such interest is exempt from California personal income taxes. See "TAX MATTERS."

\$90,000,000
SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 (San Luis Obispo County, California)
General Obligation Bonds
Election of 2022, Series A

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: August 1, as shown on inside front cover

Authority and Purpose. The above-captioned General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2022, Series A (the "Bonds") are being issued by the San Luis Coastal Unified School District (the "District") pursuant to certain provisions of the California Government Code and a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the District adopted on January 17, 2023. The Bonds were authorized at an election of the registered voters of the District held on November 8, 2022, which authorized the issuance of \$349,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the renovation, construction and improvement of school facilities. The Bonds are the first series of bonds to be issued under the 2022 Authorization (as defined herein). See "THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance" and "- Purpose of Issue" herein.

Security. The Bonds are general obligations of the District, payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied on taxable property within the District and collected by San Luis Obispo County (the "County"). The County is empowered and obligated to annually levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of interest on, and principal of, the Bonds upon all property subject to taxation by the District, without limitation of rate or amount (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates). The District has other series of general obligation bonds outstanding. See "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS."

Book-Entry Only. The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, and will be initially issued and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. Purchasers will not receive physical certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. See "THE BONDS" and APPENDIX F.

Payments. The Bonds are dated the date of delivery set forth below and accrue interest at the rates set forth on the inside cover page hereof, payable semiannually on each February 1 and August 1 until maturity, commencing August 1, 2023. Payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as the designated paying agent, registrar and transfer agent, to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC Participants who will remit such payments to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS - Description of the Bonds."

Redemption. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein. See "THE BONDS – Redemption."

MATURITY SCHEDULE

(See inside cover)

Cover Page. This cover page contains certain information for general reference only. It is not a summary of all provisions of the Bonds. Prospective investors must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to making an informed investment decision.

The Bonds will be offered when, as and if issued and accepted by the Underwriter, subject to the approval as to legality by Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel to the District, and subject to certain other conditions. Jones Hall is also serving as Disclosure Counsel to the District. Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Los Angeles, California is serving as counsel to the Underwriter. It is anticipated that the Bonds, in book-entry form, will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC, on or about March 1, 2023.

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MATURITY SCHEDULE

SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
(San Luis Obispo County, California)
General Obligation Bonds
Election of 2022, Series A

Base CUSIP†: 798546

\$38,525,000 Serial Bonds

| <u>Maturity Date</u> <u>(August 1)</u> | <u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Yield</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>CUSIP†</u> |
|---|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2024 | \$6,805,000 | 5.000% | 2.650% | 103.244 | DP9 |
| 2025 | 7,425,000 | 5.000 | 2.390 | 106.091 | DQ7 |
| 2026 | 2,610,000 | 5.000 | 2.200 | 109.165 | DR5 |
| 2027 | 2,955,000 | 5.000 | 2.120 | 112.079 | DS3 |
| 2034 | 880,000 | 5.000 | 2.350 | 122.267 C | DT1 |
| 2035 | 1,060,000 | 5.000 | 2.530 | 120.578 C | DU8 |
| 2036 | 1,255,000 | 5.000 | 2.740 | 118.643 C | DV6 |
| 2037 | 1,460,000 | 5.000 | 2.890 | 117.284 C | DW4 |
| 2038 | 1,685,000 | 5.000 | 3.010 | 116.209 C | DX2 |
| 2039 | 1,925,000 | 5.000 | 3.070 | 115.676 C | DY0 |
| 2040 | 2,180,000 | 5.000 | 3.150 | 114.970 C | DZ7 |
| 2041 | 2,460,000 | 5.000 | 3.210 | 114.444 C | EA1 |
| 2042 | 2,755,000 | 5.000 | 3.270 | 113.921 C | EB9 |
| 2043 | 3,070,000 | 5.000 | 3.320 | 113.487 C | EC7 |

\$11,230,000 – 4.000% Term Bonds maturing August 1, 2046; Yield: 4.170%; Price: 97.471;
CUSIP†: ED5

\$14,555,000 – 4.000% Term Bonds maturing August 1, 2049; Yield: 4.200%; Price: 96.823;
CUSIP†: EE3

\$25,690,000 – 4.000% Term Bonds maturing August 1, 2053; Yield: 4.250%; Price: 95.751;
CUSIP†: EF0

C: Priced to par call on the first optional redemption date of August 1, 2032.

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SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
(San Luis Obispo County, California)

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Information in Official Statement. The information set forth in this Official Statement has been furnished by the District and other sources which are believed to be reliable, but it is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness.

Estimates and Forecasts. When used in this Official Statement and in any continuing disclosure by the District in any press release and in any oral statement made with the approval of an authorized officer of the District or any other entity described or referenced herein, the words or phrases “will likely result,” “are expected to”, “will continue”, “is anticipated”, “estimate”, “project,” “forecast”, “expect”, “intend” and similar expressions identify “forward looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in such forward-looking statements. Any forecast is subject to such uncertainties. Inevitably, some assumptions used to develop the forecasts will not be realized and unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. Therefore, there are likely to be differences between forecasts and actual results, and those differences may be material. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District or any other entity described or referenced herein since the date hereof.

Involvement of Underwriter. The Underwriter has provided the following statement for inclusion in this Official Statement: The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement pursuant to 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.

Stabilization of and Changes to Offering Prices. The Underwriter may overallocate or take other steps that stabilize or maintain the market prices of the Bonds at levels above those that might otherwise prevail in the open market. If commenced, the Underwriter may discontinue such market stabilization at any time. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain securities dealers, dealer banks and banks acting as agent at prices lower than the public offering prices stated on the inside cover page of this Official Statement, and those public offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

Document Summaries. All summaries of the Bond Resolution or other documents referred to in this Official Statement are made subject to the provisions of such documents and qualified in their entirety to reference to such documents, and do not purport to be complete statements of any or all of such provisions.

No Securities Laws Registration. The Bonds have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon exceptions therein for the issuance and sale of municipal securities. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the securities laws of any state.

Effective Date. This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information and expressions of opinion contained in this Official Statement are subject to change without notice. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of the Bonds will, under any circumstances, give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District, the County, the other parties described in this Official Statement, or the condition of the property within the District since the date of this Official Statement.

Website. The District maintains a website. However, the information presented on the website is not a part of this Official Statement and should not be relied upon in making an investment decision with respect to the Bonds.

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SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
(San Luis Obispo County, California)
General Obligation Bonds
Election of 2022, Series A

The purpose of this Official Statement, which includes the cover page, inside cover page and attached appendices, is to set forth certain information concerning the sale and delivery of the general obligation bonds captioned above (the “**Bonds**”) by San Luis Coastal Unified School District (the “**District**”).

INTRODUCTION

This introduction is not a summary of this Official Statement. It is only a brief description of and guide to, and is qualified by, more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement and the documents summarized or described in this Official Statement. A full review should be made of the entire Official Statement. The offering of Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of the entire Official Statement.

The District. The District is located in the City of San Luis Obispo (the “**City**”), and surrounding areas in San Luis Obispo County (the “**County**”), and includes the areas of Morro Bay, Baywood, Los Osos, Edna Valley, North Pismo Beach, and Avila Beach. The District is located on the central coast of the State of California (the “**State**”) on U.S. Route 101, approximately halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The District was organized in 1965 and consists of an area comprising approximately 267 square miles. The District operates ten elementary schools, two middle schools, two comprehensive high schools, one continuation high school, and an adult education program. Enrollment in the District for the 2022-23 school year is approximately 7,650 students. For purposes of education funding, the District is a “**Basic Aid District**” or “**Community Supported District**,” meaning that the District’s share of local property taxes exceeds its funding entitlement under the State’s education funding formula.

For more information regarding the District and its finances, see APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B attached hereto. See also APPENDIX C hereto for demographic and other statistical information regarding the City and County.

COVID-19 Statement. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a public health crisis that is fluid and unpredictable with financial and economic impacts that cannot be predicted. While COVID-19 appears to be moving towards endemic status, investors are cautioned that the District cannot at this time predict the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic may ultimately have on its operations and finances, property values in the District, and economic activity in the District, the State, the nation, or globally. For more information regarding the COVID-19 emergency, see “SECURITY FOR THE BONDS – COVID-19 Global Pandemic” and “GENERAL INFORMATION – District’s Response to COVID-19 Emergency” in APPENDIX A.

Purpose of Issue. The net proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance construction of and improvements to facilities of the District, as approved by voters in the District at an election held on November 8, 2022 (the “**Bond Election**”). See “THE BONDS - Purpose of Issue” herein.

Authority for Issuance of the Bonds. Issuance of the Bonds was approved by more than the requisite 55% of the voters of the District voting at the Bond Election to authorize \$349,000,000 of general obligation bonds, and will be issued pursuant to certain provisions of the California Government Code and a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on January 17, 2023 (the “**Bond Resolution**”). See “THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance” herein.

Description of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as current interest bonds. The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery (the “**Dated Date**”) and will be issued as fully registered bonds, without coupons, in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The Bonds will mature on August 1 in the years indicated on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds will accrue interest from the Dated Date, which is payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2023. See “THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds” herein.

Payment and Registration of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form only, registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“**DTC**”), and will be available to actual purchasers of the Bonds (the “**Beneficial Owners**”) in the denominations set forth on the cover page hereof, under the book-entry system maintained by DTC, only through brokers and dealers who are or act through participants in DTC’s book-entry only system (“**DTC Participants**”) as described herein. Beneficial Owners will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of the Bonds. See APPENDIX F.

If the book-entry-only system described below is no longer used with respect to the Bonds, the Bonds will be registered in accordance with the Bond Resolution. See “THE BONDS - Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds” herein.

Security and Sources of Payment for the Bonds. The Bonds are general obligations of the District, payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied on taxable property located in the District and collected by the County. The County is empowered and obligated to annually levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of interest on, and principal of, the Bonds upon all property subject to taxation by the District, without limitation of rate or amount (except with respect to certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates). See “SECURITY FOR THE BONDS.”

Following the issuance of the Bonds, there will be \$259,000,000 of unissued principal remaining under the 2022 Authorization (as defined herein). See “FINANCIAL INFORMATION - Existing Debt Obligations” in APPENDIX A.

Redemption. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein. See “THE BONDS – Redemption.”

Legal Matters. Issuance of the Bonds is subject to the approving opinion of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel, to be delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as APPENDIX D. Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, will serve as Disclosure Counsel to the District. Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Los Angeles, California, is serving as counsel to the Underwriter. Payment of the fees of Bond Counsel, Disclosure Counsel, and Underwriter’s counsel is contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

Tax Matters. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Bonds may be subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, such interest is exempt from

California personal income taxes. See "TAX MATTERS" and APPENDIX D hereto for the form of Bond Counsel's opinion to be delivered concurrently with the Bonds.

Continuing Disclosure. The District has covenanted and agreed that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of a continuing disclosure certificate (the "**Continuing Disclosure Certificate**"), the form of which is attached as APPENDIX E. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" for additional information.

Other Information. This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information contained in this Official Statement is subject to change. Copies of documents referred to in this Official Statement are available from the District, which may impose a charge for copying, mailing and handling.

THE BONDS

Authority for Issuance

The Bonds will be issued under the provisions of Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 53506 thereof, and the Bond Resolution. The District received authorization by more than the requisite 55% of District voters at the Bond Election to issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount of \$349,000,000 (the “**2022 Authorization**”).

The Bonds are the first series of bonds issued pursuant to the 2022 Authorization. Following the issuance of the Bonds, there will be \$259,000,000 unissued principal remaining under the 2022 Authorization.

Purpose of Issue

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used for the purposes specified in the ballot measure approved by voters in the District on November 8, 2022, the abbreviated text of which appeared on the ballot as follows:

“To improve the quality of education; repair/replace roofs; upgrade and renovate 50 to 60-year-old classrooms, restrooms, and school facilities; provide equity at sites; and make safety/security improvements; shall San Luis Coastal Unified School District’s measure be approved authorizing \$349,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, levying an estimated 4.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value generating on average \$17,970,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, with annual audits, independent citizens’ oversight, NO money for salaries and all funds spent locally?”

In addition to the abbreviated statement of the ballot measure, as part of the sample ballot materials, in accordance with the requirements of California law, District voters were presented with a full text of ballot measure, which, among other items, included a project list identifying to District voters the types of projects eligible for funding from proceeds of bonds approved at the Bond Election (the “**Project List**”). The District makes no representation as to the specific application of the proceeds of the Bonds, the completion of any projects listed on the Project List, or whether bonds authorized by the 2022 Authorization will provide sufficient funds to complete any particular project listed in the Project List.

Description of the Bonds

The Bonds are being issued as current interest bonds. The Bonds mature in the years and in the amounts set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, and will be initially issued and registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for DTC. Purchasers will not receive physical certificates representing their interest in the Bonds. See “Book-Entry Only System” and APPENDIX F.

The Bonds shall be issued in the denominations of \$5,000 principal amount each or any integral multiple thereof. Interest on Bonds is payable semiannually on each February 1 and August 1, commencing August 1, 2023 (each, an “**Interest Payment Date**”). Each Bond will bear interest from the Interest Payment Date next preceding the date of registration and authentication thereof unless (i) it is authenticated as of an Interest Payment Date, in which event it will bear interest from such date, or (ii) it is authenticated prior to an Interest Payment Date and after the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding the Interest Payment Date (each, a “**Record**”).

Date”), in which event it will bear interest from such Interest Payment Date, or (iii) it is authenticated prior to July 15, 2023, in which event it will bear interest from the date of delivery of the Bonds identified on the cover page hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if interest on any Bond is in default at the time of authentication thereof, such Bond will bear interest from the Interest Payment Date to which interest has previously been paid or made available for payment thereon. Payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as the designated paying agent, registrar and transfer agent (the “**Paying Agent**”) to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC Participants who will remit such payments to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

Book-Entry Only System

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, and will be initially issued and registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of DTC. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive physical certificates representing their interest in the Bonds. Payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by the Paying Agent to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC Participants which will remit such payments to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

As long as DTC’s book-entry method is used for the Bonds, the Paying Agent will send any notice of prepayment or other notices to owners only to DTC. Any failure of DTC to advise any DTC Participant, or of any DTC Participant to notify any Beneficial Owner, of any such notice and its content or effect will not affect the validity or sufficiency of the proceedings relating to the prepayment of the Bonds called for prepayment or any other action premised on such notice. See APPENDIX F.

The Paying Agent, the District, and the Underwriter of the Bonds have no responsibility or liability for any aspects of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to beneficial ownership, of interests in the Bonds.

Redemption

Optional Redemption. The Bonds maturing on or before August 1, 2027 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 2034 are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, in whole or in part among maturities on such basis as shall be designated by the District and by lot within a maturity, from any available source of funds, on August 1, 2032, or on any date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, without premium, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date.

Whenever less than all of the outstanding Bonds of any one maturity are designated for redemption, the Paying Agent will select the outstanding Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed by lot in any manner deemed fair by the Paying Agent or as otherwise directed by the District. For the purpose of selection for optional redemption, Bonds will be deemed to consist of \$5,000 portions (principal amount), and any such portion may be separately redeemed. The Bonds may all be separately redeemed.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption. The Bonds maturing on August 1, 2046, August 1, 2049, August 1, 2053 (collectively, the “**Term Bonds**”), are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on August 1 of each year in accordance with the schedule set forth below. The Term Bonds so called for mandatory sinking fund redemption will be redeemed in the sinking fund payments amounts and on the dates set forth below, without premium, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

\$11,230,000 Principal Amount Term Bonds Maturing August 1, 2046

| Redemption Date (August 1) | Sinking Fund Redemption |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2044 | \$3,410,000 |
| 2045 | 3,735,000 |
| 2046 (maturity) | 4,085,000 |

\$14,555,000 Principal Amount Term Bonds Maturing August 1, 2049

| Redemption Date (August 1) | Sinking Fund Redemption |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2047 | \$4,455,000 |
| 2048 | 4,845,000 |
| 2049 (maturity) | 5,255,000 |

\$25,690,000 Principal Amount Term Bonds Maturing August 1, 2053

| Redemption Date (August 1) | Sinking Fund Redemption |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2050 | \$5,695,000 |
| 2051 | 6,160,000 |
| 2052 | 6,650,000 |
| 2053 (maturity) | 7,185,000 |

If any Term Bonds are redeemed pursuant to optional redemption, the total amount of all future sinking fund payments with respect to such Term Bonds shall be reduced by the aggregate principal amount of such Term Bonds so redeemed, to be allocated among such payments on a pro rata basis in integral multiples of \$5,000 principal amount (or on such other basis as the District may determine) as set forth in written notice given by the District to the Paying Agent.

Notice of Redemption

The Paying Agent shall give notice of the redemption of the Bonds at the expense of the District to be mailed, first class, postage prepaid, at least 20 but not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the owners of the Bonds designated for redemption. Such notice shall specify: (a) that the Bonds or a designated portion thereof are to be redeemed, (b) the numbers and CUSIP numbers of the Bonds to be redeemed, (c) the date of notice and the date of redemption, (d) the place or places where the redemption will be made, and (e) descriptive information regarding the Bonds including the dated date, interest rate and stated maturity date. Such notice shall further state that on the specified date there shall become due and payable upon each Bond to be redeemed, the portion of the principal amount of such Bond to be redeemed, together with interest accrued to said date, the redemption premium, if any, and that from and after such date interest with respect thereto shall cease to accrue and be payable. Such notice may be a conditional notice of redemption and subject to rescission as set forth below.

Neither the failure to receive or failure to send any notice of redemption nor any defect in any such redemption notice so given shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for the redemption of the affected Bonds.

Partial Redemption of Bonds

Upon surrender of Bonds redeemed in part only, the District will execute and the Paying Agent will authenticate and deliver to the owner, at the expense of the District, a new Bond or Bonds, of the same maturity, of authorized denominations in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond or Bonds.

Effect of Redemption

From and after the date fixed for redemption, if notice of such redemption has been duly given and funds available for the payment of the principal of and interest (and premium, if any) on the Bonds so called for redemption have been duly provided, such Bonds so called will cease to be entitled to any benefit under the Bond Resolution, other than the right to receive payment of the redemption price, and no interest will accrue thereon on or after the redemption date specified in such notice.

Right to Rescind Notice of Redemption

The District has the right to rescind any notice of the optional redemption of Bonds by written notice to the Paying Agent on or prior to the date fixed for redemption. Any notice of redemption shall be cancelled and annulled if for any reason funds will not be or are not available on the date fixed for redemption for the payment in full of the Bonds then called for redemption. The District and the Paying Agent have no liability to the Bond owners or any other party related to or arising from such rescission of redemption. The Paying Agent shall mail notice of such rescission of redemption in the same manner as the original notice of redemption was sent under the Bond Resolution.

Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds

If the book-entry system is discontinued, the District shall cause the Paying Agent to maintain and keep at its principal corporate trust office all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of the Bonds.

If the book-entry system is discontinued, the person in whose name a Bond is registered on the Bond registration books shall be regarded as the absolute owner of that Bond. Payment of the principal of and interest on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of that person; neither the District, the County nor the Paying Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as provided in the Bond Resolution.

Bonds may be exchanged at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent in Los Angeles, California for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds of authorized denominations and of the same maturity. Any Bond may, in accordance with its terms, but only if (i) the District determines to no longer maintain the book-entry only status of the Bonds, (ii) DTC determines to discontinue providing such services and no successor securities depository is named or (iii) DTC requests the District to deliver Bond certificates to particular DTC Participants, be transferred, upon the books required to be kept pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Resolution, by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by his duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of such

Bond for cancellation at the office of the Paying Agent, accompanied by delivery of a written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Paying Agent, duly executed.

No exchanges of Bonds shall be required to be made (a) fifteen days prior to the date established by the Paying Agent for selection of Bonds for redemption or (b) with respect to a Bond after such Bond has been selected or called for redemption in whole or in part.

Defeasance and Discharge of Bonds

The Bonds may be paid by the District, in whole or in part, in any one or more of the following ways:

- (a) by paying or causing to be paid the principal or redemption price of and interest on such Bonds, as and when the same become due and payable;
- (b) by irrevocably depositing, in trust, at or before maturity, money or securities in the necessary amount (as provided in the Bond Resolution) to pay or redeem such Bonds; or
- (c) by delivering such Bonds to the Paying Agent for cancellation by it.

Whenever in the Bond Resolution it is provided or permitted that there be deposited with or held in trust by the Paying Agent money or securities in the necessary amount to pay or redeem any Bonds, the money or securities so to be deposited or held may be held by the Paying Agent or by any other fiduciary. Such money or securities may include money or securities held by the Paying Agent in the funds and accounts established under the Bond Resolution and will be:

- (i) lawful money of the United States of America in an amount equal to the principal amount of such Bonds and all unpaid interest thereon to maturity, except that, in the case of Bonds which are to be redeemed prior to maturity and in respect of which notice of such redemption is given as provided in the Bond Resolution or provision satisfactory to the Paying Agent is made for the giving of such notice, the amount to be deposited or held will be the principal amount or redemption price of such Bonds and all unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date; or
- (ii) Federal Securities (not callable by the issuer thereof prior to maturity) the principal of and interest on which when due, in the opinion of a certified public accountant delivered to the District, will provide money sufficient to pay the principal or redemption price of and all unpaid interest to maturity, or to the redemption date, as the case may be, on the Bonds to be paid or redeemed, as such principal or redemption price and interest become due, provided that, in the case of Bonds which are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, notice of such redemption is given as provided in the Bond Resolution or provision satisfactory to the Paying Agent is made for the giving of such notice.

Upon the deposit, in trust, at or before maturity, of money or securities in the necessary amount (as described above) to pay or redeem any outstanding Bond (whether upon or prior to its maturity or the redemption date of such Bond), then all liability of the County and the District in respect of such Bond will cease and be completely discharged, except only that thereafter the owner thereof will be entitled only to payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond by the District,

and the District will remain liable for such payment, but only out of such money or securities deposited with the Paying Agent for such payment.

“Federal Securities” means United States Treasury notes, bonds, bills or certificates of indebtedness, or any other obligations the timely payment of which is directly or indirectly guaranteed by the faith and credit of the United States of America.

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULES

The Bonds. The following table shows the annual debt service schedule with respect to the Bonds, assuming no optional redemptions.

San Luis Coastal Unified School District General Obligation Bonds Election of 2022, Series A Debt Service Schedule

| Bond Year Ending (August 1) | Principal | Interest | Total Annual Debt Service |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2023 | -- | \$1,660,520.83 | \$1,660,520.83 |
| 2024 | \$6,805,000 | 3,985,250.00 | 10,790,250.00 |
| 2025 | 7,425,000 | 3,645,000.00 | 11,070,000.00 |
| 2026 | 2,610,000 | 3,273,750.00 | 5,883,750.00 |
| 2027 | 2,955,000 | 3,143,250.00 | 6,098,250.00 |
| 2028 | -- | 2,995,500.00 | 2,995,500.00 |
| 2029 | -- | 2,995,500.00 | 2,995,500.00 |
| 2030 | -- | 2,995,500.00 | 2,995,500.00 |
| 2031 | -- | 2,995,500.00 | 2,995,500.00 |
| 2032 | -- | 2,995,500.00 | 2,995,500.00 |
| 2033 | -- | 2,995,500.00 | 2,995,500.00 |
| 2034 | 880,000 | 2,995,500.00 | 3,875,500.00 |
| 2035 | 1,060,000 | 2,951,500.00 | 4,011,500.00 |
| 2036 | 1,255,000 | 2,898,500.00 | 4,153,500.00 |
| 2037 | 1,460,000 | 2,835,750.00 | 4,295,750.00 |
| 2038 | 1,685,000 | 2,762,750.00 | 4,447,750.00 |
| 2039 | 1,925,000 | 2,678,500.00 | 4,603,500.00 |
| 2040 | 2,180,000 | 2,582,250.00 | 4,762,250.00 |
| 2041 | 2,460,000 | 2,473,250.00 | 4,933,250.00 |
| 2042 | 2,755,000 | 2,350,250.00 | 5,105,250.00 |
| 2043 | 3,070,000 | 2,212,500.00 | 5,282,500.00 |
| 2044 | 3,410,000 | 2,059,000.00 | 5,469,000.00 |
| 2045 | 3,735,000 | 1,922,600.00 | 5,657,600.00 |
| 2046 | 4,085,000 | 1,773,200.00 | 5,858,200.00 |
| 2047 | 4,455,000 | 1,609,800.00 | 6,064,800.00 |
| 2048 | 4,845,000 | 1,431,600.00 | 6,276,600.00 |
| 2049 | 5,255,000 | 1,237,800.00 | 6,492,800.00 |
| 2050 | 5,695,000 | 1,027,600.00 | 6,722,600.00 |
| 2051 | 6,160,000 | 799,800.00 | 6,959,800.00 |
| 2052 | 6,650,000 | 553,400.00 | 7,203,400.00 |
| 2053 | 7,185,000 | 287,400.00 | 7,472,400.00 |
| TOTAL | \$90,000,000 | \$73,123,720.83 | \$163,123,720.83 |

Combined General Obligation Bonds. The following table shows the combined annual debt service schedule with respect to all outstanding general obligation bonds of the District secured by *ad valorem* taxes, assuming no optional redemptions. See APPENDIX A – “FINANCIAL INFORMATION - Existing Debt Obligations” for additional information.

| Period Ending Aug. 1 | Election of 2014, Series A | Election of 2014, Series B | Election of 2014, Series C | 2022 Refunding Bonds* | The Bonds | Total |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2023 | \$1,813,865.00 | \$2,476,706.26 | \$3,701,300.00 | \$957,616.80 | \$1,660,520.83 | \$10,610,008.89 |
| 2024 | 1,891,365.00 | 2,112,456.26 | 4,306,300.00 | 957,616.80 | 10,790,250.00 | 20,057,988.06 |
| 2025 | 1,973,365.00 | 2,183,956.26 | 4,479,500.00 | 957,616.80 | 11,070,000.00 | 20,664,438.06 |
| 2026 | 2,049,365.00 | 2,260,206.26 | 4,647,100.00 | 957,616.80 | 5,883,750.00 | 15,798,038.06 |
| 2027 | 2,134,365.00 | 2,335,706.26 | 4,838,900.00 | 855,435.80 | 6,098,250.00 | 16,262,657.06 |
| 2028 | 2,227,615.00 | 2,410,206.26 | 5,038,500.00 | 855,787.00 | 2,995,500.00 | 13,527,608.26 |
| 2029 | 2,318,365.00 | 2,493,456.26 | 5,240,100.00 | 855,989.20 | 2,995,500.00 | 13,903,410.46 |
| 2030 | 2,445,165.00 | 2,564,706.26 | 5,433,100.00 | 855,042.40 | 2,995,500.00 | 14,293,513.66 |
| 2031 | 2,581,865.00 | 2,644,206.26 | 5,622,300.00 | 855,976.40 | 2,995,500.00 | 14,699,847.66 |
| 2032 | 2,723,015.00 | 2,722,406.26 | 5,822,300.00 | 855,731.60 | 2,995,500.00 | 15,118,952.86 |
| 2033 | 2,871,325.00 | 2,801,856.26 | 6,027,100.00 | 855,337.80 | 2,995,500.00 | 15,551,119.06 |
| 2034 | 3,020,925.00 | 2,885,137.50 | 6,245,900.00 | 855,795.00 | 3,875,500.00 | 16,883,257.50 |
| 2035 | 3,182,275.00 | 2,974,043.76 | 6,457,500.00 | 855,073.40 | 4,011,500.00 | 17,480,392.16 |
| 2036 | 3,350,825.00 | 3,060,631.26 | -- | 7,540,202.80 | 4,153,500.00 | 18,105,159.06 |
| 2037 | 3,531,087.50 | 3,152,181.26 | -- | 7,765,940.40 | 4,295,750.00 | 18,744,959.16 |
| 2038 | 3,727,412.50 | 3,240,337.50 | -- | 5,078,834.20 | 4,447,750.00 | 16,494,334.20 |
| 2039 | 3,938,987.50 | 3,332,756.26 | -- | 2,913,304.20 | 4,603,500.00 | 14,788,547.96 |
| 2040 | -- | 4,574,100.00 | -- | -- | 4,762,250.00 | 9,336,350.00 |
| 2041 | -- | 4,735,250.00 | -- | -- | 4,933,250.00 | 9,668,500.00 |
| 2042 | -- | 4,900,725.00 | -- | -- | 5,105,250.00 | 10,005,975.00 |
| 2043 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 5,282,500.00 | 5,282,500.00 |
| 2044 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 5,469,000.00 | 5,469,000.00 |
| 2045 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 5,657,600.00 | 5,657,600.00 |
| 2046 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 5,858,200.00 | 5,858,200.00 |
| 2047 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 6,064,800.00 | 6,064,800.00 |
| 2048 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 6,276,600.00 | 6,276,600.00 |
| 2049 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 6,492,800.00 | 6,492,800.00 |
| 2050 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 6,722,600.00 | 6,722,600.00 |
| 2051 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 6,959,800.00 | 6,959,800.00 |
| 2052 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 7,203,400.00 | 7,203,400.00 |
| 2053 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 7,472,400.00 | 7,472,400.00 |
| TOTAL | \$45,781,187.50 | \$59,861,031.40 | \$67,859,900.00 | \$34,828,917.40 | \$163,123,720.83 | \$371,454,757.13 |

* Issued through a private placement.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The estimated sources and uses of funds with respect to the Bonds are as follows:

Sources of Funds

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Principal Amount of Bonds | \$90,000,000.00 |
| Net Original Issue Premium | 2,385,684.70 |
| Total Sources | \$92,385,684.70 |

Uses of Funds

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Building Fund | \$89,770,000.00 |
| Debt Service Fund | 2,115,684.70 |
| Costs of Issuance ⁽¹⁾ | 500,000.00 |
| Total Uses | \$92,385,684.70 |

⁽¹⁾ All estimated costs of issuance including, but not limited to, Underwriter's discount, printing costs, and fees of Bond Counsel, Disclosure Counsel, the Municipal Advisor, the Paying Agent, and the rating agency.

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

Ad Valorem Taxes

Bonds Payable from Ad Valorem Property Taxes. The Bonds are general obligations of the District, payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied on taxable property within the District and collected by the County. The County is empowered and is obligated to annually levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon upon all property within the District subject to taxation by the District, without limitation of rate or amount (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates).

Other Debt Payable from Ad Valorem Property Taxes. In addition to the Bonds, there is other debt issued by the District and other entities with jurisdiction in the District, which is payable from *ad valorem* taxes levied on parcels in the District. See “PROPERTY TAXATION – Tax Rates” and “- Direct and Overlapping Debt” below.

Levy, Collection and Pledge of Taxes. The County will levy and collect such *ad valorem* taxes in such amounts and at such times as is necessary to ensure the timely payment of debt service. Such taxes, when collected, will be deposited into a debt service fund for the Bonds, which is maintained by the County and which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.

District property taxes are assessed and collected by the County in the same manner and at the same time, and in the same installments as other *ad valorem* taxes on real property, and will have the same priority, become delinquent at the same times and in the same proportionate amounts, and bear the same proportionate penalties and interest after delinquency, as do the other *ad valorem* taxes on real property.

Statutory Lien on Ad Valorem Tax Revenues. Under California law, voter-approved general obligation bonds which are secured by *ad valorem* tax collections, including the Bonds, are secured by a statutory lien on all revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the property tax imposed to service those bonds. Said lien attaches automatically and is valid and binding from the time the bonds are executed and delivered. The lien is enforceable against the District, its successors, transferees, and creditors, and all others asserting rights therein, irrespective of whether those parties have notice of the lien and without the need for any further act.

Annual Tax Rates. The amount of the annual *ad valorem* tax levied by the County to repay the Bonds will be determined by the relationship between the assessed valuation of taxable property in the District and the amount of debt service due on the Bonds. Fluctuations in the annual debt service on the Bonds and the assessed value of taxable property in the District may cause the annual tax rate to fluctuate.

Natural Disasters. Economic and other factors beyond the District’s control, such as economic recession, deflation of property values, pandemics, a relocation out of the District or financial difficulty or bankruptcy by one or more major property taxpayers, or the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by, among other eventualities, earthquake, flood, fire, drought or other natural disaster, could cause a reduction in the assessed value within the District and necessitate a corresponding increase in the annual tax rate. See “PROPERTY TAXATION – Assessed Valuations – Factors Relating to Increases/Decreases in Assessed Value.”

Building Fund

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, to the extent of the principal amount thereof, will be paid to the County to the credit of the fund created and established in the Bond Resolution and known as the “Election of 2022, Series A Building Fund” (the “**Building Fund**”), which will be accounted for as separate and distinct from all other District and County funds. The proceeds will be used solely for the purposes for which the Bonds are being issued and for payment of permissible costs of issuance. Any excess proceeds of the Bonds not needed for the authorized purposes for which the Bonds are being issued shall be transferred to the Debt Service Fund and applied to the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. If, after payment in full of the Bonds, there remains excess proceeds, any such excess amounts shall be transferred to the general fund of the District. Interest earnings on the investment of monies held in the Building Fund will be retained in the Building Fund.

Debt Service Fund

Amounts to pay debt service on the Bonds will be held in the fund created and established in the Bond Resolution and known as the “Election of 2022, Series A Debt Service Fund” (the “**Debt Service Fund**”) for the Bonds, which will be established as a separate fund to be maintained distinct from all other funds of the District and the County. All taxes levied by the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be deposited in the Debt Service Fund by the County promptly upon the receipt. The Debt Service Fund is pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest and premium (if any) on the Bonds when and as the same become due. The County will transfer amounts in the Debt Service Fund to the Paying Agent to the extent necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same becomes due and payable.

If, after payment in full of the Bonds, any amounts remain on deposit in the Debt Service Fund, the County shall transfer such amounts to the District’s general fund, to be applied solely in a manner which is consistent with the requirements of applicable state and federal tax law.

Not a County Obligation

The Bonds are payable solely from the proceeds of an *ad valorem* tax levied and collected by the County, for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds. Although the County is obligated to collect the *ad valorem* tax for the payment of the Bonds, the Bonds are not a debt of the County.

COVID-19 Global Pandemic

Background. The outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus (“**COVID-19**”), which was first detected in 2020 and spread throughout the world, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, a national emergency by the President of the United States (the “**President**”) and a state of emergency by the Governor of the State (the “**Governor**”). Since its emergence, tremendous volatility in the financial markets occurred, and nations have taken actions to curb the spread including stay at home orders and other actions which have unknown long-term impacts including on worldwide and local economies. As of this date, several vaccines have been provided approval by federal health authorities and are widely available.

Federal Responses. To address the challenges that have arisen due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government adopted several aid packages including:

Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (March 6, 2020): A \$8.3 billion emergency supplemental appropriations package to enhance the national response to COVID-19, including public health funds for preparedness and response and for research.

Families First Coronavirus Response Act (March 18, 2020): A federal relief package (\$100 billion) responding to the COVID-19 outbreak by providing paid sick leave, tax credits, and free COVID-19 testing, expanding food assistance and unemployment benefits, and increasing Medicaid funding.

CARES Act (March 27, 2020): The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “**CARES Act**”) provided \$2 trillion in federal spending and loans toward coronavirus relief efforts, representing the largest rescue package in U.S. history. Along with funding a wide range of emergency appropriations, the legislation also allocated hundreds of billions in loans and grants to major industries and small businesses, direct cash payments to taxpayers and significantly expanded unemployment benefits. This funding allocation included approximately \$13.5 billion in formula funding to make grants available to each state’s educational agency in order to facilitate K-12 schools’ responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Federal Reserve Programs Implemented (April 9, 2020): The Federal Reserve took actions aimed at providing up to \$2.3 trillion in loans to support the national economy, including supplying liquidity to participating financial institutions in the Small Business Administration’s (“**SBA**”) Paycheck Protection Program (“**PPP**”), purchasing up to \$600 billion in loans through the Main Street Lending Program and offering up to \$500 billion in lending to states and municipalities.

Paycheck Protection Program (April 24, 2020): \$484 billion federal aid package which primarily renewed funding for the PPP, the SBA disaster assistance loans and grant program, hospital grants and funding for a COVID-19 testing program.

Consolidated Appropriations Act (December 27, 2020): The Coronavirus Response and Consolidated Appropriations Act continued many of the programs implemented with the CARES Act as part of a \$900 billion federal relief package. It provided additional direct stimulus payments to individuals and families, extended unemployment benefits, expanded the PPP, and provided approximately \$82 billion in supplemental aid to support the educational needs of states, school districts, and institutions of higher education, among other stimulus measures.

American Rescue Plan (March 11, 2021): The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the “**ARP Act**”), a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus plan providing additional stimulus checks to individuals and families, extending federal supplemental unemployment benefits, providing more funding for state and local governments, expanding subsidies for healthcare insurance, and providing additional funding for COVID-19 testing, vaccination, and treatment, among several other provisions. With respect to relief for educational agencies, it included grants of \$125.8 billion for states to support statewide and local funding for elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary institutions. It provides that states that receive the grants cannot

reduce their spending levels on education as a proportion of their budgets during fiscal years 2022 or 2023, compared with the average level from fiscal years 2017 through 2019.

State Responses to COVID-19 Pandemic. At the State level, to address some of the challenges that have arisen due to the COVID-19 pandemic, legislative actions include:

\$1.1 Billion in Emergency Coronavirus funding (March 16, 2020): The State legislature passed \$1.1 billion in general purpose spending authority providing emergency funds to respond to the pandemic.

\$7.6 Billion Coronavirus Relief Package (February 23, 2021): The Governor signed legislation providing \$7.6 billion in State funding aimed at helping individuals and businesses that were not included in federal aid packages, which included sending rebates to low-income, disabled and undocumented persons when 2020 taxes were filed, \$2 billion in grants for small business, \$35 million for food and diaper banks and \$400 million in subsidies for childcare providers.

California School Districts and the COVID-19 Pandemic. Impacts on school districts from the COVID-19 pandemic include:

Remote Learning; Attendance and Enrollment. In-person classroom instruction throughout State schools was generally suspended from March 2020 through the end of the 2019-20 academic year. The 2020-21 academic year included significant amounts of distance learning as opposed to in-person instruction due to State and local restrictions and recommendations. The 2021-22 academic year generally commenced with in-person learning with an independent study option. Impacts of remote learning include difficulty in tracking and maintaining average daily attendance figures. Several school districts also experienced unplanned declines in enrollment, due to home schooling and families moving out of the State, among other reasons.

Senate Bill 117 (March 17, 2020): Legislation which effectively held school districts harmless from funding losses that could result from attendance issues under the State's education funding formula. See Appendix A under the heading "FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Education Funding Generally."

Safe Schools for All Plan (December 30, 2020): The Governor announced a plan aimed at incentivizing schools to offer in-person learning, also implemented with Senate and Assembly Bill 86. The plan provided schools with financial incentives totaling \$2 billion to offer in-person instruction beginning April 1, 2021, and after May 15, eligibility ceased. Funds obtained were primarily to be spent on purposes consistent with providing in-person instruction, including COVID-19 testing, cleaning, personal protective equipment, facility needs, staffing costs, and social and mental health supports provided in conjunction with in-person instruction. Districts were required to continue to offer distance learning options.

State's Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 Budgets and Related Legislation: The two most recent State budgets have provided historic levels of funding for educational purposes. Funding is aimed at the expansion of transitional kindergarten, funding of community wellness and student health hubs on campuses, expanded learning programs and increased special education funding, and minimizing the impacts that

reductions in average daily attendance resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic might have on a school district's funding entitlement.

For more information on the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, see Appendix A under the heading "GENERAL INFORMATION - District's Response to COVID-19 Emergency."

Disclaimer Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic. Notwithstanding that several vaccines have been developed for COVID-19 and are generally widely available, investors continue to be cautioned that the District cannot predict the full impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic may have had or will continue to have, either directly or indirectly, on its operations, including its finances, property values and other matters.

General Obligation Bonds Secured by Ad Valorem Property Tax Revenues. Notwithstanding the foregoing information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bonds described herein are voter-approved general obligations of the District payable solely from the levy and collection of *ad valorem* property taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, levied in the District. The Bonds are not payable from the general fund of the District. The District cannot predict the direct or indirect impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic might have on local property values or tax collections. See "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS – *Ad Valorem* Taxes," "PROPERTY TAXATION – Tax Levies and Delinquencies," and "PROPERTY TAXATION – Property Tax Collection Procedures" herein.

PROPERTY TAXATION

Property Tax Collection Procedures

In California, property subject to *ad valorem* taxes is classified as “secured” or “unsecured.” The “secured roll” is that part of the assessment roll containing state assessed public utilities’ property and real property, the taxes on which create a lien on such property sufficient, in the opinion of the county assessor, to secure payment of the taxes. A tax levied on unsecured property does not become a lien against such unsecured property, but may become a lien on certain other property owned by the taxpayer. Every tax which becomes a lien on secured property has priority over all other liens arising pursuant to State law on such secured property, regardless of the time of the creation of the other liens. Secured and unsecured property are entered separately on the assessment roll maintained by the county assessor. The method of collecting delinquent taxes is substantially different for the two classifications of property.

Property taxes on the secured roll are due in two installments, on November 1 and February 1 of each fiscal year. If unpaid, such taxes become delinquent after December 10 and April 10, respectively, and a 10% penalty attaches to any delinquent payment. In addition, property on the secured roll with respect to which taxes are delinquent is declared tax defaulted on or about June 30 of the fiscal year. Such property may thereafter be redeemed by payment of the delinquent taxes and a delinquency penalty, plus a redemption penalty of 1.5% per month to the time of redemption. If taxes are unpaid for a period of five years or more, the property is subject to sale by the county in which the property is located.

Property taxes are levied for each fiscal year on taxable real and personal property situated in the taxing jurisdiction as of the preceding January 1. However, Senate Bill 813 (enacted by Statutes of 1983, Chapter 498) (“**SB 813**”), provided for the supplemental assessment and taxation of property as of the occurrence of a change of ownership or completion of new construction. Thus, this legislation eliminated delays in the realization of increased property taxes from new assessments. As amended, SB 813 provided increased revenue to taxing jurisdictions to the extent that supplemental assessments of new construction or changes of ownership occur subsequent to the January 1 lien date and result in increased assessed value.

Property taxes on the unsecured roll are due on the January 1 lien date and become delinquent, if unpaid on the following August 31. A 10% penalty is also attached to delinquent taxes in respect of property on the unsecured roll, and further, an additional penalty of 1.5% per month accrues with respect to such taxes beginning the first day of the third month following the delinquency date. The taxing authority has four ways of collecting unsecured personal property taxes: (1) a civil action against the taxpayer; (2) filing a certificate in the office of the county clerk specifying certain facts in order to obtain a judgment lien on certain property of the taxpayer; (3) filing a certificate of delinquency for record in the county recorder’s office, in order to obtain a lien on certain property of the taxpayer; and (4) seizure and sale of personal property, improvements or possessory interests belonging or assessed to the assessee. The exclusive means of enforcing the payment of delinquent taxes in respect of property on the secured roll is the sale of the property securing the taxes for the amount of taxes which are delinquent.

Taxation of State-Assessed Utility Property

The State Constitution provides that most classes of property owned or used by regulated utilities be assessed by the State Board of Equalization (“**SBE**”) and taxed locally. Property valued by the SBE as an operating unit in a primary function of the utility taxpayer is known as “unitary

property”, a concept designed to permit assessment of the utility as a going concern rather than assessment of each individual element of real and personal property owned by the utility taxpayer. State-assessed unitary and “operating nonunitary” property (which excludes nonunitary property of regulated railways) is allocated to the counties based on the situs of the various components of the unitary property. Except for certain other excepted property, all unitary and operating nonunitary property is taxed at special county-wide rates and tax proceeds are distributed to taxing jurisdictions according to statutory formulae generally based on the distribution of taxes in the prior year.

Assessed Valuation

The assessed valuation of property in the District is established by the assessor of the County, except for public utility property which is assessed by the SBE, as described above. Assessed valuations are reported at 100% of the “full value” of the property, as defined in Article XIII A of the California Constitution. For a discussion of how properties currently are assessed, see APPENDIX A under the heading “CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS.”

Certain classes of property, such as churches, colleges, not-for-profit hospitals, and charitable institutions, are exempt from property taxation and do not appear on the tax rolls.

Assessed Valuation History. The table below shows a history of the District’s assessed valuation.

SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Assessed Valuation Fiscal Years 2005-06 through 2022-23

| Fiscal Year | Local Secured | Utility | Unsecured ⁽¹⁾ | Total | % Change |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 2005-06 | \$9,394,003,246 | \$68,272,786 | \$419,914,013 | \$9,882,190,045 | -- |
| 2006-07 | 10,485,780,738 | 73,574,023 | 432,410,126 | 10,991,764,887 | 11.2% |
| 2007-08 | 11,382,548,628 | 63,039,982 | 421,340,985 | 11,866,929,595 | 8.0 |
| 2008-09 | 12,068,219,292 | 55,144,318 | 464,448,673 | 12,587,812,283 | 6.1 |
| 2009-10 | 12,210,659,324 | 56,065,645 | 464,656,623 | 12,731,381,592 | 1.1 |
| 2010-11 | 12,154,511,499 | 63,566,484 | 443,566,427 | 12,661,644,410 | (0.5) |
| 2011-12 | 11,974,242,170 | 63,003,834 | 428,903,626 | 12,466,149,630 | (1.5) |
| 2012-13 | 12,055,928,399 | 46,436,321 | 448,068,046 | 12,550,432,766 | 0.7 |
| 2013-14 | 12,436,013,031 | 32,054,222 | 473,281,486 | 12,941,348,739 | 3.1 |
| 2014-15 | 13,088,798,548 | 25,702,253 | 496,447,082 | 13,610,947,883 | 5.2 |
| 2015-16 | 13,964,794,371 | 22,437,164 | 513,673,990 | 14,500,905,525 | 6.5 |
| 2016-17 | 14,759,463,148 | 21,523,622 | 573,085,774 | 15,354,072,544 | 5.9 |
| 2017-18 | 15,680,655,646 | 4,544,107 | 607,770,826 | 16,292,970,579 | 6.1 |
| 2018-19 | 16,653,153,170 | 4,406,912 | 576,455,533 | 17,234,015,615 | 5.8 |
| 2019-20 | 17,568,179,199 | 4,165,064 | 678,680,098 | 18,251,024,361 | 5.9 |
| 2020-21 | 18,623,103,742 | 4,369,422 | 673,399,077 | 19,300,872,241 | 5.8 |
| 2021-22 | 19,584,278,675 | 4,329,540 | 640,566,521 | 20,229,174,736 | 4.8 |
| 2022-23 | 20,894,028,144 | 4,002,623 | 797,158,676 | 21,695,189,443 | 7.2 |

(1) Includes aircraft valuations.

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Factors Relating to Increases/Decreases in Assessed Value. As indicated in the previous table, assessed valuations are subject to change in each year. Increases or decreases in assessed valuation result from a variety of factors including but not limited to general economic conditions, supply and demand for real property in the area, government regulations such as zoning, and natural disasters such as earthquakes, fires, floods and droughts.

Wildfires. According to the State, fire season is starting earlier and ending later each year, with the increased length of the season corresponding to an increase in the extent of forest fires across the State.

In addition to destroying land and structures, there have been human fatalities and negative impacts on air quality throughout the State. Fires in the State and neighboring states have threatened the region's power grids, making some power lines unreliable. The District cannot predict or make any representations regarding the effects that wildfires and related conditions have or may have on the District, or to what extent the effects said disasters might have on economic activity in the District or throughout the State.

Drought. The State has experienced drought conditions in recent years, including a period of drought followed by record-level precipitation in late 2016 and early 2017 which resulted in related severe flooding and mudslides in certain regions. As of January 24, 2023, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that the State is classified as experiencing mostly moderate and severe drought conditions, with the County in the abnormally dry and severe drought categories after recent winter storms. During 2021, the Governor of the State proclaimed a drought state of emergency for all counties in the State, culminating with an October 19, 2021, proclamation, urging Californians to step up their water conservation efforts.

In January 2022, the State Water Board adopted emergency regulations aimed at saving water and raising drought awareness, with prohibitions focused on reducing outdoor water use, enforceable by local agencies and the State Water Board, generally with warning letters, mandatory water use audits, and fines. Local agencies can impose and enforce their own drought conservation rules.

The District cannot predict or make any representations regarding the effects that natural disasters and related conditions have or may have on the value of taxable property within the District, or to what extent the effects said disasters might have had on economic activity in the District or throughout the State. See also "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS – COVID-19 Global Pandemic."

Property Tax Base Transfer Ballot Measure. On November 3, 2020, State voters approved a constitutional amendment entitled Property Tax Transfers, Exemptions and Revenue for Wildfire Agencies and Counties Amendment ("**Proposition 19**"), which will: (i) expand special rules that give property tax savings to homeowners that are over the age of 55, severely disabled, or whose property has been impacted by a natural disaster or contamination, when they buy a different home; (ii) narrow existing special rules for inherited properties; and (iii) broaden the scope of legal entity ownership changes that trigger reassessment of properties. The District cannot make any assurance as to what effect the implementation of Proposition 19 will have on assessed valuation of real property in the District.

Assessed Valuation by Jurisdiction. The table below shows the assessed valuation by jurisdiction of properties within the District.

**SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Assessed Valuation by Jurisdiction
Fiscal Year 2022-23**

| Jurisdiction: | Assessed Valuation in School District | % of School District | Assessed Valuation of Jurisdiction | % of Jurisdiction in School District |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|---|
| City of Morro Bay | \$ 3,084,884,416 | 14.22% | \$3,084,906,729 | 100.00% |
| City of Pismo Beach | 785,068,314 | 3.62 | \$4,213,991,621 | 18.63% |
| City of San Luis Obispo | 11,336,613,625 | 52.25 | \$11,336,613,625 | 100.00% |
| Unincorporated San Luis Obispo County | <u>6,488,623,088</u> | <u>29.91</u> | \$30,119,762,056 | 21.54% |
| Total District | \$21,695,189,443 | 100.00% | | |
| San Luis Obispo County | \$21,695,189,443 | 100.00% | \$67,002,232,735 | 32.38% |

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Assessed Valuation by Land Use. The following table shows the land use of property in the District, as measured by assessed valuation and the number of parcels for fiscal year 2022-23. As shown, the majority of the District's assessed valuation is represented by residential property.

**SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Local Secured Property Assessed Valuation and Parcels by Land Use
Fiscal Year 2022-23**

| | 2022-23 Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾ | % of Total | No. of Parcels | % of Total |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Non-Residential: | | | | |
| Agricultural/Rural | \$ 175,167,282 | 0.84% | 295 | 0.68% |
| Commercial/Office | 2,904,268,923 | 13.90 | 2,001 | 4.62 |
| Vacant Commercial | 313,116,772 | 1.50 | 355 | 0.82 |
| Industrial | 615,201,558 | 2.94 | 715 | 1.65 |
| Vacant Industrial | 98,443,691 | 0.47 | 70 | 0.16 |
| Recreational | 61,819,327 | 0.30 | 134 | 0.31 |
| Government/Social/Institutional | 139,768,822 | 0.67 | 160 | 0.37 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>24,029,163</u> | <u>0.12</u> | <u>216</u> | <u>0.50</u> |
| Subtotal Non-Residential | \$4,331,815,538 | 20.73% | 3,946 | 9.11% |
| Residential: | | | | |
| Single Family Residence | \$12,245,030,246 | 58.61% | 19,933 | 46.02% |
| Condominium | 1,754,841,113 | 8.40 | 4,262 | 9.84 |
| Cooperatives | 31,906,373 | 0.15 | 155 | 0.36 |
| Timeshare Units | 36,806,423 | 0.18 | 9,249 | 21.35 |
| Mobile Home | 202,090,160 | 0.97 | 1,735 | 4.01 |
| Mobile Home Park | 167,379,594 | 0.80 | 80 | 0.18 |
| 2-4 Residential Units | 744,513,435 | 3.56 | 1,392 | 3.21 |
| 5+ Residential Units/Apartments | 773,777,378 | 3.70 | 414 | 0.96 |
| Vacant Residential | <u>605,867,884</u> | <u>2.90</u> | <u>2,146</u> | <u>4.95</u> |
| Subtotal Residential | \$16,562,212,606 | 79.27% | 39,366 | 90.89% |
| Total | \$20,894,028,144 | 100.00% | 43,312 | 100.00% |

(1) Local secured assessed valuation; excluding tax-exempt property.
Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Assessed Valuation of Single-Family Residential Parcels. The following table shows a breakdown of the assessed valuations of improved single-family residential parcels in the District for fiscal year 2022-23, including the median and average assessed value of single-family parcels in the District.

**SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Per Parcel Assessed Valuation of Single Family Homes
Fiscal Year 2022-23**

| | <u>No. of Parcels</u> | <u>2022-23 Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>Average Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>Median Assessed Valuation</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Single Family Residential | 19,933 | \$12,245,030,246 | \$614,309 | \$540,258 |

| <u>2022-23 Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>No. of Parcels ⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>% of Total</u> | <u>Cumulative % of Total</u> | <u>Total Valuation</u> | <u>% of Total</u> | <u>Cumulative % of Total</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| \$0 - \$99,999 | 1,165 | 5.845% | 5.845% | \$ 79,293,450 | 0.648% | 0.648% |
| \$100,000 - \$199,999 | 1,606 | 8.057 | 13.902 | 243,353,718 | 1.987 | 2.635 |
| \$200,000 - \$299,999 | 2,249 | 11.283 | 25.184 | 564,265,787 | 4.608 | 7.243 |
| \$300,000 - \$399,999 | 2,145 | 10.761 | 35.945 | 751,279,344 | 6.135 | 13.378 |
| \$400,000 - \$499,999 | 2,006 | 10.064 | 46.009 | 901,789,116 | 7.365 | 20.743 |
| \$500,000 - \$599,999 | 1,924 | 9.652 | 55.661 | 1,056,823,104 | 8.631 | 29.374 |
| \$600,000 - \$699,999 | 2,030 | 10.184 | 65.846 | 1,320,527,592 | 10.784 | 40.158 |
| \$700,000 - \$799,999 | 1,935 | 9.708 | 75.553 | 1,448,005,524 | 11.825 | 51.983 |
| \$800,000 - \$899,999 | 1,516 | 7.605 | 83.159 | 1,283,817,122 | 10.484 | 62.467 |
| \$900,000 - \$999,999 | 935 | 4.691 | 87.849 | 885,164,014 | 7.229 | 69.696 |
| \$1,000,000 - \$1,099,999 | 551 | 2.764 | 90.614 | 576,711,073 | 4.710 | 74.406 |
| \$1,100,000 - \$1,199,999 | 362 | 1.816 | 92.430 | 415,375,946 | 3.392 | 77.798 |
| \$1,200,000 - \$1,299,999 | 302 | 1.515 | 93.945 | 375,732,598 | 3.068 | 80.867 |
| \$1,300,000 - \$1,399,999 | 225 | 1.129 | 95.073 | 302,273,425 | 2.469 | 83.335 |
| \$1,400,000 - \$1,499,999 | 177 | 0.888 | 95.961 | 255,748,365 | 2.089 | 85.424 |
| \$1,500,000 - \$1,599,999 | 118 | 0.592 | 96.553 | 182,698,116 | 1.492 | 86.916 |
| \$1,600,000 - \$1,699,999 | 124 | 0.622 | 97.176 | 204,848,920 | 1.673 | 88.589 |
| \$1,700,000 - \$1,799,999 | 84 | 0.421 | 97.597 | 146,389,487 | 1.196 | 89.784 |
| \$1,800,000 - \$1,899,999 | 64 | 0.321 | 97.918 | 118,266,200 | 0.966 | 90.750 |
| \$1,900,000 - \$1,999,999 | 51 | 0.256 | 98.174 | 99,148,603 | 0.810 | 91.560 |
| \$2,000,000 and greater | 364 | 1.826 | 100.000 | 1,033,518,742 | 8.440 | 100.000 |
| | 19,933 | 100.000% | | \$12,245,030,246 | 100.000% | |

(1) Improved single-family residential parcels. Excludes condominiums and parcels with multiple family units.
Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Reassessments and Appeals of Assessed Value

There are general means by which assessed values can be reassessed or appealed that could adversely impact property tax revenues within the District.

Appeals may be based on Proposition 8 of November 1978, which requires that for each January 1 lien date, the taxable value of real property must be the lesser of its base year value, annually adjusted by the inflation factor pursuant to Article XIII A of the State Constitution, or its full cash value, taking into account reductions in value due to damage, destruction, depreciation, obsolescence, removal of property or other factors causing a decline in value. See "CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS – Article XIII A of the California Constitution" in APPENDIX A.

Under California law, property owners may apply for a Proposition 8 reduction of their property tax assessment by filing a written application, in form prescribed by the SBE, with the

County board of equalization or assessment appeals board. In most cases, the appeal is filed because the applicant believes that present market conditions (such as residential home prices) cause the property to be worth less than its current assessed value.

Any reduction in the assessment ultimately granted as a result of such appeal applies to the year for which application is made and during which the written application was filed. These reductions are subject to yearly reappraisals and are adjusted back to their original values, adjusted for inflation, when market conditions improve. Once the property has regained its prior value, adjusted for inflation, it once again is subject to the annual inflationary factor growth rate allowed under Article XIII A.

A second type of assessment appeal involves a challenge to the base year value of an assessed property. Appeals for reduction in the base year value of an assessment, if successful, reduce the assessment for the year in which the appeal is taken and prospectively thereafter. The base year is determined by the completion date of new construction or the date of change of ownership. Any base year appeal must be made within four years of the change of ownership or new construction date.

Proposition 8 reductions may also be unilaterally applied by the County Assessor. The District cannot predict the changes in assessed values that might result from pending or future appeals by taxpayers or by reductions initiated by the County Assessor. Any reduction in aggregate District assessed valuation due to appeals, as with any reduction in assessed valuation due to other causes, will cause the tax rate levied to repay the Bonds to increase accordingly, so that the fixed debt service on the Bonds (and other outstanding general obligation bonds, if any) may be paid.

Tax Rates

Below are historical typical tax rates in a typical tax rate area (Tax Rate Area 003-000) within the District for fiscal years 2018-19 through 2022-23.

**SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Typical Total Tax Rates of Assessed Valuation
(TRA 003-000-2022-23 Assessed Valuation: \$7,112,620,389⁽¹⁾)
Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23**

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| General | \$1.00000 | \$1.00000 | \$1.00000 | \$1.00000 | \$1.00000 |
| State Water Project | .00400 | .00400 | .00400 | .00400 | .00400 |
| San Luis Coastal Unified School District | .04900 | .04900 | .03900 | .03900 | .03500 |
| San Luis Obispo Community College District | .01925 | .01925 | .01925 | .01925 | .01925 |
| Total | \$1.07225 | \$1.07225 | \$1.06225 | \$1.06225 | \$1.05825 |

(1) 32.78% of the District's total assessed valuation.
Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Tax Levies and Delinquencies

The District's total secured tax collections and delinquencies are apportioned on a County-wide basis, according to the District's designated tax rate amount. Therefore, the total secured tax levies, as well as collections and delinquencies reported, do not represent the actual secured tax levies, collections and delinquencies of tax payers within the tax areas of the District. In addition, the District's total secured tax levy does not include special assessments, supplemental taxes or

other charges which have been assessed on property within the District or other tax rate areas of the County.

The County has adopted the Alternative Method of Distribution of Tax Levies and Collections and of Tax Sale Proceeds (the "**Teeter Plan**") as provided for in the State Revenue and Taxation Code, which requires the County to pay 100% of secured property taxes due to local agencies in the fiscal year such taxes are due. Under these provisions, each county operating under the Teeter Plan establishes a delinquency reserve and assumes responsibility for all secured delinquencies, assuming that certain conditions are met.

Because of this method of tax collection, the K-12 districts located in counties operating under the Teeter Plan and participating in the Teeter Plan are assured of 100% collection of their secured tax levies if the conditions established under the applicable county's Teeter Plan are met. However, such districts are no longer entitled to share in any penalties due on delinquent payments or in the interest which accrues on delinquent payments.

The Teeter Plan is to remain in effect unless the Board of Supervisors orders its discontinuance or unless, prior to the commencement of any fiscal year of the County (which commences on July 1), the Board of Supervisors has received a petition for its discontinuance joined in by resolutions adopted by two thirds of the participating revenue districts in the County, in which event the Board of Supervisors is required to order discontinuance of the Teeter Plan effective at the commencement of the subsequent fiscal year.

The Board of Supervisors may, by resolution adopted not later than July 15 of the fiscal year for which it is to apply after holding a public hearing on the matter, discontinue the procedures under the Teeter Plan with respect to any tax levying agency or assessment levying agency in the County if the rate of secured tax delinquency in that agency in any year exceeds 3% of the total of all taxes and assessments levied on the secured rolls for that agency. In the event that the Teeter Plan was terminated, the amount of the levy of *ad valorem* taxes in the District would depend upon the collections of the *ad valorem* property taxes and delinquency rates experienced with respect to the parcels within the District.

So long as the Teeter Plan remains in effect with respect to the District, the District's receipt of revenues with respect to the levy of *ad valorem* property taxes on the secured roll will not be dependent upon actual collections of the *ad valorem* property taxes by the County.

The following table sets forth historical secured tax charges and delinquencies for the years indicated.

**SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Secured Tax Charges and Delinquencies
Fiscal Years 2009-10 through 2021-22**

1% General Fund Apportionment

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Secured Tax Charge</u> | <u>Amt. Del. June 30</u> | <u>% Del. June 30</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2009-10 | \$46,453,870.77 | \$1,657,566.06 | 3.57% |
| 2010-11 | 46,153,078.17 | 1,308,300.02 | 2.83 |
| 2011-12 | 45,684,916.92 | 880,970.14 | 1.93 |
| 2012-13 | 45,649,100.28 | 657,899.91 | 1.44 |
| 2013-14 | 47,552,404.77 | 568,013.70 | 1.19 |
| 2014-15 | 50,333,054.09 | 563,068.61 | 1.12 |
| 2015-16 | 53,291,054.09 | 503,485.64 | 0.94 |
| 2016-17 | 56,376,106.68 | 530,265.02 | 0.94 |
| 2017-18 | 59,852,380.95 | 577,556.75 | 0.96 |
| 2018-19 | 63,510,659.50 | 594,658.72 | 0.94 |
| 2019-20 | 66,226,124.69 | 1,087,377.48 | 1.64 |
| 2020-21 | 70,152,720.65 | 808,565.37 | 1.15 |
| 2021-22 | 73,799,223.88 | 664,035.84 | 0.90 |

**District's General Obligation Bond
Debt Service Levy**

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Secured Tax Charge ⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>Amt. Del. June 30</u> | <u>% Del. June 30</u> |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2015-16 | \$6,816,175.66 | \$43,785.64 | 0.64% |
| 2016-17 | 7,216,723.55 | 55,579.81 | 0.77 |
| 2017-18 | 7,673,637.74 | 45,176.28 | 0.59 |
| 2018-19 | 8,123,424.46 | 46,259.77 | 0.57 |
| 2019-20 | 8,594,976.64 | 113,687.51 | 1.32 |
| 2020-21 | 7,232,792.54 | 61,952.28 | 0.86 |
| 2021-22 | 7,570,145.23 | 51,514.52 | 0.68 |

(1) Fiscal year 2015-16 is the first year of this levy.
Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Top 20 Property Owners

The following table shows the 20 largest taxpayers in the District as determined by their secured assessed valuations in fiscal year 2022-23. Each taxpayer listed below is a unique name listed on the tax rolls. The District cannot determine from County assessment records whether individual persons, corporations or other organizations are liable for tax payments with respect to multiple properties held in various names that in aggregate may be larger than is suggested by the table below. A large concentration of ownership in a single individual or entity results in a greater amount of tax collections which are dependent upon that property owner's ability or willingness to pay property taxes.

SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Top 20 Secured Property Taxpayers Fiscal Year 2022-23

| | <u>Property Owner</u> | <u>Primary Land Use</u> | <u>2022-23 Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>% of Total ⁽¹⁾</u> |
|-----|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Jamestown Premier SLO Retail LP | Commercial – Retail | \$116,755,505 | 0.56% |
| 2. | Cap VIII-Mustang Village LLC | Apartments | 100,005,897 | 0.48 |
| 3. | Sierra Vista Hospital Inc. | Hospital | 83,107,362 | 0.40 |
| 4. | Charles Pasquini Jr. Trust | Shopping Center | 73,351,432 | 0.35 |
| 5. | SLO Promenade De LLC | Shopping Center | 55,150,000 | 0.26 |
| 6. | Vintage at SLO Alderwood LLC | Apartments | 51,000,000 | 0.24 |
| 7. | Irish Hills Plaza West II LLC | Shopping Center | 41,136,469 | 0.20 |
| 8. | Costco Wholesale Corp. | Shopping Center | 38,444,903 | 0.18 |
| 9. | Hotel SLO LLC | Hotel/Motel | 37,529,832 | 0.18 |
| 10. | Laurel Creek LP | Warehouse | 35,195,481 | 0.17 |
| 11. | Golden State Water Co | Water Company | 34,847,011 | 0.17 |
| 12. | BRE Atlas Property Owner LLC | Hotel/Motel | 34,697,602 | 0.17 |
| 13. | Vintage at SLO Alderwood LLC | Commercial | 32,994,128 | 0.16 |
| 14. | DS Marigold LP | Shopping Center | 32,824,108 | 0.16 |
| 15. | Sentinel Peak Resources California LLC | Oil Production | 32,776,755 | 0.16 |
| 16. | Target Corporation | Commercial – Retail | 32,339,734 | 0.15 |
| 17. | ACI Air LLC | Industrial Hanger | 30,719,686 | 0.15 |
| 18. | Quaglino Properties LLC | Commercial | 30,646,680 | 0.15 |
| 19. | Dynegy Morro Bay LLC | Power Plant - Decommissioned | 28,949,452 | 0.14 |
| 20. | JCC Mission LLC | Commercial – Retail | <u>28,492,833</u> | <u>0.14</u> |
| | | | <u>\$950,964,870</u> | <u>4.55%</u> |

(1) 2022-23 local secured assessed valuation: \$20,894,028,144.
Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Direct and Overlapping Debt

Set forth below is a direct and overlapping debt report (the “**Debt Report**”) prepared by California Municipal Statistics, Inc. for debt issued as of February 1, 2023. The Debt Report is included for general information purposes only. The District has not reviewed the Debt Report for completeness or accuracy and makes no representation in connection therewith.

The Debt Report generally includes long-term obligations sold in the public credit markets by public agencies whose boundaries overlap the boundaries of the District in whole or in part. Such long-term obligations generally are not payable from revenues of the District (except as indicated) nor are they necessarily obligations secured by land within the District. In many cases, long-term obligations issued by a public agency are payable only from the general fund or other revenues of such public agency.

**SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Direct and Overlapping Bonded Debt
(Debt Issued as of February 1, 2023)**

2022-23 Assessed Valuation: \$21,695,189,443

| <u>DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING TAX AND ASSESSMENT DEBT:</u> | <u>% Applicable</u> | <u>Debt 2/1/23</u> |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District No. 3 | 11.009% | \$ 604,394 |
| San Luis Obispo Community College District | 32.248 | 50,403,624 |
| San Luis Coastal Unified School District | 100.000 | 147,661,000 ⁽¹⁾ |
| San Luis Obispo County Los Osos Wastewater Assessment District No. 1 | 100.000 | 69,437,000 |
| Los Osos Community Services District Wastewater Assessment District No. 1 | 100.000 | 8,995,000 |
| San Luis Obispo Community Facilities District No. 2019-1 | 100.000 | 19,660,000 |
| TOTAL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING TAX AND ASSESSMENT DEBT | | \$296,761,018 |
| | | |
| <u>OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT:</u> | | |
| San Luis Obispo County Certificates of Participation | 32.380% | \$27,279,106 |
| San Luis Obispo County Pension Obligation Bonds | 32.380 | 8,514,333 |
| City of Morro Bay General Fund Obligations | 99.999 | 486,433 |
| City of Pismo Beach General Fund Obligations | 18.630 | 1,912,447 |
| City of San Luis Obispo General Fund Obligations | 100.000 | 23,730,754 |
| TOTAL GROSS OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT | | \$61,923,073 |
| Less: City of San Luis Obispo supported obligations | | 4,560,900 |
| TOTAL NET OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT | | \$57,362,173 |
| | | |
| GROSS COMBINED TOTAL DEBT | | \$358,684,091 ⁽²⁾ |
| NET COMBINED TOTAL DEBT | | \$354,123,191 |

Ratios to 2022-23 Assessed Valuation:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Direct Debt (\$147,661,000) | 0.68% |
| Total Direct and Overlapping Tax and Assessment Debt | 1.37% |
| Gross Combined Total Debt..... | 1.65% |
| Net Combined Total Debt..... | 1.63% |

(1) Excludes the Bonds offered for sale hereunder.

(2) Excludes tax and revenue anticipation notes, enterprise revenue, mortgage revenue and non-bonded capital lease obligations.

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

TAX MATTERS

Tax Exemption

Federal Tax Status. In the opinion of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel, subject, however to the qualifications set forth below, under existing law, the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Bonds may be subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax.

The opinions set forth in the preceding paragraph are subject to the condition that the District comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Tax Code**") relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Bonds. The District has made certain representations and covenants in order to comply with each such requirement. Inaccuracy of those representations, or failure to comply with certain of those covenants, may cause the inclusion of such interest in gross income for federal income tax purposes, which may be retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Tax Treatment of Original Issue Discount and Premium. If the initial offering price to the public at which a Bond is sold is less than the amount payable at maturity thereof, then such difference constitutes "original issue discount" for purposes of federal income taxes and State personal income taxes. If the initial offering price to the public at which a Bond is sold is greater than the amount payable at maturity thereof, then such difference constitutes "original issue premium" for purposes of federal income taxes and State personal income taxes. *De minimis* original issue discount and original issue premium are disregarded.

Under the Tax Code, original issue discount is treated as interest excluded from federal gross income and exempt from State personal income taxes to the extent properly allocable to each owner thereof subject to the limitations described in the first paragraph of this section. The original issue discount accrues over the term to maturity of the Bond on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded on each interest or principal payment date (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). The amount of original issue discount accruing during each period is added to the adjusted basis of such Bonds to determine taxable gain upon disposition (including sale, redemption, or payment on maturity) of such Bond. The Tax Code contains certain provisions relating to the accrual of original issue discount in the case of purchasers of the Bonds who purchase the Bonds after the initial offering of a substantial amount of such maturity. Owners of such Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Bonds with original issue discount, including the treatment of purchasers who do not purchase in the original offering, the allowance of a deduction for any loss on a sale or other disposition, and the treatment of accrued original issue discount on such Bonds under federal individual alternative minimum taxes.

Under the Tax Code, original issue premium is amortized on an annual basis over the term of the Bond (said term being the shorter of the Bond's maturity date or its call date). The amount of original issue premium amortized each year reduces the adjusted basis of the owner of the Bond for purposes of determining taxable gain or loss upon disposition. The amount of original issue premium on a Bond is amortized each year over the term to maturity of the Bond on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded on each interest or principal payment date (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). Amortized Bond premium is not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Owners of premium Bonds, including purchasers who do not purchase in the

original offering, should consult their own tax advisors with respect to State personal income tax and federal income tax consequences of owning such Bonds.

California Tax Status. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is exempt from California personal income taxes.

Other Tax Considerations. Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Tax Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent beneficial owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals, clarification of the Tax Code or court decisions may also affect the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether, if enacted, such legislation would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment.

The opinions expressed by Bond Counsel are based upon existing legislation and regulations as interpreted by relevant judicial and regulatory authorities as of the date of such opinion, and Bond Counsel has expressed no opinion with respect to any proposed legislation or as to the tax treatment of interest on the Bonds, or as to the consequences of owning or receiving interest on the Bonds, as of any future date. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

Owners of the Bonds should also be aware that the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds may have federal or state tax consequences other than as described above. Other than as expressly described above, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding other federal or state tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, the ownership, sale or disposition of the Bonds, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on the Bonds.

Form of Opinion. A copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel is attached hereto as APPENDIX D.

CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS

Legality for Investment

Under provisions of the California Financial Code, the Bonds are legal investments for commercial banks in California to the extent that the Bonds, in the informed opinion of the investing bank, are prudent for the investment of funds of depositors, and under provisions of the California Government Code, the Bonds are eligible to secure deposits of public moneys in California.

Absence of Litigation

No litigation is pending or threatened concerning the validity of the Bonds, and a certificate to that effect will be furnished to purchasers at the time of the original delivery of the Bonds. The District is not aware of any litigation pending or threatened that (i) questions the political existence of the District, (ii) contests the District's ability to receive *ad valorem* taxes or to collect other revenues or (iii) contests the District's ability to issue and sell the Bonds.

The District is routinely subject to lawsuits and claims. In the opinion of the District, the aggregate amount of the uninsured liabilities of the District under these lawsuits and claims will not materially affect the financial position or operations of the District. The District may be or may become a party to lawsuits and claims which are unrelated to the Bonds or actions taken with respect to the Bonds and which have arisen in the normal course of operating the District, including as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The District maintains certain insurance policies which provide coverage under certain circumstances and with respect to certain types of incidents. The District cannot predict what types of claims may arise in the future.

Compensation of Certain Professionals

Payment of the fees and expenses of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel to the District, and Isom Advisors, a Division of Urban Futures, Inc., as municipal advisor to the District, and Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, as counsel to the Underwriter, are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The District will execute the Continuing Disclosure Certificate in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and covenant therein, for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the District (an “**Annual Report**”) to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “**MSRB**”) not later than nine months after the end of the District’s fiscal year, commencing March 31, 2024, with the report for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year, and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events. Such notices will be filed by the District with the MSRB. The specific nature of the information to be contained in an Annual Report or the notices of enumerated events is set forth in the form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate attached as APPENDIX E. These covenants have been made in order to assist the Underwriter of the Bonds in complying with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Rule**”).

In the previous five-years, the District has not failed to comply, in all material respects, with its existing undertakings. In order to ensure ongoing compliance with its undertakings, the District has engaged Isom Advisors, a Division of Urban Futures, Inc., to serve as its dissemination agent in connection with its prior undertakings and the Bonds.

Neither the County nor any other entity other than the District shall have any obligation or incur any liability with respect to the performance of the District’s duties regarding continuing disclosure. The County has not reviewed, nor is it responsible for, the content of this Official Statement.

RATING

Moody’s Investors Service (“**Moody’s**”) has assigned a rating of “Aa1” to the Bonds. The District has provided certain additional information and materials to Moody’s, some of which does not appear in this Official Statement to the extent deemed not material for investment purposes. The rating reflects only the view of Moody’s, and an explanation of the significance of the rating and outlook may be obtained only from Moody’s. There is no assurance that any credit rating given to the Bonds will be maintained for any period of time or that the rating may not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by Moody’s if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds are being purchased by Raymond James & Associates, Inc. (the “**Underwriter**”). The Underwriter has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$92,115,684.70 which is equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of \$90,000,000.00, plus net original issue premium of \$2,385,684.70 less an Underwriter’s discount of \$270,000.00.

The bond purchase agreement relating to the Bonds provides that the Underwriter will purchase all of the Bonds if any are purchased, and provides that the Underwriter’s obligation to purchase is subject to certain terms and conditions, including the approval of certain legal matters by counsel.

APPENDIX A

GENERAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT

The information in this and other sections concerning the District's operations and operating budget is provided as supplementary information only, and it should not be inferred from the inclusion of this information in this Official Statement that the principal of or interest on the Bonds is payable from the general fund of the District. The Bonds are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax required to be levied by the County in an amount sufficient for the payment thereof. See "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS" in the forepart of the Official Statement.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The District is located in the City of San Luis Obispo (the "**City**"), and surrounding areas in San Luis Obispo County (the "**County**"), and includes the areas of Morro Bay, Baywood, Los Osos, Edna Valley, North Pismo Beach, and Avila Beach. The District is located on the central coast of the State of California (the "**State**") on U.S. Route 101, approximately halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The District was organized in 1965 and consists of an area comprising approximately 267 square miles. The District operates ten elementary schools, two middle schools, two comprehensive high schools, one continuation high school, and an adult education program. Enrollment in the District for the 2022-23 school year is approximately 7,650 students. For purposes of education funding, the District is a Basic Aid District or Community Supported District, meaning that the District's share of local property taxes exceeds its funding entitlement under the State's education funding formula. For more information on the District's Basic Aid status, see "–Community Supported District" below.

For more information regarding the District and its finances see APPENDIX B attached hereto. See also APPENDIX C hereto for demographic and other statistical information regarding the City and County.

District Governance and Administration

The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the "**Board**"), each member of which is elected to a four-year term. Elections for positions to the Board are held every two years, alternating between three and four available positions. Current members of the Board, together with their office and the date their term expires, are listed below. There is currently no vacancy on the Board. A new Board member is expected to be appointed on February 22, 2023.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Office</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Ellen Sheffer | President | December 2026 |
| Marilyn Rodger | Clerk | December 2026 |
| Robert Banfield | Member | December 2026 |
| Mark Buchman | Member | December 2026 |
| Eve Dobler-Drew | Member | December 2024 |
| Chris Ungar | Member | December 2024 |

Administrative Personnel. The Superintendent of the District, appointed by the Board, is responsible for management of the day-to-day operations and supervises the work of other District administrators. Dr. Eric Prater currently serves as the Superintendent of the District, and Ryan Pinkerton as the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

Recent Enrollment Trends

The following table shows a recent history and budgeted enrollment for the District.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT
Fiscal Years 2015-16 through 2022-23
San Luis Coastal Unified School District

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Student Enrollment*</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 2015-16 | 7,638 | --% |
| 2016-17 | 7,718 | 1.0 |
| 2017-18 | 7,755 | 0.5 |
| 2018-19 | 7,813 | 0.7 |
| 2019-20 | 7,801 | (0.2) |
| 2020-21 | 7,491 | (4.0) |
| 2021-22 | 7,537 | 0.6 |
| 2022-23* | 7,650 | 1.5 |

* Budgeted.

Source: California Department of Education for 2015-16 through 2021-22;
San Luis Coastal Unified School District for 2022-23.

District's Response to COVID-19 Emergency

The District expects to receive a total of approximately \$13.8 million in relief funds to address costs which may have resulted from the COVID-19 emergency, including funds to increase or stabilize the amount of instructional time provided to students and provide other learning support. See "STATE FUNDING OF EDUCATION; RECENT STATE BUDGETS – The 2022-23 State Budget" for additional information. However, the District can make no representation as to the timing of receipt of such funds. The impacts of the COVID-19 emergency on global, State-wide and local economies, which could impact District operations and finances, and local property values are unknown and cannot be predicted by the District.

Employee Relations

The District has 498.5 certificated full-time equivalent ("FTE") employees, 395.0 classified FTE employees, and 45.0 management/supervisor/confidential FTE employees. The employees of the District are represented by various bargaining units, as follows:

| <u>Employee Group</u> | <u>Representation</u> | <u>Contract Expiration Date</u> |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Certificated | San Luis Coastal Teachers Association | June 30, 2025 |
| Classified | California School Employees Association | June 30, 2025 |
| Classified | Service Employees International Union | June 30, 2025 |

Source: San Luis Coastal Unified School District.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Education Funding Generally

School districts in California (the “**State**”) receive operating income primarily from two sources: the State funded portion which is derived from the State’s general fund, and a locally funded portion, being the district’s share of the one percent general *ad valorem* tax levy authorized by the California Constitution. As a result, decreases or deferrals in education funding by the State could significantly affect a school district’s revenues and operations.

The fiscal year 2013-14 State budget package instituted a new formula known as the Local Control Funding Formula (the “**LCFF**”). Under the LCFF, school districts receive funding based on the demographic profile of the students they serve and gain greater flexibility to use these funds to improve outcomes of students. The LCFF creates funding targets based on student characteristics. For school districts and charter schools, the LCFF funding targets consist of grade span-specific base grants plus supplemental and concentration grants that reflect student demographic factors. The LCFF includes the following components:

- A base grant for each local education agency per unit of average daily attendance (“**ADA**”), which varies with respect to different grade spans. Base grants are adjusted upward each year to reflect cost-of-living increases. In addition, grades K-3 and 9-12 are subject to adjustments of 10.4% and 2.6%, respectively, to cover the costs of class size reduction in grades K-3 and the provision of career technical education in grades 9-12.
- A 20% supplemental grant for English learners, students from low-income families and foster youth to reflect increased costs associated with educating those students.
- An additional concentration grant of up to 65% (which was increased from 50% as part of the State’s trailer bill to the 2021-22 State Budget - Assembly Bill 130) of a local education agency’s base grant, based on the number of English learners, students from low-income families and foster youth served by the local agency that comprise more than 55% of enrollment.
- An economic recovery target to ensure that almost every local education agency receives at least their pre-recession funding level, adjusted for inflation, at full implementation of the LCFF.

The LCFF was implemented for fiscal year 2013-14 and was phased in gradually. Beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, an annual transition adjustment was required to be calculated for each school district, equal to each district’s proportionate share of the appropriations included in the State budget (based on the percentage of each district’s students who are low-income, English learners, and foster youth (“**Targeted Students**”)), to close the gap between the prior-year funding level and the target allocation at full implementation of LCFF. In each year, districts had the same proportion of their respective funding gaps closed, with dollar amounts varying depending on the size of a district’s funding gap.

Funding levels used in the LCFF entitlement calculations for fiscal year 2022-23 are set forth in the following table.

**Fiscal Year 2022-23 Base Grant Funding* Under LCFF
by Grade Span**

| Entitlement Factor | TK/K-3 | 4-6 | 7-8 | 9-12 |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| A. 2021-22 Base Grant per ADA | \$8,093 | \$8,215 | \$8,458 | \$9,802 |
| B. Base Grant Adjustment (A x 6.70%) | \$542 | \$550 | \$567 | \$657 |
| C. 2022-23 COLA for LCFF (A x 6.56%) | \$531 | \$539 | \$555 | \$643 |
| D. 2022-23 Base Grant per ADA before Grade Span Adjustments (A+B+C) | \$9,166 | \$9,304 | \$9,580 | \$11,102 |
| E. Grade Span Adjustments (K-3: D x 10.4%; 9-12: D x 2.6%) | \$953 | Not applicable | Not applicable | \$289 |
| F. 2022-23 Base Grant/Adjusted Base Grant per ADA (D + E) | \$10,119 | \$9,304 | \$9,580 | \$11,391 |

*Add-ons to the Base Grant, as may be applicable, are: (1) Supplemental Grant: For the supplemental grant funding entitlement, for each grade span, the calculation is the base grant or adjusted base grant per ADA, times total funded ADA, times Unduplicated Pupil Percentage, times 20%, (2) Concentration Grant: For the concentration grant funding entitlement, the calculation is the base grant or adjusted base grant per ADA, times total funded ADA, times portion of Unduplicated Pupil Percentage that exceeds 55%, times 65%, and (3) Transitional Kindergarten Add-On: For the TK add-on funding, the amount is the rate of \$2,813 times the school district's current year TK ADA.

Source: California Department of Education.

The LCFF includes an accountability component. Districts are required to increase or improve services for English language learners, low income, and foster youth students in proportion to supplemental and concentration grant funding received. All school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools are required to develop and adopt local control and accountability plans, which identify local goals in areas that are priorities for the State, including pupil achievement, parent engagement, and school climate.

County superintendents review and provide support to the districts under their jurisdiction, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction performs a corresponding role for county offices of education. In addition, the State Budget for fiscal year 2013-14 created the California Collaborative for Education Excellence to advise and assist school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools in achieving the goals identified in their plans. Under the LCFF and related legislation, the State will continue to measure student achievement through statewide assessments, produce an Academic Performance Index for schools and subgroups of students, determine the contents of the school accountability report card, and establish policies to implement the federal accountability system.

Community Supported Districts. Community Supported Districts (also known as Basic Aid Districts), are those whose local property tax revenues exceed the funding entitlement under the LCFF. Community Supported Districts do not receive any funds from the State appropriation, however, they do receive funds from the State for categorical and grant programs restricted to a special population or for certain purposes such as disabled students or instructional equipment. The current law in California allows these districts to keep the excess property tax revenues without penalty. The implication for Community Supported Districts is that the legislatively determined annual cost of living adjustment and other politically determined factors are less significant in determining such districts' primary funding sources. Rather, property tax growth and the local economy become the determinant factors. Under Proposition 30, Basic Aid Districts are entitled to the minimum \$200 per pupil from the Education Protection Account, and, under the

Constitution, Basic Aid Districts receive a minimum of \$120 per pupil.

The District's Basic Aid status is a result of reductions to its LCFF allocation, occasioned by reduced levels of State funding of education, declining enrollment, and increasing property tax collections, such that the District's property taxes now represent the bulk of its LCFF allocation revenues. The District expects to continue to have local property tax revenue in excess of its LCFF entitlement for the near future.

District Accounting Practices

The accounting practices of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles in accordance with policies and procedures of the California School Accounting Manual. This manual, according to Section 41010 of the California Education Code, is to be followed by all California school districts. District accounting is organized on the basis of funds, with each group consisting of a separate accounting entity. The major fund classification is the general fund which accounts for all financial resources not requiring a special fund placement. The District's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. For more information on the District's basis of accounting and fund accounting, see Note 1 of APPENDIX B to the Official Statement.

District expenditures are accrued at the end of the fiscal year to reflect the receipt of goods and services in that year. Revenues generally are recorded on a cash basis, except for items that are susceptible to accrual (measurable and/or available to finance operations). Current taxes are considered susceptible to accrual. Revenues from specific state and federally funded projects are recognized when qualified expenditures have been incurred. State block grant apportionments are accrued to the extent that they are measurable and predictable. The State Department of Education sends the District updated information from time to time explaining the acceptable accounting treatment of revenue and expenditure categories.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("**GASB**") published its Statement No. 34 "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments" on June 30, 1999. Statement No. 34 provides guidelines to auditors, state and local governments and special purpose governments such as school districts and public utilities, on new requirements for financial reporting for all governmental agencies in the United States. Generally, the basic financial statements and required supplementary information should include (i) Management's Discussion and Analysis; (ii) financial statements prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, (iii) fund financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual method of accounting and (iv) required supplementary information.

Community Supported District

The District's local property taxes have exceeded the Local Control Funding Formula (the "**LCFF**") allocation for the District, resulting in the District being treated as a "Community Supported District" for purposes of general-purpose education funding by the State for over 35 years. With implementation of the LCFF, commencing in fiscal year 2013-14, a school district, that has property tax revenues exceeding its entitlement under the LCFF, is entitled to keep the local property tax revenues that exceed its LCFF funding entitlement. The District expects to continue to have local property tax revenue in excess of its LCFF allocation for the near future, and expects a benefit of approximately \$9.4 million in fiscal year 2022-23 as a result of being a Community Supported District.

Financial Statements

General. The District's general fund finances the legally authorized activities of the District for which restricted funds are not provided. General fund revenues are derived from such sources as State school fund apportionments, taxes, use of money and property, and aid from other governmental agencies. The District's June 30, 2022, audited financial statements were prepared by Eide Bailly LLP, Rancho Cucamonga, California, and are attached to the Official Statement as APPENDIX B. Audited financial statements for the District for prior fiscal years are on file with the District and available for public inspection at the Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. The District has not requested, and the auditor has not provided, any review or update of such financial statements in connection with inclusion in this Official Statement.

General Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. The following table shows the audited income and expense statements for the District for the fiscal years 2017-18 through 2021-22.

**GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2021-22 (Audited)
San Luis Coastal Unified School District ⁽¹⁾**

| | Audited 2017-18 | Audited 2018-19 | Audited 2019-20 | Audited 2020-21 | Audited 2021-22 |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | |
| LCFF | \$78,492,629 | \$81,837,626 | \$83,661,858 | \$86,966,401 | \$88,781,834 |
| Federal revenues | 3,192,584 | 3,093,340 | 2,513,330 | 9,645,492 | 4,145,289 |
| Other state revenues | 7,212,181 | 12,025,125 | 8,170,543 | 10,682,547 | 15,458,867 |
| Other local revenues | 4,714,600 | 5,042,808 | 11,122,371 | 12,109,571 | 10,961,842 |
| Total Revenues | 93,611,994 | 101,998,899 | 105,468,102 | 119,404,011 | 119,347,832 |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Instruction | 53,203,442 | 56,250,270 | 57,232,232 | 62,711,932 | 67,019,102 |
| Instruction-related services: | | | | | |
| Supervision of instruction | 3,533,359 | 4,035,315 | 4,001,152 | 4,827,215 | 6,107,617 |
| Library, media and technology | 1,336,318 | 1,231,279 | 1,313,559 | 1,316,892 | 1,384,565 |
| School site administration | 6,366,480 | 6,881,063 | 6,976,727 | 7,669,722 | 7,724,870 |
| Pupil services: | | | | | |
| Home-to-school transportation | 2,735,839 | 3,316,122 | 2,838,346 | 2,911,288 | 3,404,826 |
| Food services | 1,000 | 14,247 | 23,064 | 22,542 | 24,829 |
| All other pupil services | 6,376,065 | 7,151,027 | 7,849,244 | 8,378,917 | 9,285,970 |
| General administration services: | | | | | |
| Data processing | 1,552,623 | 1,883,667 | 2,269,712 | 2,056,224 | 2,882,813 |
| Other general administration | 3,931,170 | 4,876,982 | 5,054,202 | 5,644,675 | 5,986,099 |
| Plant services | 9,967,391 | 10,990,298 | 11,063,830 | 13,381,824 | 13,141,720 |
| Ancillary services | 1,448,787 | 1,690,095 | 1,600,533 | 2,199,561 | 1,761,295 |
| Community services | -- | -- | -- | 919,209 | 34,436 |
| Other outgo | -- | -- | 859,947 | 912,479 | 808,184 |
| Enterprise activities | 78,948 | 79,442 | 47,093 | -- | 59,256 |
| Facility acquisition and construction | 948,448 | 408,548 | 515,931 | 68,689 | 1,317,218 |
| Debt service-Principal | -- | -- | -- | -- | 130,331 |
| Debt service-Interest and other | -- | -- | -- | -- | 12,330 |
| Total Expenditures | 91,479,870 | 98,808,355 | 101,645,572 | 113,022,169 | 121,085,461 |
| Excess of Revenues Over/(Under) Expend. | 2,132,124 | 3,190,544 | 3,822,530 | 6,381,842 | (1,737,629) |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | | | | |
| Operating transfers in | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Operating transfers out | (1,031,706) | (1,583,013) | -- | (1,500,531) | (434,568) |
| Other sources | -- | -- | -- | -- | 648,703 |
| Other uses | (890,194) | (1,018,251) | -- | -- | -- |
| Total Other Financing Source(Uses) | (1,921,900) | (2,601,264) | -- | (1,500,531) | 214,135 |
| Net change in fund balance | 210,224 | 589,280 | 3,822,530 | 4,881,311 | (1,523,494) |
| Fund Balance, July 1 | 26,206,309 | 26,416,533 | 27,005,813 | 30,351,017⁽²⁾ | 35,232,328 |
| Fund Balance, June 30 | \$26,416,533 | \$27,005,813 | \$30,828,343 | \$35,232,328 | \$33,708,834 |

(1) Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

(2) As restated. The restatement is attributed to the reclassification of student activity funds from agency funds to the General Fund and the correction of a loan receivables error.

Source: San Luis Coastal Unified School District Audit Reports. Because the District is a Basic Aid District, the majority of LCFF funding is derived from local sources.

District Budget and Interim Financial Reporting

Budgeting and Interim Reporting Procedures. State law requires school districts to maintain a balanced budget in each fiscal year. The State Department of Education imposes a uniform budgeting and accounting format for school districts. Under current law, a school district governing board must adopt and file with the county superintendent of schools a tentative budget by July 1 in each fiscal year. The District is under the jurisdiction of the San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools (the "**County Superintendent**").

The County Superintendent must review and approve or disapprove the budget no later than August 15. The County Superintendent is required to examine the adopted budget for compliance with the standards and criteria adopted by the State Board of Trustees and identify technical corrections necessary to bring the budget into compliance with the established standards. If the budget is disapproved, it is returned to the District with recommendations for revision. The District is then required to revise the budget, hold a public hearing thereon, adopt the revised budget and file it with the County Superintendent no later than September 8. Pursuant to State law, the County Superintendent has available various remedies by which to impose and enforce a budget that complies with State criteria, depending on the circumstances, if a budget is disapproved. After approval of an adopted budget, the school district's administration may submit budget revisions for governing board approval.

Subsequent to approval, the County Superintendent will monitor each district under its jurisdiction throughout the fiscal year pursuant to its adopted budget to determine on an ongoing basis if the district can meet its current or subsequent year financial obligations. If the County Superintendent determines that a district cannot meet its current or subsequent year obligations, the County Superintendent will notify the district's governing board of the determination and may then do either or both of the following: (a) assign a fiscal advisor to enable the district to meet those obligations or (b) if a study and recommendations are made and a district fails to take appropriate action to meet its financial obligations, the County Superintendent will so notify the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and then may do any or all of the following for the remainder of the fiscal year: (i) request additional information regarding the district's budget and operations; (ii) after also consulting with the district's board, develop and impose revisions to the budget that will enable the district to meet its financial obligations; and (iii) stay or rescind any action inconsistent with such revisions. However, the County Superintendent may not abrogate any provision of a collective bargaining agreement that was entered into prior to the date upon which the County Superintendent assumed authority.

A State law adopted in 1991 ("**A.B. 1200**") imposed additional financial reporting requirements on school districts, and established guidelines for emergency State aid apportionments. Under the provisions of A.B. 1200, each school district is required to file interim certifications with the County Superintendent (on December 15, for the period ended October 31, and by mid-March for the period ended January 31) as to its ability to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the then-current fiscal year and, based on current forecasts, for the subsequent two fiscal years. The County Superintendent reviews the certification and issues either a positive, negative or qualified certification. A positive certification is assigned to any school district that will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and the subsequent two fiscal years. A negative certification is assigned to any school district that is deemed unable to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the current fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year. A qualified certification is assigned to any school district that may not meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year or the two subsequent fiscal years.

Under California law, any school district and office of education that has a qualified or negative certification in any fiscal year may not issue, in that fiscal year or in the next succeeding fiscal year, certificates of participation, tax anticipation notes, revenue bonds or any other debt instruments that do not require the approval of the voters of the district, unless the applicable county superintendent of schools determines that the district's repayment of indebtedness is probable.

District's Budget and Interim Certification History. During the past five years, each of the District's adopted budgets have been approved by the County Superintendent and the District has received positive certifications on all of its interim reports.

District's General Fund. The following table shows the general fund figures for fiscal year 2022-23 (adopted budget and first interim projections).

SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in General Fund Balance
Fiscal Year 2022-23 (Adopted Budget and First Interim Projections)

| | Adopted Budget 2022-23 | First Interim 2022-23 |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Total LCFF Sources | \$90,055,110 | \$94,020,466 |
| Federal Revenues | 10,482,482 | 10,336,838 |
| Other state revenues | 24,899,861 | 24,332,637 |
| Other local revenues | 10,880,906 | 12,115,984 |
| Total Revenues | 136,318,359 | 140,805,925 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Certificated Salaries | 47,956,337 | 49,141,570 |
| Classified Salaries | 21,092,203 | 20,036,976 |
| Employee Benefits | 30,680,340 | 31,435,408 |
| Books and Supplies | 5,682,084 | 10,561,070 |
| Services and Other Operating Expenditures | 16,091,013 | 23,998,645 |
| Capital Outlay | 683,372 | 677,101 |
| Other Outgo (excluding transfers of indirect costs) | 877,696 | 877,696 |
| Other Outgo | (109,680) | (122,333) |
| Total Expenditures | 122,953,365 | 136,606,133 |
| Excess of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures | 13,364,994 | 4,199,792 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | |
| Operating transfers in | 143,836 | 143,836 |
| Operating transfers out | (2,000,000) | (2,000,000) |
| Other sources | -- | -- |
| Contributions | -- | -- |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (1,856,164) | (1,856,164) |
| Net change in fund balance | 11,508,830 | 2,343,628 |
| Fund Balance, July 1 | 24,024,085 | 24,024,085 |
| Fund Balance, June 30 ⁽¹⁾ | \$35,532,915 | \$26,367,713 |

(1) Fund balances do not reflect all funds included in the District's general fund in the audited financial statements shown above.

Source: San Luis Coastal Unified School District.

District Reserves. The District's ending fund balance is the accumulation of surpluses from prior years. This fund balance is used to meet the State's minimum required reserve of 3% of expenditures, plus any other allocation or reserve which might be approved as an expenditure by the District in the future.

Under State law, there are certain restrictions on the amounts that can be held in reserve by school districts under certain circumstances. This reserve cap requirement does not apply to small school districts (ADA of fewer than 2,501 students) or school districts funded as Basic Aid school districts. When applicable, the reserve cap requires that a school district's adopted or

revised budget not contain a combined assigned or unassigned ending general fund balance of more than 10% of those funds. The applicability of the reserve cap is based on the balance in the State's Public School System Stabilization Account and is triggered in any fiscal year in which when the balance is equal to or exceeds 3% of the combined total of general fund revenues appropriated for school districts. A county superintendent of schools may grant a school district under its jurisdiction an exemption from the requirements for up to two consecutive fiscal years within a three-year period, if the school district provides documentation indicating that extraordinary fiscal circumstances, including, but not limited to, multi-year infrastructure or technology projects, substantiate the need for a combined assigned or unassigned ending general fund balance that is in excess of the reserve cap. The reserve cap has been triggered for fiscal year 2022-23 and, as such, the cap must be taken into account in the budget process for school districts to which it applies, or an exemption must be sought. The District is exempt from the reserve cap as a Basic Aid school district.

Attendance - LCFF Funding

With the implementation of the LCFF, commencing in fiscal year 2013-14, school districts receive base funding based on ADA, and may also be entitled to supplemental funding, concentration grants and funding based on an economic recovery target. With implementation of the LCFF commencing in fiscal year 2013-14, a school district, such as the District, which has property tax revenues which exceed its entitlement under the LCFF, is entitled to keep its local property tax revenues which exceed its LCFF funding entitlement.

Revenue Sources

The District categorizes its general fund revenues into four sources, being LCFF, Federal Revenues, Other State Revenues and Local Revenues. Each of these revenue sources is described below.

LCFF Sources. District funding is provided by a mix of (1) local property taxes and (2) State apportionments of funding under the LCFF. Generally, for non-Basic Aid school districts, the State apportionments will amount to the difference between the District's LCFF funding entitlement and its local property tax revenues.

Beginning in 1978-79, Proposition 13 and its implementing legislation provided for each county to levy (except for levies to support prior voter-approved indebtedness) and collect all property taxes, and prescribed how levies on county-wide property values are to be shared with local taxing entities within each county.

The principal component of local revenues is the school district's property tax revenues, i.e., the district's share of the local 1% property tax, received pursuant to Sections 75 and following and Sections 95 and following of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. California Education Code Section 42238(h) itemizes the local revenues that are counted towards the base revenue limit before calculating how much the State must provide in equalization aid. Historically, the more local property taxes a district received, the less State equalization aid it is entitled to.

For school districts which were Basic Aid districts prior to implementation of the LCFF, provided that the per pupil funding targets under LCFF, including economic recovery targets, are met or exceeded by local property tax revenues, such districts are entitled to retain their status as Basic Aid districts and keep their full local property tax revenue entitlement. The threshold for Basic Aid status under the LCFF, however, is higher than under the prior funding formula, resulting in some districts falling out of Basic Aid status as the result of the implementation of the LCFF.

Accountability measures contained in the LCFF must be implemented by all districts, including Basic Aid districts.

Federal Revenues. The federal government provides funding for several District programs, including special education programs, programs under Every Student Succeeds Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and specialized programs such as Drug Free Schools.

Other State Revenues. Other State Revenues consist primarily of apportionments for mandated costs reimbursements, special education master plan, and State lottery apportionments.

Other Local Revenues. In addition to property taxes, the District receives additional local revenues from items such as interest earnings, leases and rentals.

District Retirement Systems

Qualified employees of the District are covered under multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans maintained by agencies of the State. Certificated employees are members of the State Teachers' Retirement System ("**STRS**") and classified employees are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System ("**PERS**"). Both STRS and PERS are operated on a Statewide basis. *The information set forth below regarding the STRS and PERS programs, other than the information provided by the District regarding its annual contributions thereto, has been obtained from publicly available sources which are believed to be reliable but are not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and should not to be construed as a representation by either the District or the Underwriter.*

STRS. All full-time certificated employees participate in STRS, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer contributory public employee retirement system. The plan provides retirement and disability benefits and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. The plan is funded through a combination of investment earnings and statutorily set contributions from three sources: employees, employers, and the State. The benefit provisions and contribution amounts are established by State laws, as amended from time to time.

Prior to fiscal year 2014-15, contribution rates were constant and not subject to annual variations. K-14 school districts were required by statute to contribute 8.25% of eligible salary expenditures, and participants contributed 8% of their respective salaries. In September 2013, however, STRS projected that the plan would be depleted in 31 years if existing contribution rates continued and other actuarial assumptions were realized, largely due to significant investment losses.

Assembly Bill 1469 was adopted as part of the State's fiscal year 2014-15 budget ("**AB 1469**"), aimed at fully funding the unfunded actuarial obligation of STRS with respect to service credited to member of STRS prior to July 1, 2014 (the "**2014 Liability**"), within 32 years, by increasing contribution rates of members, K-14 school district employers, and the State. Under AB 1469, employer contributions were steadily increased over seven years, pursuant to the following schedule:

**STRS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES
PURSUANT TO AB 1469**

| Effective Date | Employer Contribution Rate |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| July 1, 2014 | 8.88% |
| July 1, 2015 | 10.73 |
| July 1, 2016 | 12.58 |
| July 1, 2017 | 14.45 |
| July 1, 2018 | 16.28 |
| July 1, 2019 | 18.13** |
| July 1, 2020* | 19.10** |

*Rate to continue in subsequent years unless modified by the STRS Board.
 **Subsequently reduced in connection with State budget acts and related legislation. See following paragraph.
 Source: AB 1469.

Under AB 1469, the rate of 19.10% in effect as of July 1, 2020 was to continue unless modified by the STRS Board. However, the State legislature subsequently modified employer contribution rates in certain years as part of trailer bills adopted in connection with State budgets. Senate Bill 90 (“**SB 90**”) was enacted in connection with the fiscal year 2019-20 State budget, appropriating \$2.25 billion to pay in advance part of the employer contributions for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21. The effect was that the employer contribution rate effective July 1, 2019 was 17.10% and effective July 1, 2020 was 18.4%. However, in part in response to expected financial strain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the State’s 2020-21 budget redirected additional funds to reducing employer contribution rates, resulting in a rate of 16.15% in fiscal year 2020-21 and 16.92% in fiscal year 2021-22.

The employer contribution rate will be 19.10% in fiscal year 2022-23 pursuant to AB 1469. The State also continues to contribute to STRS, and its contribution rate in fiscal year 2022-23 is 8.338%.

The District’s recent contributions to STRS including the current budgeted fiscal year are set forth in the following table. These contributions represent 100% of the required contribution for each year.

**STRS CONTRIBUTIONS
San Luis Coastal Unified School District
Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2022-23**

| Fiscal Year | Amount |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 2017-18 | \$5,502,024 |
| 2018-19 | 6,203,488 |
| 2019-20 | 6,873,629 |
| 2020-21 | 6,989,720 |
| 2021-22 | 7,692,700 |
| 2022-23 ⁽¹⁾ | 13,912,471 |

(1) First Interim Projection.
 Source: San Luis Coastal Unified School District.

The STRS defined benefit program continues to have an unfunded actuarial liability estimated at approximately \$89.7 billion as of June 30, 2021, which is the date of the last actuarial valuation.

PERS. All full-time and some part-time classified employees participate in PERS, an agent multiple-employer contributory public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating public entities within the State. PERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The District is part of a cost-sharing pool within PERS known as the “Schools Pool.” Benefit provisions are established by State statutes, as legislatively amended. Contributions to PERS are made by employers and employees. Each fiscal year, employers are required to contribute an amount based on an actuarially determined employer rate, and employees make contributions which vary based on their date of hire.

Like the STRS program, PERS has experienced an unfunded liability in recent years. To address this issue, the PERS board has taken a number of actions, including changes to the PERS amortization and smoothing policy intended to reduce volatility in employer contribution rates and adopting changes in actuarial assumptions. In November 2015, PERS adopted a funding risk mitigation policy incrementally lowering its discount rate (its assumed rate of investment return) in years of good investment returns, to help pay down the pension fund's unfunded liability, and provide greater predictability and less volatility in contribution rates for employers. SB 90, and Assembly Bill 84/Senate Bill 111 (“**AB 84**”) of June 2020, directed contributions of \$430 million and \$330 million in satisfaction of portions of employer contribution rates in fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22, respectively. Recent employer contribution rates are set forth in the following table.

**EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES (PERS)
Fiscal Years 2019-20 through 2022-23⁽¹⁾**

| Fiscal Year | Employer Contribution Rate ⁽¹⁾ |
|-------------|--|
| 2019-20 | 19.721% |
| 2020-21 | 20.700 |
| 2021-22 | 22.910 |
| 2022-23 | 25.370 |

(1) Expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.
Source: PERS

The District’s employer contributions to PERS for recent fiscal years are set forth in the following table.

**PERS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
San Luis Coastal Unified School District
Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2022-23**

| Fiscal Year | Amount |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 2017-18 | \$2,560,813 |
| 2018-19 | 3,103,424 |
| 2019-20 | 3,620,561 |
| 2020-21 | 3,919,563 |
| 2021-22 | 4,637,177 |
| 2022-23 ⁽¹⁾ | 5,121,697 |

(1) First Interim Projection.
Source: San Luis Coastal Unified School District.

PERS continues to have an unfunded liability which, on a market value of assets basis, was approximately \$24.0 billion as of June 30, 2021, which is the date of the last actuarial valuation.

California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013. On September 12, 2012, the Governor signed into law the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 ("PEPRA"), which impacted various aspects of public retirement systems in the State, including the STRS and PERS programs. In general, PEPRA (i) increased the retirement age for public employees depending on job function, (ii) capped the annual pension benefit payouts for public employees hired after January 1, 2013, (iii) required public employees hired after January 1, 2013 to pay at least 50% of the costs of their pension benefits (as described in more detail below), (iv) required final compensation for public employees hired after January 1, 2013 to be determined based on the highest average annual pensionable compensation earned over a period of at least 36 consecutive months, and (v) attempted to address other perceived abuses in the public retirement systems in the State. PEPRA applies to all public employee retirement systems in the State, *except* the retirement systems of the University of California, and charter cities and charter counties whose pension plans are not governed by State law. PEPRA's provisions went into effect on January 1, 2013 with respect to new State, school, and city and local agency employees hired on or after that date; existing employees who are members of employee associations, including employee associations of the District, have a five-year window to negotiate compliance with PEPRA through collective bargaining.

PERS has predicted that the impact of PEPRA on employees and employers, including the District and other employers in the PERS system, will vary, based on each employer's current level of benefits. As a result of the implementation of PEPRA, new members must pay at least 50% of the normal costs of the plan, which can fluctuate from year to year. To the extent that the new formulas lower retirement benefits, employer contribution rates could decrease over time as current employees retire and employees subject to the new formulas make up a larger percentage of the workforce. This change would, in some circumstances, result in a lower retirement benefit for employees than they currently earn.

With respect to the STRS pension program, employees hired after January 1, 2013 will pay the greater of either (1) fifty percent of the normal cost of their retirement plan, rounded to the nearest one-quarter percent, or (2) the contribution rate paid by then-current members (i.e., employees in the STRS plan as of January 1, 2013). The member contribution rate could be increased from this level through collective bargaining or may be adjusted based on other factors. Employers will pay at least the normal cost rate, after subtracting the member's contribution.

The District is unable to predict the amount of future contributions it will have to make to PERS and STRS as a result of the implementation of PEPRA, and as a result of negotiations with its employee associations, or, notwithstanding the adoption of PEPRA, resulting from any legislative changes regarding the PERS and STRS employer contributions that may be adopted in the future.

Additional Information - STRS and PERS. Additional information regarding the District's retirement programs is available in Note 15 to the District's audited financial statements attached hereto as APPENDIX B. In addition, both STRS and PERS issue separate comprehensive financial reports that include financial statements and required supplemental information. Copies of such reports may be obtained from STRS and PERS, respectively, as follows: (i) STRS, P.O. Box 15275, Sacramento, California 95851-0275; and (ii) PERS, 400 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95811.

More information regarding STRS and PERS can also be obtained at their websites, www.calstrs.com and www.calpers.ca.gov, respectively. *The references to these Internet websites are shown for reference and convenience only and the information contained on such websites is not incorporated by reference into this Official Statement. The information contained on these websites may not be current and has not been reviewed by the District or the Underwriter for accuracy or completeness.*

Other Post-Employment Retirement Benefits

Plan Description. The District's governing board administers the Postemployment Benefits Plan (the "**Plan**"). The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit plan that is used to provide postemployment benefits other than pensions ("**OPEB**") for eligible retirees and their spouses. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75. At June 30, 2022, membership of the Plan consists of 89 retirees and 898 active employees.

Benefits Provided. The Plan provides medical and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. Benefits are provided through a third-party insurer, and the full cost of benefits is covered by the Plan. The District's governing board has the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms as contained within the negotiated labor agreements.

The benefit payment requirements of the Plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the District, the San Luis Coastal Teacher Association ("**SLCTA**"), the local California Service Employees Association ("**CSEA**"), and unrepresented groups. The benefit payment is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements as determined annually through the agreements with the District, SLCTA, CSEA, and the unrepresented groups. For the measurement period of June 30, 2022, the District paid \$987,488 in benefits.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs. The District's total OPEB liability of \$15,361,715 was measured as of June 30, 2022, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021. The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified: inflation 2.50%, salary increases 2.75% average, including inflation, and healthcare cost trend rate of 4.00% for 2022. Mortality rates were based on the 2020 CalSTRS Mortality Table for certificated employees and the 2017 CalPERS Active Mortality for Miscellaneous Employees Table for classified employees. Mortality rates vary by age and sex. (Unisex mortality rates are not often used as individual OPEB benefits do not depend on the mortality table used.) If employees die prior to retirement, past contributions are available to fund benefits for employees who live to retirement. After retirement, death results in benefit termination or reeducation. Although higher mortality rates reduce service costs, the mortality assumption is not likely to vary from employer to employer.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actual experience study for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

Discount Rate. The discount rate of 3.54% was based on the Bond Buyer 20-Bond General Obligation Index.

Changes in OPEB Liability of the District. The changes in OPEB liability of the District as of June 30, 2022, is shown in the following table:

**CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY
San Luis Coastal Unified School District**

| | Total OPEB Liability |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Balance at June 30, 2021 | \$15,134,387 |
| Service Cost | 1,395,621 |
| Interest | 331,311 |
| Changes in assumptions | (512,116) |
| Benefit payments | (987,488) |
| Net changes | 227,328 |
| Balance at June 30, 2022 | \$15,361,715 |

Source: San Luis Coastal Unified School District.

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.16% in 2021 to 3.54% in 2022. There were no changes in benefit terms since the previous valuation.

OPEB Expense. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized an OPEB expense of \$638,364.

For more information regarding the District's OPEB and assumptions used in its most recent actuarial study, see Note 12 of APPENDIX B to the Official Statement.

Insurance – Joint Powers Agreement

The District is a member of the Self-Insured Schools of California Property and Liability Program (“**SISC II**”), Schools Insurance Program for Employees (“**SIPE**”), and the Self-Insured Schools of California Health and Welfare Benefits Program (“**SISC III**”) public entity risk pools. The District pays an annual premium to each entity for its health, workers' compensation, and property liability coverage. The relationship between the District and the pools are such that they are not component units of the District for financial reporting purposes.

The District also participates in a joint venture under JPA with the Santa Lucia Regional Occupation Program (the “**Program**”). Participating districts receive ADA monies directly and in turn transfer these funds to the Program as tuition. The districts then submit claims for expenditures to the Program for payment. Administrative expenses are allocated based on ADA. The relationship between the District and the Program is such that the Program is not a component unit of the District for financial reporting purposes.

These entities have budgeting and financial reporting requirements independent of member units and their financial statements are not presented in these financial statements; however, fund transactions between the entities and the District are included in these statements. Audited financial statements are available from the respective entities.

During the year ended June 30, 2022, the District made payments of \$1,173,941, \$929,984 and \$14,498,523 to SIPE, SISC II and SISC III, respectively.

For more information regarding the District's JPAs, see Note 17 of Appendix B to the Official Statement.

Disclaimer Regarding Cyber Risks

The District, like other public and private entities, relies on computer and other digital networks and systems to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private or other electronic sensitive information, the District may be the subject of cyber threats including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computer and other sensitive digital networks and systems. Entities or individuals may attempt to gain unauthorized remote access to the District's systems for the purposes of misappropriating assets or information or causing operational disruption or damage, or demanding ransom for restored access to files or information. No assurance can be given that the District's current efforts to manage cyber threats and security will, in all cases, be successful.

In May of 2022, the District was the target of a cyber attack, which compromised the personal data of certain District employees, though there were no financial impacts. The District has since increased its security systems and procedures, and carries cyber-security insurance. The District cannot predict what future cyber security events may occur and what impact said events could have on its operations or finances.

The District relies on other entities and service providers in the course of operating the District, including the County with respect to the levy and collection of *ad valorem* property taxes, as well as other trustees, fiscal agents and dissemination agents. No assurance can be given that future cyber threats and attacks against other third party entities or service providers will not impact the District and the owners of the Bonds, including the possibility of impacting the timely payments of debt service on the Bonds or timely filings pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

Existing Debt Obligations

General Obligation Bonds. The District has voter-approved general obligation bonds which have been issued pursuant to the authority obtained from voters at elections in past years, which are secured by *ad valorem* property taxes levied and collected in the District. The following table shows the outstanding general obligation bonded debt of the District prior to the issuance of the Bonds offered for sale hereunder.

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ⁽¹⁾ San Luis Coastal Unified School District

| Dated Date | Series | Amount of Original Issue | Final Maturity Date | Outstanding as of February 2, 2023 |
|--------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 04/08/2015 | General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2014, Series A | \$50,000,000.00 | 8/1/2039 | \$33,235,000.00 |
| 05/30/2017 | General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2014, Series B | 50,000,000.00 | 8/1/2042 | 40,585,000.00 |
| 12/13/2018 | General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2014, Series C | 77,000,000.00 | 8/1/2039 | 50,370,000.00 |
| 07/12/2022 | 2022 General Obligation Refunding Bonds ⁽²⁾ | 23,965,000.00 | 8/1/2039 | 23,471,000.00 |
| Total | | \$200,965,000.00 | | \$147,661,000.00 |

(1) Does not include the Bonds offered for sale in this Official Statement.

(2) Private placement.

Compensated Absences. Compensated absences (unpaid employee vacation) for the District at June 30, 2022, amounted to \$996,625.

Leases. The District entered an agreement to lease copiers for five years, beginning July 1, 2021. Under the terms of the lease, the District paid five monthly payments of \$58,040 and seven monthly payments of \$83,959, which amounted to total principal and interest costs of \$141,999 as of June 30, 2022. The increase in monthly payments was due to an increase in

sales tax. At June 30, 2022, the District has recognized a net right to use asset of \$499,002 and a lease liability of \$518,372 related to this agreement. During fiscal year 2021-22, the District recorded \$149,701 in amortization expense and \$11,668 in interest expense for the right to use of the copiers. The District used an interest rate of 2.12% based on the rates available to finance machinery and equipment over the same time periods. The remaining principal and interest payment requirements for the lease obligation debt as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

| Year Ending June 30 | Principal | Interest | Total |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 2023 | \$134,237 | \$9,521 | \$143,758 |
| 2024 | 137,093 | 6,661 | 143,754 |
| 2025 | 140,045 | 3,705 | 143,750 |
| 2026 | 106,997 | 814 | 107,811 |
| Total | \$518,372 | \$20,701 | \$539,073 |

Source: San Luis Coastal Unified School District.

Investment of District Funds

In accordance with California Government Code Sections 53600 *et seq.*, the County Treasurer manages funds deposited with it by the District. The County is required to invest such funds in accordance with California Government Code Sections 53601 *et seq.* In addition, counties are required to establish their own investment policies which may impose limitations beyond those required by the California Government Code. See APPENDIX G to the Official Statement for the County’s current investment policy and recent investment report.

Effect of State Budget on Revenues

Public school districts in California are dependent on revenues from the State for a large portion of their operating budgets. California school districts generally receive the majority of their operating revenues from various State sources. The primary source of funding for school districts is LCFF funding, which is derived from a combination of State funds and local property taxes (see “—Education Funding Generally” above). State funds typically make up the majority of a district’s LCFF funding. School districts also receive funding from the State for some specialized programs such as special education.

The availability of State funds for public education is a function of constitutional provisions affecting school district revenues and expenditures (see “CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS” below), the condition of the State economy (which affects total revenue available to the State general fund), and the annual State budget process. The District cannot predict how education funding may further be changed in the future, or the state of the economy which in turn can impact the amounts of funds available from the State for education funding. See “STATE FUNDING OF EDUCATION; RECENT STATE BUDGETS.”

STATE FUNDING OF EDUCATION; RECENT STATE BUDGETS

The information in this section concerning the State's budget or budgets has been compiled from publicly-available information provided by the State or the Legislative Analyst's Office (the "LAO"). Neither the District, the Underwriter nor the County is responsible for the information provided in this section.

State Funding of Education Generally

The State requires that from all State revenues there first shall be set apart the moneys to be applied for support of the public school system and public institutions of higher education. Public school districts in California are dependent on revenues from the State for a large portion of their operating budgets. The primary source of funding for school districts are revenues under the LCFF, which are a combination of State funds and local property taxes (see "FINANCIAL INFORMATION - Education Funding Generally" above). State funds typically make up the majority of a district's LCFF allocation, although Basic Aid school districts derive the majority of their revenues from local property taxes. School districts also receive substantial funding from the State for various categorical programs.

The availability of State funds for public education is a function of constitutional provisions affecting school district revenues and expenditures (see "CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS" below), the condition of the State economy (which affects total revenue available to the State's general fund), and the annual State budget process. Decreases in State revenues may significantly affect appropriations made by the legislature to school districts.

The State Budget Process

The State's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. The annual budget is proposed by the Governor by January 10 of each year for the next fiscal year (the "**Governor's Budget**"). Under State law, the annual proposed Governor's Budget cannot provide for projected expenditures in excess of projected revenues and balances available from prior fiscal years. Following the submission of the Governor's Budget, the Legislature takes up the proposal.

Under the State Constitution, money may be drawn from the State Treasury only through an appropriation made by law. The primary source of the annual expenditure authorizations is the Budget Act as approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The Budget Act must be approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature. The Governor may reduce or eliminate specific line items in the Budget Act or any other appropriations bill without vetoing the entire bill. Such individual line-item vetoes are subject to override by a two-thirds majority vote of each house of the Legislature.

Appropriations also may be included in legislation other than the Budget Act. Bills containing appropriations (including for K-14 education) must be approved by a majority vote in each house of the Legislature, unless such appropriations require tax increases, in which case they must be approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature and be signed by the Governor. Continuing appropriations, available without regard to fiscal year, may also be provided by statute or the State Constitution.

Funds necessary to meet an appropriation need not be in the State Treasury at the time such appropriation is enacted; revenues may be appropriated in anticipation of their receipt.

Resources Relating to State Budgets

Certain information about the State budgeting process and the State budget is available through several State sources. Convenient sources of information include:

- www.treasurer.ca.gov: The California State Treasurer internet home page, under the link to “Bond Finance” and sub-heading “-Public Finance Division”, includes links to recent State official statements and various State financial documents which includes information regarding State budgets and finances.
- www.dof.ca.gov: The California Department of Finance’s (the “**DOF**”) internet home page, under the link to “California Budget”, includes the text of proposed and adopted State Budgets.
- www.lao.ca.gov: The LAO’s internet home page includes a link to “-The Budget” which includes analyses and commentary on fiscal outlooks.

The above references to internet websites shown are shown for reference and convenience only. The information contained within the websites may include outdated information and has not been reviewed for accuracy by the District or the Underwriter. Such information is not incorporated herein by reference.

The 2022-23 State Budget

On June 30, 2022, the Governor signed the fiscal year 2022-23 State Budget (the “**2022-23 State Budget**”), a \$308 billion spending plan, including \$234.4 billion in general fund spending, and a historic \$100 billion budget surplus. The 2022-23 State Budget included significant general fund investments, provided for tax rebates to millions of taxpayers, and provided for a \$37.2 billion reserve.

A central component of the 2022-23 State Budget was an over \$17 billion broad-based inflation relief package, which included tax rebates of up to \$1,050 based on income level and the size of household. The relief package also included increased grants for the State’s lowest income families and individuals, and additional funding for food banks.

Other highlights of the 2022-23 State Budget included funding to address impacts of climate change and drought, provided for wildfire support, and addressed electricity rates and accelerate clean energy projects. Total funding of \$128.6 billion was provided for K-12 education, reflecting \$22,893 per pupil (\$16,993 K-12 Proposition 98 guarantee), further details of which are set forth below. The 2022-23 State Budget included funding aimed at addressing higher education needs, health care including universal access, funding for infrastructure including for transportation, energy innovation and reliability, housing for homeless individuals, and increasing broadband connectivity. Funding in the amount of \$14.8 billion was provided for regional transit and rail projects, the continued development of a first-in-the-nation, electrified high-speed rail system in the State and other climate adaptation projects. The 2022-23 State Budget included an additional \$2 billion over two years to accelerate the development of affordable housing, and \$3.4 billion over three years to continue the State’s efforts to address homelessness by investing in immediate behavioral health housing and treatment, as well as encampment cleanup grants. Funding was provided to address COVID-19 health issues including testing and vaccinations, and funding for local law enforcement and highway patrols aimed at increasing public safety. The 2022-23 State Budget was projected to be balanced in fiscal year 2025-26, the last year in the multi-year forecast.

With respect to K-12 education, the 2022-23 State Budget provides total funding of \$128.6 billion (\$78.6 billion general fund and \$50 billion other funds) for all K-12 education programs. The 2022-23 State Budget reflected a Proposition 98 funding level of \$110.4 billion in fiscal year 2022-23, representing a three-year increase in the minimum Proposition 98 guarantee of \$35.8 billion over the level funded in the fiscal year 2020-21 State budget. A payment of approximately \$2.2 billion was provided for the Public School System Stabilization Account, for a balance of more than \$9.5 billion at the end of fiscal year 2022-23.

Under State law, there is a cap of 10 percent on school district reserves in fiscal years immediately succeeding those in which the balance in the Stabilization Account is equal to or greater than 3 percent of the total K-12 share of the Proposition 98 guaranteed funding. The balance of \$7.1 billion in fiscal year 2021-22 triggered the school district reserve cap beginning in fiscal year 2022-23.

The 2022-23 State Budget included an LCFF cost-of-living adjustment of 6.56 percent, the largest in the history of LCFF. Additionally, to help school districts and charter schools address ongoing fiscal pressures, staffing shortages, and other operational needs, the 2022-23 State Budget included \$4.32 billion ongoing Proposition 98 general fund to increase LCFF base funding by an additional 6.28 percent.

To support fiscal stability and to address declining enrollment, the 2022-23 State Budget allowed school districts to use the greater of the current year or prior year average daily attendance or an average of the three prior years' average daily attendance to calculate LCFF funding. Further, to minimize reductions in LCFF funding that would otherwise occur due to increased absences in fiscal year 2021-22, the 2022-23 State Budget enabled all classroom-based local educational agencies that demonstrated they provided independent study offerings to students in fiscal year 2021-22 to be funded at the greater of their current year average daily attendance or their current year enrollment adjusted for pre-COVID-19 absence rates in fiscal year 2021-22.

Other highlights of the 2022-23 State Budget relating to K-12 education included:

Establishes the Learning Recovery Emergency Fund: \$7.9 billion one-time Proposition 98 general fund to support the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant which supported local educational agencies in establishing learning recovery initiatives through the 2027–28 school year. Funds can be used to increase instructional time, close learning gaps such as tutoring or small group learning, support students with health, counseling or mental health services, create additional access to instructions to support graduations and increase college eligibility, and provide additional academic services to students.

Block Grant for Arts, Music and Other Programs: Established the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant, funded at \$3.6 billion for a variety of purposes.

Supporting Community Schools: \$1.1 billion in one-time Proposition 98 funding supporting access to the community schools grant.

Support for Educator Workforce: \$48.1 million general fund for educator workforce purposes.

Funding for Residency Programs: \$250 million one-time Proposition 98 general fund to expand residency slots for teachers and school counselors.

Funding for STEM Purposes: \$85 million one-time Proposition 98 general fund to create Pre-K through 12 grade educator resources and professional learning to implement the Next Generation Science Standards, the California Math Framework, the California Computer Science Standards, and the math and science domains of the California Preschool Learning Foundations.

Support for State Preschools: \$312.7 million Proposition 98 general fund and \$172.3 million general fund to increase State Preschool Program adjustment factors for students with disabilities, dual language learners, and childhood mental health and adds an adjustment factor for three-year-olds. Funding is also provided for inclusive early education, waiver of certain costs for children in the State Preschool Program, and in fiscal year 2022-23 reimbursing preschool providers for certain hours of authorized care.

Support for Transitional Kindergarten: \$614 million ongoing Proposition 98 general fund to, beginning in the 2022-23 school year, to support the first year of expanded eligibility for transitional kindergarten. Additionally, the 2022-23 State Budget provided \$383 million Proposition 98 general fund to add one additional certificated or classified staff person to every transitional kindergarten class, reducing student-to-adult ratios to more closely align with the State Preschool Program.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Program: \$1 billion ongoing and \$753 million one-time Proposition 98 general fund in the first year of a multi-year investment plan to implement expanded-day, full-year instruction and enrichment for all elementary school students, with a focus on local educational agencies with the highest concentrations of low-income students, English language learners, and youth in foster care. Local educational agencies with the highest concentrations of these students will be required to offer expanded learning opportunities to all elementary students. The 2022-23 State Budget continued to assume that full fiscal implementation of the program will take place by 2025-26.

Early Literacy: Included \$250 million one-time Proposition 98 general fund, available over five years, for grants to high-needs schools to train and hire literacy coaches and reading specialists to guide productive classroom instruction and to offer one-on-one and small group intervention for struggling readers.

Community Engagement Initiative: First funded in 2018, an additional \$100 million one-time Proposition 98 general fund to expand the reach of the program to hundreds of additional local educational agencies.

Special Education: \$500 million ongoing Proposition 98 general fund for the special education funding formula, paired with several policy changes to further the State's commitment to improving special education instruction and services.

College and Career Pathways: Included \$500 million one-time Proposition 98 general fund over seven years to support the development of pathway programs focused on technology, health care, education, and climate-related fields, and \$200 million one-time Proposition 98 general fund, available over five years, to strengthen and expand student access and participation in dual enrollment

opportunities.

Home-To-School Transportation: \$637 million ongoing Proposition 98 general fund to reimburse local educational agencies for up to 60 percent of their transportation costs in the prior year. Additionally, commencing in 2023-24, the 2022-23 State Budget reflected the application of an ongoing cost-of-living adjustment to the current LCFF Home-to-School transportation add-on. In addition, \$1.5 billion one-time Proposition 98 general fund, available over five years, to support greening school bus fleets through programs that will be operated by the California Air Resources Board and the California Energy Commission.

Nutrition: \$596 million Proposition 98 general fund to fund universal access to subsidized school meals, an additional \$611.8 million to augment the state meal reimbursement rate sufficient to maintain meal reimbursement rates beginning in 2022-23, and \$600 million one-time, available over three years, for school kitchen infrastructure upgrades and equipment, food service employee training, and compensation for work related to serving universal meals using more fresh, minimally processed foods.

Farm to School Program: \$30 million one-time general fund to establish additional farm to school demonstration projects with priority towards high-need schools, and \$3 million ongoing general fund to expand the regional California Farm to School Network.

K-12 Facilities: The 2022-23 State Budget allocated the remaining Proposition 51 bond funds to support school construction projects, and provided \$100 million one-time general fund with fiscal year 2021-22 funds and \$550 million in fiscal year 2023-24 to support the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program. This program's grant funds may be used to construct new school facilities or retrofit existing school facilities for the purpose of providing transitional kindergarten, full-day kindergarten, or preschool classrooms.

For the full text of the 2022-23 State Budget, see the DOF website at www.dof.ca.gov. *The reference to this Internet website is shown for reference and convenience only and the information contained on such website is not incorporated by reference into this Official Statement. The information contained on this website may not be current and has not been reviewed by the District or the Underwriter for accuracy or completeness.*

The 2023-24 Proposed State Budget

On January 10, 2023, the Governor presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-24 to the State legislature (the “**2023-24 Proposed State Budget**”). The State is facing an estimated budget gap of \$22.5 billion, forecasting general fund revenues at \$22.5 billion below the fiscal year 2022-23 budget act projections. The \$297 billion budget proposes a variety of methods, including \$7.4 billion in funding delays, \$5.7 billion in reductions and pullbacks, \$4.3 billion in fund shifts, \$3.9 billion in trigger reductions and \$1.2 billion in limited revenue generation and borrowing, to address the projected shortfall. The 2023-24 Proposed State Budget includes \$108.8 billion for Proposition 98 funding for K-12, reflecting a Proposition 98 general fund decrease of \$153 million in fiscal year 2022-23 and \$1.3 billion in fiscal year 2023-24 for school district and county offices of education as a result of increased offsetting property taxes.

Funding for the LCFF is projected at \$80.1 billion in fiscal year 2023-24, reflecting a 2.2% decline in ADA. The 2023-24 Proposed State Budget proposes an LCFF cost of living adjustment of 8.13%, the highest adjustment in recent memory, resulting in an increase of \$4.2 billion in discretionary funds for local educational agencies. In order to fund this adjustment, the 2023-24 Proposed State Budget provides for approximately \$613 million in one-time funding for fiscal year 2022-23 and approximately \$1.4 billion in one-time funding for fiscal year 2023-24.

The 2023-24 Proposed State Budget allocates \$35.6 billion in total reserves, including \$22.4 billion in the State's Budget Stabilization Account, fulfilling the constitutional minimum mandatory deposit and requiring \$951 million to be dedicated to infrastructure investments in fiscal year 2023-24. Other proposed reserves include \$8.5 billion in the Public Schools System Stabilization Account, which is a decrease from the \$9.5 billion previously projected, which continues to trigger school district reserve caps in fiscal year 2023-24, \$900 million in the Safety Net Reserve, and \$3.8 billion in the State's operating reserve. The 2023-24 Proposed State Budget accelerates paydown of State retirement liabilities, with \$1.9 billion in additional payments in fiscal year 2023-24 and approximately \$5.3 billion projected to be paid over the next three years. In addition to addressing the \$22.5 billion budget shortfall, the 2023-24 Proposed State Budget utilizes a number of resiliency measures to close shortfalls projected in the coming years.

Other highlights of the 2023-24 Proposed State Budget include:

- to implement the second year of the expansion of transitional kindergarten, \$690 million, allowing approximately 46,000 children access to the program, and \$165 million to support the addition of staff to support those additional students. Full implementation of universal transitional kindergarten is expected in fiscal year 2025-26.
- over \$2 billion, annualized to expand subsidized childcare.
- funding for universal access to subsidized school meals and the additional enhanced meal rate by allocating over \$1.4 billion to reimburse school meals and ensure students who want a meal will have access to two free meals each day.
- approximately \$48 billion to advance the State's climate agenda. Given the projected declines in general fund revenues, there are reductions across several climate programs, which are partially offset with shifts to other funds.
- over \$1 billion annually to provide increased cash assistance to individuals with disabilities, older adults in the SSI/SSP programs, and low-income children and families in the CalWORK's program.
- more than \$8 billion across various departments to expand the continuum of behavioral health treatment and infrastructure capacity
- investments over \$200 million to provide reproductive health services, including grants to health care providers to offset the cost of care to uninsured or underinsured individuals, for clinical infrastructure and to provide scholarships and loan repayments to providers that commit to providing such services.

- a multi-year commitment of \$44 billion for various statewide infrastructure investment, including modernizing the State’s transportation system, providing greater access to broadband connectivity, reducing wildfire risk to communities, and supporting drought and resiliency.
- reductions related to housing production incentive programs that were included as part of the 2022-23 State Budget of \$350 billion.
- approximately \$2.2 billion to create additional apprenticeships, provide training to mitigate the effects of climate change, provide job training and other assistance to the justice-involved population.
- a multi-year commitment of \$44 billion for various statewide infrastructure investment, including modernizing the State’s transportation system, providing greater access to broadband connectivity, reducing wildfire risk to communities, and supporting drought and resiliency.
- \$564.4 million over three years to bolster local law enforcement efforts to reduce retail theft and other crimes.

Disclaimer Regarding State Budgets

The execution of State budgets may be affected by numerous factors, including but not limited to: (i) shifts in costs from the federal government to the State, (ii) national, State and international economic conditions, (iii) litigation risks, (iv) rising health care costs and/or other unfunded liabilities, such as pension or OPEB, and (v) numerous other factors, all or any of which could cause the revenue and spending projections included in such budgets to be unattainable. The District cannot predict the impact that the 2022-23 State Budget or subsequent State budgets, or future changes (if any) in the budget due to shifts in the economy or other factors, will have on its own finances and operations. However, the Bonds described herein are secured by *ad valorem* property taxes levied and collected on taxable property in the District, without limit as to rate or amount, and are not secured by a pledge of revenues of the District or its general fund.

The State has not entered into any contractual commitments with the District, the County, the Underwriter or the owners of the Bonds to provide State Budget information to the District or the owners of the Bonds. Although the sources of information provided herein are known to be reliable, neither the District nor the Underwriter assume any responsibility for the accuracy of the budget information set forth or referred to in this Official Statement or incorporated herein.

Legal Challenges to State Funding of Education

The application of Proposition 98 and other statutory provisions relating to education funding in the State has been the subject of various legal challenges in the past. The District cannot predict if or when there will be changes to education funding or legal challenges which may arise relating thereto, and how such events could impact the District and its finances.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from the proceeds of an *ad valorem* tax levied by the County for the payment thereof. Articles XIII A, XIII B, XIII C, and XIII D of the State

Constitution, Propositions 62, 98, 111 and 218, and certain other provisions of law discussed below, are included in this section to describe the potential effect of these Constitutional and statutory measures on the ability of the District to levy taxes and spend tax proceeds for operating and other purposes, and it should not be inferred from the inclusion of such materials that these laws impose any limitation on the ability of the District to levy taxes for payment of the Bonds. The tax levied by the County for payment of the Bonds was approved by the District's voters in compliance with Article XIII A and all applicable laws.

Constitutionally Required Funding of Education

The State Constitution requires that from all State revenues, there shall be first set apart the moneys to be applied by the State for the support of the public school system and public institutions of higher education. School districts receive a significant portion of their funding from State appropriations. As a result, decreases and increases in State revenues can significantly affect appropriations made by the State Legislature to school districts.

Article XIII A of the California Constitution

Basic Property Tax Levy. On June 6, 1978, California voters approved Proposition 13 (“**Proposition 13**”), which added Article XIII A to the State Constitution (“**Article XIII A**”). Article XIII A limits the amount of any *ad valorem* tax on real property to 1% of the full cash value thereof, except that additional *ad valorem* taxes may be levied to pay debt service on (i) indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978, (ii) (as a result of an amendment to Article XIII A approved by State voters on June 3, 1986) bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property which has been approved on or after July 1, 1978 by two-thirds of the voters on such indebtedness, and (iii) (as a result of an amendment to Article XIII A approved by State voters on November 7, 2000) bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district or community college district for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, approved by 55% of the voters of the district, but only if certain accountability measures are included in the proposition. The tax for the payment of the Bonds falls within the exception described in (iii) of the immediately preceding sentence. Article XIII A defines full cash value to mean “the county assessor’s valuation of real property as shown on the 1975-76 tax bill under full cash value, or thereafter, the appraised value of real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership have occurred after the 1975 assessment”. This full cash value may be increased at a rate not to exceed 2% per year to account for inflation.

Article XIII A has subsequently been amended to permit reduction of the “full cash value” base in the event of declining property values caused by damage, destruction or other factors, to provide that there would be no increase in the “full cash value” base in the event of reconstruction of property damaged or destroyed in a disaster and in other minor or technical ways.

Both the United States Supreme Court and the California State Supreme Court have upheld the general validity of Article XIII A.

Legislation Implementing Article XIII A. Legislation has been enacted and amended a number of times since 1978 to implement Article XIII A. Under current law, local agencies are no longer permitted to levy directly any property tax (except to pay voter-approved indebtedness). The 1% property tax is automatically levied by the county and distributed according to a formula among taxing agencies. The formula apportions the tax roughly in proportion to the relative shares of taxes levied prior to 1979.

Increases of assessed valuation resulting from reappraisals of property due to new construction, change in ownership or from the annual adjustment not to exceed 2% are allocated among the various jurisdictions in the “taxing area” based upon their respective “situs.” Any such allocation made to a local agency continues as part of its allocation in future years.

Inflationary Adjustment of Assessed Valuation. As described above, the assessed value of a property may be increased at a rate not to exceed 2% per year to account for inflation. On December 27, 2001, the Orange County Superior Court, in *County of Orange v. Orange County Assessment Appeals Board No. 3*, held that where a home’s taxable value did not increase for two years, due to a flat real estate market, the Orange County assessor violated the 2% inflation adjustment provision of Article XIII A, when the assessor tried to “recapture” the tax value of the property by increasing its assessed value by 4% in a single year. The assessors in most California counties, including the County, use a similar methodology in raising the taxable values of property beyond 2% in a single year. The SBE has approved this methodology for increasing assessed values. On appeal, the Appellate Court held that the trial court erred in ruling that assessments are always limited to no more than 2% of the previous year’s assessment. On May 10, 2004 a petition for review was filed with the California Supreme Court. The petition has been denied by the California Supreme Court. As a result of this litigation, the “recapture” provision described above may continue to be employed in determining the full cash value of property for property tax purposes.

Article XIII B of the California Constitution

Article XIII B (“**Article XIII B**”) of the State Constitution, as subsequently amended by Propositions 98 and 111, respectively, limits the annual appropriations of the State and of any city, county, school district, authority or other political subdivision of the State to the level of appropriations of the particular governmental entity for the prior fiscal year, as adjusted for changes in the cost of living and in population and for transfers in the financial responsibility for providing services and for certain declared emergencies. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1990, the appropriations limit of each entity of government shall be the appropriations limit for the 1986-87 fiscal year adjusted for the changes made from that fiscal year under the provisions of Article XIII B, as amended.

The appropriations of an entity of local government subject to Article XIII B limitations include the proceeds of taxes levied by or for that entity and the proceeds of certain state subventions to that entity. “Proceeds of taxes” include, but are not limited to, all tax revenues and the proceeds to the entity from (a) regulatory licenses, user charges and user fees (but only to the extent that these proceeds exceed the reasonable costs in providing the regulation, product or service), and (b) the investment of tax revenues.

Appropriations subject to limitation do not include (a) refunds of taxes, (b) appropriations for debt service, (c) appropriations required to comply with certain mandates of the courts or the federal government, (d) appropriations of certain special districts, (e) appropriations for all qualified capital outlay projects as defined by the legislature, (f) appropriations derived from certain fuel and vehicle taxes and (g) appropriations derived from certain taxes on tobacco products.

Article XIII B includes a requirement that all revenues received by an entity of government other than the State in a fiscal year and in the fiscal year immediately following it in excess of the amount permitted to be appropriated during that fiscal year and the fiscal year immediately following it shall be returned by a revision of tax rates or fee schedules within the next two subsequent fiscal years. However, in the event that a school district’s revenues exceed its

spending limit, the district may in any fiscal year increase its appropriations limit to equal its spending by borrowing appropriations limit from the State.

Article XIII B also includes a requirement that 50% of all revenues received by the State in a fiscal year and in the fiscal year immediately following it in excess of the amount permitted to be appropriated during that fiscal year and the fiscal year immediately following it shall be transferred and allocated to the State School Fund under Section 8.5 of Article XVI of the State Constitution.

Unitary Property

Some amount of property tax revenue of the District is derived from utility property which is considered part of a utility system with components located in many taxing jurisdictions (“**unitary property**”). Under the State Constitution, such property is assessed by the SBE as part of a “going concern” rather than as individual pieces of real or personal property. State-assessed unitary and certain other property is allocated to the counties by SBE, taxed at special county-wide rates, and the tax revenues distributed to taxing jurisdictions (including the District) according to statutory formulae generally based on the distribution of taxes in the prior year.

In 2016, Pacific Gas & Electric decided not to renew the Nuclear Regulatory Commission licenses for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (“Diablo Canyon”), in the District’s boundaries. In anticipation, the unitary assessed valuation has been decreased each year since the decision to decommission Diablo Canyon was made. Diablo Canyon is expected to be fully decommissioned in 2025, and the District has budgeted for the loss in unitary assessed value going forward.

Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution

On November 5, 1996, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 218, popularly known as the “Right to Vote on Taxes Act.” Proposition 218 added to the California Constitution Articles XIII C and XIII D (respectively, “**Article XIII C**” and “**Article XIII D**”), which contain a number of provisions affecting the ability of local agencies, including school districts, to levy and collect both existing and future taxes, assessments, fees and charges.

According to the “Title and Summary” of Proposition 218 prepared by the California Attorney General, Proposition 218 limits “the authority of local governments to impose taxes and property-related assessments, fees and charges.” Among other things, Article XIII C establishes that every tax is either a “general tax” (imposed for general governmental purposes) or a “special tax” (imposed for specific purposes), prohibits special purpose government agencies such as school districts from levying general taxes, and prohibits any local agency from imposing, extending or increasing any special tax beyond its maximum authorized rate without a two-thirds vote; and also provides that the initiative power will not be limited in matters of reducing or repealing local taxes, assessments, fees and charges. Article XIII C further provides that no tax may be assessed on property other than *ad valorem* property taxes imposed in accordance with Articles XIII and XIII A of the California Constitution and special taxes approved by a two-thirds vote under Article XIII A, Section 4.

On November 2, 2010, Proposition 26 was approved by State voters, which amended Article XIII C to expand the definition of “tax” to include “any levy, charge, or exaction of any kind imposed by a local government” except the following: (1) a charge imposed for a specific benefit conferred or privilege granted directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, and which does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of conferring the benefit or granting the privilege; (2) a charge imposed for a specific government service or product provided

directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, and which does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of providing the service or product; (3) a charge imposed for the reasonable regulatory costs to a local government for issuing licenses and permits, performing investigations, inspections, and audits, enforcing agricultural marketing orders, and the administrative enforcement and adjudication thereof; (4) a charge imposed for entrance to or use of local government property, or the purchase, rental, or lease of local government property; (5) a fine, penalty, or other monetary charge imposed by the judicial branch of government or a local government, as a result of a violation of law; (6) a charge imposed as a condition of property development; and (7) assessments and property-related fees imposed in accordance with the provisions of Article XIID. Proposition 26 provides that the local government bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that a levy, charge, or other exaction is not a tax, that the amount is no more than necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the governmental activity, and that the manner in which those costs are allocated to a payor bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity.

Article XIID deals with assessments and property-related fees and charges, and explicitly provides that nothing in Article XIIC or XIID will be construed to affect existing laws relating to the imposition of fees or charges as a condition of property development.

While the provisions of Proposition 218 may have an indirect effect on the District, such as by limiting or reducing the revenues otherwise available to other local governments whose boundaries encompass property located within the District (thereby causing such local governments to reduce service levels and possibly adversely affecting the value of property within the District), the District does not believe that Proposition 218 will directly impact the revenues available to pay debt service on the Bonds.

Proposition 98

On November 8, 1988, California voters approved Proposition 98, a combined initiative constitutional amendment and statute called the "Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act" (the "**Accountability Act**"). Certain provisions of the Accountability Act have, however, been modified by Proposition 111, discussed below, the provisions of which became effective on July 1, 1990. The Accountability Act changes State funding of public education below the university level and the operation of the State's appropriations limit. The Accountability Act guarantees State funding for K-12 school districts and community college districts (hereinafter referred to collectively as "K-14 school districts") at a level equal to the greater of (a) the same percentage of general fund revenues as the percentage appropriated to such districts in 1986-87, and (b) the amount actually appropriated to such districts from the general fund in the previous fiscal year, adjusted for increases in enrollment and changes in the cost of living. The Accountability Act permits the Legislature to suspend this formula for a one-year period.

The Accountability Act also changes how tax revenues in excess of the State appropriations limit are distributed. Any excess State tax revenues up to a specified amount would, instead of being returned to taxpayers, be transferred to K-14 school districts. Any such transfer to K-14 school districts would be excluded from the appropriations limit for K-14 school districts and the K-14 school district appropriations limit for the next year would automatically be increased by the amount of such transfer. These additional moneys would enter the base funding calculation for K-14 school districts for subsequent years, creating further pressure on other portions of the State budget, particularly if revenues decline in a year following an Article XIIB surplus. The maximum amount of excess tax revenues which could be transferred to K-14 school districts is 4% of the minimum State spending for education mandated by the Accountability Act.

Proposition 111

On June 5, 1990, the voters approved Proposition 111 (Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 1) called the "Traffic Congestion Relief and Spending Limit Act of 1990" ("**Proposition 111**") which further modified Article XIII B and Sections 8 and 8.5 of Article XVI of the State Constitution with respect to appropriations limitations and school funding priority and allocation.

The most significant provisions of Proposition 111 are summarized as follows:

Annual Adjustments to Spending Limit. The annual adjustments to the Article XIII B spending limit were liberalized to be more closely linked to the rate of economic growth. Instead of being tied to the Consumer Price Index, the "change in the cost of living" is now measured by the change in California *per capita* personal income. The definition of "change in population" specifies that a portion of the State's spending limit is to be adjusted to reflect changes in school attendance.

Treatment of Excess Tax Revenues. "Excess" tax revenues with respect to Article XIII B are now determined based on a two-year cycle, so that the State can avoid having to return to taxpayers excess tax revenues in one year if its appropriations in the next fiscal year are under its limit. In addition, the Proposition 98 provision regarding excess tax revenues was modified. After any two-year period, if there are excess State tax revenues, 50% of the excess are to be transferred to K-14 school districts with the balance returned to taxpayers; under prior law, 100% of excess State tax revenues went to K-14 school districts, but only up to a maximum of 4% of the schools' minimum funding level. Also, reversing prior law, any excess State tax revenues transferred to K-14 school districts are not built into the school districts' base expenditures for calculating their entitlement for State aid in the next year, and the State's appropriations limit is not to be increased by this amount.

Exclusions from Spending Limit. Two exceptions were added to the calculation of appropriations which are subject to the Article XIII B spending limit. First, there are excluded all appropriations for "qualified capital outlay projects" as defined by the Legislature. Second, there are excluded any increases in gasoline taxes above the 1990 level (then nine cents per gallon), sales and use taxes on such increment in gasoline taxes, and increases in receipts from vehicle weight fees above the levels in effect on January 1, 1990. These latter provisions were necessary to make effective the transportation funding package approved by the Legislature and the Governor, which expected to raise over \$15 billion in additional taxes from 1990 through 2000 to fund transportation programs.

Recalculation of Appropriations Limit. The Article XIII B appropriations limit for each unit of government, including the State, is to be recalculated beginning in fiscal year 1990-91. It is based on the actual limit for fiscal year 1986-87, adjusted forward to 1990-91 as if Proposition 111 had been in effect.

School Funding Guarantee. There is a complex adjustment in the formula enacted in Proposition 98 which guarantees K-14 school districts a certain amount of State general fund revenues. Under prior law, K-14 school districts were guaranteed the greater of (1) 40.9% of State general fund revenues (the "**first test**") or (2) the amount appropriated in the prior year adjusted for changes in the cost of living (measured as in Article XIII B by reference to *per capita* personal income) and enrollment (the "**second test**"). Under Proposition 111, schools will receive the greater of (1) the first test, (2) the second test, or (3) a third test, which will replace the second test in any year when growth in *per capita* State general fund revenues from the prior year is less than the annual growth in California *per capita* personal income (the "**third test**"). Under the third

test, schools will receive the amount appropriated in the prior year adjusted for change in enrollment and *per capita* State general fund revenues, plus an additional small adjustment factor. If the third test is used in any year, the difference between the third test and the second test will become a “credit” to schools which will be paid in future years when State general fund revenue growth exceeds personal income growth.

Proposition 39

On November 7, 2000, California voters approved an amendment (commonly known as “**Proposition 39**”) to the California Constitution. This amendment (1) allows school facilities bond measures to be approved by 55% (rather than two-thirds) of the voters in local elections and permits property taxes to exceed the current 1% limit in order to repay the bonds and (2) changes existing statutory law regarding charter school facilities. Constitutional amendments may be changed only with another statewide vote. The statutory provisions could be changed by a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature and approval by the Governor, but only to further the purposes of the proposition. The local school jurisdictions affected by Proposition 39 are K-12 school districts including the District, community college districts, and county offices of education. As noted above, the California Constitution previously limited property taxes to 1% of the value of property. Prior to the approval of Proposition 39, property taxes could only exceed this limit to pay for (1) any local government debts approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978 or (2) bonds to acquire or improve real property that receive two-thirds voter approval after July 1, 1978.

The 55% vote requirement authorized by Proposition 39 applies only if the local bond measure presented to the voters includes: (1) a requirement that the bond funds can be used only for construction, rehabilitation, equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities; (2) a specific list of school projects to be funded and certification that the school board has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing the list; and (3) a requirement that the school board conduct annual, independent financial and performance audits until all bond funds have been spent to ensure that the bond funds have been used only for the projects listed in the measure. Legislation approved in June 2000 places certain limitations on local school bonds to be approved by 55% of the voters. These provisions require that the tax rate levied as the result of any single election be no more than \$60 (for a unified school district), \$30 (for an elementary school district or high school district), or \$25 (for a community college district), per \$100,000 of taxable property value. These requirements are not part of Proposition 39 and can be changed with a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature and approval by the Governor.

Proposition 1A and Proposition 22

On November 2, 2004, California voters approved Proposition 1A, which amended the State constitution to significantly reduce the State's authority over major local government revenue sources. Under Proposition 1A, the State cannot (i) reduce local sales tax rates or alter the method of allocating the revenue generated by such taxes, (ii) shift property taxes from local governments to schools or community colleges, (iii) change how property tax revenues are shared among local governments without two-thirds approval of both houses of the State Legislature or (iv) decrease Vehicle License Fee revenues without providing local governments with equal replacement funding. Under Proposition 1A, beginning in 2008-09, the State may shift to schools and community colleges a limited amount of local government property tax revenue if certain conditions are met, including: (i) a proclamation by the Governor that the shift is needed due to a severe financial hardship of the State, and (ii) approval of the shift by the State Legislature with a two-thirds vote of both houses. Under such a shift, the State must repay local governments for their property tax losses, with interest, within three years. Proposition 1A does allow the State to approve voluntary exchanges of local sales tax and property tax revenues among local governments within a county. Proposition 1A also amended the State Constitution to require the State to suspend certain State laws creating mandates in any year that the State does not fully reimburse local governments for their costs to comply with the mandates. This provision does not apply to mandates relating to schools or community colleges or to those mandates relating to employee rights.

Proposition 22, a constitutional initiative entitled the "Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010," approved on November 2, 2010, superseded many of the provisions of Proposition 1A. This initiative amends the State constitution to prohibit the legislature from diverting or shifting revenues that are dedicated to funding services provided by local government or funds dedicated to transportation improvement projects and services. Under this proposition, the State is not allowed to take revenue derived from locally imposed taxes, such as hotel taxes, parcel taxes, utility taxes and sales taxes, and local public transit and transportation funds. Further, in the event that a local governmental agency sues the State alleging a violation of these provisions and wins, then the State must automatically appropriate the funds needed to pay that local government. This Proposition was intended to, among other things, stabilize local government revenue sources by restricting the State's control over local property taxes. Proposition 22 did not prevent the California State Legislature from dissolving State redevelopment agencies pursuant to AB 1X26, as confirmed by the decision of the California Supreme Court decision in *California Redevelopment Association v. Matosantos* (2011).

Because Proposition 22 reduces the State's authority to use or reallocate certain revenue sources, fees and taxes for State general fund purposes, the State will have to take other actions to balance its budget, such as reducing State spending or increasing State taxes, and school and college districts that receive Proposition 98 or other funding from the State will be more directly dependent upon the State's general fund.

Proposition 30 and Proposition 55

The Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding, Initiative Constitutional Amendment (also known as "**Proposition 30**"), temporarily increased the State Sales and Use Tax and personal income tax rates on higher incomes. Proposition 30 temporarily imposed an additional tax on all retailers, at the rate of 0.25% of gross receipts from the sale of all tangible personal property sold in the State from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016. Proposition 30 also imposed an additional excise tax on the storage, use, or other consumption in the State of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer on and after January 1, 2013 and before January 1, 2017. This

excise tax was levied at a rate of 0.25% of the sales price of the property so purchased. For personal income taxes imposed beginning in the taxable year commencing January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2018, Proposition 30 increases the marginal personal income tax rate by: (i) 1% for taxable income over \$250,000 but less than \$300,000 for single filers (over \$500,000 but less than \$600,000 for joint filers), (ii) 2% for taxable income over \$300,000 but less than \$500,000 for single filers (over \$600,000 but less than \$1,000,000 for joint filers), and (iii) 3% for taxable income over \$500,000 for single filers (over \$1,000,000 for joint filers).

The revenues generated from the temporary tax increases will be included in the calculation of the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee for school districts and community college districts. See “Proposition 98” and “Proposition 111” above. From an accounting perspective, the revenues generated from the temporary tax increases will be deposited into the State account created pursuant to Proposition 30 called the Education Protection Account (the “EPA”). Pursuant to Proposition 30, funds in the EPA will be allocated quarterly, with 89% of such funds provided to school districts and 11% provided to community college districts. The funds will be distributed to school districts and community college districts in the same manner as existing unrestricted per-student funding, except that no school district will receive less than \$200 per unit of ADA and no community college district will receive less than \$100 per full time equivalent student. The governing board of each school district and community college district is granted sole authority to determine how the moneys received from the EPA are spent, provided that, the appropriate governing board is required to make these spending determinations in open session at a public meeting and such local governing boards are prohibited from using any funds from the EPA for salaries or benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs.

The California Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016, also known as Proposition 55, was a proposed constitutional amendment initiative that was approved on the November 8, 2016, general election ballot in California. Proposition 55 extends the increases to personal income tax rates for high-income taxpayers that were approved as part of Proposition 30 through 2030, instead of the scheduled expiration date of December 31, 2018. Tax revenue received under Proposition 55 is to be allocated 89% to K-12 schools and 11% to community colleges. Proposition 55 did not extend the sales tax increases of Proposition 30.

California Senate Bill 222

Senate Bill 222 (“**SB 222**”) amended Section 15251 of the California Education Code and added Section 52515 to the California Government Code to provide that voter-approved general obligation bonds which are secured by *ad valorem* tax collections such as the Bonds are secured by a statutory lien on all revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the property tax imposed to service those bonds. Said lien shall attach automatically and is valid and binding from the time the bonds are executed and delivered, enforceable against the issuer, its successors, transferees, and creditors, and all others asserting rights therein, irrespective of whether those parties have notice of the lien and without the need for any further act. The effect is the treatment of general obligation bonds as secured debt in bankruptcy due to the existence of a statutory lien.

Future Initiatives

Article XIII A, Article XIII B, Article XIII C and Article XIII D of the California Constitution and Propositions 98, 111, 22, 26, 30, 39 and 55 were each adopted as measures that qualified for the ballot under the State’s initiative process. From time to time other initiative measures could be adopted further affecting District revenues or the District’s ability to expend revenues. The nature and impact of these measures cannot be anticipated by the District.

APPENDIX B

**SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

APPENDIX C

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AND SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

The Bonds are not a debt of the City of San Luis Obispo (the “City”) or the County of San Luis Obispo (the “County”). The County, including its Board of Supervisors, officers, officials, agents and other employees, are required, only to the extent required by law, to: (i) levy and collect ad valorem taxes for payment of the Bonds in accordance with the law; and (ii) transmit the proceeds of such taxes to the paying agent for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds at the time such payment is due.

General Information

The City. The City is located approximately 235 miles south of downtown San Francisco and 200 miles north of Los Angeles, on the central coast of the State of California (the “State”). The City is situated along State Route 101 and is the county seat of the County. The City is located 315 feet above sea level in gentle mountain valley. The City has mild summers with an average high temperature of 70 degrees.

The County. The County is the fifteenth largest county in the State and is located in the mid coast of the State. The County borders the Pacific Ocean, with Monterey County to the north, Santa Barbara County to the south and Kern County to the east. The County lies near the Southern Coast Ranges which extend northwest to southeast. The Santa Lucia Range dominates the western half of the County; the eastern boundary lies along the Temblor Range. There is little level land except in some coastal valleys, along the northern border, and in the Carrizo Plain. Los Padres National Forest is located in the south central part of the County. Along the coast, the climate is moderate. In the City, the mean annual temperature is 54 degrees with an average annual rainfall of 22 inches. The average temperature is higher with less rainfall in the inland areas. During the summer, the temperature may be as much as 40 degrees cooler along the coast than in the interior.

Along the Pacific coastline of the County are many recreational areas and tourist attractions. Some popular activities are swimming, clamming, picnicking, boating, surfing, fishing and water skiing at the beaches, lakes and parks of the County. The nationally known Hearst Castle in San Simeon attracts over one million visitors annually.

Population

The following table lists population estimates for the City and County for the last five calendar years, as of January 1.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
Population Estimates
Calendar Years 2018 through 2022 as of January 1

| Area | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Arroyo Grande | 17,792 | 17,757 | 17,617 | 18,533 | 18,294 |
| Atascadero | 30,267 | 30,300 | 30,042 | 30,823 | 30,480 |
| El Paso De Robles | 31,185 | 31,149 | 31,245 | 31,659 | 31,176 |
| Grover Beach | 13,415 | 13,304 | 13,204 | 12,879 | 12,707 |
| Morro Bay | 10,333 | 10,235 | 10,151 | 10,638 | 10,466 |
| Pismo Beach | 8,271 | 8,272 | 8,191 | 8,095 | 7,981 |
| San Luis Obispo | 46,075 | 45,972 | 45,916 | 47,541 | 47,653 |
| Total Unincorporated | 120,912 | 120,861 | 120,452 | 119,542 | 121,964 |
| Total County | 278,250 | 277,850 | 276,818 | 279,710 | 280,721 |

Source: State Department of Finance estimates (as of January 1).

Employment Industry

The District is included in the San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles-Arroyo Grande Metropolitan Statistical Area (“**MSA**”). The unemployment rate in the County was 2.4% in December 2022, down from a revised 2.8% in November 2022, and below the year-ago estimate of 3.3%. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.7% for California and 3.3% for the nation during the same period.

The table below lists employment by industry group for the County for the years 2017 through 2021.

SAN LUIS OBISPO-PASO ROBLES-ARROYO GRANDE MSA
(San Luis Obispo County)
Annual Average Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment,
Unemployment by Industry
(March 2021 Benchmark)

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force ⁽¹⁾ | 140,300 | 140,100 | 139,800 | 133,900 | 135,300 |
| Employment | 135,200 | 135,800 | 135,700 | 123,400 | 128,200 |
| Unemployment | 5,100 | 4,200 | 4,100 | 10,500 | 7,100 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6% | 3.0% | 2.9% | 7.9% | 5.2% |
| <u>Wage and Salary Employment:</u> ⁽²⁾ | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,000 | 4,800 | 4,900 |
| Mining, Logging, Construction | 7,500 | 7,900 | 8,300 | 8,500 | 9,100 |
| Manufacturing | 7,300 | 7,700 | 7,800 | 7,300 | 7,800 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2,800 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,500 | 2,600 |
| Retail Trade | 14,300 | 14,300 | 14,000 | 12,900 | 13,400 |
| Trans., Warehousing, Utilities | 4,300 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 3,700 | 3,700 |
| Information | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,100 | 1,200 |
| Financial and Insurance | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,200 | 2,300 | 2,300 |
| Real Estate, Rental & Leasing | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,500 | 1,600 |
| Professional and Business Services | 10,700 | 10,900 | 11,200 | 10,500 | 11,000 |
| Educational and Health Services | 17,400 | 17,700 | 18,200 | 17,000 | 17,500 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 19,100 | 19,200 | 19,800 | 15,400 | 17,400 |
| Other Services | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,100 | 3,300 | 3,500 |
| Federal Government | 500 | 500 | 500 | 600 | 600 |
| State Government | 10,600 | 10,800 | 10,800 | 10,600 | 10,200 |
| Local Government | 13,000 | 13,100 | 13,100 | 12,400 | 12,400 |
| Total All Industries ⁽³⁾ | 121,700 | 123,100 | 124,700 | 114,400 | 119,300 |

(1) Labor force data is by place of residence; includes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, and workers on strike.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, and workers on strike.

(3) Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: State of California Employment Development Department.

Largest Employers

The table below lists the largest employers in the County as of January 2023, listed alphabetically.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY Largest Employers

| Employer Name | Location | Industry |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| AMI Sierra Vista Radiology | San Luis Obispo | Physicians & Surgeons |
| Arroyo Grande Community Hosp | Arroyo Grande | Hospitals |
| Atascadero State Hospital | Atascadero | Hospitals |
| Broad Street Storage | San Luis Obispo | Storage-Household & Commercial |
| Cal Poly State University | San Luis Obispo | Schools-Universities & Colleges Academic |
| California Mid-State Fair | Paso Robles | Concert Venues |
| California State Parks | San Simeon | State Parks |
| Cuesta College | Paso Robles | Junior-Community College-Tech Institutes |
| French Hospital Medical Ctr | San Luis Obispo | Hospitals |
| Glenair Inc | Paso Robles | Communications Consultants |
| Madonna Inn Bakery | San Luis Obispo | Resorts |
| Medi-Cal Eligibility Info | San Luis Obispo | Government Offices-County |
| Mental Marketing | San Luis Obispo | Advertising-Agencies & Counselors |
| Morro Bay Art Assn | Morro Bay | Art Galleries & Dealers |
| Mustang Waterpark | Arroyo Grande | Water Parks |
| Pacific Gas & Electric Co | San Luis Obispo | Electric Companies |
| Pismo State Beach | Oceano | State Parks |
| Ramirez Farm Labor | Shandon | Labor Contractors |
| San Luis Obispo County EMS | San Luis Obispo | Government Offices-County |
| San Luis Obispo County Ofc-Edu | San Luis Obispo | School Districts |
| San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Dept | San Luis Obispo | Sheriff |
| Sierra Vista Regional Med Ctr | San Luis Obispo | Hospitals |
| Social Services Dept | San Luis Obispo | Government Offices-County |
| Trust Rcm | San Luis Obispo | Billing Service |
| Twin Cities Community Hospital | Templeton | Hospitals |

Source: State of California Employment Development Department, extracted from The America's Labor Market Information System (ALMIS) Employer Database, 2023 1st Edition.

Commercial Activity

Total taxable sales during the first three quarters of calendar year 2022 in the City were reported to be \$1,371,316,394, a 3.96% increase over the total taxable sales of \$1,319,144,012 reported during the first three quarters of calendar year 2021.

CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
Number of Permits and Valuation of Taxable Transactions
Calendar Years 2017 through 2021
(Dollars in Thousands)

| Year | Retail Stores | | Total Outlets | |
|------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | Permits on July 1 | Taxable Transactions | Permits on July 1 | Taxable Transactions |
| 2017 | 1,357 | \$1,225,298 | 2,271 | \$1,457,937 |
| 2018 | 1,325 | 1,278,160 | 2,357 | 1,513,969 |
| 2019 | 1,340 | 1,261,845 | 2,396 | 1,529,475 |
| 2020 | 1,426 | 1,159,290 | 2,568 | 1,372,865 |
| 2021 | 1,292 | 1,444,247 | 2,342 | 1,806,306 |

Source: State Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Total taxable sales during the first three quarters of calendar year 2022 in the County were reported to be \$5,237,811,886, a 7.42% increase over the total taxable sales of \$4,876,128,794 reported during the first three quarters of calendar year 2021.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
Number of Permits and Valuation of Taxable Transactions
Calendar Years 2017 through 2021
(Dollars in Thousands)

| Year | Retail Stores | | Total Outlets | |
|------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | Permits on July 1 | Taxable Transactions | Permits on July 1 | Taxable Transactions |
| 2017 | 7,210 | \$3,687,825 | 11,955 | \$5,298,771 |
| 2018 | 7,181 | 3,865,203 | 12,387 | 5,416,332 |
| 2019 | 7,105 | 3,929,770 | 12,596 | 5,489,189 |
| 2020 | 7,447 | 4,005,502 | 13,332 | 5,480,713 |
| 2021 | 6,569 | 4,803,344 | 11,956 | 6,695,515 |

Source: State Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Construction Trends

Provided below are the building permits and valuations for the City and the County for calendar years 2017 through 2021.

CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
Total Building Permit Valuations
Calendar Years 2017 through 2021
(dollars in thousands)

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Permit Valuation</u> | | | | | |
| New Single-family | \$19,166.9 | \$25,500.1 | \$36,962.0 | \$50,141.0 | \$34,765.2 |
| New Multi-family | 15,848.7 | 21,161.5 | 18,608.7 | 12,412.5 | 33,588.4 |
| Res. Alterations/Additions | <u>9,176.4</u> | <u>8,812.4</u> | <u>12,738.4</u> | <u>8,516.1</u> | <u>8,501.3</u> |
| Total Residential | 44,192.0 | 55,474.0 | 68,309.1 | 71,069.6 | 76,854.9 |
| | | | | | |
| New Commercial | 3,721.2 | 24,570.9 | 21,661.3 | 17,316.4 | 11,488.2 |
| New Industrial | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8,500.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| New Other | 115.0 | 185.0 | 2,269.8 | 1,722.1 | 7,684.2 |
| Com. Alterations/Additions | <u>8,657.6</u> | <u>19,850.9</u> | <u>16,809.5</u> | <u>8,594.6</u> | <u>5,977.2</u> |
| Total Nonresidential | 12,493.8 | 44,606.8 | 49,240.6 | 27,633.1 | 25,149.6 |
| | | | | | |
| <u>New Dwelling Units</u> | | | | | |
| Single Family | 98 | 134 | 166 | 247 | 168 |
| Multiple Family | <u>87</u> | <u>101</u> | <u>169</u> | <u>55</u> | <u>244</u> |
| TOTAL | 185 | 235 | 335 | 302 | 412 |

Source: Construction Industry Research Board, Building Permit Summary

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
Total Building Permit Valuations
Calendar Years 2017 through 2021
(dollars in thousands)

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Permit Valuation</u> | | | | | |
| New Single-family | \$221,831.8 | \$193,768.8 | \$346,246.7 | \$251,475.1 | \$233,508.0 |
| New Multi-family | 62,910.6 | 37,018.4 | 27,053.9 | 16,098.3 | 40,876.3 |
| Res. Alterations/Additions | <u>43,489.3</u> | <u>36,513.3</u> | <u>36,741.4</u> | <u>29,995.5</u> | <u>41,260.1</u> |
| Total Residential | 328,231.7 | 267,300.5 | 410,042.0 | 297,568.9 | 315,644.4 |
| | | | | | |
| New Commercial | 60,951.0 | 82,645.5 | 65,898.2 | 44,038.5 | 52,354.0 |
| New Industrial | 7,916.8 | 11,088.0 | 10,977.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| New Other | 12,225.4 | 21,954.8 | 17,842.3 | 12,001.2 | 20,235.9 |
| Com. Alterations/Additions | <u>39,308.4</u> | <u>52,079.1</u> | <u>36,883.3</u> | <u>22,736.6</u> | <u>20,672.6</u> |
| Total Nonresidential | 120,401.6 | 167,767.4 | 131,601.6 | 78,776.3 | 93,262.5 |
| | | | | | |
| <u>New Dwelling Units</u> | | | | | |
| Single Family | 696 | 636 | 697 | 861 | 741 |
| Multiple Family | <u>445</u> | <u>207</u> | <u>204</u> | <u>79</u> | <u>288</u> |
| TOTAL | 1,141 | 843 | 901 | 940 | 1,029 |

Source: Construction Industry Research Board, Building Permit Summary

Effective Buying Income

“Effective Buying Income” is defined as personal income less personal tax and non-tax payments, a number often referred to as “disposable” or “after-tax” income. Personal income is the aggregate of wages and salaries, other labor-related income (such as employer contributions to private pension funds), proprietor’s income, rental income (which includes imputed rental income of owner-occupants of non-farm dwellings), dividends paid by corporations, interest income from all sources, and transfer payments (such as pensions and welfare assistance). Deducted from this total are personal taxes (federal, state and local), non-tax payments (fines, fees, penalties, etc.) and personal contributions to social insurance. According to U.S. government definitions, the resultant figure is commonly known as “disposable personal income.”

The following table summarizes the total effective buying income for the City, the County, the State and the United States for the period 2019 through 2023.

CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES Effective Buying Income 2019 through 2023

| Year | Area | Total Effective Buying Income (000's Omitted) | Median Household Effective Buying Income |
|------|-------------------------|---|---|
| 2019 | City of San Luis Obispo | \$1,360,495 | \$49,951 |
| | San Luis Obispo County | 8,882,412 | 63,836 |
| | California | 1,183,264,399 | 62,637 |
| | United States | 9,017,967,563 | 52,841 |
| 2020 | City of San Luis Obispo | \$1,424,603 | \$51,200 |
| | San Luis Obispo County | 9,288,811 | 66,215 |
| | California | 1,243,564,816 | 65,870 |
| | United States | 9,487,165,436 | 55,303 |
| 2021 | City of San Luis Obispo | \$1,506,247 | \$53,994 |
| | San Luis Obispo County | 9,449,183 | 66,820 |
| | California | 1,290,894,604 | 67,956 |
| | United States | 9,809,944,764 | 56,790 |
| 2022 | City of San Luis Obispo | \$1,716,181 | \$62,399 |
| | San Luis Obispo County | 10,306,185 | 73,825 |
| | California | 1,452,426,153 | 77,058 |
| | United States | 11,208,582,541 | 64,448 |
| 2023 | City of San Luis Obispo | \$1,792,418 | \$61,282 |
| | San Luis Obispo County | 10,374,155 | 73,601 |
| | California | 1,461,799,662 | 77,175 |
| | United States | 11,454,846,397 | 65,326 |

Source: Claritas, LLC.

APPENDIX D

PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

[LETTERHEAD OF JONES HALL]

[Closing Date]

Board of Trustees
San Luis Coastal Unified School District
1500 Lizzie Street
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

OPINION: \$90,000,000 San Luis Coastal Unified School District
(San Luis Obispo County, California)
General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2022, Series A

Members of the Board of Trustees:

We have acted as bond counsel to the San Luis Coastal Unified School District (the "District") in connection with the issuance by the District of \$90,000,000 principal amount of San Luis Coastal Unified School District (San Luis Obispo County, California) General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2022, Series A, dated the date hereof (the "Bonds"), under the provisions of Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code, and a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on January 17, 2023 (the "Bond Resolution"). We have examined the law and such certified proceedings and other papers as we deemed necessary to render this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon representations of the Board contained in the Bond Resolution and in the certified proceedings and certifications of public officials and others furnished to us, without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion, under existing law, as follows:

1. The District is duly established and validly existing as a unified school district with the power to issue the Bonds and to perform its obligations under the Bond Resolution.
2. The Bond Resolution has been duly adopted by the Board and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the District enforceable against the District in accordance with its terms.
3. The Bonds have been duly issued and sold by the District and are valid and binding general obligations of the District, and the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo is obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon upon

all property within the District subject to taxation by the District, without limitation as to rate or amount.

4. The interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Bonds may be subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax. The opinions set forth in the preceding sentences are subject to the condition that the District comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Bonds. The District has made certain representations and covenants in order to comply with each such requirement. Inaccuracy of those representations, or failure to comply with certain of those covenants, may cause the inclusion of such interest in gross income for federal income tax purposes, which may be retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

5. The interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxation imposed by the State of California.

We express no opinion regarding any other tax consequences arising with respect to the ownership, sale or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds are limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

This opinion is given as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention, or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

Respectfully submitted,

Jones Hall,
A Professional Law Corporation

APPENDIX E

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

\$90,000,000

SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
(San Luis Obispo County, California)
General Obligation Bonds
Election of 2022, Series A

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (this “**Disclosure Certificate**”) is executed and delivered by the San Luis Coastal Unified School District (the “**District**”) in connection with the execution and delivery of the above-captioned bonds (the “**Bonds**”). The Bonds are being executed and delivered pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on January 17, 2023 (the “**Resolution**”). U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association is initially acting as paying agent for the Bonds (the “**Paying Agent**”).

The District hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the District for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

Section 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth above and in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section 2, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“*Annual Report*” means any Annual Report provided by the District pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4.

“*Annual Report Date*” means the date not later than nine months after the end of each fiscal year of the District.

“*Dissemination Agent*” means, initially, Isom Advisors, a Division of Urban Futures, Inc., or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the District and which has filed with the District and the Paying Agent a written acceptance of such designation.

“*Listed Events*” means any of the events listed in Section 5(a).

“*MSRB*” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, which has been designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as the sole repository of disclosure information for purposes of the Rule.

“*Official Statement*” means the final official statement executed by the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

“*Paying Agent*” means U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association or any successor thereto.

“*Participating Underwriter*” means Raymond James & Associates, Inc., the original Underwriter of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

“*Rule*” means Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The District shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than the Annual Report Date, commencing March 31, 2024, with the report for the 2022-23 fiscal year, provide to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, an Annual Report that is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. Not later than 15 Business Days prior to the Annual Report Date, the District shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the District). If by 15 business days prior to the Annual Report Date the Dissemination Agent (if other than the District) has not received a copy of the Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall contact the District to determine if the District is in compliance with the previous sentence. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may include by reference other information as provided in Section 4; provided that the audited financial statements of the District may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report, and later than the Annual Report Date, if not available by that date. If the District’s fiscal year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b). The District shall provide a written certification with each Annual Report furnished to the Dissemination Agent to the effect that such Annual Report constitutes the Annual Report required to be furnished by the District hereunder.

(b) If the District does not provide (or cause the Dissemination Agent to provide) an Annual Report by the Annual Report Date, the District shall provide (or cause the Dissemination Agent to provide) notice to the MSRB in a timely manner, in an electronic format, as prescribed by the MSRB.

(c) With respect to each Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall:

- (i) determine each year prior to the Annual Report Date the then-applicable rules and electronic format prescribed by the MSRB for the filing of annual continuing disclosure reports; and
- (ii) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the District, file a report with the District certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, and stating the date it was provided.

Section 4. Content of Annual Reports. The District's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

(a) Audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated to apply to governmental entities from time to time by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. If the District's audited financial statements are not available by the Annual Report Date, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the final Official Statement, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report when they become available.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in the audited financial statements filed on or before the Annual Report Date, the following information for the most recently completed fiscal year, or, if available at the time of filing the Annual Report, for the fiscal year in which the Annual Report is filed:

- (i) assessed valuation of taxable properties in the District;
- (ii) assessed valuation of properties of the top ten taxpayers;
- (iii) property tax collection delinquencies for the District, but only if the District is no longer a participant in the County of San Luis Obispo's Teeter Plan; and
- (iv) in addition to any of the information expressly required to be provided under paragraphs (i) through (iii), of this Section, the District shall provide such further information, if any, as may be necessary to make the specifically required statements, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(c) Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the District or related public entities, which are available to the public on the MSRB's internet web site or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The District shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

Section 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) The District shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following Listed 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 security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security.
- (7) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material.
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers.
- (9) Defeasances.
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material.
- (11) Rating changes.
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District.
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material.
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.
- (15) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material.
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Whenever the District obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the District shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent (if not the District) to, file a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner not in excess of 10 business days after the occurrence of the Listed Event.

(c) The District acknowledges that the events described in subparagraphs (a)(2), (a)(7), (a)(8) (if the event is a bond call), (a)(10), (a)(13), (a)(14), and (a)(15) of this Section 5 contain the qualifier "if material" and that subparagraph (a)(6) also contains the qualifier "material" with respect to certain notices, determinations or other events affecting the tax status of the Bonds. The District shall cause a notice to be filed as set forth in paragraph (b) above with respect to any such event only to the extent that it determines the event's occurrence is material for purposes of U.S. federal securities law. Whenever the District obtains knowledge of the occurrence of any of these Listed Events, the District will as soon as possible determine if such event would be material under applicable federal securities law. If such event is determined to be material, the District will cause a notice to be filed as set forth in paragraph (b) above.

(d) For purposes of this Disclosure Certificate, any event described in paragraph (a)(12) above is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a

receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District.

(e) For purposes of Section 5(a)(15) and (16), “financial obligation” means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term financial obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

Section 6. Identifying Information for Filings with the MSRB. All documents provided to the MSRB under the Disclosure Certificate shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 7. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The District’s obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the District shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b).

Section 8. Dissemination Agent. The District may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be Isom Advisors, a Division of Urban Futures, Inc. Any Dissemination Agent may resign by providing 30 days’ written notice to the District and the Paying Agent.

Section 9. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the District may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) if the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Sections 3(a), 4 or 5(a), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of an obligated person with respect to the Bonds, or type of business conducted;

(b) the undertakings herein, as proposed to be amended or waived, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) the proposed amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by holders of the Bonds in the manner provided in the Resolution for amendments to the Resolution with the consent of holders, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of nationally

recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds.

If the annual financial information or operating data to be provided in the Annual Report is amended pursuant to the provisions hereof, the first annual financial information filed pursuant hereto containing the amended operating data or financial information shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

If an amendment is made to the undertaking specifying the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, the annual financial information for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles. The comparison shall include a qualitative discussion of the differences in the accounting principles and the impact of the change in the accounting principles on the presentation of the financial information, in order to provide information to investors to enable them to evaluate the ability of the District to meet its obligations. To the extent reasonably feasible, the comparison shall be quantitative. A notice of the change in the accounting principles shall be filed in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b).

Section 10. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the District chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the District shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

Section 11. Default. If the District fails to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Participating Underwriter or any holder or beneficial owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an Event of Default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the District to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 12. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent.

(a) The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the District agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which they may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The Dissemination Agent will have no duty or obligation to review any information provided to it by the District hereunder, and shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the District, the Bondholders or any other party. The obligations of the District under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

(b) The Dissemination Agent shall be paid compensation by the District for its services provided hereunder in accordance with its schedule of fees as amended from time to time, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses, legal fees and advances made or incurred by the Dissemination Agent in the performance of its duties hereunder.

Section 13. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the District, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Date: March 1, 2023

**SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

APPENDIX F

DTC AND THE BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

The following description of the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), the procedures and record keeping with respect to beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds, payment of principal, interest and other payments on the Bonds to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners, confirmation and transfer of beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds and other related transactions by and between DTC, the DTC Participants and the Beneficial Owners is based solely on information provided by DTC. Accordingly, no representations can be made concerning these matters and neither the DTC Participants nor the Beneficial Owners should rely on the foregoing information with respect to such matters, but should instead confirm the same with DTC or the DTC Participants, as the case may be.

Neither the District nor the Paying Agent take any responsibility for the information contained in this Section.

No assurances can be given that DTC, DTC 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) redemption 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 Participants or DTC Indirect Participants will act in the manner described in this Appendix. The current “Rules” applicable to DTC are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the current “Procedures” of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

1. The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the securities (in this Appendix, 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 will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any maturity exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.

2. DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing 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 Standard & Poor’s rating 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. *The information contained on this Internet site is not incorporated herein by reference.*

3. 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 Bonds representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

4. 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 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.

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

6. Redemption notices will 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.

7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC’s MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.’s consenting or voting

rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

8. Redemption proceeds, distributions, and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from 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 nor its nominee, Paying Agent, or District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of District or 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 and Indirect Participants.

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

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

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

APPENDIX G

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY
AND INVESTMENT REPORT**