



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Date: October 8, 2012
To: Finance and Insurance Committee
From: Gary M. Breaux, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Subject: Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2012 Series F

On September 12, 2012, Metropolitan priced the \$60.0 million Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2012 Series F issue, to realize cash flow savings and to mitigate bank risks associated with a portion of Metropolitan's variable rate debt program. The transaction closed on October 4, 2012.

The Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2012 Series F were issued to refund \$30.2 million of the 2003 Authorization, Series B-3 fixed rate water revenue bond issue, and the remaining \$41.3 million of the 2006 Series A1 and Series A2 variable rate water revenue bond issue. The 2006 Series A1-A2 bonds are variable rate water revenue bonds supported by a standby bond purchase agreement with Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA).

The Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2012 Series F issue are traditional fixed rate tax-exempt bonds with an all-in true interest cost (TIC) of 2.56 percent and an average life of 11.0 years. Savings are estimated to be about \$360,000 per year on average which is \$3.85 million on a net present value basis. Average annual debt service for the 2012 Series F bonds will be \$5.84 million, and total debt service will be \$92.0 million. The 2012 Series F bonds have maturities from July 2015 to July 2028.

Ramirez & Co., Inc. served as senior manager and underwriter for the 2012 Series F issue, with Siebert Brandford Shank & Co., LLC and Stone & Youngberg serving as co-managers. Public Resources Advisory Group (PRAG) served as financial advisor, Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, and the Law Offices of Alexis S. M. Chiu served as co-bond counsel.

As requested by the committee and consistent with past practice, the following is a breakdown of the estimated costs and expenses associated with the \$60.0 million Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2012 Series F issue:

Estimated Costs:

| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>\$/1,000 Bond</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Co-Bond Counsel | \$ 73,500 | \$ 1.22 |
| Rating Agencies | 67,000 | 1.12 |
| Financial Advisor | 65,000 | 1.08 |
| Printing/Verification/Escrow | 13,000 | 0.22 |
| Other | <u>11,500</u> | <u>0.19</u> |
| Total | \$ 230,000 | \$ 3.83 |

Underwriter's Discount:

| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>\$/1,000 Bond</u> |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Takedown (sales fees) | \$ 257,431 | \$ 4.29 |
| Expenses | | |
| - Underwriters Counsel | 25,000 | 0.42 |
| - Other (e.g. DTC, CDIAC, IPREO, etc.) | <u>18,320</u> | <u>0.30</u> |
| Total | \$ 300,751 | \$ 5.01 |
| Total Costs of Issuance | <u>\$ 530,751</u> | <u>\$ 8.84</u> |

A breakdown of the savings from Water Revenue Refunding Bonds is attached.



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Attachment 1

Savings from Water Revenue Refunding Bonds

Since February 2001, Metropolitan has issued over \$4.58 billion of water revenue refunding bonds, with estimated savings of over \$314 million on a present value basis and at least \$20.5 million per year (on average) over the next 20 years. This equates to approximately \$12 per acre-foot of savings on future water rates. The following table summarizes each of the transactions, along with the net present value savings, the average annual savings, true interest cost, and the average maturity of the refunding bond issues:

| <u>Revenue Refunding Bond Issue</u> | | <u>NPV Savings</u> | <u>Average Annual Savings</u> | <u>True Interest Cost</u> | <u>Average Maturity</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2001 Series A | \$195.7M | \$ 9.6 million | \$.7 million | 4.50% | 12.7 years |
| 2001 Series B1-B2 | \$224.8M | \$15.0 million | \$1.0 million | 4.22% | 15.2 years |
| 2002 Series A&B | \$132.2M | \$ 9.7 million | \$.7 million | 3.30% | 18.1 years |
| 2003 Series A | \$ 36.2M | \$ 3.0 million | \$.1 million | 3.34% | 9.1 years |
| 2003 Series C1-C3 | \$338.2M | \$21.1 million | \$1.3 million | 3.26% | 20.8 years |
| 2004 Series A1-A2 | \$162.5M | \$11.4 million | \$1.1 million | 2.92% | 15.4 years |
| 2004 Series B | \$274.4M | \$12.2 million | \$1.1 million | 3.14% | 8.3 years |
| 2004 Series C | \$136.1M | \$11.0 million | \$.6 million | 3.23% | 14.9 years |
| 2006 Series A1-A2 | \$ 74.1M | \$ 6.4 million | \$.7 million | 3.22% | 11.3 years |
| 2006 Series B | \$ 45.9M | \$ 2.0 million | \$.1 million | 4.48% | 16.4 years |
| 2007 Series A1-A2 | \$218.4M | N/A (a) | N/A (a) | N/A (a) | 9.6 years |
| 2007 Series B | \$ 81.9M | N/A (a) | N/A (a) | N/A (a) | 26.8 years |
| 2008 Series A1-A2 | \$501.6M | \$89.2 million (b) | \$4.4 million | 3.47% (b) | 17.3 years |
| 2008 Series B | \$133.4M | \$ 6.8 million | \$.7 million | 4.11% | 11.9 years |
| 2008 Series C | \$ 79.0M | \$ 9.6 million (c) | \$.7 million | 3.77% (c) | 7.3 years |
| 2009 Series A1-A2 (d) | \$208.4M | \$30.6 million | \$2.0 million | 2.62% | 16.3 years |
| 2009 Series B (e) | \$106.7M | N/A | N/A | 4.44% | 16.3 years |
| 2009 Series C (f) | \$ 91.2M | N/A | N/A | 4.97% | 23.3 years |
| 2009 Series D (g) | \$ 81.1M | N/A | N/A | 3.07% | 8.1 years |
| 2009 Series E (h) | \$ 26.1M | N/A | N/A | 2.59% | 6.8 years |
| 2010 Series A (i) | \$128.0M | N/A | N/A | 3.14% | 9.2 years |
| 2010 Series B (j) | \$ 88.8M | N/A | N/A | 3.25% | 10.7 years |
| 2011 Series A1-A4 (k) | \$228.9M | \$26.3 million | \$1.4 million | 1.83% | 21.6 years |
| 2011 Series B | \$167.9M | \$10.8 million | \$1.1 million | 1.13% | 3.2 years |
| 2011 Series C | \$157.1M | \$11.8 million | \$0.8 million | 3.15% | 12.3 years |
| 2012 Series A | \$181.2M | \$21.8 million | \$1.3 million | 3.48% | 18.1 years |
| 2012 Series B1-B2 (l) | \$ 98.6M | \$ 1.2 million | \$.2 million | 1.86% | 13.2 years |
| 2012 Series C-D-E (m) | \$319.6M | \$ 1.1 million | \$.1 million | 1.15% | 4.7 years |
| 2012 Series F (n) | \$ 60.0M | \$ 3.8 million | \$.4 million | 2.56% | 11.0 years |

(a) The 2007 Series A1-A2 and 2007 Series B variable rate water revenue refunding bonds were Auction Rate Securities, and were refunded by the 2008 Series A1-A2 variable rate water revenue refunding bonds, anticipated savings reflected in projected savings for the 2008 Series A1-A2 issue.

- (b) Variable rate bonds, initial weekly interest rate of 1.85%, weekly interest rates will vary over time. Savings calculations based on an average interest rate of 3.43% on the 2008 Series A1-A2 issue, and an average interest rate of 5.00% on the refunded ARS.
- (c) Savings calculations were based on Metropolitan paying an average rate of 4.165% on the 1996 Series A Ambac insured VRDO's; receiving 60% of one-month LIBOR equal to 1.48% from AIG; paying 4.99% to AIG on the cost of funds swap; and paying 32.5 basis points for remarketing fees and liquidity costs over the life of the bonds resulting in a net cost to Metropolitan of 8.00%. If the swap termination payment is included in the calculation, the all-in TIC is 5.51%.
- (d) Issued SIFMA Index Notes to refund the 2003 C1-C2 variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facility with Dexia. The bonds were refunded to eliminate higher interest rates due to any future credit downgrades of Dexia; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds; and to offer bonds into the marketplace that will trade solely on the basis of Metropolitan's credit rating.
- (e) Issued fixed rate water revenue bonds to refund the 2003 C3 variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facility with Dexia. The bonds were refunded to eliminate higher interest rates due to any future credit downgrades of Dexia; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; and to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds.
- (f) Issued fixed rate water revenue bonds to refund the 2000 B-1 variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facility with WestLB. The bonds were refunded to eliminate higher interest rates due to any future credit downgrades of WestLB; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; and to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds.
- (g) Issued fixed rate water revenue bonds to refund the 2002 A variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facility with LBBW. The bonds were refunded to eliminate higher interest rates due to any future credit downgrades of LBBW; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; and to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds.
- (h) Issued fixed rate water revenue bonds to refund the 2002 B variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facility with Lloyds Bank. The bonds were refunded to take advantage of a historically low interest rate market; to eliminate higher interest rates due to any future credit downgrades of Lloyds; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; and to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds.
- (i) Issued to refund the 2004C variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facility with Dexia. The bonds were refunded to eliminate higher interest rates due to any future credit downgrades of Dexia; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds; and to offer bonds into the marketplace that will trade solely on the basis of Metropolitan's credit rating. Metropolitan's first issuance of Special Variable Rate Water Revenue Refunding Bonds supported by Metropolitan's own liquidity and balance sheet in lieu of a third party bank liquidity facility (authorization: 19th Supplemental Resolution to the Master Revenue Bond Resolution).
- (j) Issued fixed rate water revenue bonds to refund the 2005 B1-B2 variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facility with Citibank. The bonds were refunded to take advantage of a historically low interest rate market; to eliminate higher interest rates due to any future credit downgrades of Citibank; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; and to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds.
- (k) Issued SIFMA Index Notes to refund the 2001 C1-C2 variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facility with Lloyds Bank. The bonds were refunded to eliminate Metropolitan's highest costing liquidity facility; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds; and to offer bonds into the marketplace that will trade solely on the basis of Metropolitan's credit rating. Savings are estimated to be approximately 35 basis points per year given cost estimates associated with re-pricing of the SIFMA Index Notes, the estimated spreads to the SIFMA Index, and re-pricing costs net of avoided fees for liquidity facilities, remarketing fees, and the variable rate differential between the SIFMA Index Notes and VRDNs. In addition, a portion of the 2001 Series A fixed rate water revenue bonds were refunded to realize NPV cost savings of approximately \$13.3 million.
- (l) Issued SIFMA Index Notes to refund the 1999 Authorization, Series B and Series C variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facilities with Bank of America and JPMorgan. The bonds were refunded to eliminate the cost for the liquidity facilities; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds; and to offer bonds into the marketplace that will trade solely on the basis of Metropolitan's credit rating. Savings are estimated to be approximately 15 basis points per year given cost estimates associated with re-pricing of the SIFMA Index Notes, the estimated spreads to the SIFMA Index, and re-pricing costs net of avoided fees for liquidity facilities, remarketing fees, and the variable rate differential between the SIFMA Index Notes and VRDNs.
- (m) Issued tax-exempt (including Put Bonds) and taxable water revenue refunding bonds to refund variable rate water revenue bonds (associated with various interest rate swaps) and to provide funding for swap terminations (\$47.2M). Two swaps were terminated, and five swaps were partially terminated. Savings were calculated assuming the fixed swap rate + 60 basis points for remarketing and LOC fees. For variable rate bonds associated with the 2001B interest rate swap, additional costs of 20 basis points were included in the calculation (as recognition of basis mismatch). If the swap termination payments are included in the calculation, the all-in TIC is 4.84%.

- (n) Issued fixed rate water revenue bonds to refund the 2006 A1-A2 variable rate water revenue bonds secured by a liquidity facility with Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA). The bonds were refunded to take advantage of a historically low interest rate market; to eliminate higher interest rates due to any future credit downgrades of BBVA; to eliminate the need and exposure to rising costs for liquidity facilities; and to eliminate put risk to Metropolitan which could lead to higher costing bank bonds. In addition, certain maturities of the 2003 Authorization, Series B-3 fixed rate water revenue bonds were refunded to realized debt service savings.