



Public Financing Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 9, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

County Administration North, Multi-Purpose Room

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Instructions/Opening Remarks:** Meeting called to order by PFAC Chair Rodecker at 1:31 p.m. with roll call.

Attendees: Wallace B. Rodecker (Chair), Tom Hammond (Vice Chair), Carlos Carney (Committee Member), John J. Moohr (Committee Member), Min Chai (Committee Member), Andrew Hamilton (Auditor-Controller), Louis McClure (CEO Finance Team Lead) and Nikhil Daftary (County Counsel).

Absent: Shari Freidenrich (Treasurer-Tax Collector) and Frank Kim (County Executive Officer)

- II. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2022, Minutes:** Member Chai abstained from the item since she was not present for the September meeting. Member Moohr made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Vice Chair Hammond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- III. Election of Public Financing Advisory Committee 2023 Chair and Vice Chair:** Member Carney made a nomination to elect Tom Hammond as Chair and John Moohr as Vice Chair with a second by Member Chai.

There was a unanimous vote to elect Tom Hammond as Chair for 2023.

There was a unanimous vote to elect John Moohr as Vice Chair for 2023.

- IV. Approval of Public Financing Advisory Committee 2023 Calendar of Meetings:** Member Chai made a motion to approve the 2023 Calendar of Meetings and Member Rodecker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- V. Approve recommending to the Board of Supervisors the issuance of Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 of the County of Orange (Ladera Ranch) Special Tax Refunding Bonds 2023 Series A in an amount not to exceed \$38 million (Audio Time 5:57):** Louis McClure, CEO Finance Team Lead, presented items V and VI together. Mr. McClure noted the savings from refunding the bonds goes to the taxpayers within the district by lowering their special levy amount. Members of the financing team and County staff were available to answer the Committee's questions.

Member Carney asked about the term of the new bonds. Mr. McClure stated that our process for refunding bonds does not extend the term of the bonds. Member Carney asked about the changes in interest rates of the existing bonds vs. the refunding bonds. Anna Sarabian, Municipal Advisor with Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, provided the answer that yield rates will be approximately 1% lower for CFD 04-1 transaction and nearly 1% lower for the SOCPFA transaction.

Chair Hammond asked about the timing of the transaction. Mr. McClure stated that the bonds can be called up to 90 days before the call date and funds are held in escrow until August. The bonds will be closed in May in order to take advantage of the current interest rate market.

Member Chai asked about the amount of bonds outstanding in Series A and B of both issuances and total costs of issuance for the refunding. Mr. McClure provided the amounts.

Member Chai made a motion to approve the recommended action and Member Carney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This item was approved by the Board at their March 28, 2023, meeting.

VI. Approve recommending to the Board of Supervisors the issuance of South Orange County Public Financing Authority Special Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds 2023 Series A in an amount not to exceed \$50 million (Audio Time 5:57):

Vice Chair Moohr made a motion to approve the recommended action and Member Chai seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This item was approved by the Board at their March 28, 2023, meeting.

VII. Public Finance Status Report: Mr. McClure provided an update on the prepaid pension obligation bonds, which were not issued in January 2023 due to the high interest rate market.

VIII. Public Comments: None.

IX. Committee Comments: None.

X. Adjournment: Chair Hammond adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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