

May 13, 2020

Dos Rios General Improvement District  
c/o Bob Cole  
Collins Cockrel & Cole  
390 Union Boulevard, Suite 400  
Denver, CO 80228

**RE: Letter Agreement for Investment Banking Services to  
Dos Rios General Improvement District**

District Board,

This letter agreement confirms the terms and conditions upon which D.A. Davidson & Co. Fixed Income Capital Markets (“Davidson”), its successors or assigns will provide investment banking services to Dos Rios General Improvement District (the “Client”).

The investment banking services rendered by Davidson under this agreement may include:

- Analysis of the project’s credit quality
- Analysis of the capital markets, including interest rates and terms available in the market
- Evaluating potential strategies to achieve the Client’s goals
- Working with the Client’s consultants and attorneys to determine the feasibility of various borrowing or restructuring options
- Advising the Client on the structure and terms of a restructured bond or a new bond or loan
- Coordinating with the Client’s attorneys and consultants, the dissemination of financial data
- Negotiating the structure and terms of the Bonds/loan with the purchaser on behalf of the Client
- Underwriting or privately placing Bonds on behalf of the Client or assisting the Client in obtaining a direct, tax exempt loan
- Under the direction and legal advice of nationally recognized bond counsel, assist and supervise the steps necessary to be taken to close the transaction

Delivered with this letter are the disclosures required by MSRB Rule G-17 regarding our role, duties and interests as an underwriter of the Bonds. By signing this letter agreement, the Client acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the transaction contemplated by this Agreement will be an arm’s length, commercial transaction between the Client and the purchaser, in which Davidson may be acting as an agent or as an underwriter, but not as a municipal advisor, financial advisor or fiduciary to the Issuer; (ii) Davidson has not assumed any fiduciary responsibility to the Client with respect to the transaction contemplated hereby and the discussions, undertakings and procedures leading thereto; (iii) the only obligations Davidson will have to the Client with respect to the transaction contemplated hereby are expressly set forth in this letter agreement; and (iv) the Issuer has consulted

and will continue to consult with its own legal, accounting, tax, financial and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent it deems appropriate. The representative of the Client signing this letter agreement has been duly authorized to execute this letter agreement and to act hereunder.

This letter agreement shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Client notifies Davidson in writing of its intent to terminate this letter agreement. Davidson may resign and terminate this letter agreement by providing written notification with no less than 30 days prior notice to the Client.

At such time as arrangements for the sale of Bonds or other borrowing have been completed, Davidson shall be paid as shown below, or \$30,000, whichever is greater:

- 2.0% of par for underwriting/placement of non-investment grade rated/non-rated senior Bonds

In addition to such compensation, the following shall be paid by Client as a component of the cost of issuance of the Bonds or placement of the debt: (i) legal fees incurred by Davidson's engagement of underwriter's counsel or placement agent's counsel in connection with the issuance of Bonds or placement of the debt, as applicable; and (ii) legal fees related to third-party review of past continuing disclosure compliance. Unless otherwise agreed to by Client, Client's payment of the foregoing is contingent upon the sale of Bonds or placement of debt.

This letter agreement is not an offer to purchase Bonds. If the sale of Bonds or other borrowing does not occur, Davidson shall not be owed compensation. Please indicate by your signature below your desire to engage D.A. Davidson & Co. Fixed Income Capital Markets to provide investment banking services on these terms.

Respectfully submitted,

*D.A. Davidson & Co. Fixed Income Capital Markets*



Kyle Thomas  
Senior Vice President

ACCEPTED this 13 day of May 2020.



Authorized Officer  
Dos Rios General Improvement District



## EXHIBIT A

D.A. Davidson & Co. (hereinafter referred to as “Davidson” or “underwriter”) intends/ proposes to serve as an underwriter, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

As part of our services as underwriter/senior managing underwriter, Davidson may provide advice concerning the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the issuance of the Bonds.

### **Disclosures Concerning the Underwriters Role:**

- (i) MSRB Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- (ii) The underwriters' primary role is to purchase the Bonds with a view to distribution in an arm's-length transaction with the Issuer. The underwriters financial and other interests that may differ from those of the Issuer.
- (iii) Unlike a municipal advisor, the underwriters do not have a fiduciary duty to the Issuer under the federal securities laws and are, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the Issuer without regard to their own financial or other interests.
- (iv) The underwriters have a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with their duty to sell the Bonds to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable.
- (v) The underwriter will review the official statement for the Bonds in accordance with, and as part of, their respective responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction.

### **Disclosures Concerning the Underwriters Compensation:**

As underwriter, Davidson will be compensated by a fee and/or an underwriting discount that will be set forth in the bond purchase agreement to be negotiated and entered into in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Payment or receipt of the underwriting fee or discount will be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee or discount may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since the underwriter may have an incentive to recommend to the Issuer a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

### **Additional Conflicts Disclosure:**

Davidson has not identified any additional potential or actual material conflicts that require disclosure.