Variable Rate Demand Bonds

As of November 30, 2018, the County had one bond series that was variable rate demand bonds – Series 2004D. Additional series with similar features that were held as direct purchase agreements with commercial banks includes the Series 2012A, Series 2012B and Series 2014C.

All variable rate demand bonds are direct general obligations of the County to which the County has pledged its full faith, credit and resources. Under certain circumstances, investors in these variable rate demand bonds have the right to demand payment of their demand bonds. If any such demand bonds are not remarketed to other investors, the County is required to purchase the demand bonds. The County has entered into agreements to prepare for such demands. The details of the agreements are outlined below.

The rate basis for the Variable Rate Demand Bonds is calculated in a Weekly Rate Mode and bears interest (computed on the basis of a 365-day or 366-day year as applicable for the actual number of days in the period) at the Weekly Rate from the closing date and from each Weekly Rate Conversion Date to the earlier of the following; Conversion Date or its Maturity. The Weekly Rate for each Weekly Interest Period shall be the lowest rate of interest which will, in the judgment of the Remarketing Agent, have due regard for prevailing financial market conditions, permit the Bonds to be remarketed at par, plus accrued interest, on the first day of such Weekly Interest Period. Each determination of a Weekly Rate by the Remarketing Agent shall be conclusive and binding upon the County, the Trustee, the Tender Agent, the Liquidity Provider and the Bondholders. As of November 30, 2018, the County had one bond series that was variable rate demand bond, which had the following rates:

Series 2004D – 2.250%

The County also had three series of Variable Rate Bonds that were directly purchased by commercial banks and that were subject to variable rates of interest, but that were not remarketed or subject to investor put options. Those series are:

Series 2012A – 2.366%
Series 2012B – 3.147%
Series 2014C – 2.552%

Direct Pay Letter of Credit

On December 1, 2014, the County converted the credit facility for the Series 2004D bonds ($130 million) which were supported by the Barclays Bank PLC Standby Bond Purchase Agreement to a direct pay letter of credit also with Barclays Bank PLC. The new direct pay letter of credit agreement (agreement) allows the County to borrow money, under certain conditions, for the purchase of any demand bonds not remarketed. The agreement is scheduled to expire December 1, 2020. The trustee is entitled to draw an amount sufficient to pay the purchase price of the bonds delivered to the bank. Under the agreement, any liquidity drawing or advance would incur an interest rate equal to the Bank Rate, which is the Base Rate for the first 60 days. For the 61st day to the 180th day, interest would incur at the Base Rate plus 1.0%, and from the 181st day, and thereafter, interest would incur at the Base Rate plus 2.0%. The Base Rate is equal to the highest of 8.0% per annum, the Federal Funds Rate plus 2.50% per annum or 150% of the yield on the 30 year United States Treasury bonds.