

The Changing Roles and Responsibilities of Debt Issuers and Finance Team Members

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Issues

- Today's presentation will be primarily focused on:
 - The decision to issue debt
 - Roles of each financing team member
 - Steps in the financing process
 - What happens following issuance





Riverside and Its Debt Portfolio





Riverside at a Glance

- The City
 - Located 50 miles east of Los Angeles
 - County seat of Riverside County
 - 12th largest city in California
 - Population of 314,000
 - Home to four colleges and universities
- The City Government
 - Council/Manager government
 - 18 departments
 - Electric, water, and sewer utilities
 - 2,471 employees
 - \$846 million annual budget









Riverside's Debt Portfolio

- \$1.8 billion outstanding
 - \$1.1 billion for the enterprise funds
 - \$376 million for the General Fund
 - \$240 million for the successor agency
 - + \$35 million for transportation projects
 - + \$38 million special districts
 - \$9 million other
- Variety of debt types
 - Primarily fixed rate bonds
 - Variable rate bonds
 - VRDOs
 - SIFMA notes
 - Pension obligation bonds
 - Four bank loans









Riverside's Debt Ratings

S&P

Fitch

Moody's

General Fund GO

AA-/AA /NR

Electric Utility

AA-/AA-/NR

Water Utility

AAA/AA+/Aa2

Sewer Utility

A / NR / A1

RDA Successor

Varies by Project Area













Prior to a Bond Transaction:

- Develop financing options or a plan of finance
- Monitor & evaluate market conditions for opportunities
- Evaluate proposals submitted by underwriters, developers, other interested parties
- Assist in the development of debt & finance policies
- Assist in staff training & development
- Recommend method of sale competitive vs. negotiated public issue (or private placement)
- Assist in the selection of other finance team members





During a Bond Transaction:

- Manage the financing schedule & process
- Review all necessary documents, including legal covenants & disclosure
- Structure debt service / review underwriter numbers
- Help prepare & deliver rating & insurance presentations
- Evaluate (or assist) insurance & surety proposals
- Negotiate pricing in a negotiated sale of bonds
- Assist with closing









After a Bond Transaction:

- Assist as needed with administrative questions
- Assist as needed on post-closing disclosure compliance (i.e., continue staff training & development)





Changing Role of the Financial Advisor – The "MA rule":

Now registered with SEC & MSRB	 Formalized the FA role as a "Fiduciary" (contrasted with the underwriter who is responsible for "fair dealing") – clients' interest comes before FA's financial or other interests MSRB rules still evolving
Facilitate communications between issuers and underwriters	 The RFP exemption – issue or program specific The IRMA exemption – issuer puts on retainer & acknowledges reliance on FA advice
Practical changes	 Many smaller or less frequent issuers who did not previously use financial advisors have begun to establish role for financial advisor in their financing programs SEC did not intend to create MA rule to make the FA a gatekeeper, a good FA should help foster environment for good ideas to reach issuer







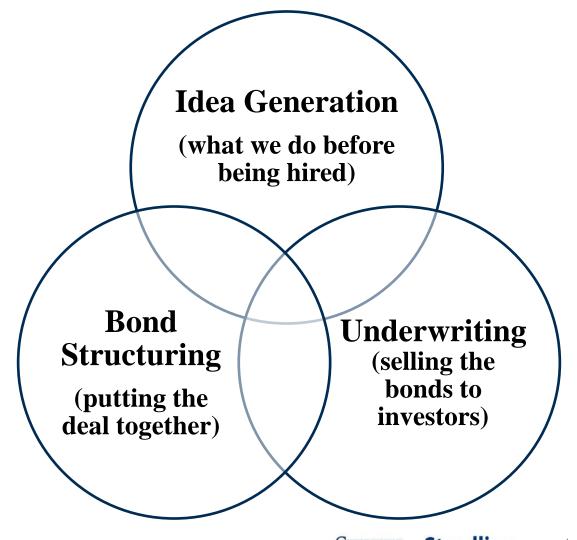
Role of the Underwriter





What is the Role of an Underwriter?

The role of the underwriter can be broken down into three broad categories









Idea Generation

Underwriters are a consistent source of ideas for municipal issuers

- New Money Financings
- Refundings and Restructurings
- Other Products/Ideas
- 2014 "MA Rule" requires that an Underwriter meet an exemption <u>before</u> presenting ideas:
 - RFP Exemption
 - Underwriter Exemption
 - Independent FA Exemption
 - General & Factual Information





Bond Structuring

Underwriters
participate in all
of the activities
that go into the
putting the bond
deal together

■ "Running The Numbers"

Rating Agency Preparation and Credit Analysis

Legal Review





Underwriting

Underwriters connect investors and issuers

Market Knowledge

Premarketing of the Bonds

Pricing and Sale

Secondary Market Trading





Role of Bond Counsel





Role and Services of Bond Counsel

- Need for an Approving Legal Opinion and Its Function
 - Bonds are not marketable without accompanying opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel that addresses:
 - 1. Validity of Bonds
 - 2. Source of payment and security for the Bonds
 - 3. Whether and to what extent interest on the Bonds is exempt from federal and state income tax
 - Objective/unqualified Bond Counsel opinion required
 - Bond opinion does not constitute a guarantee





Role and Services of Bond Counsel

- Render approving opinion
- Preparation and review of documents necessary or appropriate to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, coordination of the authorization and execution of these documents
- Assisting the Issuer in seeking from other governmental authorities any approvals, permissions and exemptions necessary or appropriate in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds
- Reviewing legal issues relating to the structure of the bond issue
- Preparing election proceedings or pursuing validation proceedings





Role and Services of Bond Counsel

- Reviewing or preparing those sections of the official statement that relate to the bonds, financing documents, bond counsel opinion and tax exemption
- Assisting the Issuer in presenting information to bond rating organizations and credit enhancement providers relating to legal issues affecting the issuance of the Bonds
- Reviewing or preparing the Notice of Sale or Bond Purchase Contract for the Bonds and reviewing or drafting the continuing disclosure undertaking of the Issuer
- Post issuance advice
 - Representation in the event of IRS audits or SEC investigations
 - Bond covenant compliance





Role and Services of Disclosure Counsel

- Assist the Issuer in preparing the Official Statement and complying with Federal Securities Laws:
 - SEC Rule 10b(5)
 - SEC Rule 15c2-12
- Due Diligence Review
- Negative Assurance Letter delivered to the Underwriter





Role and Services of Bond and Disclosure Counsel

- Recent Increase in SEC activity in Municipal Market
 - Enforcement Actions
 - MCDC Initiative
- Increase in demand for legal services outside of the traditional bond financing



