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## Topics

- Types of Debt Obligations
- Sizing the Bond Issue
- Debt Service Structure
- Refunding Considerations
- Purpose of Refunding Bonds
- Variable Rate Bonds
- Managing Interest Rate Swaps


## Types of Debt Obligations

There are many types of debt that California governments issue:

- General Obligation Bonds
- TRANs
- Lease Revenue Bonds
- Certificates of Participation
- Revenue Bonds
- Sales Tax Bonds
- Pension Bonds
- Special Tax Bonds
- Tax Allocation Bonds
- Assessment Bonds

There are also a number of ways to access financing:

- Publicly Offered Bonds

- Direct Purchase


At this point, the Issuer has made several decisions:

- Identified a need to borrow money.
- Identified debt structure
- Identified a revenue stream to pay debt service.
- Assembled a finance team:
o Bond counsel/Disclosure counsel

o Municipal advisor
O Investment banker
It's now time to STRUCTURE THE FINANCING!


## Sizing the Bond Issue

Depending on the type of debt and the nature of the plan of finance, proceeds of the bonds may be used for a number of purposes.

Project or Construction Fund

Capitalized Interest Fund

Refunding Escrow Fund

Debt Service Reserve Fund

Costs of Issuance

Underwriters Discount

Bond Insurance

## The Project or Construction Fund

Fund acquisition of the asset or construction of the project

- Based on actual costs or reliable estimates.
- Net Funded or Gross Funded?
o Gross Funded - Deposit exact amount required to pay for asset or project.
o Net Funded - Amount deposited plus interest earnings during the drawdown period sufficient to fund project.



## The Capitalized Interest Fund

Bonds proceeds used to pay interest for a finite period of time

- Interest is capitalized for a number of reasons:
o Until a project/asset can produce revenue.
o Until the issuer has beneficial use (COPs, Lease Revenue Bonds).
o Until revenue is projected to be sufficient to pay debt service.



## Refunding Escrow

Refinance outstanding bonds

- Current refunding - escrow can be funded up to 90 days prior to the call date.
- Advance refunding - escrow is funded more than 90 days prior to the call date. Advance refunding bonds are no longer permitted on a tax exempt basis.
- An amount of proceeds sufficient to pay principal and interest on the prior bonds is deposited into an escrow account.
- Escrowed funds are used to pay off the prior bonds at the call date or maturity.


## The Debt Service Reserve Fund

## Provides additional security for investors

- Historically found in most credits with the exception of GO Bonds and Pension Obligation Bonds.
- Many issuers of highly rated revenue bonds have eliminated DSRF requirement.
- Tax Code limits the size of the Reserve Fund to the lesser of:
o Maximum Annual Debt Service
o 125\% of Average Annual Debt Service
o 10\% of Par Amount
- Fund is invested with earnings usually going as an offset to debt service.
- Debt Service Reserve Fund Surety Policy
- Recently, Moody's and S\&P have revised their criteria for COPs/LRBs such that a DSRF may not be necessary.
o Issuer has strong liquidity
O Essential asset
o Debt service payments not due within 90 days of beginning of FY



## Costs of Issuance

Bond proceeds may be used to pay certain eligible costs

## Professional

- Bond Counsel and/or Disclosure Counsel


## Services

- Municipal Advisor
- Trustee/Paying Agent
- Rating Agencies
- Appraisal, Feasibility Study, Engineer’s Report
- Special Tax Consultant
- Title Insurance

Credit
Enhancement

- Bond Insurance and/or Surety Bond Premium
- Letter of Credit fees


## Underwriter's Discount

Underwriter's compensation and expenses


- Average Takedown
- Management Fee
- Expenses



## Funding

Method

- At closing, Underwriter pays for bonds an
amount less the Underwriter's Discount
\$100,000,000 Par
(650,000) Less discount of 6.50/\$1,000
$\$ 99,350,000 \quad$ Purchase Price
- Expressed as dollars per thousand dollars
of bonds (e.g., $\$ 6.50 / \$ 1,000$ )


## Bond Insurance

Bond insurance has declined dramatically since 2008

Total Municipal Issuance 2006-2018


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## Bond Insurance - A More Limited Role

- In 2008, most of the insurers lost their "AAA" ratings due to losses associated with sub-prime mortgage bond insurance
- Today, only AGM and BAM are active with "AA" category ratings

| 2007 Top Bond Insurers |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Rank | Bond Insurer | Par Amt <br> (\$mil) | Number of <br> Issues |
| 1 | FSA | $48,988.5$ | 1,702 |
| 2 | AMBAC | $48,859.1$ | 1,081 |
| 3 | MBIA Insurance Corporation | $46,398.2$ | 1,037 |
| 4 | FGIC | $30,712.4$ | 375 |
| 5 | XL Capital Assurance Inc. | $13,654.5$ | 587 |
| 6 | CIFG NA | $4,927.1$ | 351 |
| 7 | Assured Guaranty | $3,729.6$ | 144 |
| 8 | Radian Asset Assurance Inc | $2,375.4$ | 207 |
| 9 | ACA Financial Guaranty Corp | 648.7 | 31 |

2018 (1/1 to 9/30) Top Bond Insurers

| Rank | Bond Insurer | Par Amt <br> (\$mil) | Number of <br> Issues |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| 1 | AGM formerly FSA Inc | $7,132.5$ | 355 |
| 2 | Build America Mutual (BAM) | $5,798.7$ | 486 |
| 3 | Municipal Assurance Corp (MAC) | 354.4 | 87 |
| 4 | National Public Fin Guarantee | 0.0 | 0 |

## New Money Sizing Example



## Sizing Assumptions - Ammonia Springs Clean Water Authority

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Project Cost and Draw Schedule } \\
\hline 4 / 1 / 2019 \\
10 / 1 / 2019 \\
\$ 10,000,000 \\
4 / 1 / 2020 \\
10 / 1 / 2020 \\
\$ 10,000,000 \\
\$ 10,000,000 \\
\$ 40,000,000 \text { Total Project }
\end{gathered}
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## Bonds Dated: 1/1/2019

Final Maturity: 1/1/2049

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| Reinvestment <br> Assumptions | Fund <br> Capitalized <br> Interest <br> Fund: | Rate | Earnings Go To: <br> Construction |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Construction | $2.50 \%$ | Fund |  |
| Fund: | 5.0\% | Construction |  |
| Debt Service | (Bond <br> Reserve <br> Fund: | Yield) |  |

## Sizing Example - Net Funded Project Fund

Sources of Funds:

| Par Amount: | $\$ 46,390,000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Total Sources of Funds: $\$ 46,390,000$ |  |
| Uses of Funds: |  |
| Project Fund | $\$ 38,723,636$ |
| Cap Interest Fund: | $\$ 4,008,591$ |
| Debt Service | $\$ 2,795,850$ |
| Reserve Fund: | $\$ 357,550$ |
| Bond Insurance: | $\$ 200,000$ |
| COI: | $\$ 301,535$ |
| Underwriter's | $\$$ |

Total Uses of Funds: $\quad \$ 46,390,000$

## Sizing Example - Capitalized Interest Fund

Sources of Funds:


## Sizing Example - Debt Service Reserve Fund



## Sizing Example - Bond Insurance Premium

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| Rounding: | \$ 2,838 |
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Total Principal \& Interest \$89,387,448
x.40\%

## Sizing Example - Costs of Issuance

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Costs of Issuance:

| Bond Counsel: | $\$ 100,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Financial Advisor: | $\$ 50,000$ |
| Trustee: | $\$ 5,000$ |
| Rating Agencies: | $\$ 30,000$ |

Printing:
$\$ 7,500$

Miscellaneous:
$\$ \quad 7,500$
Total COI:
\$200,000

## Sizing Example -Underwriter's Discount

Underwriter's Discount:

Takedown:
(\$3.50/bond): \$ 162,365

Management Fee (\$1.00/bond):

Expenses:
(\$2.00/bond):
$\$ 92,780$
Underwriter's Discount (\$6.50/bond):

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## Debt Service Structure

## Sample Structures

## Current Interest vs. Deferred Interest

## Optional Redemption

## Level Debt Service



## "Wrapped" Debt Service



## DSRF Implications

Lesser of:

Maximum Annual

## Bond Insurance Implications

Total Principal \& Interest: $\quad \$ 98,731,725$

Debt Service
\$ 4,487,050
x.40\%
\$ 394, 927

Insurance Premium
125\% of Average
Annual Debt Service \$ 4,113,822
$10 \%$ of Par Amount $\$ 4,825,500$

## Short Maturity



| DSRF Implications |  | Bond Insurance Implications |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lesser of: |  | Total Principal \& Interest: | \$58,930,300 |
| Maximum Annual Debt Service | \$ 5,894,150 |  | x.40\% |
| 125\% of Average |  | Insurance Premium | \$ 235,722 |
| Annual Debt Service | \$ 7,366,288 |  |  |
| 10\% of Par Amount | \$ 4,663,000 |  |  |

## Debt Service Structure Comparison

| Summary of Debt Service Structures |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Level Debt <br> Service | "Wrapped" <br> Debt Service | Short <br> Maturity |
| Par | $\$ 46,390,000$ | $\$ 48,225,000$ | $\$ 46,630,000$ |
| Total Debt Service | $\$ 85,436,275$ | $\$ 98,731,725$ | $\$ 58,930,300$ |
| Maximum Annual <br> Debt Service | $\$ 2,850,350$ | $\$ 4,487,050$ | $\$ 5,894,150$ |
| 125\% of Average <br> Annual Debt Service | $\$ 3,559,845$ | $\$ 4,113,822$ | $\$ 7,366,288$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ of Par | $\$ 4,639,000$ | $\$ 4,825,500$ | $\$ 4,663,000$ |

## Structuring the Bonds


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## \$46,390,000

Ammonia Springs Clean Water Authority Water Revenue Bonds

## Dated: J anuary 1, 2019

Due: J anuary 1, 2049

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Maturity Schedule

| Maturity $\text { ( } \mathrm{J} \text { an 1) }$ | Principal Amount | Interest <br> Rate | Yield |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2020 | 780,000 | 4.000\% | 1.820\% |
| 2021 | 795,000 | 4.000\% | 2.070\% |
| 2022 | 815,000 | 4.000\% | 2.370\% |
| 2023 | 830,000 | 4.000\% | 2.670\% |
| 2024 | 855,000 | 5.000\% | 3.020\% |
| 2025 | 880,000 | 5.000\% | 3.220\% |
| 2026 | 910,000 | 5.000\% | 3.370\% |
| 2027 | 940,000 | 5.000\% | 3.520\% |
| 2028 | 970,000 | 5.000\% | 3.630\% |
| 2029 | 1,005,000 | 5.000\% | 3.740\% |
| 2030 | 1,045,000 | 5.000\% | 3.840\% |
| 2031 | 1,085,000 | 5.000\% | 3.940\% |
| 2032 | 1,130,000 | 5.000\% | 4.030\% |
| 2033 | 1,175,000 | 5.000\% | 4.110\% |
| 2034 | 1,220,000 | 5.000\% | 4.180\% |
| 2035 | 1,275,000 | 5.000\% | 4.270\% |
| 2036 | 1,325,000 | 5.000\% | 4.350\% |

\$7,610,000 4.72\%Term Bonds maturing J anuary 2040 $\$ 9,600,0004.81 \%$ Term Bonds maturing J anuary 204

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\$ 12,145,0004.84 \% \text { Term Bonds maturing J anuary } 2049
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## Current or Deferred Interest Bonds

Current Interest Bonds

- Pay interest at stated coupon
- Interest typically paid every 6 months
- May be sold at par, at a premium or at a discount
- Investor's yield determined by price paid for the Bond



## Current or Deferred Interest Bonds

## Capital Appreciation Bonds

- "Zero" coupon or deferred interest bonds
- Interest accretes to maturity
- Sold at a deep discount
- Investor's yield determined by price paid for the Bond



## Comparison of Current Interest and Deferred Interest Structures

|  | Current Interest Bonds | Capital Appreciation <br> Bonds |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Principal | $\$ 46,390,000$ | $\$ 46,390,000$ |
| Interest | $\$ 42,493,734$ | $\$ 95,867,460$ |
| Total $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | $\$ 88,883,734$ | $\$ 142,257,674$ |

${ }^{1}$ May not total due to rounding

## Couponing and Redemption (Call) Features

## Optional Redemption

- "Standard" optional redemption period is 10 years
- Callable bonds generally have a higher yield than non-callable bonds
- Par Bonds, Original Issue Discount Bonds, and Original Issue Premium Bonds

|  |  | $\underline{10-\text {-year Call }}$ |  |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\underline{\text { Maturity }}$ | $\underline{\text { Coupon }}$ | $\underline{\text { Yield }}$ | $\underline{\text { Callable }}$ | $\underline{\text { Price }}$ |
| Par Bond | 2039 | $5.00 \%$ | $5.00 \%$ | 2029 | $100 \%$ |
| Discount Bond | 2039 | $5.00 \%$ | $5.10 \%$ | 2029 | $98.755 \%$ |
| Premium Bond | 2039 | $5.00 \%$ | $4.90 \%$ | 2029 | $101.783 \%$ |


| 7-year Call |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Maturity | Coupon | Yield | Callable | Price |
| Par Bond | 2039 | 5.00\% | 5.00\% | 2026 | 100\% |
| Discount Bond | 2039 | 5.00\% | 5.10\% | 2026 | 98.755\% |
| Premium Bond | 2039 | 5.00\% | 4.90\% | 2026 | 100.586\% |

## Refunding Considerations

Tax Exempt Advance Refunding

- Old Bonds are not currently subject to optional re"mptio
- New Bond proceeds are used to fund an escrow thax defeases old bonds to call date
- Escrow invested in form (S, s) maximum permitted yield equal to bond
- Can only dvans retund one time

The Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 eliminated the ability to issue tax exempt advance refunding bonds.

## Current Refunding

- Existing bonds are currently subject to optional redemption
- New tax exempt bond proceeds are used to redeem old bonds


## Defeasance

- Legal Defeasance
o Escrow securities backed by full faith \& credit of U.S. government (e.g., U.S. Treasuries / SLGS)
o Requires bond counsel opinion
o Debt removed from books
- Economic Defeasance
o Escrow securities not backed by full faith \& credit of U.S. government (e.g., Corporates \& Agencies)
o Higher yield / Greater savings
o Debt remains on the books


## Defeasance Escrow

- Refunding (Defeasance) Escrow
o A portfolio of "eligible securities", as defined in the Indenture (U.S. Treasuries / SLGS) o Cash flows sufficient to pay:
- Principal
- Interest
- Call Premium
to the call date, without reinvestment


## Escrow Requirements



| Date | Principal | Interest | Principal | Call Premium | Escrow Requirement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2/1/2016 |  |  |  | 2.00\% |  |
| 6/1/2016 | - | 154,423 |  |  | 154,423 |
| 12/1/2016 | 190,000 | 154,423 |  |  | 344,423 |
| 6/1/2017 | - | 151,953 |  |  | 151,953 |
| 12/1/2017 | 195,000 | 151,953 |  |  | 346,953 |
| 6/1/2018 | - | 149,320 |  |  | 149,320 |
| 12/1/2018 | 200,000 | 149,320 |  |  | 349,320 |
| 6/1/2019 | - | 146,520 |  |  | 146,520 |
| 12/1/2019 | 205,000 | 146,520 |  |  | 351,520 |
| 6/1/2020 |  | 143,548 |  |  | 143,548 |
| 12/1/2020 | 215,000 | 143,548 | 6,150,000 | 123,000 | 6,631,548 |
|  | \$ 1,005,000 | \$1,491.528 | \$6,150,000 | \$ 123,000 | \$ 8,769,528 |


| $\$ 2,496,528$ | Principal \& Interest to Dec. 1, 2020 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 6,150,000$ | Bonds Outstanding Dec. 1, 2021 + |
| $\$ 123,000$ | $2.0 \%$ |
| $\$ 8,769,528$ | TOTAL ESCROW |

## Escrow Structuring

| Date | Escrow Requirement | U.S. <br> Treasuries | Coupon | 06/01/16 | 12/01/16 | 06/01/17 | 12/01/17 | 06/01/18 | 12/01/18 | 06/01/19 | 12/01/19 | 06/01/20 | 12/01/20 | Escrow Cash Flows |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2/1/2016 |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |
| 6/1/2016 | 154,423 | 34,210 | 1.50\% | 257 | 2,245 | 377 | 2,755 | 452 | 3,234 | 534 | 3,738 | 582 | 106,040 | 154,423 |
| 2 12/1/2016 | 344,423 | 224,467 | 2.00\% |  | 2,245 | 377 | 2,755 | 452 | 3,234 | 534 | 3,738 | 582 | 106,040 | 344,423 |
| 3 6/1/2017 | 151,953 | 34,241 | 2.20\% |  |  | 377 | 2,755 | 452 | 3,234 | 534 | 3,738 | 582 | 106,040 | 151,953 |
| 4 12/1/2017 | 346,953 | 229,618 | 2.40\% |  |  |  | 2,755 | 452 | 3,234 | 534 | 3,738 | 582 | 106,040 | 346,953 |
| 6/1/2018 | 149,320 | 34,741 | 2.60\% |  |  |  |  | 452 | 3,234 | 534 | 3,738 | 582 | 106,040 | 149,320 |
| 12/1/2018 | 349,320 | 235,193 | 2.75\% |  |  |  |  |  | 3,234 | 534 | 3,738 | 582 | 106,040 | 349,320 |
| $7 \quad 6 / 1 / 2019$ | 146,520 | 35,627 | 3.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |  | 534 | 3,738 | 582 | 106,040 | 146,520 |
| 8 12/1/2019 | 351,520 | 241,161 | 3.10\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,738 | 582 | 106,040 | 351,520 |
| P 6/1/2020 | 143,548 | 36,926 | 3.15\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 582 | 106,040 | 143,548 |
| 10 12/1/2020 | 6,631,548 | 6,525,508 | 3.25\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 106,040 | 6,631,548 |
|  | \$ 8,769,528 | \$ 7,631,692 |  | \$ 257 | \$ 4,489 | \$ 1,130 | \$11,022 | \$ 2,258 | \$19,403 | \$ 3,206 | \$22,428 | \$ 3,490 | \$636,237 | \$8,769,528 |

- Escrow cash flow requirement = \$8,769,528
- Escrow funding costs = \$7,631,692
- Escrow can yield up to the same rate as the arbitrage yield on the refunding bonds (e.g., 3.64\%)
- Perfect escrow would cost = \$7,493,310


## Negative Carry (Negative Arbitrage)



Arb. Yield = 3.64\%

\$ 8,769,528 Escrow Requirement
\$ 7,631,692 Escrow Cost
\$ 1,137,836 Investment Earnings
\$ 8,769,528 Escrow Requirement
\$ 7.493.310 Perfect Escrow Cost
\$ 1,276,218 Investment Earnings
\$ $(138,382)$ Negative Carry

- Proceeds invested @ the bond rate pays for itself > "carry"
- Investment yield (3.01\%) lower than bond yield (3.64\%)
- Inefficient Escrow: increase par value of refunding bonds by 2.1\%
- \$138,382 in Negative Carry ("negative arbitrage")


## Bond Sizing Requirements


\$6,580,000

## Advance Refunding



Non-callable Maturities

## Bond Sizing Requirements



## Purpose of Refunding Bonds

- Debt Service Savings
- Cash Flow Restructuring
- Consolidation of Debt
- Remove Restrictive Covenants
- Combination (of above)


## Rolling Down the Yield Curve



10 years later, at the call date, $\square$ we are current refunding the callable maturities


## Measuring Savings

| Year | Original Bonds | Refunding Bonds | Cash Flow Savings |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12016 | 502,095 | 447,428 | 54,668 |
| 22017 | 500,645 | 450,303 | 50,343 |
| 32018 | 498,715 | 457,625 | 41,090 |
| 42019 | 501,290 | 459,445 | 41,845 |
| 52020 | 498,065 | 460,260 | 37,805 |
| 62021 | 499,065 | 460,173 | 38,893 |
| 72022 | 499,065 | 464,153 | 34,913 |
| 82023 | 503,145 | 461,903 | 41,243 |
| 92024 | 501,320 | 463,938 | 37,383 |
| 102025 | 498,495 | 460,245 | 38,250 |
| 112026 | 499,925 | 461,100 | 38,825 |
| 122027 | 500,200 | 461,180 | 39,020 |
| 132028 | 499,763 | 460,290 | 39,473 |
| 142029 | 498,613 | 463,560 | 35,053 |
| 152030 | 501,750 | 470,780 | 30,970 |
| 162031 | 498,000 | 461,905 | 36,095 |
| 172032 | 498,500 | 462,465 | 36,035 |
| 182033 | 498,000 | 462,060 | 35,940 |
| 192034 | 501,500 | 465,865 | 35,635 |
| 202035 | 498,750 | 468,450 | 30,300 |
|  | \$9,996,900 | \$9,223,125 | \$ 773,775 |
| NPV Savings \$560,735 |  |  |  |



## The Impact of Investments

Must take into account impact of investments on the Debt Service Reserve Fund

- Gross-to-Gross Refunding
o Comparison solely of gross debt service
o Does not take into account earnings from DSRF investments
- Net-to-Net Refunding
o Compares Net Debt Service on refunding to prior bonds
o Takes into account investment earnings of DSRF


## Net-to-Net Refunding

|  | Year | Original Bonds | $\begin{gathered} \text { DSR } \\ \text { Earnings } \end{gathered}$ | Net Debt Service |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2016 | 502,095 | 25,157 | 476,938 |
| 2 | 2017 | 500,645 | 25,157 | 475,488 |
| 3 | 2018 | 498,715 | 25,157 | 473,558 |
| 4 | 2019 | 501,290 | 25,157 | 476,133 |
| 5 | 2020 | 498,065 | 25,157 | 472,908 |
|  | 2021 | 499,065 | 25,157 | 473,908 |
| 7 | 2022 | 499,065 | 25,157 | 473,908 |
| 8 | 2023 | 503,145 | 25,157 | 477,988 |
| 9 | 2024 | 501,320 | 25,157 | 476,163 |
| 10 | 2025 | 498,495 | 25,157 | 473,338 |
| 11 | 2026 | 499,925 | 25,157 | 474,768 |
| 12 | 2027 | 500,200 | 25,157 | 475,043 |
| 13 | 2028 | 499,763 | 25,157 | 474,605 |
| 14 | 2029 | 498,613 | 25,157 | 473,455 |
| 15 | 2030 | 501,750 | 25,157 | 476,593 |
| 16 | 2031 | 498,000 | 25,157 | 472,843 |
| 17 | 2032 | 498,500 | 25,157 | 473,343 |
| 18 | 2033 | 498,000 | 25,157 | 472,843 |
| 19 | 2034 | 501,500 | 25,157 | 476,343 |
| 20 | 2035 | 498,750 | 528,302 | $(29,552)$ |
|  |  | \$ 9,996,900 | \$ 1,006,290 | \$8,990,610 |
|  | DSR | \$ 503,145 | 5.00\% |  |


| Refunding Bonds | DSR Earnings | Net Debt Service | Gross Savings | NPV Savings | Net Savings | NPV Savings |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 466,203 | 16,749 | 449,454 | 35,893 | 34,632 | 27,484 | 26,518 |
| 466,203 | 16,749 | 449,454 | 34,443 | 32,065 | 26,034 | 24,237 |
| 470,848 | 16,749 | 454,099 | 27,868 | 25,033 | 19,459 | 17,480 |
| 470,018 | 16,749 | 453,269 | 31,273 | 27,105 | 22,864 | 19,817 |
| 468,808 | 16,749 | 452,059 | 29,258 | 24,467 | 20,849 | 17,436 |
| 467,208 | 16,749 | 450,459 | 31,858 | 25,706 | 23,449 | 18,921 |
| 470,208 | 16,749 | 453,459 | 28,858 | 22,467 | 20,449 | 15,921 |
| 467,668 | 16,749 | 450,919 | 35,478 | 26,651 | 27,069 | 20,334 |
| 469,703 | 16,749 | 452,954 | 31,618 | 22,917 | 23,209 | 16,822 |
| 466,163 | 16,749 | 449,414 | 32,333 | 22,612 | 23,924 | 16,732 |
| 467,173 | 16,749 | 450,424 | 32,753 | 22,101 | 24,344 | 16,427 |
| 467,573 | 16,749 | 450,824 | 32,628 | 21,244 | 24,219 | 15,769 |
| 467,178 | 16,749 | 450,429 | 32,585 | 20,471 | 24,176 | 15,188 |
| 470,958 | 16,749 | 454,209 | 27,655 | 16,763 | 19,246 | 11,666 |
| 478,533 | 16,749 | 461,784 | 23,218 | 13,579 | 14,809 | 8,661 |
| 469,470 | 16,749 | 452,721 | 28,530 | 16,100 | 20,121 | 11,355 |
| 469,270 | 16,749 | 452,521 | 29,230 | 15,916 | 20,821 | 11,337 |
| 467,680 | 16,749 | 450,931 | 30,320 | 15,929 | 21,911 | 11,512 |
| 470,050 | 16,749 | 453,301 | 31,450 | 15,943 | 23,041 | 11,680 |
| 470,700 | 495,281 | $(24,581)$ | 28,050 | 13,720 | $(4,971)$ | $(2,431)$ |
| \$ 9,381,608 | \$ 813,505 | \$8,568,102 | \$ 615,293 | \$ 435,421 | \$ 422,508 | \$ 305,381 |
| \$ 478,533 | 3.50\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Savings as \% Refunded Bonds |  |  | \$6,150,000 | 7.08\% |  | 4.97\% |
| Savings as \% Refunding Bonds |  |  | \$6,580,000 | 6.62\% |  | 4.64\% |

- Net-to-Net Refunding reflects true savings
- May reduce savings level (e.g. 7.08\% vs. 4.97\%)


## Variable Rate Bonds

## Pros and Cons of Variable Rate Debt

Historical Variable Interest Rates and Issuance

## Structuring Options

Pros and Cons of Alternative Structures

## Pros and Cons of Variable Rate Debt

|  | PROS | CONS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | - Historically lower cost <br> - Easier to restructure/finance <br> - Hedge for floating rate assets | - Interest rates may rise/Budget issues <br> - Takes more time to manage <br> - Bank renewal and trading risk |
| ㄲ | - No interest rate risk <br> - Easier to budget <br> - Less time required to manage | - Less flexibility to refinance <br> - Historically higher costs <br> - Poor hedge for floating rate assets |

## Variable Rate vs. Fixed Rate

Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Index (formerly BMA)


[^1]
## Variable Rate Issuance over Time

Total Municipal Issuance 2006-2018


Source: The Bond Buyer

## Variable Rate Structuring Options

Historically, there have been a number of ways for issuers to achieve variable rate exposure in the municipal market

- Commercial Paper
- Variable Rate Demand Bonds
- Floating Rate Notes
- Direct Purchase
- Auction Rate Securities
- Interest Rate Swaps


## Variable Rate Structuring Options

## Commercial Paper

- Can be drawn down and paid back as needed
- Outstanding CP is remarketed for a maximum of 270 days
- Bank credit facility required for liquidity
- Money Market Funds are the primary investor
- Often used to fund construction draws and then taken out with long-term bonds
- Interest rate determined by CP Dealer


## Variable Rate Structuring Options

## Variable Rate Demand Bonds

- Long-term bond with rate that resets periodically (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.)
- Remarketing Agent sets the rate for the issuer and is paid a quarterly fee
- Investor can "put" bonds on short notice (allows bond to trade at par)
- Bank credit facility required to support put


## Credit Facilities

| 2007 Top Letter of Credit Providers |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Rank | Firm | Amount | Issues |
| 1 | Bank of America | $2,364.6$ | 101 |
| 2 | J P Morgan Chase | $2,340.6$ | 85 |
| 3 | Wells Fargo Bank | $1,688.6$ | 98 |
| 4 | SunTrust Bank | $1,354.4$ | 57 |
| 5 | Regions Bank | $1,295.8$ | 42 |
| 6 | The Bank of New York Mellon | $1,024.8$ | 60 |
| 7 | LaSalle Bank | 955.1 | 40 |
| 8 | US Bank | 821.8 | 77 |
| 9 | KeyBanc | 814.0 | 40 |
| 10 | Sovereign Bank | 699.8 | 29 |
| ${ }^{\text {*Tie }}$ |  |  |  |
| Source: SDC |  |  |  |


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| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Rank | Firm | Amount | Issues |
| 1* $^{*}$ | Barclays | 238.2 | 2 |
| $1^{*}$ | Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp | 238.2 | 2 |
| 3 | US Bank NA | 212.9 | 4 |
| 4 | TD Bank NA | 208.3 | 2 |
| 5 | Wells Fargo Bank | 200.0 | 2 |
| 6 | PNC Bank NA | 145.9 | 4 |
| 7 | Fed Home Loan Bk San Francisco | 79.6 | 2 |
| 8 | Federal Home Loan Bank Chicago | 27.5 | 1 |
| 9 | East West Bank | 20.0 | 1 |
| 10 | Citizens Bank | 12.0 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

- Bank Credit capacity was severely constrained after the financial crisis in 2008 and 2009
- Fewer banks with less capital drove LOC pricing to high levels
- The credit market has stabilized and credit pricing has fallen to much lower levels


## Variable Rate Structuring Options

## Floating Rate Notes

- Interest rate resets based on an index (i.e. SIFMA or LIBOR)
- Rate typically based on a spread over or under the index (i.e. SIFMA +/- X bps)
- Investor does not have a put, so no need for a bank credit facility
- Limited role for Remarketing Agent
- Index period is typically less than 5 years. At the end of the index period, the issuer and remarketing agent remarkets the bond with a new rate for another index period or switches to a different variable rate mode


## Variable Rate Structuring Options

## Direct Purchase

- Alternative to a VRDB or FRN
- Issuer deals directly with a bank or other lender
- Interest rate can be fixed or floating
- No remarketing agent, rate based on an index plus a spread (ie $70 \%$ of LIBOR + XX bps)
- Usually, no rating or disclosure documents


## Variable Rate Structuring Options



The ARS market died in 2008 with the demise of large scale bond insurance

## Pros and Cons of Variable Rate Structures

|  | Summary of Variable Rate Structures |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Attribute | Traditional <br> VRDBs | Commercial <br> Paper | Index Floater | Direct <br> Purchase |
| Reset Method | Remarketing <br> Agent | CP Dealer | Index + Fixed <br> Spread | Index + Fixed <br> Spread |
| Bank Credit | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Bank Counterparty <br> Risk | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Remarketing Agent <br> Risk | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Bank Facility <br> Renewal Risk | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Roll-Over Risk | No | No | Maybe | No |
| Term Out | Yes | Yes | Maybe | Yes |
| Ability to call bonds <br> quickly | High | Moderate/ | High | Moderate | High | Rating Required | Yes | Yes |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | No |  |
| Disclosure Document | Yes | Yes |
| Yes | No |  |

## The Best Portfolio Mix-

## There isn't one...

- Economic, political, demographic, regulatory, etc. factors matter
- Risk-centric approach to debt policy might help reduce cost and limit risks
- Traditional fixed versus variable rate debt and risk aversion
- Certain benefits
- Opportunity cost - the foregone lower costs of other alternatives - focus on hidden costs of decisions
- Exchange of one set of risks for another
- Commitment risk - lack of flexibility to respond to future risks


## Managing Interest Rate Swaps-Fixed Payor Swaps

Many issuers have used interest rate swaps to create synthetic fixed rate debt


## Managing Interest Rate Swaps-Fixed Receiver Swaps

Many issuers have also used interest rate swaps to create synthetic variable rate debt


## Interest Rate Swaps Have a Number of Risks

| Basis Risk | Swap variable rate received and the <br> actual bond variable rate does not <br> match perfectly | - LOC bank is downgraded, causing <br> bonds to trade at higher spread to <br> SIFMA <br> Market rates compress |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Tax Event <br> Risk | Changes in income tax rates alter the <br> value of tax-exempt interest rates <br> relative to taxable interest rates | - If tax rates go down, variable bond |
| yield will go up |  |  |$|$| Counterparty |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| Risk | Swap counterparty will not perform <br> pursuant to the contract's terms. For <br> example if the swap provider defaults <br> or its credit rating declines |
| A - Lehman, DEPFA, AMBAC, UBS |  |

## New Consideration-Change in Floating Rate Indexes

- There have been two primary indexes in use in the municipal swap market
- \% of LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) - generic rate that theoretically represents what banks would pay to borrow from one another.
- SIMFA Swap Index (Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association) - a compilation of weekly tax exempt variable rates that is published every Wednesday.
- Change is coming as the LIBOR Index will no longer be calculated after 2021
- Issuers with LIBOR exposure will need to amend documents to change the index.
- The most discussed replacement index is SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) which is a rate based on the overnight repurchase agreement market.


## If You Have an Interest Rate Swap...

- Monitor the bank providing liquidity for the variable rate bonds
- Rating
- Expiration Date of credit facility
- Trading characteristics
- Monitor the performance of your Remarketing Agent
- Monitor the credit rating of your swap counterparty
- Monitor long-term interest rates
- As rates go up, termination values should fall
- May create an opportunity to terminate the swap
- If you have a LIBOR swap, discuss the implications of changing the index with your swap advisor


[^0]:    Source: The Bond Buyer

[^1]:    Source: TM3

