# MUNICIPAL MARKET DISCLOSURE

# **Fundamentals and Evolving Practices**



# March 28-29, 2023

Lake Natoma Inn 702 Gold Lake Drive Folsom, California

# **AGENDA**

Disclosure is key to ensuring transparency in the municipal securities market. Investors must be informed of the risks related to an agency's revenues and financial condition, but disclosure obligations are expanding to evolving risks related to climate change and cybersecurity. This seminar seeks to assist public agency officials and other market professionals in improving their understanding of the policy and regulatory environment surrounding municipal disclosure and how that environment may change in the future.

Day One of this seminar will focus on the fundamentals of disclosure, covering current rules for primary and continuing disclosure practices by public agencies including reporting requirements to CDIAC. Day Two will focus on evolving disclosure practices for labeled debt, cybersecurity, and climate change.

# Day 1 | March 28, 2023

#### 8:00 AM Registration

Complimentary continental breakfast

# 8:30 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

# **SESSION ONE**

### 8:35 AM Why Is Disclosure Important?

This session will discuss why transparency and disclosure are fundamental to a well-functioning and efficient municipal market and provide an overview of federal laws and rules and that are the foundation of disclosure practices. Through presentation of case studies of enforcement actions in the municipal market, the speaker will discuss the priorities of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the ramifications of poor practices, and the extent of agency and personal liability. After completing this session, a successful learner will be able to:

- Recognize federal disclosure rules including SEC Rules 17a, 15c2-12 and 10b.
- Discuss the risks and consequences of not meeting federal disclosure law and implication for agency officials.
- Explain why good disclosure is critical to maintaining access to the municipal market.

Kevin Civale, Shareholder, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P.C.

#### 9:45 AM Break

#### **SESSION TWO**

#### 10:00 AM Steps and Considerations in Crafting the Initial Disclosure Documents

This session will focus on good policies, processes and practices for initial disclosure documents. It will provide information on crafting the preliminary official statement, the initial disclosure document used to communicate to market participants and investors when issuing municipal securities in a public offering. Presenters will also discuss the sources of information and data used to ensure accuracy and completeness, so statements made to the market are not misleading. After completing this session, a successful learner will be able to:

- Recognize the importance of accuracy and completeness in the preliminary official statement.
- Understand the importance of the data sourced in the preliminary official statement.
- Discuss good policies and practices for initial disclosure.

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Patricia Reavey, Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Administration, Alameda
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#### **SESSION THREE**

## 11:15 AM Federal Continuing Disclosure Requirements

This session discusses how an issuer can meet the continuing disclosure obligations they undertook while issuing debt. The continuing disclosure agreement (CDA), a required component of all publicly issued debt, contains an agency's annual reporting requirements. In addition to discussing what is required under SEC Rule 15c2-12, panelists will discuss how to satisfy these requirements through MSRB's EMMA system, and through an agency's annual report. The panel will discuss how issuer practices can be improved through a commitment to the continuing disclosure agreement, a review of documents, and the use of disclosure consultants and/or dissemination agents, or self-reporting using EMMA. After completing this session, a successful learner will be able to:

- Understand the importance of the agency's involvement when the CDA is drafted by counsel.
- Recognize reportable events under Rule 15c2-12.
- Implement or improve practices to meet continuing disclosure obligations.
- Know where to post both continuing and event notices in the appropriate timeframe.

Tommy Crosby, Market Structure Manager, MSRB Victor Hsu, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Jackie Lee, EBMUD Debt Administrator, East Bay Municipal Utility District

#### 12:30 PM Luncheon

#### SESSION FOUR

#### 1:30 PM Agency Approaches to Disclosure Management

During this session, public agency representatives explain how they manage their initial and ongoing disclosure responsibilities, including the roles of internal and external participants in the disclosure process. Speakers will discuss their use of disclosure management tools such as formal disclosure policies, disclosure working groups, disclosure training, investor relations procedures, and websites to ensure timely, accurate and consistent disclosure across the agency including elected leadership. After completing this session, a successful learner will be able to:

- Understand the different approaches to effective disclosure management.
- Learn the important elements of a disclosure policy.
- Identify the key roles of a public agency's disclosure team.
- Recognize disclosure risks and the application of mitigation strategies.

Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, Bay Area Metro
Jenna Magan, Partner, Public Finance, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
Jyothi Pantulu, Debt Manager, City of San Diego
Sam Smalls, Treasury and Debt Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern
California

#### 3:00 PM Break

#### **SESSION FIVE**

#### 3:15 PM California's Disclosure Requirements and CDIAC's New Data Portal

This session will discuss the requirements for reporting information to CDIAC upon the proposal and issuance of debt by a public agency, and on an annual basis until debt is redeemed. The session will include a tour of CDIAC's new Data Portal, a cloud-based reporting interface and database. The tour will provide instruction on access, building a user dashboard, and submitting both issuance and annual reports. After completing this session, a successful learner will:

- Understand post-issuance reporting requirements to CDIAC.
- Understand how to access and navigate CDIAC's new Data Portal.
- Learn the procedures for submitting issuance and annual report information.

Robert Berry, Executive Director, CDIAC Tara Dunn, Research Data Manager, CDIAC

#### 5:00 PM CLOSE OF DAY 1

Session 3 speaker Tommy Crosby, Market Structure Manager, MSRB, and Jeff Field, Data Unit Manager, CDIAC, will be available immediately following Session 5 to answer your questions regarding EMMA and the CDIAC Data Portal.

# Day 2 | March 29, 2023

# 8:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

Complimentary continental breakfast

## 9:00 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

#### **SESSION ONE**

# 9:05 AM The Evolving Landscape of Municipal Disclosure

Speakers will discuss the dynamics of disclosure in the municipal market, in what aspects issuers are meeting expectations, where SEC expects there to be continued regulatory scrutiny, and the elements of disclosure that warrant continuous observation by issuers. In particular, discussion will include what issuers in the municipal market can draw from the recent release of proposed rules in the corporate market regarding the disclosure of cybersecurity and climate risks, and potential expansion of the Names Rule to labeled municipal debt.

Mark Blake, Deputy City Attorney, City and County of San Francisco
Daniel Deaton, Partner, Nixon Peabody LLC
Dave Sanchez, Director, Office of Municipal Securities, Securities and Exchange
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#### **SESSION TWO**

#### 10:30 AM Disclosure Practices for Successful Issuance of Labeled Debt

The demand for municipal green, social impact, and sustainability bonds has accelerated in recent years. Growing intention by agencies to develop socially and environmentally responsible projects has drawn issuer interest to the opportunity labeled financing may present. However, affixing a label to a debt issuance is coupled with investor expectations for initial and continuing disclosure to establish and validate quantifiable impact of the financed project. Panelists will discuss the evolving expectations of regulators and investors for labeled debt disclosure, practices of issuers realizing the greatest opportunity, and how issuers can evaluate the costs and benefits of this marketing strategy. After completing this session, a successful learner will:

- Recognize the types of labeled debt and the strategic implications of its issuance.
- Understand the evolution of the standards of impact in the labeled debt market.
- Understand the disclosure and reporting expectations of investors in labeled debt.
- Learn the approaches to the evaluation of the labeled debt issuance opportunity.

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Michael Paparian, California Representative, Climate Bonds Initiative
Monica Reid, Chief Executive Officer, Kestrel Verifiers
Nikolai Sklaroff, Capital Finance Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission,
Commissioner, California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission

#### 12:00 PM Luncheon

#### SESSION THREE

#### 1:00 PM Assessment, Mitigation and Disclosure of Cybersecurity Risks

In March 2022, the SEC proposed rules that clarify the agency's views on the necessity and materiality of cybersecurity risk disclosure in the corporate market, but how should municipal issuers assess and disclose cyber-risks to meet investor and federal expectations? Panelists will discuss current and developing cybersecurity risks and the implications for municipal finance operations including the importance of risk assessment, policies and procedures, and incident response. This session will also address how issuers should approach the disclosure of cyber-risk management given the expectations of ratings agencies and investors. After completing this session, a successful learner will:

- Understand the magnitude of cyber risks, how they are evolving, and their impact on municipal finance operations.
- Recognize the assessment, mitigation, and response strategies effective in minimizing the cyber-risk profile of an agency.

 Learn disclosure practices that meet legal requirements and market expectations without creating additional risks.

Donald Hester, Cybersecurity Manager, City of Livermore Omid Rahmani, Associate Director, Fitch Ratings Agency Joseph Santiesteban, Partner, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP Sean Yates, Managing Associate, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

#### 2:45 PM Break

#### SESSION FOUR

# 3:00 PM Assessment and Disclosure of Climate Change Risks

The SEC also proposed rules that would require the corporate market participants to provide certain climate related information in their registration statements and annual reports. The proposed rules would require information about the climate risks that are reasonably likely to have a material impact on business, operational results, or financial condition. How should municipal issuers view this regulatory signal? This session will discuss an issuer's responsibility to discover what is known of an agency's risks presented by climate change. Panelist will address how the materiality lens may be applied to the different types of climate risk and how those risks should be disclosed. The session will also cover investor demand for climate risk disclosure and their expectations for its specificity initially and on a continuous basis. After completing this session, a successful learner will:

- Understand the implications for the municipal market of the SEC's proposed rules.
- Understand the agency's responsibility to engage in a reasonable assessment of the variety of climate change risks to an issuer's credit and repayment ability.
- Understand investor's expectations for climate risk disclosure and how it varies based on location, risk type and type of credit.
- Learn guidance in making a determination of whether disclosure of climate risks initially, or on a continuing or voluntary basis is necessary or advantageous.

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Kim Nakahara, Senior Research Analyst and Portfolio Manager, Allspring Global Investments

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#### 4:45 PM CLOSE OF SEMINAR

# **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**



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Treasurer Fiona Ma appointed Robert Berry to the position of Executive Director of the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) in January 2020. Prior to his appointment and since joining CDIAC in late 2010, he served as Deputy Executive Director. In addition to his operational and administrative direction of CDIAC's educational, data collection and research functions, Mr. Berry has assisted CDIAC's research team to conceptualize and carry out some of its more extensive research projects including those related to interest rate swaps, capital appreciation bonds, K-14 general obligation bond authorization and issuance, and debt management policies. He led CDIAC's movement into online education, was instrumental in the development of CDIAC's first set of regulations, and ushered in the Treasurer's first data transparency site, Debt Watch. Prior to joining CDIAC, Mr. Berry was a manager in the Capital Markets Group of Panattoni Development Company, one of the largest private merchant development companies in the United States. As a registered representative and manager of the company's private equity placement program, he was charged with placing investments of high net-worth individuals in the company's development projects across 29 US, Canadian, and Eastern European markets. Preceding his years in real estate finance, Mr. Berry worked over fourteen years in economic development as a business attraction and retention specialist with the State of California.

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Mr. Civale has particular expertise with respect to disclosure. He currently serves as disclosure counsel to several very large issuers and has also served as underwriter's counsel in numerous financings. He has participated in major roles in financings for issuers such as the State of California; the California Department of Water Resources; the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank; the State Public Works Board; San Diego Unified School District; the Cities of Los Angeles, Sacramento, Oakland, Long Beach and San Diego; the Counties of Sacramento, Orange, Kern, San Joaquin, Sonoma, Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Cruz, Alameda, and Monterey; and other municipalities.

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As the Manager of the Technical Assistance Section, she acted as the Project Lead for implementing CDIAC's new Data Portal that debuted in June 2022. She also oversaw and assisted with CDIAC's transition to virtual education programming during the COVID pandemic. As a Research Specialist, Ms. Dunn provided analysis and technical assistance on a variety of municipal debt issuance and investment-related topics including K-12 school district and community college voter-approved bond authority, green bonds and securitized investments. She is the author of CDIAC's 2019 publication, *Socially Responsible Investing – What Does It Mean and What's the Risk?*, as well as CDIAC's 2014 publication, *Issue Brief: Green Bonds*. During her time as a member of the Research Unit she participated on a variety of projects, including *Climate Change Disclosure Among California Enterprise Issuers*, the annual update to the Local Agency Investment Guidelines (LAIG) as well as the implementation of the interactive version of the California Debt Financing Guide. Prior to her time at CDIAC, she helped facilitate bond financings as a loan officer specialist at the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank.

An avid soccer player, Ms. Dunn has held the position of Vice President with the Sacramento Valley Women's Soccer League for over ten years helping to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer as a recreational sport for women 16 and older. Ms. Dunn has a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of California, Santa Barbara and is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation.



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Ms. Reid has over 20 years of experience as a Principal Consultant and thought leader in the field of innovative finance for infrastructure and sustainability efforts, and she currently serves on the California Green Bond Market Development Committee, convened by the State Treasurer. Prior to founding Kestrel Verifiers, Ms. Reid founded Kestrel Consulting Inc. which provided strategic consulting and grant and loan services to local governments from 2000-2019. Ms. Reid was a trusted advisor and led the company's successful efforts to help municipalities secure state and federal funding for sustainable infrastructure.

Early in her career, Ms. Reid focused on natural resources conservation and public service. She was a Public Affairs Specialist for the US Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest for eight years, and an

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Joseph regularly advises companies regarding privacy and cybersecurity incident response, including directing incident investigations, analyzing potential claims and defenses, examining potential notification obligations, and advising regarding communications strategies. He also advises clients regarding

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Joseph uses his experience to help clients leverage the value of data and digital technologies in ways that not only meet compliance obligations, but also support innovation, deliver value to the business, meet security needs, and solidify brand and consumer trust. This includes guiding clients through the complexity of federal privacy and cybersecurity laws and regulations, including the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), the Federal Trade Commission Act (FTC Act), the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), state privacy and cybersecurity laws, including the California's Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), international laws such as the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and self-regulatory frameworks, including those covering online advertising and payment card processing. It also includes assisting clients to practically evaluate legal risk of security decisions in a variety of transactions and across the product lifecycle.

He also provides strategic advice to cybersecurity companies, including those looking to push technological and defense boundaries in cyber defense, incident response, and threat intelligence. This includes helping companies maximize their security offerings by navigating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), and the Federal Wiretap Act, as well as state law analogs.



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Nikolai J. Sklaroff joined the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) as its Capital Finance Director in May 2022. As Capital Finance Director, he is responsible for developing, implementing and administering the SFPUC Capital Financing activities across the agency. He leads a team of professionals supporting the agency's capital project funding activities including financing transactions, banking agreements, commercial paper program activities, credit rating activities and debt administration, among others. The role serves in a key leadership function at the SFPUC. The Capital Finance Director manages the day-to-day operations of the SFPUC's capital finance portfolio which includes nearly \$7 billion of outstanding bonds, nearly \$1.9 billion of state and federal loans and the daily operations of the SFPUC's three Commercial Paper Programs totaling \$1.5 billion across three enterprises, Water, Wastewater and Power.

In December, California State Treasurer Fiona Ma announced her appointment of Nikolai to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission.

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Nikolai has spent more than three decades in the public finance industry and most recently served as the Deputy Director of Finance responsible for the Debt & Treasury Management division in the City of San José. In that role he oversaw teams managing the City's \$4.6 billion debt portfolio across all enterprises, managing the City's \$2.4 billion investment portfolio and managing the City's banking operations. Nikolai has also spent 22 years as a senior public finance investment banker in San Francisco with Citigroup Global Markets, J. P. Morgan Securities - where he was national Head of Cultural Institutions investment banking - and Wells Fargo Securities. Prior to becoming an investment banker in 1997, Nikolai was a senior Moody's Investors Service rating agency analyst and member of Moody's rating committee. Nikolai began his career as a financial advisor with Public Financial Management, Inc. in his hometown of Philadelphia, where he received his degrees from the Wharton School and the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania, prior to moving to England (to live in a castle) to pursue his graduate degree. He pursued further graduate studies at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs prior to moving to San Francisco.

A frequent speaker at industry conferences and author on public finance topics, Nikolai has also served on multiple boards of directors and advisory committees. Nikolai is currently serving on the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Debt Committee. As a former California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) member, Nikolai continues to enjoy assisting CDIAC with policy publications and seminars.



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