

ESCROW AGREEMENT

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT (Agreement), made by and between City of San Marcos, a political subdivision of the State of Texas in Hays, Caldwell and Guadalupe Counties, Texas, (City), acting by and through its City Council and Regions Bank, as Escrow Agent together with any successor in such capacity;

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinances adopted on _____, 2023 (collectively, the Ordinance), the City of San Marcos authorized the issuance of \$1,120,000 City of San Marcos, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023, dated _____, 2023 and the execution of a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$480,000, and the issuance of \$4,060,000 City of San Marcos, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023A, dated _____, 2023 and the execution of a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$1,740,000, pursuant to which the City will accept certain contractual obligations (Obligations) to obtain financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the purpose of funding water or wastewater system improvements (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Escrow Agent is a state or national bank designated by the Texas Comptroller as a state depository institution in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 404, Subchapter C, or is a designated custodian of collateral in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 404, Subchapter D and is otherwise qualified and empowered to enter into this Agreement, and hereby acknowledges its acceptance of the terms and provisions hereof; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the Obligations is the deposit of the proceeds of the Obligations (Proceeds) in escrow subject to being withdrawn only with the approval of the Executive Administrator or another designated representative; provided, however, the Proceeds can be transferred to different investments so long as all parties hereto consent to such transfer;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained and in consideration of the amount of fees to be paid by the City to the Escrow Agent, as set forth on **EXHIBIT A**, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in order to secure the delivery of the Obligations, the parties hereto mutually undertake, promise and agree for themselves, their respective representatives and successors, as follows:

SECTION 1: ESCROW ACCOUNT(S). Upon the delivery of the Obligations described above, the Proceeds identified under TWDB Commitment Numbers L1001561 and G1001562 and TWDB Commitment Numbers L1001577 and G1001578 shall be deposited to the credit of special escrow accounts or escrow subaccounts (Escrow Accounts maintained at the Escrow Agent on behalf of the City and the TWDB and shall not be commingled with any other accounts or with any other proceeds or funds. The Proceeds received by the Escrow Agent under this Agreement shall not be considered as a banking deposit by the City, and the Escrow Agent shall have no right to title with respect thereto except as Escrow Agent under the terms of this Agreement.

The Escrow Accounts shall be entitled "\$1,120,000 City of San Marcos, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023, Texas Water Development Board L1001561 Escrow Account" and "\$480,000 Grant Agreement, Texas Water Development Board G1001562" and "\$4,060,000 City of San Marcos, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023A, Texas Water Development Board L1001577 Escrow Account" and "\$1,740,000 Grant Agreement, Texas Water Development Board G1001578", and shall not be subject to warrants, drafts or checks drawn by the City but shall be disbursed or withdrawn to pay the costs of the Project for which the Obligations were issued or other purposes in accordance with the Ordinance and Grant Agreement and solely upon written authorization from the Executive Administrator or his/her designated representative. The Escrow Agent shall provide to the City and to the TWDB the Escrow Account(s) bank statements upon request.

SECTION 2: COLLATERAL. All cash deposited to the credit of such Escrow Accounts and any accrued interest in excess of the amounts insured by the FDIC and remaining uninvested under the terms of this Agreement shall be continuously secured by a valid pledge of direct obligations of the United States of America or other collateral meeting the requirements of the Public Funds Collateral Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2257.

SECTION 3: INVESTMENTS. While the Proceeds are held in escrow, the Escrow Agent shall only invest escrowed Proceeds in investments that are authorized by the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256 (PFIA). It is the City's responsibility to direct the Escrow Agent to invest all public funds in a manner that is consistent not only with the PFIA but also with its own written investment policy.

SECTION 4: DISBURSEMENTS. The Escrow Agent shall not honor any disbursement from the Escrow Account(s), or any portion thereof, unless and until it has been supplied with written approval and consent by the Executive Administrator or his/her designated representative. However, no written approval and consent by the Executive Administrator shall be required if the disbursement involves transferring Proceeds from one investment to another within the Escrow Accounts provided that all such investments are consistent with the PFIA requirements.

SECTION 5: UNEXPENDED FUNDS. Any Proceeds remaining unexpended in the Escrow Account(s) after completion of the Project and after the final accounting has been submitted to and approved by the TWDB shall be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of the Obligations and Grant Agreement, as applicable. The City shall deliver a copy of such TWDB approval of the final accounting to the Escrow Agent together with instructions concerning the disbursement of unexpended Proceeds hereunder. The Escrow Agent shall have no obligation to ensure that such unexpended Proceeds are used as required by the provisions of the Obligations, that being the sole obligation of the City.

SECTION 6: CERTIFICATIONS. The Escrow Agent shall be authorized to accept and rely upon the certifications and documents furnished to the Escrow Agent by the City and shall not be liable for the payment of any funds made in reliance in good faith upon such certifications or other documents or approvals, as herein recited.

SECTION 7: LIABILITY OF ESCROW AGENT. To the extent permitted by law, the Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any act done or step taken or omitted by it or any mistake of fact or law, except for its negligence or default or failure in the performance of any obligation imposed upon it hereunder. The Escrow Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for any proceedings in connection with the Obligations or any recitation contained in the Obligations.

SECTION 8: RECORDS. The Escrow Agent will keep complete and correct books of record and account relating to the receipts, disbursements, allocations and application of the money deposited to the Escrow Account, and investments of the Escrow Account and all proceeds thereof. The records shall be available for inspection and copying at reasonable hours and under reasonable conditions by the City and the TWDB.

SECTION 9: MERGER/CONSOLIDATION. In the event that the Escrow Agent merges or consolidates with another bank or sells or transfers substantially all of its assets or corporate trust business, then the successor bank shall be the successor Escrow Agent without the necessity of further action as long as the successor bank is a state or national bank designated by the Texas Comptroller as a state depository institution in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 404, Subchapter C, or is a designated custodian of collateral in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 404, Subchapter D. The Escrow Agent must provide the TWDB with written notification within 30 days of acceptance of the merger, consolidation, or transfer. If the merger, consolidation or other transfer has occurred between state banks, the newly-created entity shall forward the certificate of merger or exchange issued by the Texas Department of Banking as well as the statement filed with the pertinent chartering authority, if applicable, to the TWDB within five business days following such merger, consolidation or exchange.

SECTION 10: AMENDMENTS. This Agreement may be amended from time to time as necessary with the written consent of the City and the TWDB, but no such amendments shall increase the liabilities or responsibilities or diminish the rights of the Escrow Agent without its consent.

SECTION 11: TERMINATION. In the event that this Agreement is terminated by either the City or by the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent must report said termination in writing to the TWDB within five business days of such termination. The City is responsible for ensuring that the following criteria are satisfied in selecting the successor escrow agent and notifying the TWDB of the change in escrow agents: (a) the successor escrow agent must be an FDIC-insured state or national bank designated by the Texas Comptroller as a state depository; (b) the successor escrow agent must be retained prior to or at the time of the termination; (c) an escrow agreement must be executed by and between the City and the successor escrow agent and must contain the same or substantially similar terms and conditions as are present in this Agreement; and (d) the City must forward a copy of the executed escrow agreement with the successor escrow agent within five business days of said termination. No funds shall be released by the TWDB until it has received, reviewed and approved the escrow agreement with the successor escrow agent. If the City has not appointed a successor escrow agent within thirty (30) days of the notice of termination, the Escrow Agent may petition any court of competent jurisdiction in Texas for the appointment of a successor escrow agent or for other appropriate relief, and any such resulting appointment shall be binding upon the City. Whether appointed by the City or a court, the successor escrow agent and escrow agreement must be approved by the TWDB for the appointment to be effective. The Escrow Agent is responsible for performance

under this Agreement until a successor has been approved by the TWDB and has signed an acceptable escrow agreement.

SECTION 12: EXPIRATION. This Agreement shall expire upon final transfer of the funds in the Escrow Accounts to the City.

SECTION 13: POINT OF CONTACT. The points of contact for the Escrow Agent and the TWDB are as follows:

Corporate Trust Department
Regions Bank
3773 Richmond Avenue, Suite 1100
Houston, TX 77046

Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
1700 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

SECTION 14: CHOICE OF LAW. This Agreement shall be governed exclusively by the applicable laws of the State of Texas. Venue for disputes shall be in the District Court of Travis County, Texas.

SECTION 15: ASSIGNABILITY. This Agreement shall not be assignable by the parties hereto, in whole or in part, and any attempted assignment shall be void and of no force and effect.

SECTION 16: ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement evidences the entire Escrow Agreement between the Escrow Agent and the City and supersedes any other agreements, whether oral or written, between the parties regarding the Proceeds or the Escrow Accounts. No modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same is in writing and is signed by the City and consented to by the Escrow Agent and the TWDB.

SECTION 17: VALIDITY OF PROVISIONS. If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

SECTION 18: COMPENSATION FOR ESCROW SERVICES. The Escrow Agent shall be entitled to compensation for its services as stated in Exhibit A, which compensation shall be paid by the City but may not be paid directly from the Escrow Accounts.

SECTION 19. DESIGNATION OF CITY REPRESENTATIVE. Each Authorized Official (as such term is defined in the Ordinance) is hereby designated as the duly appointed agent and financial official of the City under this Agreement. Such designation may be changed by written direction of the City delivered to the Escrow Agent (with a copy of such directive delivered to the TWDB by the City, as well).

SECTION 20. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

SECTION 21. MISCELLANEOUS. (a) The Escrow Agent hereby verifies, for purposes of Section 2271 of the Texas Government Code, that at the time of execution and delivery of this Agreement, neither the Escrow Agent, nor any parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries or affiliates of the same, if any, boycotts Israel or will boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2271.002, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycotts Israel" and "boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes. The Escrow Agent understands "affiliate" to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Escrow Agent within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17. C.F.R. § 230.405, and exists to make a profit.

(b) The Escrow Agent hereby verifies that, neither the Escrow Agent, nor any parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries or affiliates of the same, if any, are companies identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, and posted on any of the following pages of such officer's internet website: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/sudanlist.pdf>, <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/iran-list.pdf>, or <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/ftolist.pdf>. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law and excludes the Escrow Agent and each parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates of the same, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization. The Escrow Agent understands "affiliate" to mean any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Escrow Agent within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17. C.F.R. § 230.405, and exists to make a profit.

(c) The Escrow Agent hereby verifies that, for purposes of Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, that the Escrow Agent and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any,

- (1) do not have a practice, policy, guidance or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and
- (2) will not discriminate during the term of this Agreement against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code, as amended, to the extent Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code does not contravene applicable Texas or federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" (A) means, with respect to the entity or association, to (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade

association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (B) does not include: (i) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (ii) a company's refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship: (aa) to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency; or (bb) for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The Escrow Agent understands "affiliate" to mean any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Escrow Agent within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17. C.F.R. § 230.405, and exists to make a profit.

(d) Pursuant to Section 2274.002 (as added by Senate Bill 13 in the 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), Texas Government Code, as amended, the Escrow Agent hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority- owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott energy companies and, will not boycott energy companies through the delivery date of the Bonds. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code, as amended, to the extent Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code does not contravene applicable Texas or federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott energy companies" shall mean, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described by (A) above. The Escrow Agent understands "affiliate" to mean any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Escrow Agent within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17. C.F.R. § 230.405, and exists to make a profit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective upon signature of both parties.

City of San Marcos, Texas

By: _____
Authorized Representative

Date: _____

REGIONS BANK,
as Escrow Agent

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(Bank Seal)

EXHIBIT A

Fee Schedule

See Attached