

Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Reservoir Room

Meeting Time: 9:00 A.M.

Approx

Time

Agenda Item

Presenter

9:00 a.m. Call to order

Chairman Smith

Approval of minutes from the February 2, 2022 meeting

Business

Approval of GEFA Loan for Shenandoah Wastewater
Treatment Plant Expansion

Jay Boren

Update on Operations

Rick Jones

Update on Customer Care/Information Technology

Alan Sibley

Update on Human Resources

Mandy Sledd

Monthly Report

Roger Dawson

Agenda Additions:

Executive Session

Litigation / Real Estate/ Personnel

Adjournment

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 9:00AM

**CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA
ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

(a public corporation duly created and
existing under the laws of
the State of Georgia)
as Lender

and

COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

(a public body corporate and politic duly created and existing
under the laws of the State of Georgia)
as Borrower

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This **LOAN AGREEMENT** (this “**Agreement**”) dated _____, 20____, by and between **COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**, a Georgia public body corporate and politic (the “**Borrower**”), whose address for purposes of this Agreement shall be **545 CORINTH RD, NEWNAN, GA 30263**, and the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**, a Georgia public corporation (the “**Lender**”), whose address for purposes of this Agreement shall be 233 Peachtree St, NE, Peachtree Center-Harris Tower, Ste 900, Atlanta, GA 30303-1506.

1. **Background** - The Lender desires to loan to the Borrower **TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$25,000,000)** from the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the “**Fund**”) to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing the environmental facilities described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the “**Project**”). The Environmental Protection Division (“**EPD**”) of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Georgia has completed all existing statutory reviews and approvals with respect to the Project, as required by Section 50-23-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and has approved or will approve the detailed plans and specifications (the “**Plans and Specifications**”) for the Project prepared or to be prepared by the Borrower’s engineer (the “**Engineer**”), which may be amended from time to time by the Borrower but subject to the approval of the EPD.

2. **Loan** - Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Lender agrees to make the following loan or loans (collectively, the “**Loan**”) available to the Borrower:

(a) The Lender agrees to advance to the Borrower, on or prior to the earlier of (1) the Completion Date (as hereinafter defined), (2) **JULY 1, 2024**, or (3) the date that the loan evidenced by this Note is fully disbursed, the Loan in a principal amount of up to **\$25,000,000** which Loan may be disbursed in one or more advances but each such disbursement shall reduce the Lender’s loan commitment hereunder and any sums advanced hereunder may not be repaid and then re-borrowed.

(b) The Lender’s commitment in paragraph (a) above to make advances to the Borrower shall be a limited obligation of the Lender, to be funded solely from available moneys in the Fund and from no other source of funds, including other funds of the Lender.

(c) The Borrower’s obligation to pay the Lender the principal of and interest on the Loan shall be evidenced by the records of the Lender and by the Note described below.

3. **Note** - The Loan shall be evidenced by the Promissory Note, dated this date, executed by the Borrower in favor of the Lender in an original stated principal amount

equal to the maximum amount of the Loan as described above (the “**Note**,” which term shall include any extensions, renewals, modifications, or replacements thereof). The Note shall be in substantially the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B.

4. Interest, Fees, and Other Charges - In consideration of the Loan, the Borrower shall pay the Lender the following interest, fees, and other charges:

(a) The Loan shall bear interest at the rate or rates per annum specified in the Note and such interest shall be calculated in the manner specified in the Note.

(b) The Borrower agrees to pay all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Lender incurred in connection with its negotiation, structuring, documenting, and closing the Loan, including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Lender. The Borrower agrees to pay all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Lender incurred in connection with its administration or modification of, or in connection with the preservation of its rights under, enforcement of, or any refinancing, renegotiation, restructuring, or termination of, any Credit Document (as hereinafter defined) or any instruments referred to therein or any amendment, waiver, or consent relating thereto, including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Lender. Such additional loan payments shall be billed to the Borrower by the Lender from time to time, together with a statement certifying that the amount billed has been incurred or paid by the Lender for one or more of the above items. Amounts so billed shall be paid by the Borrower within thirty (30) days after receipt of the bill by the Borrower.

(c) In the event the Borrower fails to request any advances under the Loan within six (6) months after the dated date of this Agreement, the Borrower shall pay the Lender a fee equal to the Lender's Loan Continuation Fee, as published from time to time in the Lender's fee schedules, if the Lender requests the Borrower to pay such fee in writing within twelve (12) months after the dated date of this Agreement, such fee to be payable within fifteen (15) days of such written request.

(d) The Borrower shall pay the Lender an origination fee for the loan in the amount of one percent (1%) of the maximum amount of the Loan, payable on the dates specified by the Lender on not less than thirty (30) days written advance notice.

5. Prepayment - The Loan shall be prepayable in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note.

6. Authorized Borrower Representative and Successors - The Borrower shall designate a person to act on behalf of the Borrower under this Agreement (the “**Authorized Borrower Representative**”) by written certificate furnished to the Lender, containing the specimen signature of such person and signed on behalf of the Borrower by its chief executive officer. Such certificate or any subsequent or supplemental certificate so executed may designate an alternate or alternates. In the event that any person so designated and his alternate or alternates, if any, should become unavailable

or unable to take any action or make any certificate provided for or required in this Agreement, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner.

7. Conditions to the Loan - At the time of the making of each advance under the Loan by the Lender to the Borrower under this Agreement (each an “**Advance**”), the following conditions shall have been fulfilled to the Lender's satisfaction:

(a) This Agreement and the Note shall have been duly executed and delivered by all required parties thereto and in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, and the Lender shall have received (1) a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Borrower's governing body, substantially in the form of Exhibit F attached hereto, and (2) a signed opinion of counsel to the Borrower, substantially in the form of Exhibit E attached hereto.

(b) There shall then exist no Event of Default under this Agreement (or other event that, with the giving of notice or passage of time, or both, would constitute such an Event of Default).

(c) All representations and warranties by the Borrower in this Agreement and the Note (collectively the “**Credit Documents**”) shall be true and correct in all material respects with the same effect as if such representations and warranties had been made on and as of the date of such advance.

(d) Since the date of the most recent annual financial statements of the Borrower delivered to the Lender, there shall have been no material adverse change in the financial condition, assets, management, control, operations, or prospects of the Borrower.

(e) The Advance to be made and the use of the proceeds thereof shall not violate any applicable law, regulation, injunction, or order of any government or court.

(f) The Borrower shall submit requests for Advances not more frequently than monthly and at least 21 days before the requested disbursement date.

(g) The Advance to be made and the use of the proceeds thereof shall be limited to payment of costs of the Project set forth in the Project budget included as part of Exhibit A and contemplated by the Plans and Specifications approved by the EPD.

(h) There shall be filed with the Lender:

(1) A requisition for such Advance, stating the amount to be disbursed.

(2) A certificate executed by the Authorized Borrower Representative attached to the requisition and certifying:

(A) that an obligation in the stated amount has been incurred by the Borrower and that the same is a cost of the Project and is presently due and payable or has been paid by the Borrower and is reimbursable hereunder and stating that the bill or statement of account for such obligation, or a copy thereof, is attached to the certificate;

(B) that the Borrower has no notice of any vendor's, mechanic's, or other liens or rights to liens, chattel mortgages, or conditional sales contracts that should be satisfied or discharged before such payment is made; and

(C) that each item on such requisition has not been paid or reimbursed, as the case may be, and such requisition contains no item representing payment on account of any retained percentages that the Borrower is, at the date of any such certificate, entitled to retain or payment for labor performed by employees of the Borrower.

(i) The completed construction on the Project shall be reviewed (at the time each requisition is submitted) by the Engineer, and the Engineer shall certify to the Lender as to (A) the cost of completed construction, (B) the percentage of completion, and (C) compliance with the Plans and Specifications.

8. Representations and Warranties - The Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Lender:

(a) Creation and Authority. The Borrower is a public body corporate and politic duly created and validly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and has all requisite power and authority to execute and deliver the Credit Documents and to perform its obligations thereunder.

(b) Pending Litigation. Except as disclosed in writing to the Lender, there are no actions, suits, proceedings, inquiries, or investigations pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, after making due inquiry with respect thereto, threatened against or affecting the Borrower in any court or by or before any governmental authority or arbitration board or tribunal, which involve the possibility of materially and adversely affecting the properties, activities, prospects, profits, operations, or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, or the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under the Credit Documents, or the transactions contemplated by the Credit Documents or which, in any way, would adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Credit Documents or any agreement or instrument to which the Borrower is a party and which is used or contemplated for use in the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, nor is the Borrower aware of any facts or circumstances presently existing that would form the basis for any such actions, suits, or proceedings. Except as disclosed in writing to the Lender, the Borrower is not in default with respect to any judgment, order, writ, injunction, decree, demand, rule, or regulation of any court, governmental authority, or arbitration board or tribunal.

(c) Credit Documents are Legal and Authorized. The execution and delivery by the Borrower of the Credit Documents, the consummation of the transactions therein contemplated, and the fulfillment of or the compliance with all of the provisions thereof (i) are within the power, legal right, and authority of the Borrower; (ii) are legal and will not conflict with or constitute on the part of the Borrower a violation of or a breach of or a default under, any organic document, indenture, mortgage, security deed, pledge, note, lease, loan, or installment sale agreement, contract, or other agreement or instrument to

which the Borrower is a party or by which the Borrower or its properties are otherwise subject or bound, or any license, law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ, injunction, decree, or demand of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Borrower or any of its activities or properties; and (iii) have been duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate official action on the part of the governing body of the Borrower. The Credit Documents are the valid, legal, binding, and enforceable obligations of the Borrower. The officials of the Borrower executing the Credit Documents are duly and properly in office and are fully authorized and empowered to execute the same for and on behalf of the Borrower.

(d) Governmental Consents. Neither the Borrower nor any of its activities or properties, nor any relationship between the Borrower and any other person, nor any circumstances in connection with the execution, delivery, and performance by the Borrower of its obligations under the Credit Documents, is such as to require the consent, approval, permission, order, license, or authorization of, or the filing, registration, or qualification with, any governmental authority on the part of the Borrower in connection with the execution, delivery, and performance of the Credit Documents or the consummation of any transaction therein contemplated, except as shall have been obtained or made and as are in full force and effect and except as are not presently obtainable. To the knowledge of the Borrower, after making due inquiry with respect thereto, the Borrower will be able to obtain all such additional consents, approvals, permissions, orders, licenses, or authorizations of governmental authorities as may be required on or prior to the date the Borrower is legally required to obtain the same.

(e) No Defaults. No event has occurred and no condition exists that would constitute an Event of Default or that, with the lapse of time or with the giving of notice or both, would become an Event of Default. To the knowledge of the Borrower, after making due inquiry with respect thereto, the Borrower is not in default or violation in any material respect under any organic document or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it may be bound, except as disclosed in writing to the Lender.

(f) Compliance with Law. To the knowledge of the Borrower, after making due inquiry with respect thereto, the Borrower is not in violation of any laws, ordinances, or governmental rules or regulations to which it or its properties are subject and has not failed to obtain any licenses, permits, franchises, or other governmental authorizations (which are presently obtainable) necessary to the ownership of its properties or to the conduct of its affairs, which violation or failure to obtain might materially and adversely affect the properties, activities, prospects, profits, and condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, and there have been no citations, notices, or orders of noncompliance issued to the Borrower under any such law, ordinance, rule, or regulation, except as disclosed in writing to the Lender.

(g) Restrictions on the Borrower. The Borrower is not a party to or bound by any contract, instrument, or agreement, or subject to any other restriction, that materially and adversely affects its activities, properties, assets, operations, or condition (financial or otherwise), except as disclosed in writing to the Lender. The Borrower is not a party to any contract or agreement that restricts the right or ability of the Borrower to incur

indebtedness for borrowed money or to enter into loan agreements, except as disclosed in writing to the Lender. Any contract or agreement of the Borrower that pledges the revenues of the Borrower permits such pledged revenues to be used to make payments due under the Credit Documents.

(h) Disclosure. The representations of the Borrower contained in this Agreement and any certificate, document, written statement, or other instrument furnished by or on behalf of the Borrower to the Lender in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein not misleading. There is no fact that the Borrower has not disclosed to the Lender in writing that materially and adversely affects or in the future may (so far as the Borrower can now reasonably foresee) materially and adversely affect the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project or the properties, activities, prospects, operations, profits, or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, or the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under the Credit Documents or any of the documents or transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, which has not been set forth in writing to the Lender or in the certificates, documents, and instruments furnished to the Lender by or on behalf of the Borrower prior to the date of execution of this Agreement in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

(i) Project Compliance. The Project complies or will comply with all presently applicable building and zoning, health, environmental, and safety ordinances and laws and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations of any and all governmental and quasi-governmental authorities having jurisdiction over any portion of the Project.

(j) Financial Statements. The financial statements of the Borrower that have been provided to the Lender in connection with the Loan present fairly the financial position of the Borrower as of the date thereof and the results of its operations and its cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the period covered thereby, all in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (subject to normal year-end adjustments in the case of interim statements). Additionally, the Borrower agrees that all future financial statements that are required to be submitted to the Authority will be prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, including infrastructure provisions of GASB 34. Since the date of the most recent annual financial statements for the Borrower delivered to the Lender in connection with the Loan, there has been no material adverse change in the Borrower's financial condition, assets, management, control, operations, or prospects.

(k) Reaffirmation. Each request by the Borrower for an advance under the Loan shall constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower to the Lender that the foregoing statements are true and correct on the date of the request and after giving effect to such advance.

(l) Borrower's Tax Certificate. The representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in the Borrower's Tax Certificate, dated the date hereof, are hereby

incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference thereto, as if fully set forth herein, and are true and correct as of the date hereof.

9. Security for Payments under Credit Documents - As security for the payments required to be made and the obligations required to be performed by the Borrower under the Credit Documents, the Borrower hereby pledges to the Lender its revenue-raising power (including its power to set rates, fees, and charges) for such payment and performance. The Borrower covenants that, in order to make any payments required by the Credit Documents when due from its funds to the extent required hereunder, it will exercise its power to set rates, fees, and charges to the extent necessary to pay the amounts required to be paid under the Credit Documents and will make available and use for such payments all rates, fees, and charges imposed and collected for that purpose together with funds received from any other sources. The Borrower further covenants and agrees that in order to make funds available for such purpose in each fiscal year, it will, in its revenue, appropriation, and budgetary measures through which its revenues and the allocation thereof are controlled or provided for, include sums sufficient to satisfy any such payments that may be required to be made under the Credit Documents, whether or not any other sums are included in such measure, until all payments so required to be made under the Credit Documents shall have been made in full. In the event for any reason any such provision or appropriation is not made as provided in this Section 9, then the fiscal officers of the Borrower are hereby authorized and directed to set up as an appropriation on their accounts in the appropriate fiscal year the amounts required to pay the obligations that may be due from the funds of the Borrower. The amount of such appropriation shall be due and payable and shall be expended for the purpose of paying any such obligations, and such appropriation shall have the same legal status as if the Borrower had included the amount of the appropriation in its revenue, appropriation, and budgetary measures, and the fiscal officers of the Borrower shall make such payments required by the Credit Documents to the Lender if for any reason the payment of such obligations shall not otherwise have been made.

10. Borrower Covenants - The Borrower agrees to comply with the following covenants so long as this Agreement is in effect:

(a) **Information**. The Borrower shall deliver to the Lender, within 180 days after the end of each fiscal year, an electronic copy of the financial statements required under state audit requirements (O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-7). Borrower's annual financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and otherwise in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, which financial statements shall be accompanied by a certificate of the Borrower (1) to the effect that the Borrower is not in default under any provisions of the Credit Documents and has fully complied with all of the provisions thereof, or if the Borrower is in default or has failed to so comply, setting forth the nature of the default or failure to comply, and (2) stating the Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio, the Fixed Charges, and the Income Available for Fixed Charges of the Borrower for the fiscal year. The Borrower also shall promptly provide the Lender (A) upon receipt thereof, a copy of each other report submitted to the Borrower by its accountants in connection with any annual, interim, or special audit made by them

of the books of the Borrower (including, without limitation, any management report prepared in connection with such accountants' annual audit of the Borrower) and (B) with such other information relating to the Borrower and the Project as the Lender may reasonably request from time to time.

(b) Access to Property and Records. The Borrower agrees that the Lender, the EPD, and their duly authorized representatives and agents shall have the right, upon reasonable prior notice, to enter the Borrower's property at all reasonable times for the purpose of examining and inspecting the Project, including any construction or renovation thereof. The Borrower shall keep accurate and complete records and books of account with respect to its activities in which proper entries are made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles reflecting all of its financial transactions. The Lender and the EPD shall also have the right at all reasonable times to examine and make extracts from the books and records of the Borrower, insofar as such books and records relate to the Project or insofar as necessary to ascertain compliance with this Agreement, and to discuss with the Borrower's officers, employees, accountants, and engineers the Project and the Borrower's activities, assets, liabilities, financial condition, results of operations, and financial prospects.

(c) Agreement to Acquire, Construct, and Install the Project. The Borrower covenants to cause the Project to be acquired, constructed, and installed without material deviation from the Plans and Specifications and warrants that the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project without material deviation from the Plans and Specifications will result in facilities suitable for use by the Borrower and that all real and personal property provided for therein is necessary or appropriate in connection with the Project. The Borrower may make changes in or additions to the Plans and Specifications; provided, however, changes in or additions to the Plans and Specifications that are material shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Engineer and the EPD. The Borrower agrees to complete the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project as promptly as practicable and with all reasonable dispatch after the date of this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing sentence, the Borrower shall commence and complete each activity or event by the deadline stated in the Project Schedule included as part of Exhibit A attached hereto. The Borrower shall comply with the bidding and preconstruction requirements set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto.

(d) Establishment of Completion Date. The date of completion of the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project (the "**Completion Date**") shall be evidenced to the Lender and the EPD by a certificate of completion signed by the Authorized Borrower Representative and approved by the Engineer, stating that construction of the Project has been completed without material deviation from the Plans and Specifications and all labor, services, materials, and supplies used in such construction have been paid or provided for. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such certificate may state that it is given without prejudice to any rights against third parties that exist at the date of such certificate or that may subsequently come into being. It shall be the duty of the Borrower to cause the certificate contemplated by this paragraph to be furnished as soon as the construction of the Project shall have been completed.

(e) Indemnity. (1) To the extent provided by law, in addition to the other amounts payable by the Borrower under this Agreement (including, without limitation, Section 4 hereof), the Borrower hereby agrees to pay and indemnify the Lender from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) that the Lender may (other than as a result of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Lender) incur or be subjected to as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of (i) any actual or proposed use of any proceeds of the Loan or the Borrower's entering into or performing under any Credit Document, (ii) any breach by the Borrower of any representation, warranty, covenant, or condition in, or the occurrence of any other default under, any of the Credit Documents, including without limitation all reasonable attorneys' fees or expenses resulting from the settlement or defense of any claims or liabilities arising as a result of any such breach or default, (iii) allegations of participation or interference by the Lender in the management, contractual relations, or other affairs of the Borrower, (iv) allegations that the Lender has joint liability with the Borrower to any third party as a result of the transactions contemplated by the Credit Documents, (v) any suit, investigation, or proceeding as to which the Lender is involved as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of its execution of any of the Credit Documents, the making of the Loan, or any other event or transaction contemplated by any of the Credit Documents, or (vi) the conduct or management of or any work or thing done on the Project and any condition of or operation of the Project.

(2) Nothing contained in this paragraph (e) shall require the Borrower to indemnify the Lender for any claim or liability that the Borrower was not given any opportunity to contest or for any settlement of any such action effected without the Borrower's consent. The indemnity of the Lender contained in this paragraph (e) shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

(f) Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio. The Borrower shall not permit the Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio for any fiscal year to be less than 1.05. The following terms are defined terms for purposes of this Agreement:

"Fixed Charges" means, for any period, the sum of all cash outflows that the Borrower cannot avoid without violating the Borrower's long-term contractual obligations (those obligations that extend for a period greater than one year, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) and that are accounted for in the enterprise fund containing the Borrower's water or sewer operations, including, but not limited to, (i) interest on long-term debt, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (ii) payments under long-term leases (whether capitalized or operating), and (iii) scheduled payments of principal on long-term debt.

"Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio" means, for any period, the ratio of Income Available for Fixed Charges to Fixed Charges.

"Income Available For Fixed Charges" means, for any period, net income of the Borrower, plus amounts deducted in arriving at such net income for (i) interest on long-term debt (including the current portion thereof), (ii) depreciation, (iii) amortization, (iv) payments under long-term leases, and (v) transfers to other funds of the Borrower.

(g) Tax Covenants. The Borrower covenants that it will not take or omit to take any action nor permit any action to be taken or omitted that would cause the interest on the Note to become includable in the gross income of any owner thereof for federal income tax purposes. The Borrower further covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the representations and certifications it made in its Borrower's Tax Certificate dated the date hereof and that it shall take no action nor omit to take any action that would cause such representations and certifications to be untrue.

11. Events of Default and Remedies – (a) Each of the following events shall constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement:

(1) Failure by the Borrower to make any payment with respect to the Loan (whether principal, interest, fees, or other amounts) when and as the same becomes due and payable (whether at maturity, on demand, or otherwise); or

(2) The Borrower shall (A) apply for or consent to the appointment of or the taking of possession by a receiver, custodian, trustee, or liquidator of the Borrower or of all or a substantial part of the property of the Borrower; (B) admit in writing the inability of the Borrower, or be generally unable, to pay the debts of the Borrower as such debts become due; (C) make a general assignment for the benefit of the creditors of the Borrower; (D) commence a voluntary case under the federal bankruptcy law (as now or hereafter in effect); (E) file a petition seeking to take advantage of any other law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, or composition or adjustment of debts; (F) fail to controvert in a timely or appropriate manner, or acquiesce in writing to, any petition filed against the Borrower in an involuntary case under such federal bankruptcy law; or (G) take any action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing; or

(3) A proceeding or case shall be commenced, without the application of the Borrower, in any court of competent jurisdiction, seeking (A) the liquidation, reorganization, dissolution, winding-up, or composition or readjustment of debts of the Borrower; (B) the appointment of a trustee, receiver, custodian, liquidator, or the like of the Borrower or of all or any substantial part of the assets of the Borrower; or (C) similar relief in respect of the Borrower under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, or composition and adjustment of debts, and such proceeding or case shall continue undismissed, or an order, judgment, or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered and continue in effect, for a period of sixty (60) days from commencement of such proceeding or case or the date of such order, judgment, or decree, or any order for relief against the Borrower shall be entered in an involuntary case or proceeding under the federal bankruptcy law; or

(4) Any representation or warranty made by the Borrower in any Credit Document shall be false or misleading in any material respect on the date as of which made (or deemed made); or

(5) Any default by the Borrower shall occur in the performance or observance of any term, condition, or provision contained in any Credit Document and

not referred to in clauses (1) through (4) above, which default shall continue for thirty (30) days after the Lender gives the Borrower written notice thereof; or

(6) Any material provision of any Credit Document shall at any time for any reason cease to be valid and binding in accordance with its terms on the Borrower, or the validity or enforceability thereof shall be contested by the Borrower, or the Borrower shall terminate or repudiate (or attempt to terminate or repudiate) any Credit Document; or

(7) Default in the payment of principal of or interest on any other obligation of the Borrower for money borrowed (or any obligation under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or any obligation secured by purchase money mortgage or deed to secure debt or any obligation under notes payable or drafts accepted representing extensions of credit or on any capitalized lease obligation), or default in the performance of any other agreement, term, or condition contained in any contract under which any such obligation is created, guaranteed, or secured if the effect of such default is to cause such obligation to become due prior to its stated maturity; provided that in each and every case noted above the aggregate then outstanding principal balance of the obligation involved (or all such obligations combined) must equal or exceed \$100,000; or

(8) Default in the payment of principal of or interest on any obligation of the Borrower for money borrowed from the Lender (other than the Loan) or default in the performance of any other agreement, term, or condition contained in any contract under which any such obligation is created, guaranteed, or secured if the effect of such default is to entitle the Lender to then cause such obligation to become due prior to its stated maturity (the parties intend that a default may constitute an Event of Default under this paragraph (8) even if such default would not constitute an Event of Default under paragraph (7) immediately above); or

(9) The dissolution of the Borrower; or

(10) Any material adverse change in the Borrower's financial condition or means or ability to perform under the Credit Documents; or

(11) The occurrence of any other event as a result of which the Lender in good faith believes that the prospect of payment in full of the Loan is impaired.

(b) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Lender, at its option, without demand or notice of any kind, may declare the Loan immediately due and payable, whereupon all outstanding principal and accrued interest shall become immediately due and payable.

(c) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Lender, without notice or demand of any kind, may from time to time take whatever action at law or in equity or under the terms of the Credit Documents may appear necessary or desirable to collect the Loan and other amounts payable by the Borrower hereunder then due or thereafter

to become due, or to enforce performance and observance of any obligation, agreement, or covenant of the Borrower under the Credit Documents.

(d) In the event of a failure of the Borrower to pay any amounts due to the Lender under the Credit Documents within 15 days of the due date thereof, the Lender shall perform its duty under Section 50-23-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to notify the state treasurer of such failure, and the Lender may apply any funds allotted to the Borrower that are withheld pursuant to Section 50-23-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to the payment of the overdue amounts under the Credit Documents.

(e) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Lender may, in its discretion, by written notice to the Borrower, terminate its remaining commitment (if any) hereunder to make any further advances of the Loan, whereupon any such commitment shall terminate immediately.

12. Assignment or Sale by Lender - (a) The Credit Documents, and the obligation of the Borrower to make payments thereunder, may be sold, assigned, or otherwise disposed of in whole or in part to one or more successors, grantors, holders, assignees, or subassignees by the Lender. Upon any sale, disposition, assignment, or reassignment, the Borrower shall be provided with a notice of such assignment. The Borrower shall keep a complete and accurate register of all such assignments in form necessary to comply with Section 149(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(b) The Borrower agrees to make all payments to the assignee designated in the assignment, notwithstanding any claim, defense, setoff, or counterclaim whatsoever that the Borrower may from time to time have against the Lender. The Borrower agrees to execute all documents, including notices of assignment, which may be reasonably requested by the Lender or its assignee to protect its interests in the Credit Documents.

(c) The Borrower hereby agrees that the Lender may sell or offer to sell the Credit Documents (i) through a certificate of participation program, whereby two or more interests are created in the Credit Documents or the payments thereunder or (ii) with other similar instruments, agreements, and obligations through a pool, trust, limited partnership, or other entity.

13. Miscellaneous - (a) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Georgia, exclusive of such state's rules regarding choice of law.

(b) This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Borrower, the Lender, and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, but the Borrower may not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the express prior written consent of the Lender.

(c) This Agreement may not be waived or amended except by a writing signed by authorized officials of the Lender and the Borrower.

(d) This Agreement shall be effective on the date on which the Borrower and the Lender have signed one or more counterparts of it and the Lender shall have received the same, provided the Lender receives the same executed by the Borrower by **MAY 4, 2022**. At such time as the Lender is no longer obligated under this Agreement to make any further advances under the Loan and all principal, interest, or other amounts owing with respect to the Loan and hereunder have been finally and irrevocably repaid by the Borrower to the Lender, this Agreement shall terminate.

(e) All notices, certificates, requests, demands, or other communications hereunder shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given upon receipt, by hand delivery, mail, overnight delivery, telecopy, or other electronic means, addressed as provided at the beginning of this Agreement. Any party to this Agreement may, by notice given to the other party, designate any additional or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, or other communications shall be sent. For purposes of this Section, "electronic means" shall mean telecopy or facsimile transmission or other similar electronic means of communication that produces evidence of transmission.

(f) This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts.

(g) All pronouns used herein include all genders and all singular terms used herein include the plural (and vice versa).

(h) In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

(i) Statements in Exhibit D attached hereto shall govern the matters they address.

(j) This Agreement and the Note constitute the entire agreement between the Borrower and the Lender with respect to the Loan and supersede all prior agreements, negotiations, representations, or understandings between such parties with respect to such matters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their respective officials hereunto duly authorized as of the date first above written.

**COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE
AUTHORITY**

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Borrower's Attorney

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

(SEAL)

SEAL

Attest Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

**CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND,
ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA
ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

Signature: _____

Kevin Clark
Executive Director

(SEAL)

Please Note:
*Attester must be
the same as
attester on
Resolution*

SIGN
HERE

OPINION OF BORROWER'S COUNSEL

(Please furnish this form on Attorney's Letterhead)

DATE

Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Administered by
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
233 Peachtree St, NE
Harris Tower, Ste 900
Atlanta, GA 30303-1506

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As counsel for the **COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY** (the "Borrower"), I have examined duly executed originals of the Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), Loan/Project No. **CW2021032**, between the Borrower and the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the "Lender"), the related Promissory Note (the "Note") of the Borrower, the proceedings taken by the Borrower to authorize the Loan Agreement and the Note (collectively, the "Credit Documents"), and such other documents, records, and proceedings as I have deemed relevant or material to render this opinion, and based upon such examination, I am of the opinion, as of the date hereof, that:

1. The Borrower is a public body corporate and politic, duly created and validly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia.
2. The Credit Documents have been duly authorized, executed, and delivered by the Borrower and are legal, valid, and binding obligations of the Borrower, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
3. To the best of my knowledge, no litigation is pending or threatened in any court or other tribunal, state or federal, in any way questioning or affecting the validity of the Credit Documents.
4. To the best of my knowledge, the execution, delivery, and performance by the Borrower of the Credit Documents will not conflict with, breach, or violate any law, any order or judgment to which the Borrower is subject, or any contract to which the Borrower is a party.
5. The signatures of the officers of the Borrower that appear on the Credit Documents are true and genuine. I know such officers and know them to be the duly elected or appointed qualified incumbents of the offices of the Borrower set forth below their names.

With your permission, in rendering the opinions set forth herein, I have assumed the following, without any investigation or inquiry on my part:

- (i) the due authorization, execution, and delivery of the Credit Documents by the Lender; and
- (ii) that the Credit Documents constitute the binding obligations of the Lender and that the Lender has all requisite power and authority to perform its obligations thereunder.

The enforceability of the Credit Documents (i) may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights, (ii) may be subject to general principles of equity, whether applied by a court of law or equity, and (iii) may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

Very truly yours,

Signature

Printed Name

Date

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES
RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY**

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Loan Number: CW2021032

DATE

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above (the "Borrower") held on the ____ day of _____, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borrower has determined to borrow but not to exceed **\$25,000,000** from the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the "Lender") to finance a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing the environmental facilities described in Exhibit A to the hereinafter defined Loan Agreement (the "Project"), pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement will be evidenced by a Promissory Note (the "Note") of the Borrower, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the forms, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Loan Agreement and the Note are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Loan Agreement and the Note (including the interest rate provisions, which shall be as provided in the Note) are in the best interests of the Borrower for the financing of the Project, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Loan Agreement, the Note, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Agreement.

(Signature of Person to Execute Documents)

(Print Title)

(Signature of Person to Attest Documents)

(Print Title)

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Dated: _____

(SEAL)

Secretary/Clerk

DATE + SEAL

**CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA
ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

(a public corporation duly created and
existing under the laws of
the State of Georgia)
as Lender

and

COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

(a public body corporate and politic duly created and existing
under the laws of the State of Georgia)
as Borrower

LOAN AGREEMENT

LOAN AGREEMENT

This **LOAN AGREEMENT** (this "**Agreement**") dated _____, 20____, by and between **COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**, a Georgia public body corporate and politic (the "**Borrower**"), whose address for purposes of this Agreement shall be **545 CORINTH RD, NEWNAN, GA 30263**, and the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**, a Georgia public corporation (the "**Lender**"), whose address for purposes of this Agreement shall be 233 Peachtree St, NE, Peachtree Center-Harris Tower, Ste 900, Atlanta, GA 30303-1506.

1. **Background** - The Lender desires to loan to the Borrower **TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$25,000,000)** from the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the "**Fund**") to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing the environmental facilities described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "**Project**"). The Environmental Protection Division ("**EPD**") of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Georgia has completed all existing statutory reviews and approvals with respect to the Project, as required by Section 50-23-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and has approved or will approve the detailed plans and specifications (the "**Plans and Specifications**") for the Project prepared or to be prepared by the Borrower's engineer (the "**Engineer**"), which may be amended from time to time by the Borrower but subject to the approval of the EPD.

2. **Loan** - Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Lender agrees to make the following loan or loans (collectively, the "**Loan**") available to the Borrower:

(a) The Lender agrees to advance to the Borrower, on or prior to the earlier of (1) the Completion Date (as hereinafter defined), (2) **JULY 1, 2024**, or (3) the date that the loan evidenced by this Note is fully disbursed, the Loan in a principal amount of up to **\$25,000,000** which Loan may be disbursed in one or more advances but each such disbursement shall reduce the Lender's loan commitment hereunder and any sums advanced hereunder may not be repaid and then re-borrowed.

(b) The Lender's commitment in paragraph (a) above to make advances to the Borrower shall be a limited obligation of the Lender, to be funded solely from available moneys in the Fund and from no other source of funds, including other funds of the Lender.

(c) The Borrower's obligation to pay the Lender the principal of and interest on the Loan shall be evidenced by the records of the Lender and by the Note described below.

3. **Note** - The Loan shall be evidenced by the Promissory Note, dated this date, executed by the Borrower in favor of the Lender in an original stated principal amount

equal to the maximum amount of the Loan as described above (the "**Note**," which term shall include any extensions, renewals, modifications, or replacements thereof). The Note shall be in substantially the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B.

4. Interest, Fees, and Other Charges - In consideration of the Loan, the Borrower shall pay the Lender the following interest, fees, and other charges:

(a) The Loan shall bear interest at the rate or rates per annum specified in the Note and such interest shall be calculated in the manner specified in the Note.

(b) The Borrower agrees to pay all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Lender incurred in connection with its negotiation, structuring, documenting, and closing the Loan, including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Lender. The Borrower agrees to pay all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Lender incurred in connection with its administration or modification of, or in connection with the preservation of its rights under, enforcement of, or any refinancing, renegotiation, restructuring, or termination of, any Credit Document (as hereinafter defined) or any instruments referred to therein or any amendment, waiver, or consent relating thereto, including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Lender. Such additional loan payments shall be billed to the Borrower by the Lender from time to time, together with a statement certifying that the amount billed has been incurred or paid by the Lender for one or more of the above items. Amounts so billed shall be paid by the Borrower within thirty (30) days after receipt of the bill by the Borrower.

(c) In the event the Borrower fails to request any advances under the Loan within six (6) months after the dated date of this Agreement, the Borrower shall pay the Lender a fee equal to the Lender's Loan Continuation Fee, as published from time to time in the Lender's fee schedules, if the Lender requests the Borrower to pay such fee in writing within twelve (12) months after the dated date of this Agreement, such fee to be payable within fifteen (15) days of such written request.

(d) The Borrower shall pay the Lender an origination fee for the loan in the amount of one percent (1%) of the maximum amount of the Loan, payable on the dates specified by the Lender on not less than thirty (30) days written advance notice.

5. Prepayment - The Loan shall be prepayable in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note.

6. Authorized Borrower Representative and Successors - The Borrower shall designate a person to act on behalf of the Borrower under this Agreement (the "**Authorized Borrower Representative**") by written certificate furnished to the Lender, containing the specimen signature of such person and signed on behalf of the Borrower by its chief executive officer. Such certificate or any subsequent or supplemental certificate so executed may designate an alternate or alternates. In the event that any person so designated and his alternate or alternates, if any, should become unavailable

or unable to take any action or make any certificate provided for or required in this Agreement, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner.

7. Conditions to the Loan - At the time of the making of each advance under the Loan by the Lender to the Borrower under this Agreement (each an "**Advance**"), the following conditions shall have been fulfilled to the Lender's satisfaction:

(a) This Agreement and the Note shall have been duly executed and delivered by all required parties thereto and in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, and the Lender shall have received (1) a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Borrower's governing body, substantially in the form of Exhibit F attached hereto, and (2) a signed opinion of counsel to the Borrower, substantially in the form of Exhibit E attached hereto.

(b) There shall then exist no Event of Default under this Agreement (or other event that, with the giving of notice or passage of time, or both, would constitute such an Event of Default).

(c) All representations and warranties by the Borrower in this Agreement and the Note (collectively the "**Credit Documents**") shall be true and correct in all material respects with the same effect as if such representations and warranties had been made on and as of the date of such advance.

(d) Since the date of the most recent annual financial statements of the Borrower delivered to the Lender, there shall have been no material adverse change in the financial condition, assets, management, control, operations, or prospects of the Borrower.

(e) The Advance to be made and the use of the proceeds thereof shall not violate any applicable law, regulation, injunction, or order of any government or court.

(f) The Borrower shall submit requests for Advances not more frequently than monthly and at least 21 days before the requested disbursement date.

(g) The Advance to be made and the use of the proceeds thereof shall be limited to payment of costs of the Project set forth in the Project budget included as part of Exhibit A and contemplated by the Plans and Specifications approved by the EPD.

(h) There shall be filed with the Lender:

(1) A requisition for such Advance, stating the amount to be disbursed.

(2) A certificate executed by the Authorized Borrower Representative attached to the requisition and certifying:

(A) that an obligation in the stated amount has been incurred by the Borrower and that the same is a cost of the Project and is presently due and payable or has been paid by the Borrower and is reimbursable hereunder and stating that the bill or statement of account for such obligation, or a copy thereof, is attached to the certificate;

(B) that the Borrower has no notice of any vendor's, mechanic's, or other liens or rights to liens, chattel mortgages, or conditional sales contracts that should be satisfied or discharged before such payment is made; and

(C) that each item on such requisition has not been paid or reimbursed, as the case may be, and such requisition contains no item representing payment on account of any retained percentages that the Borrower is, at the date of any such certificate, entitled to retain or payment for labor performed by employees of the Borrower.

(i) The completed construction on the Project shall be reviewed (at the time each requisition is submitted) by the Engineer, and the Engineer shall certify to the Lender as to (A) the cost of completed construction, (B) the percentage of completion, and (C) compliance with the Plans and Specifications.

8. Representations and Warranties - The Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Lender:

(a) Creation and Authority. The Borrower is a public body corporate and politic duly created and validly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and has all requisite power and authority to execute and deliver the Credit Documents and to perform its obligations thereunder.

(b) Pending Litigation. Except as disclosed in writing to the Lender, there are no actions, suits, proceedings, inquiries, or investigations pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, after making due inquiry with respect thereto, threatened against or affecting the Borrower in any court or by or before any governmental authority or arbitration board or tribunal, which involve the possibility of materially and adversely affecting the properties, activities, prospects, profits, operations, or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, or the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under the Credit Documents, or the transactions contemplated by the Credit Documents or which, in any way, would adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Credit Documents or any agreement or instrument to which the Borrower is a party and which is used or contemplated for use in the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, nor is the Borrower aware of any facts or circumstances presently existing that would form the basis for any such actions, suits, or proceedings. Except as disclosed in writing to the Lender, the Borrower is not in default with respect to any judgment, order, writ, injunction, decree, demand, rule, or regulation of any court, governmental authority, or arbitration board or tribunal.

(c) Credit Documents are Legal and Authorized. The execution and delivery by the Borrower of the Credit Documents, the consummation of the transactions therein contemplated, and the fulfillment of or the compliance with all of the provisions thereof (i) are within the power, legal right, and authority of the Borrower; (ii) are legal and will not conflict with or constitute on the part of the Borrower a violation of or a breach of or a default under, any organic document, indenture, mortgage, security deed, pledge, note, lease, loan, or installment sale agreement, contract, or other agreement or instrument to

which the Borrower is a party or by which the Borrower or its properties are otherwise subject or bound, or any license, law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ, injunction, decree, or demand of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Borrower or any of its activities or properties; and (iii) have been duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate official action on the part of the governing body of the Borrower. The Credit Documents are the valid, legal, binding, and enforceable obligations of the Borrower. The officials of the Borrower executing the Credit Documents are duly and properly in office and are fully authorized and empowered to execute the same for and on behalf of the Borrower.

(d) Governmental Consents. Neither the Borrower nor any of its activities or properties, nor any relationship between the Borrower and any other person, nor any circumstances in connection with the execution, delivery, and performance by the Borrower of its obligations under the Credit Documents, is such as to require the consent, approval, permission, order, license, or authorization of, or the filing, registration, or qualification with, any governmental authority on the part of the Borrower in connection with the execution, delivery, and performance of the Credit Documents or the consummation of any transaction therein contemplated, except as shall have been obtained or made and as are in full force and effect and except as are not presently obtainable. To the knowledge of the Borrower, after making due inquiry with respect thereto, the Borrower will be able to obtain all such additional consents, approvals, permissions, orders, licenses, or authorizations of governmental authorities as may be required on or prior to the date the Borrower is legally required to obtain the same.

(e) No Defaults. No event has occurred and no condition exists that would constitute an Event of Default or that, with the lapse of time or with the giving of notice or both, would become an Event of Default. To the knowledge of the Borrower, after making due inquiry with respect thereto, the Borrower is not in default or violation in any material respect under any organic document or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it may be bound, except as disclosed in writing to the Lender.

(f) Compliance with Law. To the knowledge of the Borrower, after making due inquiry with respect thereto, the Borrower is not in violation of any laws, ordinances, or governmental rules or regulations to which it or its properties are subject and has not failed to obtain any licenses, permits, franchises, or other governmental authorizations (which are presently obtainable) necessary to the ownership of its properties or to the conduct of its affairs, which violation or failure to obtain might materially and adversely affect the properties, activities, prospects, profits, and condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, and there have been no citations, notices, or orders of noncompliance issued to the Borrower under any such law, ordinance, rule, or regulation, except as disclosed in writing to the Lender.

(g) Restrictions on the Borrower. The Borrower is not a party to or bound by any contract, instrument, or agreement, or subject to any other restriction, that materially and adversely affects its activities, properties, assets, operations, or condition (financial or otherwise), except as disclosed in writing to the Lender. The Borrower is not a party to any contract or agreement that restricts the right or ability of the Borrower to incur

indebtedness for borrowed money or to enter into loan agreements, except as disclosed in writing to the Lender. Any contract or agreement of the Borrower that pledges the revenues of the Borrower permits such pledged revenues to be used to make payments due under the Credit Documents.

(h) Disclosure. The representations of the Borrower contained in this Agreement and any certificate, document, written statement, or other instrument furnished by or on behalf of the Borrower to the Lender in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein not misleading. There is no fact that the Borrower has not disclosed to the Lender in writing that materially and adversely affects or in the future may (so far as the Borrower can now reasonably foresee) materially and adversely affect the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project or the properties, activities, prospects, operations, profits, or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, or the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under the Credit Documents or any of the documents or transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, which has not been set forth in writing to the Lender or in the certificates, documents, and instruments furnished to the Lender by or on behalf of the Borrower prior to the date of execution of this Agreement in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

(i) Project Compliance. The Project complies or will comply with all presently applicable building and zoning, health, environmental, and safety ordinances and laws and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations of any and all governmental and quasi-governmental authorities having jurisdiction over any portion of the Project.

(j) Financial Statements. The financial statements of the Borrower that have been provided to the Lender in connection with the Loan present fairly the financial position of the Borrower as of the date thereof and the results of its operations and its cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the period covered thereby, all in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (subject to normal year-end adjustments in the case of interim statements). Additionally, the Borrower agrees that all future financial statements that are required to be submitted to the Authority will be prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, including infrastructure provisions of GASB 34. Since the date of the most recent annual financial statements for the Borrower delivered to the Lender in connection with the Loan, there has been no material adverse change in the Borrower's financial condition, assets, management, control, operations, or prospects.

(k) Reaffirmation. Each request by the Borrower for an advance under the Loan shall constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower to the Lender that the foregoing statements are true and correct on the date of the request and after giving effect to such advance.

(l) Borrower's Tax Certificate. The representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in the Borrower's Tax Certificate, dated the date hereof, are hereby

incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference thereto, as if fully set forth herein, and are true and correct as of the date hereof.

9. Security for Payments under Credit Documents - As security for the payments required to be made and the obligations required to be performed by the Borrower under the Credit Documents, the Borrower hereby pledges to the Lender its revenue-raising power (including its power to set rates, fees, and charges) for such payment and performance. The Borrower covenants that, in order to make any payments required by the Credit Documents when due from its funds to the extent required hereunder, it will exercise its power to set rates, fees, and charges to the extent necessary to pay the amounts required to be paid under the Credit Documents and will make available and use for such payments all rates, fees, and charges imposed and collected for that purpose together with funds received from any other sources. The Borrower further covenants and agrees that in order to make funds available for such purpose in each fiscal year, it will, in its revenue, appropriation, and budgetary measures through which its revenues and the allocation thereof are controlled or provided for, include sums sufficient to satisfy any such payments that may be required to be made under the Credit Documents, whether or not any other sums are included in such measure, until all payments so required to be made under the Credit Documents shall have been made in full. In the event for any reason any such provision or appropriation is not made as provided in this Section 9, then the fiscal officers of the Borrower are hereby authorized and directed to set up as an appropriation on their accounts in the appropriate fiscal year the amounts required to pay the obligations that may be due from the funds of the Borrower. The amount of such appropriation shall be due and payable and shall be expended for the purpose of paying any such obligations, and such appropriation shall have the same legal status as if the Borrower had included the amount of the appropriation in its revenue, appropriation, and budgetary measures, and the fiscal officers of the Borrower shall make such payments required by the Credit Documents to the Lender if for any reason the payment of such obligations shall not otherwise have been made.

10. Borrower Covenants - The Borrower agrees to comply with the following covenants so long as this Agreement is in effect:

(a) **Information.** The Borrower shall deliver to the Lender, within 180 days after the end of each fiscal year, an electronic copy of the financial statements required under state audit requirements (O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-7). Borrower's annual financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and otherwise in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, which financial statements shall be accompanied by a certificate of the Borrower (1) to the effect that the Borrower is not in default under any provisions of the Credit Documents and has fully complied with all of the provisions thereof, or if the Borrower is in default or has failed to so comply, setting forth the nature of the default or failure to comply, and (2) stating the Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio, the Fixed Charges, and the Income Available for Fixed Charges of the Borrower for the fiscal year. The Borrower also shall promptly provide the Lender (A) upon receipt thereof, a copy of each other report submitted to the Borrower by its accountants in connection with any annual, interim, or special audit made by them

of the books of the Borrower (including, without limitation, any management report prepared in connection with such accountants' annual audit of the Borrower) and (B) with such other information relating to the Borrower and the Project as the Lender may reasonably request from time to time.

(b) Access to Property and Records. The Borrower agrees that the Lender, the EPD, and their duly authorized representatives and agents shall have the right, upon reasonable prior notice, to enter the Borrower's property at all reasonable times for the purpose of examining and inspecting the Project, including any construction or renovation thereof. The Borrower shall keep accurate and complete records and books of account with respect to its activities in which proper entries are made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles reflecting all of its financial transactions. The Lender and the EPD shall also have the right at all reasonable times to examine and make extracts from the books and records of the Borrower, insofar as such books and records relate to the Project or insofar as necessary to ascertain compliance with this Agreement, and to discuss with the Borrower's officers, employees, accountants, and engineers the Project and the Borrower's activities, assets, liabilities, financial condition, results of operations, and financial prospects.

(c) Agreement to Acquire, Construct, and Install the Project. The Borrower covenants to cause the Project to be acquired, constructed, and installed without material deviation from the Plans and Specifications and warrants that the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project without material deviation from the Plans and Specifications will result in facilities suitable for use by the Borrower and that all real and personal property provided for therein is necessary or appropriate in connection with the Project. The Borrower may make changes in or additions to the Plans and Specifications; provided, however, changes in or additions to the Plans and Specifications that are material shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Engineer and the EPD. The Borrower agrees to complete the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project as promptly as practicable and with all reasonable dispatch after the date of this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing sentence, the Borrower shall commence and complete each activity or event by the deadline stated in the Project Schedule included as part of Exhibit A attached hereto. The Borrower shall comply with the bidding and preconstruction requirements set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto.

(d) Establishment of Completion Date. The date of completion of the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project (the "**Completion Date**") shall be evidenced to the Lender and the EPD by a certificate of completion signed by the Authorized Borrower Representative and approved by the Engineer, stating that construction of the Project has been completed without material deviation from the Plans and Specifications and all labor, services, materials, and supplies used in such construction have been paid or provided for. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such certificate may state that it is given without prejudice to any rights against third parties that exist at the date of such certificate or that may subsequently come into being. It shall be the duty of the Borrower to cause the certificate contemplated by this paragraph to be furnished as soon as the construction of the Project shall have been completed.

(e) Indemnity. (1) To the extent provided by law, in addition to the other amounts payable by the Borrower under this Agreement (including, without limitation, Section 4 hereof), the Borrower hereby agrees to pay and indemnify the Lender from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) that the Lender may (other than as a result of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Lender) incur or be subjected to as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of (i) any actual or proposed use of any proceeds of the Loan or the Borrower's entering into or performing under any Credit Document, (ii) any breach by the Borrower of any representation, warranty, covenant, or condition in, or the occurrence of any other default under, any of the Credit Documents, including without limitation all reasonable attorneys' fees or expenses resulting from the settlement or defense of any claims or liabilities arising as a result of any such breach or default, (iii) allegations of participation or interference by the Lender in the management, contractual relations, or other affairs of the Borrower, (iv) allegations that the Lender has joint liability with the Borrower to any third party as a result of the transactions contemplated by the Credit Documents, (v) any suit, investigation, or proceeding as to which the Lender is involved as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of its execution of any of the Credit Documents, the making of the Loan, or any other event or transaction contemplated by any of the Credit Documents, or (vi) the conduct or management of or any work or thing done on the Project and any condition of or operation of the Project.

(2) Nothing contained in this paragraph (e) shall require the Borrower to indemnify the Lender for any claim or liability that the Borrower was not given any opportunity to contest or for any settlement of any such action effected without the Borrower's consent. The indemnity of the Lender contained in this paragraph (e) shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

(f) Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio. The Borrower shall not permit the Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio for any fiscal year to be less than 1.05. The following terms are defined terms for purposes of this Agreement:

"Fixed Charges" means, for any period, the sum of all cash outflows that the Borrower cannot avoid without violating the Borrower's long-term contractual obligations (those obligations that extend for a period greater than one year, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) and that are accounted for in the enterprise fund containing the Borrower's water or sewer operations, including, but not limited to, (i) interest on long-term debt, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (ii) payments under long-term leases (whether capitalized or operating), and (iii) scheduled payments of principal on long-term debt.

"Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio" means, for any period, the ratio of Income Available for Fixed Charges to Fixed Charges.

"Income Available For Fixed Charges" means, for any period, net income of the Borrower, plus amounts deducted in arriving at such net income for (i) interest on long-term debt (including the current portion thereof), (ii) depreciation, (iii) amortization, (iv) payments under long-term leases, and (v) transfers to other funds of the Borrower.

(g) Tax Covenants. The Borrower covenants that it will not take or omit to take any action nor permit any action to be taken or omitted that would cause the interest on the Note to become includable in the gross income of any owner thereof for federal income tax purposes. The Borrower further covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the representations and certifications it made in its Borrower's Tax Certificate dated the date hereof and that it shall take no action nor omit to take any action that would cause such representations and certifications to be untrue.

11. Events of Default and Remedies – (a) Each of the following events shall constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement:

(1) Failure by the Borrower to make any payment with respect to the Loan (whether principal, interest, fees, or other amounts) when and as the same becomes due and payable (whether at maturity, on demand, or otherwise); or

(2) The Borrower shall (A) apply for or consent to the appointment of or the taking of possession by a receiver, custodian, trustee, or liquidator of the Borrower or of all or a substantial part of the property of the Borrower; (B) admit in writing the inability of the Borrower, or be generally unable, to pay the debts of the Borrower as such debts become due; (C) make a general assignment for the benefit of the creditors of the Borrower; (D) commence a voluntary case under the federal bankruptcy law (as now or hereafter in effect); (E) file a petition seeking to take advantage of any other law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, or composition or adjustment of debts; (F) fail to controvert in a timely or appropriate manner, or acquiesce in writing to, any petition filed against the Borrower in an involuntary case under such federal bankruptcy law; or (G) take any action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing; or

(3) A proceeding or case shall be commenced, without the application of the Borrower, in any court of competent jurisdiction, seeking (A) the liquidation, reorganization, dissolution, winding-up, or composition or readjustment of debts of the Borrower; (B) the appointment of a trustee, receiver, custodian, liquidator, or the like of the Borrower or of all or any substantial part of the assets of the Borrower; or (C) similar relief in respect of the Borrower under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, or composition and adjustment of debts, and such proceeding or case shall continue undismissed, or an order, judgment, or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered and continue in effect, for a period of sixty (60) days from commencement of such proceeding or case or the date of such order, judgment, or decree, or any order for relief against the Borrower shall be entered in an involuntary case or proceeding under the federal bankruptcy law; or

(4) Any representation or warranty made by the Borrower in any Credit Document shall be false or misleading in any material respect on the date as of which made (or deemed made); or

(5) Any default by the Borrower shall occur in the performance or observance of any term, condition, or provision contained in any Credit Document and

not referred to in clauses (1) through (4) above, which default shall continue for thirty (30) days after the Lender gives the Borrower written notice thereof; or

(6) Any material provision of any Credit Document shall at any time for any reason cease to be valid and binding in accordance with its terms on the Borrower, or the validity or enforceability thereof shall be contested by the Borrower, or the Borrower shall terminate or repudiate (or attempt to terminate or repudiate) any Credit Document; or

(7) Default in the payment of principal of or interest on any other obligation of the Borrower for money borrowed (or any obligation under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or any obligation secured by purchase money mortgage or deed to secure debt or any obligation under notes payable or drafts accepted representing extensions of credit or on any capitalized lease obligation), or default in the performance of any other agreement, term, or condition contained in any contract under which any such obligation is created, guaranteed, or secured if the effect of such default is to cause such obligation to become due prior to its stated maturity; provided that in each and every case noted above the aggregate then outstanding principal balance of the obligation involved (or all such obligations combined) must equal or exceed \$100,000; or

(8) Default in the payment of principal of or interest on any obligation of the Borrower for money borrowed from the Lender (other than the Loan) or default in the performance of any other agreement, term, or condition contained in any contract under which any such obligation is created, guaranteed, or secured if the effect of such default is to entitle the Lender to then cause such obligation to become due prior to its stated maturity (the parties intend that a default may constitute an Event of Default under this paragraph (8) even if such default would not constitute an Event of Default under paragraph (7) immediately above); or

(9) The dissolution of the Borrower; or

(10) Any material adverse change in the Borrower's financial condition or means or ability to perform under the Credit Documents; or

(11) The occurrence of any other event as a result of which the Lender in good faith believes that the prospect of payment in full of the Loan is impaired.

(b) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Lender, at its option, without demand or notice of any kind, may declare the Loan immediately due and payable, whereupon all outstanding principal and accrued interest shall become immediately due and payable.

(c) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Lender, without notice or demand of any kind, may from time to time take whatever action at law or in equity or under the terms of the Credit Documents may appear necessary or desirable to collect the Loan and other amounts payable by the Borrower hereunder then due or thereafter

to become due, or to enforce performance and observance of any obligation, agreement, or covenant of the Borrower under the Credit Documents.

(d) In the event of a failure of the Borrower to pay any amounts due to the Lender under the Credit Documents within 15 days of the due date thereof, the Lender shall perform its duty under Section 50-23-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to notify the state treasurer of such failure, and the Lender may apply any funds allotted to the Borrower that are withheld pursuant to Section 50-23-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to the payment of the overdue amounts under the Credit Documents.

(e) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Lender may, in its discretion, by written notice to the Borrower, terminate its remaining commitment (if any) hereunder to make any further advances of the Loan, whereupon any such commitment shall terminate immediately.

12. Assignment or Sale by Lender - (a) The Credit Documents, and the obligation of the Borrower to make payments thereunder, may be sold, assigned, or otherwise disposed of in whole or in part to one or more successors, grantors, holders, assignees, or subassignees by the Lender. Upon any sale, disposition, assignment, or reassignment, the Borrower shall be provided with a notice of such assignment. The Borrower shall keep a complete and accurate register of all such assignments in form necessary to comply with Section 149(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(b) The Borrower agrees to make all payments to the assignee designated in the assignment, notwithstanding any claim, defense, setoff, or counterclaim whatsoever that the Borrower may from time to time have against the Lender. The Borrower agrees to execute all documents, including notices of assignment, which may be reasonably requested by the Lender or its assignee to protect its interests in the Credit Documents.

(c) The Borrower hereby agrees that the Lender may sell or offer to sell the Credit Documents (i) through a certificate of participation program, whereby two or more interests are created in the Credit Documents or the payments thereunder or (ii) with other similar instruments, agreements, and obligations through a pool, trust, limited partnership, or other entity.

13. Miscellaneous - (a) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Georgia, exclusive of such state's rules regarding choice of law.

(b) This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Borrower, the Lender, and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, but the Borrower may not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the express prior written consent of the Lender.

(c) This Agreement may not be waived or amended except by a writing signed by authorized officials of the Lender and the Borrower.

(d) This Agreement shall be effective on the date on which the Borrower and the Lender have signed one or more counterparts of it and the Lender shall have received the same, provided the Lender receives the same executed by the Borrower by **MAY 4, 2022**. At such time as the Lender is no longer obligated under this Agreement to make any further advances under the Loan and all principal, interest, or other amounts owing with respect to the Loan and hereunder have been finally and irrevocably repaid by the Borrower to the Lender, this Agreement shall terminate.

(e) All notices, certificates, requests, demands, or other communications hereunder shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given upon receipt, by hand delivery, mail, overnight delivery, telecopy, or other electronic means, addressed as provided at the beginning of this Agreement. Any party to this Agreement may, by notice given to the other party, designate any additional or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, or other communications shall be sent. For purposes of this Section, "electronic means" shall mean telecopy or facsimile transmission or other similar electronic means of communication that produces evidence of transmission.

(f) This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts.

(g) All pronouns used herein include all genders and all singular terms used herein include the plural (and vice versa).

(h) In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

(i) Statements in Exhibit D attached hereto shall govern the matters they address.

(j) This Agreement and the Note constitute the entire agreement between the Borrower and the Lender with respect to the Loan and supersede all prior agreements, negotiations, representations, or understandings between such parties with respect to such matters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their respective officials hereunto duly authorized as of the date first above written.

**COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE
AUTHORITY**

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Borrower's Attorney

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

(SEAL)



Attest Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

**CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND,
ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA
ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

Signature: _____
Kevin Clark
Executive Director

(SEAL)

Please Note:

*Attester must be
the same as
attester on
Resolution*



**SIGN
HERE**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

SCOPE OF WORK

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Loan Number: CW2021032

This project will increase the capacity and make improvements at the Shenandoah Wastewater Treatment Facility, install a 36-inch outfall line, and related appurtenances.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

PROJECT BUDGET

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Loan Number: CW2021032

ITEM	TOTAL	CWSRF
Construction	\$18,939,000	\$18,939,000
Contingency	3,330,000	3,330,000
Engineering & Inspection	2,287,000	2,287,000
Administrative/Legal	444,000	444,000
TOTAL	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000

*The amounts shown above in each budget item are estimates. Borrower may adjust the amounts within the various budget items without prior Lender approval provided Borrower does not exceed the loan amount contained in Section 1 of the Loan Agreement. In no event shall Lender be liable for any amount exceeding the loan amount contained in Section 1 of the Loan Agreement.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Loan Number: CW2021032

ACTION	DATE
Plans & Specs Submitted to EPD	MAY 2022
Bid Opening	OCTOBER 2022
Notice to Proceed	NOVEMBER 2022
Completion of Construction	MARCH 2024

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COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
CW2021032

SPECIMEN PROMISSORY NOTE

\$25,000,000

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned (hereinafter referred to as the **"Borrower"**) promises to pay to the order of the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (hereinafter referred to as the **"Lender"**) at the Lender's office located in Atlanta, Georgia, or at such other place as the holder hereof may designate, the principal sum of **TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$25,000,000)**, or so much thereof as shall have been advanced hereagainst and shall be outstanding, together with interest on so much of the principal balance of this Note as may be outstanding and unpaid from time to time, calculated at the rate or rates per annum indicated below.

The unpaid principal balance of this Note shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to **ZERO AND 86/100 PERCENT (0.86%)**, (1) calculated on the basis of actual number of days in the year and actual days elapsed until the Amortization Commencement Date (as hereinafter defined), and (2) calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months thereafter.

Accrued interest on this Note shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month until the first day of the calendar month following the earlier of (1) the Completion Date (as defined in the hereinafter defined Loan Agreement), (2) **JULY 1, 2024**, or (3) the date that the loan evidenced by this Note is fully disbursed (the **"Amortization Commencement Date"**). Principal of and interest on this Note shall be payable in **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE (359)** consecutive monthly installments equal to the Installment Amount (as hereinafter defined), commencing on the first day of the calendar month following the Amortization Commencement Date, and continuing to be due on the first day of each succeeding calendar month thereafter, together with a final installment equal to the entire remaining unpaid principal balance of and all accrued interest on this Note, which shall be due and payable on the date that is **30** years from the Amortization Commencement Date (the **"Maturity Date"**).

This Note shall bear interest on any overdue installment of principal and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on any overdue installment of interest, at the aforesaid rates. The Borrower shall pay a late fee equal to the Lender's late fee, as published from time to time in the Loan Servicing Fee schedules, for any installment payment or other amount due hereunder that is not paid by the 15th of the month in which the payment is due.

"Installment Amount" means the amount equal to the monthly installment of principal and interest required to fully amortize the then outstanding principal balance of this Note as of the Amortization Commencement Date at the rate of interest on this Note, on the basis of level monthly debt service payments from the Amortization Commencement Date to and including the Maturity Date.

All payments or prepayments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid fees and late fees, then to interest accrued on this Note through the date of such payment or prepayment, and then to principal (and partial principal prepayments shall be applied to such installments in the inverse order of their maturity).

At the option of the Lender, the Borrower shall make payments due under this Note using pre-authorized electronic debit transactions, under which the Lender will be authorized to initiate and effect debit transactions from a designated account of the Borrower without further or additional approval or confirmation by the Borrower. The Borrower further agrees to adopt any necessary approving resolutions and to complete and execute any necessary documents in order for the Lender to effect such pre-authorized debit transactions. In the event the Borrower has insufficient funds in its designated account on the date the Lender attempts to debit any payment due hereunder, the Borrower shall pay the Lender a processing fee equal to the Lender's processing fee, as published from time to time in the Lender's fee schedules for each such occurrence (but not exceeding two such processing fees in any calendar month), in addition to any late fee as provided above.

The Borrower may prepay the principal balance of this Note in whole or in part at any time without premium or penalty.

This Note constitutes the Promissory Note issued under and pursuant to and is entitled to the benefits and subject to the conditions of a Loan Agreement (the "**Loan Agreement**"), dated the date hereof, between the Borrower and the Lender, to which Loan Agreement reference is hereby made for a description of the circumstances under which principal shall be advanced under this Note. Reference is hereby made to the Loan Agreement for a description of the security for this Note and the options and obligations of the Borrower and the Lender hereunder. Upon an Event of Default (as defined in the Loan Agreement), the entire principal of and interest on this Note may be declared or may become immediately due and payable as provided in the Loan Agreement.

The obligation of the Borrower to make the payments required to be made under this Note and to perform and observe any and all of the other covenants and agreements on its part contained herein shall be a general obligation of the Borrower, as provided in the Loan Agreement, and shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of any defense or any rights of setoff, counterclaim, or recoupment, except for payment, it may otherwise have against the Lender.

In case this Note is collected by or through an attorney-at-law, all costs of such collection incurred by the Lender, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid by the Borrower.

Time is of the essence of this Note. Demand, presentment, notice, notice of demand, notice for payment, protest, and notice of dishonor are hereby waived by each and every maker, guarantor, surety, and other person or entity primarily or secondarily liable on this Note. The Lender shall not be deemed to waive any of its rights under this Note unless such waiver be in writing and signed by the Lender. No delay or omission by the Lender in exercising any of its rights under this Note shall operate as a waiver of such rights, and a waiver in writing on one occasion shall not be construed as a consent to or a waiver of any right or remedy on any future occasion.

This Note shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia (without giving effect to its conflicts of law rules). Whenever possible, each provision of this Note shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Note shall be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Note.

Words importing the singular number hereunder shall include the plural number and vice versa, and any pronoun used herein shall be deemed to cover all genders. The word "Lender" as used herein shall include transferees, successors, and assigns of the Lender, and all rights of the Lender hereunder shall inure to the benefit of its transferees, successors, and assigns. All obligations of the Borrower hereunder shall bind the Borrower's successors and assigns.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED by the undersigned Borrower as of the _____ day of _____, _____.

(SEAL)

**COWETA COUNTY WATER AND
SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

By: SPECIMEN

Name:

Title:

Approved as to form:

Attest:

By: SPECIMEN

Borrower's Attorney

By: SPECIMEN

Name:

Title:

BIDDING AND PRECONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Loan Number: CW2021032

- I. Competitive procurement by public bidding is required for construction, construction services, materials, and equipment.
- II. The Borrower must advertise for bids by conspicuously posting the notice in its office and by advertising in the local newspaper that is the legal organ or on its Internet website or on an Internet site designated for its legal advertisements. The bid or proposal opportunity must be advertised in the Georgia Procurement Registry, provided that such posting is at no cost to the governmental entity.
- III. Advertisements must appear at least twice. The first advertisement must appear at least four weeks prior to the bid opening date. The second advertisement must follow at least two weeks after the first advertisement. Website advertisements must remain posted for at least four weeks. Plans and specifications must be available for inspection by the public on the first day of the advertisement. The advertisement must include details to inform the public of the extent and character of work to be performed, any pre-qualification requirements, any pre-bid conferences, and any federal requirements.
- IV. The Borrower must require at least a 5 percent bid bond or certified check or cash deposit equal to 5 percent of the contract amount.
- V. Sealed bids, with a public bid opening, are required.
- VI. The Borrower must award the contract to the low, responsive, and responsible bidder or bidders, with reservation of right to reject all bids.
- VII. The Borrower may modify bidding documents only by written addenda with notification to all potential bidders not less than 72 hours prior to the bid opening, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.
- VIII. The Borrower must require 100 percent payment and performance bonds.
- IX. Change orders may not be issued to evade the purposes of required bidding procedures. Change orders may be issued for changes or additions consistent with the scope of the original construction contract documents.

X. Prior to disbursement of construction-related funds, the Borrower shall provide the Lender with copies of the following:

- A. Proof of advertising;
- B. Certified detailed bid tabulation;
- C. Engineer's award recommendation;
- D. Governing body's award resolution;
- E. Executed contract documents, including plans and specifications;
- F. Construction and payment schedules;
- G. Notice to proceed;
- H. Contractor's written oath in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-21 (e). (This is an oath required by law to be provided to the Borrower by the contractor. In short, this oath must state that the contractor has not acted alone or otherwise to prevent or attempt to prevent competition in bidding by any means and must be signed by appropriate parties as defined by law.); and
- I. Summary of plans for on-site quality control to be provided by the Borrower or the Engineer - name and brief qualifications of construction inspector(s) and approximate hours per week of inspection to be provided.

XI. If other funding sources are involved that have stricter bidding requirements or if applicable laws or ordinances require stricter requirements, these stricter requirements shall govern.

XII. If the Borrower wishes to fund work that may not fully meet the bidding requirements of this Agreement, then, prior to bidding this work, it shall submit a written request to the Lender that specific requirements be waived. Based on specific circumstances of the request, the Lender may require submission of additional information necessary to document that State laws and local ordinances are not violated and that the intent of the bid procedures set forth in this Exhibit C (public, open, and competitive procurement) is satisfied through alternate means.

XIII. The Borrower is required to notify the Lender at least two weeks prior to pre-construction conferences for work funded under this Agreement and to schedule these conferences so that a representative from the Lender may participate.

STATE REQUIREMENTS

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Loan Number: CW2021032

None.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Loan Number: CW2021032

1. The Borrower covenants that the Project will comply with the federal requirements applicable to activities supported with federal funds. The Borrower further covenants that the Project will be constructed in compliance with State of Georgia objectives for participation by women's and minority business enterprises in projects financed with federal funds under the federal Clean Water Act. The Borrower will comply with all federal and State of Georgia laws, rules, and regulations relating to maintenance of a drug-free workplace at the Project.
2. The Borrower covenants to comply with the requirements of the Federal Single Audit Act, to the extent it applies to the expenditure of federal funds, including the Loan or any portion thereof. The Borrower agrees to submit to the Lender copies of any audit prepared and filed pursuant to the requirements of this Section.
3. It is the policy of the Lender to promote a fair share award of sub-agreements to small and minority and women's businesses on contracts performed under the Lender. If the successful bidder plans to subcontract a portion of the Project, the bidder must submit to the Lender, with copy to the Borrower within 10 days after bid opening, evidence of the positive steps taken to utilize small, minority, and women's businesses. Such positive efforts shall include:
 - a) including qualified small and minority and women's businesses on solicitation lists;
 - b) assuring that small and minority and women's businesses are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
 - c) dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into small tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation of small and minority and women's businesses;
 - d) establishing delivery schedules, where the requirements of the work permit, to encourage participation by small and minority and women's businesses;
 - e) using the services and assistance of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise of the U.S. Department of Commerce;
 - f) requiring each party to a subagreement to take the affirmative steps outlined in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

4. The Borrower shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions (Doing Business with Other Persons)." The Borrower is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. The Borrower is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier transactions. The Borrower acknowledges that failure to disclose the information as required at 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

The Borrower may access the Excluded Parties List System at www.epls.gov. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49. "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters."

5. The Borrower shall insert in full in any contract in excess of \$2,000 which is entered into for actual construction, alteration and/or repair, including painting and decorating, financed in whole or in part from Federal funds and which is subject to the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, the document entitled "Supplemental General Conditions for Federally Assisted State Revolving Loan Fund Construction Contracts."
6. Borrower certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that: No Federal appropriated funds have been paid in full or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Borrower, to any person influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions: The awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency or a Member of Congress in connection with this loan agreement, then the Borrower shall fully disclose same to the Lender, and shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with instructions.

7. The Borrower will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Borrower will comply with all sections of Executive Order 11246 – Equal Employment Opportunity.

8. The Borrower will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of a disability. The Borrower will comply with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
9. Reserved.
10. The Borrower will comply with all federal requirements outlined in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 and related Clean Water State Revolving Fund Policy Guidelines, which the Borrower understands includes, among other requirements, that all of the iron and steel products used in the Project (as described in Exhibit A) are to be produced in the United States ("American Iron and Steel Requirement" – section 608) unless (i) the Borrower has requested from the Lender and obtained a waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency pertaining to the Project or (ii) the Lender has otherwise advised the Borrower in writing that the American Iron and Steel Requirement is not applicable to the Project.
11. The Borrower will comply with all federal requirements outlined in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 and related Clean Water State Revolving Fund Policy Guidelines, which the Borrower understands includes, among other requirements, the development of a Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) (section 603(d)(1)(E)) for the Project (as described in Exhibit A). The Borrower has either certified that the FSP has been developed and is being implemented for the portion of the treatment works in the Project or the Borrower has certified that an FSP will be developed and implemented for the portion of the treatment works in the Project prior to the final disbursement of funds, unless the Lender has otherwise advised the Borrower in writing that the development and implementation of an FSP is not applicable to the Project.
12. The Borrower will comply with all record keeping and reporting requirements under the Clean Water Act, including any reports required by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Lender such as performance indicators of program deliverables, information on costs and project progress. The Borrower understands that (i) each contract and subcontract related to the Project is subject to audit by appropriate federal and state entities and (ii) failure to comply with the Clean Water Act and this Agreement may be a default hereunder that results in a repayment of the Loan in advance and/or other remedial actions.
13. The Borrower shall insert in full in any contract which is entered into for construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works, financed in whole or in part from Federal funds, the document entitled "American Iron and Steel Special Conditions and Information for Federally Assisted State Revolving Loan Fund Construction Contracts."

14. The Borrower will comply with the requirements and obligations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in accordance with 40 CFR Part 5 and 7. Among the requirements, borrowers must have a nondiscrimination notice, operate programs or activities that are accessible to individuals with disabilities, designate a civil rights coordinator, have a language access services policy, and maintain demographic data on the race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap of the population it serves.
15. As required by 40 CFR Part 33.501(b), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Rule requires State Revolving Loan recipients to create and maintain a bidders list. The purpose of a bidders list is to provide the Borrower who conducts competitive bidding with a more accurate database of the universe of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) and non-MBE/WBE prime and subcontractors. The list must include all firms that bid on EPA-assisted projects, including both MBE/WBEs and non-MBE/WBEs. The bidders list must be kept active until the project period for the loan has ended.

The bidders list must contain the following information from all prime contractors and subcontractors:

- 1) Bidder's name with point of contract;
- 2) Bidder's mailing address, telephone number, and email address;
- 3) The procurement item on which the bidder bid or quoted, and when; and
- 4) Bidder's status as an MBE/WBE or non-MBE/WBE.

Borrowers receiving a combined total of \$250,000 or less in federal funding in any one fiscal year, are exempt from the requirements to maintain a bidders list.

FINANCIAL COVENANTS

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Loan Number: CW2021032

None.

OPINION OF BORROWER'S COUNSEL

(Please furnish this form on Attorney's Letterhead)

DATE

Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Administered by
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
233 Peachtree St, NE
Harris Tower, Ste 900
Atlanta, GA 30303-1506

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As counsel for the **COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY** (the "Borrower"), I have examined duly executed originals of the Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), Loan/Project No. **CW2021032**, between the Borrower and the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the "Lender"), the related Promissory Note (the "Note") of the Borrower, the proceedings taken by the Borrower to authorize the Loan Agreement and the Note (collectively, the "Credit Documents"), and such other documents, records, and proceedings as I have deemed relevant or material to render this opinion, and based upon such examination, I am of the opinion, as of the date hereof, that:

1. The Borrower is a public body corporate and politic, duly created and validly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia.
2. The Credit Documents have been duly authorized, executed, and delivered by the Borrower and are legal, valid, and binding obligations of the Borrower, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
3. To the best of my knowledge, no litigation is pending or threatened in any court or other tribunal, state or federal, in any way questioning or affecting the validity of the Credit Documents.
4. To the best of my knowledge, the execution, delivery, and performance by the Borrower of the Credit Documents will not conflict with, breach, or violate any law, any order or judgment to which the Borrower is subject, or any contract to which the Borrower is a party.
5. The signatures of the officers of the Borrower that appear on the Credit Documents are true and genuine. I know such officers and know them to be the duly elected or appointed qualified incumbents of the offices of the Borrower set forth below their names.

With your permission, in rendering the opinions set forth herein, I have assumed the following, without any investigation or inquiry on my part:

- (i) the due authorization, execution, and delivery of the Credit Documents by the Lender; and
- (ii) that the Credit Documents constitute the binding obligations of the Lender and that the Lender has all requisite power and authority to perform its obligations thereunder.

The enforceability of the Credit Documents (i) may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights, (ii) may be subject to general principles of equity, whether applied by a court of law or equity, and (iii) may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

Very truly yours,

Signature

Printed Name

Date

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES
RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY**

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Loan Number: CW2021032

DATE

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above (the "Borrower") held on the ____ day of _____, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borrower has determined to borrow but not to exceed **\$25,000,000** from the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the "Lender") to finance a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing the environmental facilities described in Exhibit A to the hereinafter defined Loan Agreement (the "Project"), pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement will be evidenced by a Promissory Note (the "Note") of the Borrower, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the forms, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Loan Agreement and the Note are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Loan Agreement and the Note (including the interest rate provisions, which shall be as provided in the Note) are in the best interests of the Borrower for the financing of the Project, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Loan Agreement, the Note, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Agreement.

(Signature of Person to Execute Documents)

(Print Title)

(Signature of Person to Attest Documents)

(Print Title)

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Dated: _____

(SEAL)

Secretary/Clerk

DATE + SEAL

COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
Loan/Project No. CW2021032

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$25,000,000

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned (hereinafter referred to as the **"Borrower"**) promises to pay to the order of the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (hereinafter referred to as the **"Lender"**) at the Lender's office located in Atlanta, Georgia, or at such other place as the holder hereof may designate, the principal sum of **TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$25,000,000)**, or so much thereof as shall have been advanced hereagainst and shall be outstanding, together with interest on so much of the principal balance of this Note as may be outstanding and unpaid from time to time, calculated at the rate or rates per annum indicated below.

The unpaid principal balance of this Note shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to **ZERO AND 86/100 PERCENT (0.86%)**, (1) calculated on the basis of actual number of days in the year and actual days elapsed until the Amortization Commencement Date (as hereinafter defined), and (2) calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months thereafter.

Accrued interest on this Note shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month until the first day of the calendar month following the earlier of (1) the Completion Date (as defined in the hereinafter defined Loan Agreement), (2) **JULY 1, 2024**, or (3) the date that the loan evidenced by this Note is fully disbursed (the **"Amortization Commencement Date"**). Principal of and interest on this Note shall be payable in **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE (359)** consecutive monthly installments equal to the Installment Amount (as hereinafter defined), commencing on the first day of the calendar month following the Amortization Commencement Date, and continuing to be due on the first day of each succeeding calendar month thereafter, together with a final installment equal to the entire remaining unpaid principal balance of and all accrued interest on this Note, which shall be due and payable on the date that is **30** years from the Amortization Commencement Date (the **"Maturity Date"**).

This Note shall bear interest on any overdue installment of principal and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on any overdue installment of interest, at the aforesaid rates. The Borrower shall pay a late fee equal to the Lender's late fee, as published from time to time in the Loan Servicing Fee schedules, for any installment payment or other amount due hereunder that is not paid by the 15th of the month in which the payment is due.

"Installment Amount" means the amount equal to the monthly installment of principal and interest required to fully amortize the then outstanding principal balance of this Note as of the Amortization Commencement Date at the rate of interest on this Note, on the basis of level monthly debt service payments from the Amortization Commencement Date to and including the Maturity Date.

All payments or prepayments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid fees and late fees, then to interest accrued on this Note through the date of such payment or prepayment, and then to principal (and partial principal prepayments shall be applied to such installments in the inverse order of their maturity).

At the option of the Lender, the Borrower shall make payments due under this Note using pre-authorized electronic debit transactions, under which the Lender will be authorized to initiate and effect debit transactions from a designated account of the Borrower without further or additional approval or confirmation by the Borrower. The Borrower further agrees to adopt any necessary approving resolutions and to complete and execute any necessary documents in order for the Lender to effect such pre-authorized debit transactions. In the event the Borrower has insufficient funds in its designated account on the date the Lender attempts to debit any payment due hereunder, the Borrower shall pay the Lender a processing fee equal to the Lender's processing fee, as published from time to time in the Lender's fee schedules for each such occurrence (but not exceeding two such processing fees in any calendar month), in addition to any late fee as provided above.

The Borrower may prepay the principal balance of this Note in whole or in part at any time without premium or penalty.

This Note constitutes the Promissory Note issued under and pursuant to and is entitled to the benefits and subject to the conditions of a Loan Agreement (the "**Loan Agreement**"), dated the date hereof, between the Borrower and the Lender, to which Loan Agreement reference is hereby made for a description of the circumstances under which principal shall be advanced under this Note. Reference is hereby made to the Loan Agreement for a description of the security for this Note and the options and obligations of the Borrower and the Lender hereunder. Upon an Event of Default (as defined in the Loan Agreement), the entire principal of and interest on this Note may be declared or may become immediately due and payable as provided in the Loan Agreement.

The obligation of the Borrower to make the payments required to be made under this Note and to perform and observe any and all of the other covenants and agreements on its part contained herein shall be a general obligation of the Borrower, as provided in the Loan Agreement, and shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of any defense or any rights of setoff, counterclaim, or recoupment, except for payment, it may otherwise have against the Lender.

In case this Note is collected by or through an attorney-at-law, all costs of such collection incurred by the Lender, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid by the Borrower.

Time is of the essence of this Note. Demand, presentment, notice, notice of demand, notice for payment, protest, and notice of dishonor are hereby waived by each and every maker, guarantor, surety, and other person or entity primarily or secondarily liable on this Note. The Lender shall not be deemed to waive any of its rights under this Note unless such waiver be in writing and signed by the Lender. No delay or omission

by the Lender in exercising any of its rights under this Note shall operate as a waiver of such rights, and a waiver in writing on one occasion shall not be construed as a consent to or a waiver of any right or remedy on any future occasion.

This Note shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia (without giving effect to its conflicts of law rules). Whenever possible, each provision of this Note shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Note shall be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Note.

Words importing the singular number hereunder shall include the plural number and vice versa, and any pronoun used herein shall be deemed to cover all genders. The word "Lender" as used herein shall include transferees, successors, and assigns of the Lender, and all rights of the Lender hereunder shall inure to the benefit of its transferees, successors, and assigns. All obligations of the Borrower hereunder shall bind the Borrower's successors and assigns.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED by the undersigned Borrower as of the _____ day of _____, _____.

**COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE
AUTHORITY**

Approved as to form:

Signature: _____

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Borrower's Attorney

Title: _____

(SEAL)

Attest Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Recipient: COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
Loan Number: CW2021032

TAX CERTIFICATE

Certain terms that are used herein and that are defined or used in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or in the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder are explained in general terms in Exhibit I attached to this Certificate and made a part hereof. These terms have been marked with an asterisk.

The undersigned officials of **COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY** (the "Borrower") hereby certify that we are the duly appointed, qualified, and acting officials of the Borrower set forth under our respective signatures, and that we have all authority necessary to execute this Certificate on behalf of the Borrower, and we hereby certify for and on behalf of the Borrower that:

1. In General

1.1. We are familiar with the loan in the authorized principal amount not to exceed **\$25,000,000** (the "Loan"), being made by the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the "Lender") to the Borrower pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, dated the date hereof, between the Lender and the Borrower, for the purpose of providing funds that will be used to permanently finance the costs of certain replacements, additions, extensions, and improvements to the Borrower's environmental facilities (the "System"). The Loan is a draw-down loan, in which the Lender will advance loan amounts to the Borrower to pay for eligible costs only after such costs have been incurred by the Borrower. Proceeds of the Loan will not be invested before they are used to pay eligible costs. The Borrower reasonably expects to draw the full amount of the Loan to pay eligible costs within the 3-year period beginning on the "issue date."*

2. Private Activity Bond Test

2.1. Either (a) no more than ten percent of the proceeds of the Loan are to be used for any "private business use"*; or

(b) the payment of the principal of, or the interest on, no more than ten percent of the proceeds of the Loan is (under the terms of the Loan or any underlying arrangement) directly or indirectly (1) secured by any interest in (A) property used or to be used for a "private business use,"* or (B) payments in respect of such property, or (2) to be derived from payments (whether or not to the Borrower) in respect of property, or borrowed money, used or to be used for a "private business use."*

2.2. No proceeds of the Loan are to be used for any "private business use,"* which use is not related to any "government use"* of such proceeds.

2.3. The proceeds of the Loan that are to be used for any "private business use"* will not exceed the proceeds of the Loan that are to be used for the "government use"* to which such "private business use"* relates.

2.4. The amount of the proceeds of the Loan that are to be used (directly or indirectly) to make or finance loans to persons other than "qualified users"* will not exceed the lesser of five percent of such proceeds or \$5,000,000.

2.5. Without limiting the general nature of the certifications set forth above, the Borrower certifies as follows:

(i) The Borrower will own and operate the System.

(ii) The System will be available for general public use.

(iii) Use of the System by any person other than a "qualified user"* will be on the same basis as use by other members of the general public. No portion of the services, facilities, and commodities provided by the System will be made available to any one customer (other than a "qualified user"*), or limited group of customers (other than "qualified users"*), on a basis other than the same basis as such services, facilities, and commodities are made available to the general public. The Borrower may, however, grant volume discounts to reasonable classifications of "private users,"* if other "private users"* in the same classifications are entitled to the same volume discounts.

(iv) The Borrower knows of no facts or circumstances surrounding the capital improvements to be financed by the Loan that would indicate that the primary purpose of the capital improvements to be financed by the Loan is to benefit one "private user"* or a limited number of "private users."*

3. Contracts and Other Arrangements

3.1. The Borrower has not entered into and will not enter into any output or take or take-or-pay contracts or other preferred arrangements with any entity other than a "qualified user"* with respect to the services, facilities, and commodities provided by the System.

3.2. The Borrower has not entered into and will not enter into any lease or other contract providing for use of the System with any entity other than a "qualified user."*

3.3. The Borrower has not entered into and will not enter into a "management contract"* involving the System with any entity other than a "qualified user,"* unless it is a "qualified management contract."*

3.4. The Borrower has not entered into and will not enter into any other arrangements with any entity other than a "qualified user"* that convey special legal entitlements to the services, facilities, and commodities provided by the System.

4. Section 149 Matters

4.1. The Loan is not and will not be "federally guaranteed."*

4.2. The Borrower reasonably expects that at least 85 percent of the spendable proceeds of the Loan will be used to carry out the governmental purposes of the Loan within the 3-year period beginning on the "issue date."* Not more than 50 percent of the proceeds of the Loan will be invested in nonpurpose investments having a substantially guaranteed yield for 4 years or more.

To the best of our knowledge, information, and belief, there are no other facts, estimates, or circumstances that would materially change any of the foregoing certifications. The representations contained in this Certificate are made for the benefit of the Lender and may be relied upon by the Lender in determining whether or not the interest on the Loan is subject to income taxation by the United States under existing statutes, regulations, and decisions.

Dated: _____



COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

(SEAL)



Attest Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Please Note:
*Attester must be
the same as
attester on
Resolution*

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are furnished only as general guidelines. For complete definitions, competent tax counsel should be consulted.

"Eligible Expense Reimbursement Arrangement"

"Eligible expense reimbursement arrangement" means a "management contract"* under which the only compensation consists of reimbursements of actual and direct expenses paid by the "service provider"* to "unrelated parties"* and reasonable related administrative overhead expenses of the "service provider."*

"Federally Guaranteed"

(1) An obligation will be considered to be "federally guaranteed" if:

(a) the payment of principal or interest with respect to such obligation is guaranteed (in whole or in part) by the United States (or any agency or instrumentality thereof);

(b) such obligation is issued as part of an issue and 5% or more of the proceeds of such issue are to be -

(i) used in making loans the payment of principal or interest with respect to which are to be guaranteed (in whole or in part) by the United States (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), or

(ii) invested (directly or indirectly) in federally insured deposits or accounts; or

(c) the payment of principal or interest on such obligation is otherwise indirectly guaranteed (in whole or in part) by the United States (or any agency or instrumentality thereof).

(2) A federally insured deposit or account means any deposit or account in a financial institution to the extent such deposit or account is insured under federal law by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, or any similar federally chartered corporation.

(3) An obligation will not be treated as federally guaranteed if the obligation is guaranteed by:

(a) the Federal Housing Administration, the Veteran's Administration, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or the Government National Mortgage Association; or

(b) the Student Loan Marketing Association.

(4) The provisions prohibiting an obligation from being federally guaranteed are inapplicable to:

(a) proceeds of an issue invested for an initial temporary period until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which such issue was issued,

(b) investments of a bona fide debt service fund,

(c) investments of a reserve that meets the requirements of Section 148(d) of the Code,

(d) investments in bonds issued by the United States Treasury, or

(e) other investments permitted under regulations.

“Government Use”

“Government use” means any use other than a “private business use.”*

“Issue Date”

“Issue date” means the first date on which the aggregate draws under the Loan exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or 5 percent of **\$25,000,000**.

“Managed Property”

“Managed property” means the portion of facilities or capital projects, including land, buildings, equipment, or other property, financed in whole or in part with proceeds of the Loan, with respect to which a “service provider”* provides services.

“Management Contract”

“Management contract” means a management, service, or incentive payment contract between the Borrower and a “service provider”* under which the “service provider”* provides services for a “managed property.”* A “management contract”* does not include a contract or portion of a contract for the provision of services before a managed property is placed in service (for example, pre-operating services for construction design or construction management).

“Private Business Use”

“Private business use” means use (directly or indirectly) in a trade or business carried on by any person other than a “qualified user.”* For purposes of the preceding sentence, use as a member of the general public is not taken into account, and any activity carried on by a person other than a natural person is treated as a trade or business.

"Private User"

"Private user" means a person other than a "qualified user."*

"Qualified Management Contract"

"Qualified management contract" means a "management contract"* that (1) is an "eligible expense reimbursement arrangement"* or (2) meets all of the applicable requirements set forth in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) below.

(a) General Financial Requirements.

(1) In general. The payments to the "service provider"* under the contract must be reasonable compensation for services rendered during the term of the contract. Compensation includes payments to reimburse actual and direct expenses paid by the "service provider"* and related administrative overhead expenses of the "service provider."*

(2) No net profit arrangements. The contract must not provide to the "service provider"* a share of net profits from the operation of the "managed property."* Compensation to the "service provider"* will not be treated as providing a share of net profits if no element of the compensation takes into account, or is contingent upon, either the "managed property's"* net profits or both the "managed property's"* revenues and expenses for any fiscal period. For this purpose, the elements of the compensation are the eligibility for, the amount of, and the timing of the payment of the compensation. Further, solely for purposes of determining whether the amount of the compensation meets the requirements of this paragraph (2), any reimbursements of actual and direct expenses paid by the "service provider"* to "unrelated parties"* are disregarded as compensation. Incentive compensation will not be treated as proving a share of net profits if the eligibility for the incentive compensation is determined by the "service provider's"* performance in meeting one or more standards that measure quality of services, performance, or productivity, and the amount and the timing of the payment of the compensation meet the requirements of this paragraph (2).

(3) No bearing of net losses of the "managed property". The contract must not, in substance, impose upon the "service provider"* the burden of bearing any share of net losses from the operation of the "managed property."* An arrangement will not be treated as requiring the "service provider"* to bear a share of net losses if: (i) the determination of the amount of the "service provider's"* compensation and the amount of any expenses to be paid by the "service provider"* (and not reimbursed), separately and collectively, do not take into account either the "managed property's"* net losses or both the "managed property's"* revenues and expenses for any fiscal period; and (ii) the timing of the payment of

compensation is not contingent upon the “managed property’s”^{**} net losses. For example, a “service provider”^{**} whose compensation is reduced by a stated dollar amount (or one of multiple stated dollar amounts) for failure to keep the “managed property’s”^{**} expenses below a specified target (or one of multiple specified targets) will not be treated as bearing a share of net losses as a result of this reduction.

(b) Term of the Contract and Revisions. The term of the contract, including all “renewal options,”^{**} is no greater than the lesser of 30 years or 80 percent of the weighted average “reasonably expected economic life”^{**} of the “managed property.”^{**} A contract that is materially modified with respect to any matters relevant to this definition is retested under this definition as a new contract as of the date of the material modification.

(c) Control Over Use of the “Managed Property.”^{**} The Borrower must exercise a significant degree of control over the use of the “managed property.”^{**} This control requirement is met if the contract requires the Borrower to approve the annual budget of the “managed property,”^{**} capital expenditures with respect to the “managed property,”^{**} each disposition of property that is part of the “managed property,”^{**} rates charged for the use of the “managed property,”^{**} and the general nature and type of use of the “managed property”^{**} (for example, the type of services). For this purpose, for example, the Borrower may show approval of capital expenditures for the “managed property”^{**} by approving an annual budget for capital expenditures described by functional purpose and specific maximum amounts, and the Borrower may show approval of dispositions of property that is part of the “managed property”^{**} in a similar manner. Further, the Borrower may show approval of rates charged for use of the “managed property”^{**} by either expressly approving such rates (or the methodology for setting such rates) or by including in the contract a requirement that the “service provider”^{**} charge rates that are reasonable and customary as specifically determined by an independent third party.

(d) Risk of Loss of the “Managed Property.”^{**} The Borrower must bear the risk of loss upon damage or destruction of the “managed property”^{**} (for example, upon force majeure). The Borrower does not fail to meet this risk of loss requirement as a result of insuring against risk of loss through a third party or imposing upon the “service provider”^{**} a penalty for failure to operate the “managed property”^{**} in accordance with the standards set forth in the “management contract.”^{**}

(e) No Inconsistent Tax Position. The “service provider”^{**} must agree that it is not entitled to and will not take any tax position that is inconsistent with being a “service provider”^{**} to the Borrower with respect to the “managed property.”^{**} For example, the “service provider”^{**} must agree not to take any depreciation or amortization, investment tax credit, or deduction for any payment as rent with respect to the “managed property.”^{**}

(f) No Circumstances Substantially Limiting Exercise of Rights. The “service provider”* must not have any role or relationship with the Borrower that, in effect, substantially limits the Borrower’s ability to exercise its rights under the contract, based on all the facts and circumstances. This requirement is satisfied if:

(1) no more than 20 percent of the voting power of the governing body of the Borrower in the aggregate is vested in the directors, officers, shareholders, partners, members, and employees of the “service provider”;

(2) the governing body of the Borrower does not include the chief executive officer of the “service provider”* or the chairperson (or equivalent executive) of the “service provider’s”* governing body; and

(3) the chief executive officer of the “service provider”* is not the chief executive officer of the Borrower or any of the Borrower’s related parties (as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(b)). For purposes of the above, the phrase “service provider”* includes related parties (as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(b)) and the phrase “chief executive officer” includes a person with equivalent management responsibility.

“Qualified User”

“Qualified user” means a state or political subdivision of a state or any instrumentality thereof.

“Reasonably Expected Economic Life”

The average “reasonably expected economic life” of the “managed property”* shall be determined:

(i) by taking into account the respective costs of such “managed property”* and

(ii) as of the date on which the “managed property”* is “placed in service”* (or is expected to be “placed in service”*).

Land is not taken into account. The economic life of assets is to be determined on a case by case basis (although Revenue Procedure 62-21 and the ADR system where applicable may be used to establish the economic lives of structures and other assets, respectively).

“Renewal Option”

“Renewal option” means a provision under which either party has a legally enforceable right to renew the contract. Thus, for example, a provision under which a

contract is automatically renewed for 1-year periods absent cancellation by either party is not a renewal option (even if it is expected to be renewed).

“Service Provider”

“Service provider” means any person other than a “qualified user”^{*} that provides services to or for the benefit of the Borrower under a “management contract.”^{*}

“Unrelated Parties”

“Unrelated parties” means persons other than a related party (as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(b)) or a “service provider’s”^{*} employee.

GEFA Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) Certification

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA) was signed into law on June 10, 2014 and updated certain requirements and added additional requirements for recipients of Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loans. Section 603(d)(1)(E) of WRRDA added a new requirement which requires the development of a Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) for any loan which will repair, replace, or expand a treatment works. This provision applies to all CWSRF loans for which the loan recipient submitted a full GEFA application on or after October 1, 2014.

Section 603(d)(1)(E) - Fiscal Sustainability Plan Requirement

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) Section (603)(d)(1)(E) requires that for a treatment works proposed for repair, replacement, or expansion, and eligible for assistance under subsection 603(c)(1), the recipient of a loan shall –

- (i) develop and implement a fiscal sustainability plan that includes –
 - (I) an inventory of critical assets that are a part of the treatment works;
 - (II) an evaluation of the condition and performance of inventoried assets or asset groupings;
 - (III) a certification that the recipient has evaluated and will be implementing water and energy conservation efforts as part of the plan; and
 - (IV) a plan for maintaining, repairing, and, as necessary, replacing the treatment works and a plan for funding such activities; or
- (ii) certify that the recipient has developed and implemented a plan that meets the requirements under clause (i).

Definition of Treatment Works

The definition of publically owned treatment works included in FWPCA 212(2)(A) reads as follows: *The term "treatment works" means any devices and systems used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature to implement section 201 of this act, or necessary to recycle or reuse water at the most economical cost over the estimated life of the works, including intercepting sewers, outfall sewers, sewage collection systems, pumping, power, and other equipment, and their appurtenances; extensions, improvements, remodeling, additions, and alterations thereof; elements essential to provide a reliable recycled supply such as standby treatment units and clear well facilities; and acquisition of the land that will be an integral part of the treatment process (including land use for the storage of treated wastewater in land treatment systems prior to land application) or will be used for ultimate disposal of residues resulting from such treatment and acquisition of other land, and interests in land, that are necessary for construction.*

FWPCA 212(2)(B) clarifies the above definition with the following language: *In addition to the definition contained in subparagraph (A), "treatment works" means any other method or system for preventing, abating, reducing, storing, treating, separating, or disposing of municipal waste, including storm water run-off, or industrial waste, including waste in combined storm water and sanitary sewer systems.*

Based on the above definition, GEFA will apply the FSP requirement to all CWSRF projects funded under FWPCA Section 212 including wastewater treatment, wastewater collection, sanitary sewer and municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) projects and possibly to non-MS4 stormwater projects funded under the authorization of FWPCA Section 319. The cost of development of an FSP is an eligible project cost and may be borrowed as part of the total CWSRF loan amount.

Fiscal Sustainability Plan Compliance Options

The loan recipient may either certify that a compliant FSP has been developed and implemented or elect to include a contractual condition that the FSP will be developed and implemented. While the certification must be provided to GEFA prior to loan execution, a contractual condition in the loan agreement must be maintained throughout repayment of the loan and must specify when a compliant FSP will be developed. GEFA reserves the right to review a certified FSP or the most recently available FSP at any time to ensure the recipient is in compliance with CWSRF contractual conditions.

GEFA Fiscal Sustainability Plan Review Procedures and Elements

GEFA reserves the right to review any FSP to ensure compliance with the requirements of FWPCA 603(d)(1)(E). If any element of the FSP is found to be out of compliance with federal requirements, corrective action will be required of the loan recipient and must be completed within GEFA's designated time frame.

Elements of GEFA's review can include, but are not limited to: ensuring that the loan recipient developed an FSP, ensuring that the developed FSP contains the appropriate level of depth and complexity, ensuring that the FSP is implemented, and ensuring that the FSP appropriately integrates required water and energy conservation efforts as part of the plan.

As a part of this phased approach to FSP implementation, the FSP shall be continuously expanded, updated and utilized as future work is performed with CWSRF funds to repair, replace, or expand components of the treatment works.

Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) Certification

Please select one of the following two certification options (required):

_____ As the recipient of a CWSRF loan to repair, replace, or expand a publically owned treatment works as defined in FWPCA 212(2), I certify that the recipient, in accordance with the requirements of FWPCA (603)(d)(1)(E)(i), will develop and implement an FSP for the portion of the treatment works included in the CWSRF project scope for this loan agreement. I acknowledge and accept that a condition to this effect will be included as a condition in this CWSRF loan agreement and will remain in effect throughout repayment of the loan. The recipient of this CWSRF loan will maintain the FSP at the physical address identified within the loan agreement and can and will make the FSP available upon request by GEFA.

_____ As the recipient of a CWSRF loan to repair, replace, or expand a publically owned treatment works as defined in FWPCA 212(2), I certify that the recipient, in accordance with the requirements of FWPCA (603)(d)(1)(E)(ii), has developed and implemented an FSP for the portion of the treatment works included in the CWSRF project scope. The recipient of this CWSRF loan will maintain the FSP at the physical address identified within the loan agreement and can and will make the FSP available upon request by GEFA.

Dated: _____



COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Signature: _____



Print Name: _____

Title: _____

(SEAL)



Attest Signature: _____



Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Please Note:
*Attester must be
the same as
attester on
Resolution*

LETTER TO BE PREPARED BY YOUR ACCOUNTANT

SAMPLE ACCOUNTANT'S LETTER

Date

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
233 Peachtree Street, N.W.
Harris Tower, Suite 900
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1727

Dear Sirs:

We have examined the financial statements of the funds and account groups of (Name of Jurisdiction), Georgia, as of (Date of last audit) and the related statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in fund balances or retained earnings for the (Name of Jurisdiction).

In connection with the abovementioned financial statements:

1. We are independent certified public accountants with respect to (Name of Jurisdiction), Georgia, within the meaning of the Code of Professional Ethics of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
2. We have not examined any financial statements for (Name of Jurisdiction) for any period subsequent to (Date of last audit).
3. For purposes of this letter, we have read the minutes of the meetings of the (Name of Jurisdiction) since (Beginning date of new fiscal year); officials of the (city/county) have informed us that the minutes of all meetings through the date of this letter were set forth therein and have performed other procedures as follows:
 - (a) Read the unaudited interim operating statements prepared by the (Name of Jurisdiction); and
 - (b) Made inquiries of (Name of Jurisdiction) officials who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters.

The foregoing procedures do not constitute an examination made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Also, they would not necessarily reveal matters of significance with respect to the comments in the following paragraph.

Accordingly, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the foregoing procedures for your purposes.

4. Nothing came to our attention as a result of the foregoing procedures that caused us to believe that:
 - (a) As of the date of this letter there were any significant changes in the fund balances/retained earnings of the (Name of funds) fund(s) as compared with the fund balances/retained earnings as of (Date of last audit); or
 - (b) For the period from (Date of last audit) to the date of this letter there was any significant decrease in the total revenues of the (Name of Jurisdiction) compared with the corresponding period in the preceding year, except for changes in recurring or non-recurring federal or state grants or other programs over which the (Name of Jurisdiction) has no control.
5. This letter is solely for the information of, and assistance to, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) in conducting and documenting their investigation of the affairs of (Name of Jurisdiction) in connection with the Georgia Environmental Finance Loan Application and is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to within or without the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for any other purpose except that reference may be made to it in the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority financing contract or in any list of closing documents pertaining to the offering of an environmental facility loan to (Name of Jurisdiction).

Form **8038-G**

(Rev. September 2018)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Bonds**

► Under Internal Revenue Code section 149(e)

► See separate instructions.

Caution: If the issue price is under \$100,000, use Form 8038-GC.

► Go to www.irs.gov/F8038G for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0720

Part I Reporting AuthorityIf Amended Return, check here ☐

1 Issuer's name

COWETA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)

58-2627716

3a Name of person (other than issuer) with whom the IRS may communicate about this return (see instructions)

3b Telephone number of other person shown on 3a

4 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

545 CORINTH RD

5 Report number (For IRS Use Only)

3

6 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code

NEWNAN, GA 30263

7 Date of issue

8 Name of issue

Loan Agreement w/Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA)**CW2021032**

9 CUSIP number

NONE

10a Name and title of officer or other employee of the issuer whom the IRS may call for more information (see instructions)

10b Telephone number of officer or other employee shown on 10a

Part II Type of Issue (enter the issue price). See the instructions and attach schedule.

11	Education	11		
12	Health and hospital	12		
13	Transportation	13		
14	Public safety	14		
15	Environment (including sewage bonds)	15	25,000,000	
16	Housing	16		
17	Utilities	17		
18	Other. Describe ►	18		
19a	If bonds are TANs or RANs, check only box 19a			
b	If bonds are BANs, check only box 19b			
20	If bonds are in the form of a lease or installment sale, check box			

Part III Description of Bonds. Complete for the entire issue for which this form is being filed.

	(a) Final maturity date	(b) Issue price	(c) Stated redemption price at maturity	(d) Weighted average maturity	(e) Yield
21	7/1/2054	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000	15.69 years	0.86 %

Part IV Uses of Proceeds of Bond Issue (including underwriters' discount)

22	Proceeds used for accrued interest	22	0	
23	Issue price of entire issue (enter amount from line 21, column (b))	23	25,000,000	
24	Proceeds used for bond issuance costs (including underwriters' discount)	24	0	
25	Proceeds used for credit enhancement	25	0	
26	Proceeds allocated to reasonably required reserve or replacement fund	26	0	
27	Proceeds used to refund prior tax-exempt bonds. Complete Part V	27	0	
28	Proceeds used to refund prior taxable bonds. Complete Part V	28	0	
29	Total (add lines 24 through 28)	29	0	
30	Nonrefunding proceeds of the issue (subtract line 29 from line 23 and enter amount here)	30	25,000,000	

Part V Description of Refunded Bonds. Complete this part only for refunding bonds.

31	Enter the remaining weighted average maturity of the tax-exempt bonds to be refunded	years
32	Enter the remaining weighted average maturity of the taxable bonds to be refunded	years
33	Enter the last date on which the refunded tax-exempt bonds will be called (MM/DD/YYYY)	
34	Enter the date(s) the refunded bonds were issued ► (MM/DD/YYYY)	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

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Part VI Miscellaneous

- 35** Enter the amount of the state volume cap allocated to the issue under section 141(b)(5) **35**
- 36a** Enter the amount of gross proceeds invested or to be invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC). See instructions **36a**
- b** Enter the final maturity date of the GIC ► (MM/DD/YYYY) _____
- c** Enter the name of the GIC provider ► _____
- 37** Pooled financings: Enter the amount of the proceeds of this issue that are to be used to make loans to other governmental units **37**
- 38a** If this issue is a loan made from the proceeds of another tax-exempt issue, check box ► ☐ and enter the following information:
- b** Enter the date of the master pool bond ► (MM/DD/YYYY) _____
- c** Enter the EIN of the issuer of the master pool bond ► _____
- d** Enter the name of the issuer of the master pool bond ► _____
- 39** If the issuer has designated the issue under section 265(b)(3)(B)(i)(III) (small issuer exception), check box ► ☐
- 40** If the issuer has elected to pay a penalty in lieu of arbitrage rebate, check box ► ☐
- 41a** If the issuer has identified a hedge, check here ► ☐ and enter the following information:
- b** Name of hedge provider ► _____
- c** Type of hedge ► _____
- d** Term of hedge ► _____
- 42** If the issuer has superintegrated the hedge, check box ► ☐
- 43** If the issuer has established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of this issue are remediated according to the requirements under the Code and Regulations (see instructions), check box ► ☐
- 44** If the issuer has established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148, check box ► ☐
- 45a** If some portion of the proceeds was used to reimburse expenditures, check here ► ☐ and enter the amount of reimbursement ► _____
- b** Enter the date the official intent was adopted ► (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Signature and Consent

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that I consent to the IRS's disclosure of the issuer's return information, as necessary to process this return, to the person that I have authorized above.

Signature of issuer's authorized representative _____ Date _____ Type or print name and title _____

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ►	Firm's EIN ►			
Firm's address ►	Phone no. _____			

Instructions for Form 8038-G

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Bonds

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Form 8038-G and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [IRS.gov/Form8038G](https://www.irs.gov/Form8038G).

What's New

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (P.L. 115-97) repealed the exclusion from gross income for interest on bonds issued to advance refund tax-exempt bonds. The repeal applies to advance refunding bonds issued after 2017. A bond is an advance refunding bond if it is issued more than 90 days before the redemption of the refunded bonds.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act also repealed the authority to issue tax-credit bonds and direct-pay bonds. The repeal applies to qualified forestry conservation bonds, new clean renewable energy bonds, qualified energy conservation bonds, qualified zone academy bonds, and qualified school construction bonds issued after 2017. The authority to issue recovery zone economic development bonds and build America bonds expired on January 1, 2011.

Note. The creation of an advance refunding escrow account to advance refund tax-credit bonds and/or direct-pay bonds may result in the reissuance of the bonds and the loss of the tax benefits.

General Instructions

Purpose of Form

Form 8038-G is used by issuers of tax-exempt governmental bonds to provide the IRS with the information required by section 149(e) and to monitor compliance with the requirements of sections 141 through 150.

Who Must File

IF the issue price (line 21, column (b)) is...	THEN, for tax-exempt governmental bonds issued after December 31, 1986, issuers must file...
\$100,000 or more	a separate Form 8038-G for each issue.
less than \$100,000	Form 8038-GC, Information Return for Small Tax-Exempt Governmental Bond Issues, Leases, and Installment Sales.

When To File

File Form 8038-G on or before the 15th day of the 2nd calendar month after the close of the calendar quarter in which the bond is issued. Form 8038-G may not be filed before the issue date and must be completed based on the facts as of the issue date.

Late filing. An issuer may be granted an extension of time to file Form 8038-G under section 3 of Rev. Proc. 2002-48, 2002-37 I.R.B. 531, if it is determined that the failure to file timely is not due to willful neglect. Type or print at the top of the form "Request for Relief under section 3 of Rev. Proc. 2002-48" and attach a letter explaining why Form 8038-G was not submitted to the IRS on time. Also indicate whether the bond issue in question is under examination by the IRS. Do not submit copies of the trust indenture or other bond documents. See *Where To File* next.

Where To File

File Form 8038-G, and any attachments, with the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Center, Ogden, UT 84201.

Private delivery services. You can use certain private delivery services (PDS) designated by the IRS to meet the "timely mailing as timely filing" rule for tax returns. Go to [IRS.gov/PDS](https://www.irs.gov/PDS) for the current list of designated services.

The PDS can tell you how to get written proof of the mailing date.

For the IRS mailing address to use if you're using PDS, go to [IRS.gov/PDSstreetAddresses](https://www.irs.gov/PDSstreetAddresses).



CAUTION PDS can't deliver items to P.O. boxes. You must use the U.S. Postal Service to mail any item to an IRS P.O. box address.

Other Forms That May Be Required

For rebating arbitrage (or paying a penalty in lieu of arbitrage rebate) to the federal government, use Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate.

For private activity bonds, use Form 8038, Information Return for Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bond Issues.

Rounding to Whole Dollars

You can round off cents to whole dollars. If you do round to whole dollars, you must round all amounts. To round, drop amounts under 50 cents and increase amounts from 50 to 99 cents to the next dollar (for example, \$1.39 becomes \$1 and \$2.50 becomes \$3).

If two or more amounts must be added to figure the amount to enter on a line, include cents when adding the amounts and round off only the total.

Definitions

Bond. This is any obligation, including bond, note, commercial paper, installment purchase agreement, or financing lease.

Taxable bond. This is any bond the interest on which is not excludable from gross income under section 103. Taxable bonds include tax credit bonds and direct pay bonds.

Tax-exempt bond. This is any obligation, including a bond, installment purchase agreement, or financial lease, on which the interest is excluded from income under section 103.

Tax-exempt governmental bond. A tax-exempt bond that is not a private activity bond (see next) is a tax-exempt governmental bond. This includes a bond issued by a qualified volunteer fire department under section 150(e).

Private activity bond. This includes a bond issued as part of an issue in which:

- More than 10% of the proceeds are to be used for any private activity business use; **and**
- More than 10% of the payment of principal or interest of the issue is **either** (a) secured by an interest in property to be used for a private business use (or

payments for such property), **or (b)** to be derived from payments for property (or borrowed money) used for a private business use.

It also includes a bond, the proceeds of which **(a)** are to be used directly or indirectly to make or finance loans (other than loans described in section 141(c)(2)) to persons other than governmental units, and **(b)** exceeds the lesser of 5% of the proceeds **or** \$5 million.

Issue price. The issue price of bonds is generally determined under Regulations section 1.148-1(f). Thus, when issued for cash, the issue price is the first price at which a substantial amount of the bonds are sold to the public. To determine the issue price of a bond issued for property, see sections 1273 and 1274 and the related regulations.

Issue. Generally, bonds are treated as part of the same issue if they are issued by the same issuer, on the same date, and in a single transaction, or a series of related transactions (see Regulations section 1.149(e)-1(e)(2)). However, bonds issued during the same calendar year **(a)** under a loan agreement under which amounts are to be advanced periodically (a "draw-down loan"), or **(b)** with a term not exceeding 270 days, may be treated as part of the same issue if the bonds are equally and ratably secured under a single indenture or loan agreement and are issued under a common financing arrangement (for example, under the same official statement periodically updated to reflect changing factual circumstances). Also, for bonds issued under a draw-down loan that meet the requirements of the preceding sentence, bonds issued during different calendar years may be treated as part of the same issue if all of the amounts to be advanced under the draw-down loan are reasonably expected to be advanced within 3 years of the date of issue of the first bond. Likewise, bonds (other than private activity bonds) issued under a single agreement that is in the form of a lease or installment sale may be treated as part of the same issue if all of the property covered by that agreement is reasonably expected to be delivered within 3 years of the date of issue of the first bond.

Arbitrage rebate. Generally, interest on a state or local bond is not tax exempt unless the issuer of the bond rebates to the United States arbitrage profits earned from investing proceeds of the bond in higher yielding nonpurpose investments. See section 148(f).

Construction issue. This is an issue of tax-exempt bonds that meets **both** of the following conditions.

1. At least 75% of the available construction proceeds are to be used for

construction expenditures with respect to property to be owned by a governmental unit or a section 501(c)(3) organization.

2. All the bonds that are part of the issue are qualified 501(c)(3) bonds, bonds that are not private activity bonds, or private activity bonds issued to finance property to be owned by a governmental unit or a section 501(c)(3) organization.

In lieu of rebating any arbitrage that may be owed to the United States, the issuer of a construction issue may make an irrevocable election to pay a penalty. The penalty is equal to 1½% of the amount of construction proceeds that do not meet certain spending requirements. See section 148(f)(4)(C) and the Instructions for Form 8038-T.

Pooled financing issue. This is an issue of tax-exempt bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used to finance purpose investments representing conduit loans to two or more conduit borrowers, unless those conduit loans are to be used to finance a single capital project.

Specific Instructions

Part I—Reporting Authority

Amended return. An issuer may file an amended return to change or add to the information reported on a previously filed return for the same date of issue. If you are filing to correct errors or change a previously filed return, check the *Amended Return* box in the heading of the form.

The amended return must provide all the information reported on the original return, in addition to the new or corrected information. Attach an explanation of the reason for the amended return and write across the top, "Amended Return Explanation." Failure to attach an explanation may result in a delay in processing the form.

Line 1. The issuer's name is the name of the entity issuing the bonds, not the name of the entity receiving the benefit of the financing. For a lease or installment sale, the issuer is the lessee or the purchaser.

Line 2. An issuer that does not have an employer identification number (EIN) should apply online by visiting the IRS website at [IRS.gov/EIN](https://www.irs.gov/EIN). The organization may also apply for an EIN by faxing or mailing Form SS-4 to the IRS.

Line 3a. If the issuer wishes to authorize a person other than an officer or other employee of the issuer (including a legal representative or paid preparer) to communicate with the IRS and whom the IRS may contact about this return (including in writing or by telephone), enter the name of such person here. The person listed on line 3a must be an individual. Do

not enter the name and title of an officer or other employee of the issuer here (use line 10a for that purpose).

Note. By authorizing a person other than an authorized officer or other employee of the issuer to communicate with the IRS and whom the IRS may contact about this return, the issuer authorizes the IRS to communicate directly with the individual entered on line 3a and consents to disclose the issuer's return information to that individual, as necessary, to process this return.

Lines 4 and 6. If you listed an individual on line 3a to communicate with the IRS and whom the IRS may contact about this return, enter the number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address), city, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of that person. Otherwise, enter the issuer's number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address), city, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code.

Note. The address entered on lines 4 and 6 is the address the IRS will use for all written communications regarding the processing of this return, including any notices.

Line 5. This line is for IRS use only. Do not make any entries in this box.

Line 7. The date of issue is generally the first date on which the issuer physically exchanges any bond included in the issue for the underwriter's (or other purchaser's) funds. For a lease or installment sale, enter the date interest starts to accrue in an MM/DD/YYYY format.

Line 8. If there is no name of the issue, please provide other identification of the issue.

Line 9. Enter the CUSIP (Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures) number of the bond with the latest maturity. If the issue does not have a CUSIP number, write "None."

Line 10a. Enter the name and title of the officer or other employee of the issuer whom the IRS may call for more information. If the issuer wishes to designate a person other than an officer or other employee of the issuer (including a legal representative or paid preparer) whom the IRS may call for more information about the return, enter the name, title, and telephone number of such person on lines 3a and 3b.



Complete lines 10a and 10b even if you complete lines 3a and 3b.

Part II—Type of Issue



Elections referred to in Part II are made on the original bond documents, not on this form.

Identify the type of bonds issued by entering the issue price in the box corresponding to the type of bond (see *Issue price* under *Definitions*, earlier). Attach a schedule listing names and EINs of organizations that are to use proceeds of these bonds, if different from those of the issuer, include a brief summary of the use and indicate whether or not such user is a governmental or nongovernmental entity.

Line 18. Enter a description of the issue in the space provided.

Line 19. If the bonds are short-term tax anticipation notes or warrants (TANs) or short-term revenue anticipation notes or warrants (RANs), check box 19a. If the bonds are short-term bond anticipation notes (BANs), issued with the expectation that they will be refunded with the proceeds of long-term bonds at some future date, check box 19b. Do not check both boxes.

Line 20. Check this box if property other than cash is exchanged for the bond, for example, acquiring a police car, a fire truck, or telephone equipment through a series of monthly payments. (This type of bond is sometimes referred to as a "municipal lease.") Also check this box if real property is directly acquired in exchange for a bond to make periodic payments of interest and principal. **Do not** check this box if the proceeds of the bond are received in the form of cash, even if the term "lease" is used in the title of the issue.

Part III—Description of Bonds

Line 21. For column (a), the final maturity date is the last date the issuer must redeem the entire issue.

For column (b), see *Issue price* under *Definitions*, earlier.

For column (c), the stated redemption price at maturity of the entire issue is the sum of the stated redemption prices at maturity of each bond issued as part of the issue. For a lease or installment sale, write "N/A" in column (c).

For column (d), the weighted average maturity is the sum of the products of the issue price of each maturity and the number of years to maturity (determined separately for each maturity and by taking into account mandatory redemptions), divided by the issue price of the entire issue (from line 21, column (b)). For a lease or installment sale, enter instead the total number of years the lease or installment sale will be outstanding.

For column (e), the yield, as defined in section 148(h), is the discount rate that, when used to figure the present value of all payments of principal and interest to be paid on the bond, produces an amount equal to the purchase price, including accrued interest. See Regulations section 1.148-4 for specific rules to figure the yield on an issue. If the issue is a variable rate issue, write "VR" as the yield of the issue. For other than variable rate issues, carry the yield out to four decimal places (for example, 5.3125%). If the issue is a lease or installment sale, enter the effective rate of interest being paid.

Part IV—Uses of Proceeds of Bond Issue

For a lease or installment sale, write "N/A" in the space to the right of the title for Part IV.

Line 22. Enter the amount of proceeds that will be used to pay interest on the issue accruing prior to the date of issue. For definition of date of issue, see these instructions, line 7.

Line 24. Enter the amount of the proceeds that will be used to pay bond issuance costs, including fees for trustees and bond counsel. If no bond proceeds will be used to pay bond issuance costs, enter zero. Do not leave this line blank.

Line 25. Enter the amount of the proceeds that will be used to pay fees for credit enhancement that are taken into account in determining the yield on the issue for purposes of section 148(h) (for example, bond insurance premiums and certain fees for letters of credit).

Line 26. Enter the amount of proceeds that will be allocated to such a fund.

Line 27. Enter the amount of the proceeds that will be used to pay principal, interest, or call premium on any tax-exempt bonds, including proceeds that will be used to fund an escrow account for this purpose.

Line 28. Enter the amount of the proceeds that will be used to pay principal, interest, or call premium on any taxable bonds, including proceeds that will be used to fund an escrow account for this purpose.

Part V—Description of Refunded Bonds

Complete this part only if the bonds are to be used to refund a prior issue of tax-exempt bonds or taxable bonds. For a lease or installment sale, write "N/A" in the space to the right of the title for Part V.

Lines 31 and 32. The remaining weighted average maturity is determined without regard to the refunding. The weighted average maturity is determined

in the same manner as on line 21, column (d).

Line 34. If more than a single issue of tax-exempt bonds or taxable bonds will be refunded, enter the date of issue for each refunded issue. Enter the date in an MM/DD/YYYY format.

Part VI—Miscellaneous

Line 35. An allocation of volume cap is required if the nonqualified amount for the issue is more than \$15 million but is not more than the amount that would cause the issue to be private activity bonds.

Line 36. If any portion of the gross proceeds of the issue is or will be invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC), as defined in Regulations section 1.148-1(b), enter the amount of the gross proceeds so invested, as well as the final maturity date of the GIC and the name of the provider of such contract.

Line 37. If the issue is a pooled financing issue (as defined under *Pooled financing issue* in *Definitions*, earlier), enter the amount of the proceeds used to make loans to other governmental units, the interest on which is tax exempt.

Line 38. If the issue is a loan of proceeds from a pooled financing issue (as defined under *Pooled financing issue* in *Definitions*, earlier), check the box and where asked for the date of issue, EIN, and name of the issuer of the master pool bond, enter the date of issue, EIN, and name of the issuer of the pooled financing issue.

Line 40. Check this box if the issue is a construction issue and an irrevocable election to pay a penalty in lieu of arbitrage rebate has been made on or before the date the bonds were issued. The penalty is payable with a Form 8038-T for each 6-month period after the date the bonds are issued. Do not make any payment of penalty in lieu of arbitrage rebate with this form. See Rev. Proc. 92-22, 1992-1 C.B. 736, for rules regarding the "election document."

Line 41a. Check this box if the issuer has identified a hedge on its books and records according to Regulations sections 1.148-4(h)(2)(viii) and 1.148-4(h)(5) that permit an issuer of tax-exempt bonds to identify a hedge for it to be included in yield calculations for figuring arbitrage.

Line 42. In determining if the issuer has super-integrated a hedge, apply the rules of Regulations section 1.148-4(h)(4). If the hedge is super-integrated, check the box.

Line 43. If the issuer takes a "deliberate action" after the issue date that causes the conditions of the private business tests or the private loan financing test to be met, then such issue is also an issue of private

activity bonds. Regulations section 1.141-2(d)(3) defines a deliberate action as any action taken by the issuer that is within its control regardless of whether there is intent to violate such tests. Regulations section 1.141-12 explains the conditions to taking remedial action that prevent an action that causes an issue to meet the private business tests or private loan financing test from being treated as a deliberate action. Check the box if the issuer has established written procedures to ensure timely remedial action for all nonqualified bonds according to Regulations section 1.141-12 or other remedial actions authorized by the Commissioner under Regulations section 1.141-12(h).

Line 44. Check the box if the issuer has established written procedures to monitor compliance with the arbitrage, yield restriction, and rebate requirements of section 148.

Line 45a. Check the box if some part of the proceeds was used to reimburse expenditures. Figure and then enter the amount of proceeds that are used to reimburse the issuer for amounts paid for a qualified purpose prior to the issuance of the bonds. See Regulations section 1.150-2.

Line 45b. An issuer must adopt an official intent to reimburse itself for preissuance expenditures within 60 days after payment of the original expenditure unless excepted by Regulations section 1.150-2(f). Enter the date the official intent was adopted. See Regulations section 1.150-2(e) for more information about official intent.

Signature and Consent

An authorized representative of the issuer must sign Form 8038-G and any applicable certification. Also print the

name and title of the person signing Form 8038-G. The authorized representative of the issuer signing this form must have the authority to consent to the disclosure of the issuer's return information, as necessary to process this return, to the person(s) that have been designated in Form 8038-G.

Note. If the issuer in Part I, lines 3a and 3b, authorizes the IRS to communicate (including in writing and by telephone) with a person other than an officer or other employee of the issuer, by signing this form, the issuer's authorized representative consents to the disclosure of the issuer's return information, as necessary to process this return, to such person.

Paid Preparer

If an authorized officer of the issuer filled in this return, the paid preparer's space should remain blank. Anyone who prepares the return but does not charge the organization should not sign the return. Certain others who prepare the return should not sign. For example, a regular, full-time employee of the issuer, such as a clerk, secretary, etc., should not sign.

Generally, anyone who is paid to prepare a return must sign it and fill in the other blanks in the *Paid Preparer Use Only* area of the return.

The paid preparer must:

- Sign the return in the space provided for the preparer's signature (a facsimile signature is acceptable),
- Enter the preparer information, and
- Give a copy of the return to the issuer.

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