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Sondra Ainsworth is the Treasurer-Controller for the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) and has held that position since 2014. In her current role, Mr. Ainsworth is responsible for oversight of treasury and investment management, debt management, grants management, budget planning and reporting, financial controls, financial and governmental reporting, and annual reporting of the funding statuses for the Agency's Pension and OPEB Programs. She has over 20 years of experience in public finance in the municipal electric utility sector, including public utility finance and accounting, financial forecasting, policy development, rate and revenue requirement design and setting, business process analysis, and revenue billing, collection, and customer service. Ms. Ainsworth is the current Chair of the Transmission Agency of Northern California Audit and Budget Committee. Prior to joining NCPA, she held the positions of Deputy Manager, Financial Services and Controller, Energy Department at the Imperial Irrigation District (IID). She also served as the Alternate Director for Southern California Public Power Agency Finance Committee on behalf of IID. She has a Master of Business Administration degree from San Diego State University.

David R. Carr

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Dave Carr worked for the City of Santa Monica for 34 years, the last 15 of which as the Assistant City Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director. Included in his responsibilities were management of the City's \$700 million investment portfolio and the City's debt portfolio, as well as revenue and economic forecasting. In October of 2023, Mr. Carr retired from the City, and in November of 2023 joined Robert W. Baird as a director in Baird's Fixed Income and Capital Markets Unit.

Mr. Carr holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California.

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Ben Finkelstein is a managing director at Robert W. Baird & Co. Mr. Finkelstein brings over 30 years of experience and dedication to public funds. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst holder and author of "Politics of Public Fund Investing - how to modify Wall Street to fit Main Street."

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Laura is a Senior Director of Investment Advisory Services for Public Trust based in Atlanta, Georgia, where she is responsible for providing individually tailored and customized investment management, administrative, and advisory solutions to public sector entities across the U.S. Prior to joining Public Trust, Laura most recently served as a Portfolio Manager for the State of Georgia where she was responsible for the management of the State's commingled LGIP, served on the Office of State Treasurer Investment Committee, and was the point person for fund distribution for hundreds of state and local government clients.

Laura received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Auburn University and is a CFA charterholder. She is an active member and former president of the Government Investment Officers Association (GIOA) and a frequent expert panelist on LGIPs at the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) and GIOA Conferences. Laura led the states response to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) exposure draft on GASB Statement 79 regarding external investment pools and pool participants.

Robert Hannay, CFA

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Robert Hannay joined the East Bay Municipal Utility District in 2018 as Treasury Manager. Mr. Hannay is responsible for the oversight of the District's debt management, investment management, and rate planning operations. Mr. Hannay additionally provides financial and investment management support to the District's retirement system. Prior to joining the District, Mr. Hannay worked in consulting, at a rating agency, at a financial advisory firm, and in public finance investment banking. Mr. Hannay has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering and City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter holder.

Angelica Hernandez

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Angelica Hernandez is the Deputy Executive Director of the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC). Over the past fifteen years Ms. Hernandez has held various positions within CDIAC including Manager of the Policy Research Unit and Manager of the Technical Assistance Unit. Prior to her time at CDIAC, she was a staff loan officer with the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank.

Ms. Hernandez was instrumental in the development of the California Debt Financing Guide interactive application and is currently working on content for CDIAC's Elected Officials Training modules. As the manager of the Policy Research Unit she managed researchers who are focused on Socially Responsible

Investing for public agencies, climate change risk disclosures and green bonds. During her time at CDIAC, she has participated on numerous projects, including the recently published California Debt Financing Guide, the annual update to the Local Agency Investment Guidelines (LAIG), and she wrote a three-part series on public-private partnerships. She is a graduate of the University of California, Davis.

Deborah M. Higgins

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Deborah Higgins has 38+ years of experience in institutional fixed income, the last 27 years as the fixed income trader for Higgins Capital. She specializes in public agency clients. She remains active in supporting public agencies. She serves on the Investment Advisory Committee for the City of San Diego, the CMTA Investment Policy Certification Committee and the CMTA Education Committee. She continues her work on CDIAC's LAIG annual review as well as a frequent speaker for CDIAC and CACTTC education. She holds the following FINRA licenses; Series 7, 63, 65, 24 and 53.

John Johnson

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John Johnson was appointed Assistant Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector in 2022 and is responsible for the management and oversight of ATC's Administration, Information Technology, and Treasurer Divisions and the SAP Center of Excellence. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector, Mr. Johnson held the position of Chief Deputy Treasurer where he directed the activities for the County's investment and cash management units. Prior to joining the County in 2004, he worked in the banking and securities industry as a financial advisor and registered securities representative. He has over 30 years of experience providing accounting and financial services in the private and public sectors.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is an active participant in the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors (CACTTC), California Municipal Treasurers Association (CMTA), and the Investment Managers of Public Agencies Council (IMPAC). He also serves on the County's Defined Contribution and Debt Advisory Committees and is Alternate Ex Officio Member on the SBCERA Board of Retirement. Mr. Johnson is a current Life Member and Past Distinguished President of the Optimist Club of Redlands and is a Past President of the Inland Empire Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

R.C. Kinzly

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R.C. Kinzly joined the County of San Diego as an Investment Officer in November 2015, bringing nearly 15 years of treasury, capital markets, investments and trading experience to the County of San Diego. Previous to being with the County, RC worked in Toyota's Treasury and Capital Markets Division managing their short-term debt issuance and liquidity management. Prior to Toyota, he worked

on Citigroup's funding desk in Baltimore, MD. RC has an undergraduate degree from the University of Buffalo.

Jason Klinghoffer, CFA

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Jason Klinghoffer is a former United States Marine who has served in the public treasury management space since 2006. He is currently a Director in Debt Capital Markets for Mischler Financial Group and the Principal owner of MaxQ Analytics, LLC.

In his role at Mischler, Mr. Klinghoffer trades on behalf of public treasury accounts and leads the Agency Syndicate effort. He works directly with swap counterparties and agency representatives to increase New Issue access to clients and increase volume for GSE diversity access programs.

As the core developer of MaxQ Analytics, Mr. Klinghoffer and his team have created a suite of cloud-based solutions that address the philosophical, political and analytical complexities of public fund portfolio management. These systems include connected back-office accounting, reporting and trade management models that work in tandem with strategy development, asset-liability management and portfolio performance monitoring solutions.

Mr. Klinghoffer holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation from the CFA Institute and is an active member of the CFA Society of Orange County.

Connie Mobley-Ritter MBA, CTP

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Connie Mobley-Ritter has served as Director of Treasury for the San Mateo County Transit District since 2016. Prior to this, she worked in the private sector for companies such as at Volpe, Welty & Company, Epocrates, Inc., VMWare, and Blackhawk Network. In her current position, Mrs. Mobley-Ritter leads Treasury for four Transportation Agencies in San Mateo County (the San Mateo County Transit District, San Mateo County Transportation Authority, Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board and San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority), manages over \$2.5 Billion in debt and investments and is responsible for Cash Management, Banking, Investments, Debt, Fare Revenue, Sales Tax, and other functions for these Agencies. She is a member of both CMTA and CSMFO and holds a Certified Treasury Professional designation. Mrs. Mobley-Ritter holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arkansas and a Master of Business Administration from Midwestern State University.

Kent Morris

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Kent Morris has been the Treasurer of the Irvine Ranch Water District, the ninth largest in California, for the last six months. He oversees a fixed income portfolio of nearly \$400 million, a debt portfolio of nearly \$675 million, and a real estate portfolio of approximately \$250 million (2 apartment complexes and 4 commercial real estate properties), which yielded over 12% return last fiscal year. He also oversees the

District's 457a Deferred Compensation plan and its Pension and OPEB trusts. Previously, he was the Chief Investment Officer for the City of San Diego for 17 years and at the city for over 22 years, where he oversaw the management of the city's approximately \$3 billion dollar Investment Pool.

Mr. Morris is a seasoned professional in the areas of portfolio management and treasury services. He has a Master of Business Administration from San Diego State University. He has held the designation of a Certified Treasury Professional with the Association of Financial Professionals since 2001 and taught a review course for this same designation at Chapman University for nearly 10 years. Mr. Morris currently serves as a member of the State of California's CDIAC Investment Guideline Review Working group since 2017. If Mr. Morris ever gets a chance to retire, he plans to volunteer for various organizations and teach part-time at a junior college or university to continue his passion of educating others and passing on the knowledge he has accumulated over the course of his career.

Susan Munson

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Susan Munson has 30+ years of experience in the fixed income markets serving institutional and middle market accounts, with an emphasis on public agency clients. In addition to her sales and advisory experience, for the past 15 years Ms. Munson has also been actively involved in fixed income education, including the CMTA Education and Certification Committee. She maintains her Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) designation and FINRA licenses series 7 and 63.

Carlos Oblites

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Carlos Oblites is a Senior Portfolio Strategist at Chandler Asset Management. He is responsible for building and maintaining client relationships with public agencies along with participating actively in the portfolio management process. Mr. Oblites has over 28 years of investment and financial experience, focused largely on managing fixed income and pension strategies for governmental and institutional non-profit clients.

Prior to joining Chandler, Mr. Oblites served as the Administrative Services Manager at Central Marin Sanitation Agency and was responsible for all aspects of the Agency's financial, human resources, administrative support, and information systems activities. He also has significant expertise in serving the investment needs of California public agencies, healthcare, and insurance clients through his roles as Director at PFM Asset Management and as a Principal at Wells Capital Management.

Mr. Oblites holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from San Francisco State University.

Laura Parisi, CPA

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Laura Parisi is the treasurer at the City of Laguna Beach. She was appointed in 1999 then elected during the past six election cycles. Her responsibilities are the receipt, deposit and investment of city funds, banking, assessment district administration (including bond administration) and Transient Occupancy Tax reviews. During the pandemic, she served as the Interim Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector and Interim Director of Investment for the County of Orange. She is a member of the advisory committee for CDIAC's Local Agency Investment Guidelines and a member of the Revenue and Taxation Committee for League of California Cities. Prior to her roles in the public sector, Ms. Parisi worked for almost twenty years in the private sector. Her jobs included chief financial officer, vice president of finance, controller and certified public accountant (CPA). Ms. Parisi is a Certified California Municipal Treasurer (CCMT) and a Certified Fixed Income Practitioner (CFIP) with degrees in accounting, business administration and a minor in economics from Illinois State University.

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Rick Phillips is Chief Investment Strategist at Meeder Public Funds. The firm provides investment management and consulting services to state and local governments which have over \$100 billion of assets under management. Prior to joining Meeder, Mr. Phillips was the President of FHN Financial Main Street Advisors from 2004 to 2023, the Chief Investment Officer at Clark County, Nevada from 1998 to 2004, and was the Investment Officer for the City of Las Vegas from 1989 to 1998.

Mr. Phillips is the founder of the Government Investment Officers Association (GIOA), which has over 1,000 government investment officers as members. Mr. Phillips has a Bachelor of Science in finance from Brigham Young University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Utah.

Alaynè Marie Sampson

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Alaynè Marie Sampson joined Chandler in 2022 as a Senior Portfolio Strategist. Ms. Sampson is a member of the Investment Management Team and participates actively in the portfolio management process as well as builds and maintains client relationships. She has over 20 years of investment and financial experience. Ms. Sampson focuses on identifying and communicating key investment related themes and trends for implementation into fixed income strategies for local government and institutional clients.

Prior to joining Chandler, Ms. Sampson was a Senior Short-Term Credit Analyst, where she was responsible for fundamental credit analysis of commercial paper issuers for a \$135 billion cash portfolio. Other roles include Business Project Manager, TAP Associate, and Senior Business Systems Analyst. She is the Board Chair for Court Appointed Special Advocates of Los Angeles.

Ms. Sampson is a graduate of Cornell University with her B.A. in Women's Studies. She holds the FINRA Series 65 license.

Monique Spyke

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Monique Spyke joined PFM Asset Management in 2003 and serves as a client liaison for Western region clients, where her primary focus is the development and implementation of investment strategies for operating funds and bond proceeds related accounts.

Ms. Spyke has substantial experience drafting investment policies and indenture and resolution provisions governing permitted investments. She has served as a client manager for billions of assets under management and advisement. Her clients include municipalities, non-profit corporations, hospitals, universities and colleges. Ms. Spyke has conducted numerous training workshops for clients and is a frequent lecturer on bond proceeds reinvestment-related matters.

Vishal Thacker

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Vishal Thacker is the Assistant Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer of Alameda County. He managed approximately \$10 billion of the County's funds. Prior to his service with the County, he held several positions on Wall Street including Vice President of Trading and Sales at Morgan Stanley and advised clients on several transactions including bond underwriting, real-estate investments, and portfolio management.

He has invested in developing his knowledge of finance and contributing to its community. He is the President of California Municipal Treasurer's Association (CMTA), a mission-driven group to lead in promoting and enhancing the fiduciary responsibility and integrity of individuals responsible for public funds; he is also the Treasurer of IMPAC, a trade group focused on improving communication and expertise for public sector investment officers within California; and he holds the designation of a Certified Treasury Professional with the Association for Financial Professionals, an international society setting the standards of excellence in finance.

Kevin Webb, CFA

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Kevin Webb joined Robert W. Baird & Co. in 2021 and is constantly seeking sleep-adjusted returns in a sleepless world. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of both the CFA Institute and Global Association of Risk Professionals.

Hubert R. White, CFA, CTP

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As Chief Investment Officer of the City & County of San Francisco, Mr. White is responsible for management of the City's \$16+ billion-dollar short duration fixed income portfolio. His responsibilities include setting of portfolio strategy, reviewing and analyzing macroeconomic data, performing security and cash flow analysis, and the day-to-day trading of the portfolio. He is also responsible for management and oversight of the investment team. Before joining the City in 2014, Mr. White spent over

25 years at various asset management firms specializing in the management of short duration fixed income portfolios. These included numerous money market mutual funds, enhanced cash portfolios, securities lending cash reinvestment portfolios, and separately managed short duration fixed income accounts for corporations, municipalities, and individuals.

Mr. White has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation from the CFA Institute. He also earned the Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) designation from the Association of Financial Professionals. He is a member of the CFA Institute, the CFA Society of San Francisco, and the Association of Treasury Professionals. Mr. White is the past president for CMTA (California Municipal Treasurers Association), the past president of IMPAC (The Investment Managers of Public Agencies Council), and the current president of GIOA (Government Investment Officers Association). He is also a member of GFOA's (Government Finance Officers Association) Treasury & Investment Management Committee. Mr. White received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond.

