

AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THAT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the *Board*) of the Laguna Madre Water District (the *District*) located in Cameron County, Texas (the *County*), hereby finds and determines that a special election (the *Election*) should be held to determine whether the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount and for the purposes identified in this order (the *Order*); and

WHEREAS, the District is a conservation and reclamation district created under article XVI, section 59 of the Texas Constitution and operating under chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board will approve an engineer's report, to be supplemented as necessary, covering the land, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances to be purchased or constructed from proceeds of the proposed bonds (the *Project*) and the Project's estimated cost, together with maps, plats, profiles, and data fully showing and explaining the report (the *Engineer's Report*); and

WHEREAS, the Engineer's Report will be filed in the office of the District and open to inspection by the public; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer's Report contains an estimate of the Project as summarized below as "Construction Costs"; and

WHEREAS, the Board has arrived at an estimate of additional costs and expenses that will be incurred by the District incidental to its operation and financing of the Project as set forth below as "Non-construction Costs"; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer's Report, the Construction Costs, and the Non-Construction Costs are not approved by voters, nor do they form a contract with the voters; and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the County, acting by and through its elections administrator (the *Administrator*) to conduct all aspects of the Election for all registered voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the *Participants*) pursuant to a joint election or similar agreement according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions hereinbefore described are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. Cost Estimates. The Board approves the following estimates and reserves the right to authorize amendments.

Construction Costs

Seawater Intake at Turning Basin	\$18,000,000
Raw Water Pipeline	\$ 1,200,000
Reverse Osmosis Plant	\$37,500,000
Waste Discharge Pump Station	\$ 3,000,000
Environmental Mitigation	\$ 1,000,000
Construction Management	\$ 2,000,000
Subtotal Construction	\$62,700,000
Less Existing Authority	\$ 5,655,000
Remaining Construction Costs	\$57,045,000

Non-Construction Costs

Cost of Issuance	\$ 800,000
Origination Fee (TWDB / Underwriter's Discount)	\$ 1,155,000
Subtotal Non-construction Costs	\$ 1,955,000

TOTAL FUNDING \$59,000,000

SECTION 2. Election Ordered; Purpose; Amount. The Election will be held in the District on May 3, 2025 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the *Order*), for the purpose of submitting the following measure to the qualified voters of the District:

LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT MEASURE A

Should the Board of Directors of the Laguna Madre Water District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District in the principal amount not to exceed \$59,000,000 for the purposes of purchasing, constructing, acquiring, owning, operating, repairing, improving, or extending any District works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances needed to accomplish the purposes set forth in section 54.012, Texas Water Code, as amended, for which the District was created, including works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances needed to provide a waterworks system, sanitary sewer system, storm sewer system, and solid waste disposal system, with priority given to seawater desalination facilities, and with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold as permitted by law; and will the Board of Directors be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?

SECTION 3. Ballots. The official ballot will permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the measure above with the following ballot language:

LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$59,000,000 for seawater desalination facilities and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

SECTION 4. Polling Details.

A. One or more District election precincts are established for Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with one or more corresponding polling places as identified on Exhibit A to this Order. As permitted by the Code, polling places may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

B. Exhibit A also includes the places, dates, and hours for early voting in person. As permitted by the Code, these details may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election. Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on April 22, 2025. Applications should be sent to the Early Voting Clerk named below. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original.

SECTION 5. Election Officials. To the extent required by the Code or other applicable law, the appointment of election officials at polling locations will include a person fluent in the Spanish language.

A. The Administrator will appoint Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, and Election Clerks.

B. The Early Voting Clerk is: Remi Garza; mailing address: P.O. Box 3587, Brownsville, TX 78523; physical address: 1050 E. Madison St., Brownsville, TX 78520; phone: (956) 544-0809; fax: (956) 550-7298; and email: elections@co.cameron.tx.us. The Early Voting Clerk will appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks.

C. The Administrator is authorized to establish an Early Voting Ballot Board and to designate the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board and, if needed, the members of Signature Verification Committee.

D. The District is authorized to use a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) if needed. The Administrator or the Administrator’s designee is appointed as the Manager of the Station with the authority to appoint the Tabulation Supervisor, the Programmer, and any Clerks.

SECTION 6. Qualified Voters. The District's qualified voters (as defined by the Code) will be entitled to vote in the Election at the dates, times, and places reflected on Exhibit A.

SECTION 7. Legal Compliance. The Election and notice of Election will be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, materials relating to the Election will be printed in English, Spanish, and any other required language.

SECTION 8. Debt Obligations. The following information is calculated based on bond market conditions as of the date of the adoption of this Order; is further explained in one or more voter information documents attached to this Order as exhibits; and is not intended to serve as a cap or other restriction should the bonds be authorized at the Election.

A. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt totaled \$64,965,000 (including maintenance tax debt, if any).

B. The aggregate amount of the interest owed on the District's debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$46,564,613.

C. The District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.062004 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

D. The maturity date of the proposed bonds will not exceed the maximum number of years authorized by law.

E. The maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 5.00% (expressed as a net effective interest rate).

SECTION 9. Contracting Authority. The Board authorizes the District's President of the Board or the President's designee to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, or similar contracts with the County, acting by and through the Administrator, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law.

SECTION 10. Modifications. The Board acknowledges that information required to complete the Exhibits to this Order may not be available when the Election is ordered, and the Board therefore authorizes the District's President of the Board or the President's designee to correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to the extent permitted by applicable law. Additionally, the Board authorizes these individuals to make technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable law or to carry out the intent of the Board as evidenced in this Order.

SECTION 11. Findings. The recitals contained in the preamble of this Order are found to be true.

SECTION 12. Conflicts. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order will be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 13. Controlling Law. This Order will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 14. Open Meetings. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

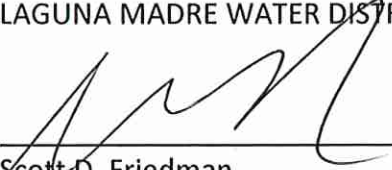
SECTION 15. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application of this Order to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order remains effective.

SECTION 16. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its approval.

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PASSED AND APPROVED on February 12, 2025.

LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT



Scott D. Friedman
Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Jason Starkey
Secretary, Board of Directors



(DISTRICT SEAL)

[Signature Page to Bond Election Order]

Exhibit A
EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS FOR THE MAY 3, 2025 ELECTIONS

LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATES	TIMES
Main Office	Cameron County Courthouse Judicial Complex 954 E. Harrison St. Brownsville, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Brownsville Public Library	2600 Central Blvd. Brownsville, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Southmost Public Library	4320 Southmost Road Brownsville, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
New Horizon Medical Center	191 E. Price Rd. Brownsville Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd Community Church	300 W. Morrison Rd. Brownsville, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
City of Port Isabel City Hall	305 E. Maxan St. Port Isabel, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
South Padre Island Community Center	4501 Padre Blvd. South Padre Island, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Laguna Vista City Hall	122 Fernandez St. Laguna Vista, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Maria Luisa Ruiz Guerra Annex Bldg.	116 Santa Vista Ave. Santa Rosa, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Los Indios Community Center	309 E. Heywood St. Los Indios, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall	219 E. Commercial Ave. La Feria, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Rio Hondo Municipal Center	121 N. Arroyo Blvd. Rio Hondo, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Harlingen County Annex Bldg.	3302 Wilson Rd. Harlingen, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Harlingen Cultural Arts Center	576 "76" Dr. Harlingen, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Harlingen CISD Administrative Bldg.	407 N. 77 Sunshine Strip Harlingen, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
San Benito Community Building	210 E. Heywood San Benito, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Town of Rancho Viejo City Hall	3301 Carmen Ave. Rancho Viejo, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The Hub	39046 LBJ Blvd. Brownsville, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Cameron Park Community Center	2100 Gregory Ave. Brownsville, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Santa Maria ISD Administrative Bldg,	11119 Military Hwy 281 Santa Maria, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Los Fresnos Community Center	204 N. Brazil St. Los Fresnos, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
City of Primera City Hall	16603 Community Dr. Primera, Texas	Tuesday, April 22 - Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, April 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**CAMERON COUNTY
LIST OF VOTE CENTERS (POLLING PLACES)**

May 3, 2025 Elections

Locations subject to change

	VOTE CENTER	ADDRESS	CITY
1	Benavides Elementary School	3101 McAllen Rd.	Brownsville
2	The Hub	39046 LBJ Blvd.	Brownsville
3	Brownsville Public Library	2600 Central Blvd.	Brownsville
4	Burns Elementary School	1974 E. Alton Gloor Rd.	Brownsville
5	Cameron County Courthouse Judicial Complex	954 E. Harrison St.	Brownsville
6	Cameron Park Community Center (El Centro Cultural)	2100 Gregory Ave.	Brownsville
7	Del Castillo-Morningside Elementary School	1025 Morningside Rd.	Brownsville
8	Dora Romero Elementary	9705 Cajun Blvd.	Brownsville
9	El Jardin Elementary School	6911 Boca Chica Blvd.	Brownsville
10	Homer Hanna High School	2615 Price Rd.	Brownsville
11	Hudson Elementary School	2980 FM 802	Brownsville
12	J.T. Canales Elementary School	1811 International Blvd.	Brownsville
13	James Pace High School	314 W. Los Ebanos Blvd.	Brownsville
14	Judge Reynaldo G. Garza at Southmost Elementary School	5245 Southmost Rd.	Brownsville
15	Mariano Gonzalez Sr. Elementary School	4350 Jaime Zapata Ave.	Brownsville
16	Oliveira Middle School	444 Land O' Lakes Dr.	Brownsville
17	Olmito Elementary School	2500 Arroyo Blvd	Brownsville
18	Perkins Middle School	4750 Austin Rd.	Brownsville
19	R.L. Martin Elementary School	1701 Stanford Ave.	Brownsville
20	Russell Elementary School	800 Lakeside Blvd.	Brownsville
21	Sharp Elementary School	1439 Palm Blvd.	Brownsville
22	Simon Rivera High School	6955 FM 802	Brownsville
23	Skinner Elementary School	411 W. St. Charles St.	Brownsville
24	Southmost Public Library	4320 Southmost Rd.	Brownsville
25	Veterans Memorial Early College High School	4550 US Military Hwy 281	Brownsville
26	Yturria Elementary School	2955 W. Tandy Rd.	Brownsville
27	Combes Municipal Complex	21626 Hand Road	Combes
28	Bowie Elementary School	309 W. Lincoln St.	Harlingen
29	Crockett Elementary School	1406 W. Jefferson St.	Harlingen
30	Harlingen CISD Administrative Building	407 N. 77 Sunshine Strip	Harlingen
31	Harlingen County Annex Bldg.	3302 Wilson Rd.	Harlingen
32	Harlingen Cultural Arts Center	576 "76" Dr.	Harlingen
33	Harlingen High School South	1701 Dixieland Rd.	Harlingen
34	Long Elementary School	2601 N. 7th St.	Harlingen
35	Stuart Place Elementary School	6701 W. Business 83	Harlingen
36	UTRGV (Clinical Education Bldg Auditorium)	2102 Treasure Hills	Harlingen
37	Vernon Middle School	125 S. 13th St.	Harlingen
38	Zavala Elementary School	1111 North "B" St.	Harlingen
39	American Legion Hall	219 E. Commercial Ave.	La Feria
40	Laguna Vista City Hall	122 Fernandez St	Laguna Vista
41	Los Fresnos Community Building	204 N. Brazil St.	Los Fresnos
42	Los Indios Community Center	309 E Heywood St.	Los Indios
43	Villareal Elementary School	7770 E. Lakeside Blvd.	Olmito
44	City of Port Isabel City Hall	305 E. Maxan St.	Port Isabel
45	City of Primera City Hall	16603 Community Dr.	Primera
46	Town of Rancho Viejo City Hall	3301 Carmen Ave.	Rancho Viejo
47	Rio Hondo Municipal Center (Civic Center)	121 N. Arroyo Blvd.	Rio Hondo
48	Ed Downs Elementary School	1302 N. Dick Dowling	San Benito
49	La Paloma Elementary School	35076 Padilla St.	San Benito
50	San Benito Community Bldg.	210 E. Heywood St.	San Benito
51	Sullivan Environmental Science Academy	900 Elizabeth St.	San Benito
52	Santa Maria ISD Administrative Bldg. Board Room	11119 Military Hwy 281	Santa Maria
53	Maria Luisa Ruiz Guerra County Annex	116 Santa Vista Ave.	Santa Rosa
54	South Padre Island Community Center	4501 Padre Blvd.	South Padre Island

Exhibit B (Anexo B)

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT [not part of the contract with voters]

(DOCUMENTO DE INFORMATIVO PARA LOS VOTANTES) [no forma parte del contrato con las votantes]

Laguna Madre Water District Proposition A:

(Propuesta A del Distrito de Agua de Laguna Madre:)

<input type="checkbox"/> For <i>(a favor)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Against <i>(en contra)</i>	The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$59,000,000 for seawater desalination facilities and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.	La emisión de bonos por un monto de \$59,000,000 para instalaciones desalinizadoras de agua de mar y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los bonos.
principal of debt obligations to be authorized <i>(capital de obligaciones de deuda que se autorizará)</i>		\$59,000,000
estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 5.00% <i>(interés estimado para las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán asumiendo una tasa de interés del 5.00%)</i>		\$56,248,295
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over <u>30 years</u> <i>(capital e intereses consolidados estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán amortizar durante 30 años)</i>		\$115,248,295
as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations <i>(a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes)</i>		\$64,965,000
as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations <i>(a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el interés estimado de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes)</i>		\$46,564,613
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations amortized over 29 years <i>(capital e intereses consolidados estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda pendientes amortizadas durante 29 años)</i>		\$111,516,732
as of the date the election was ordered, the ad valorem debt service tax rate per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation <i>(a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, la tasa impositiva ad valorem de servicio de la deuda por cada \$100 de valuación tasada gravable)</i>		\$0.062004
estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved <i>(aumento anual máximo estimado de la cantidad de impuestos sobre una residencia principal con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para saldar las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán, si se aprueba.)</i> As noted above, this figure makes conservative assumptions about the amortization period of the debt obligations and the estimated interest rate. <i>(Como se señaló anteriormente, esta cifra hace suposiciones conservadoras sobre el período de amortización de las obligaciones de deuda y la tasa de interés estimada.)</i> For purposes of this conservative illustration, the estimated future appraised values in the District are not expected to change. <i>(No se espera que los valores tasados futuros estimados en el Distrito cambien.)</i>		\$70.00