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# NOTICE OF SPECIFIED EVENT

Pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in connection with the below-listed issues, the California Housing Finance Agency ("CalHFA") hereby provides notice of the events described below (the "Specified Events") related to certain of the following bonds:

# California Housing Finance Agency Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds

2007 Series B, dated May 30, 2007

2007 Series C, dated June 28, 2007

2007 Series N, dated November 29, 2007

2008 Series H, dated May 14, 2008

2016 Series A, dated June 30, 2016

2017 Series A, dated June 29, 2017

# **Specified Event:**

On July 16, 2020, Moody's Investor Services upgraded its long-term rating of the above-captioned bonds to "Aa3" from "A1". The outlook on these ratings is stable. These ratings do not constitute any recommendation by CalHFA as to the purchase or sale of any bonds. Prospective purchasers or sellers of bonds should contact Moody's to obtain further explanation of the meaning and significance of such ratings. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any given period of time or that they will not be revised or withdrawn entirely by Moody's Investors Service, if in the judgement of Moody's Investors Service, circumstances so warrant.

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# Rating Action: Moody's upgrades to Aa3 from A1 California Housing Finance Agency's Home Mortgage Revenue Bond Program; outlook stable

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## Approximately \$551 million in debt affected

New York, July 16, 2020 -- Moody's Investors Service has upgraded all outstanding California Housing Finance Agency's Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds (HMRB) (\$551 million as of December 31, 2019) rating to Aa3 from A1. The outlook on the rating has been revised to stable from positive. In addition, Moody's has affirmed all outstanding VMIG 1 ratings in the program.

#### RATINGS RATIONALE

The Aa3 rating reflects the bond program's very strong collateralization levels (1.55x PADR), and margins (50%), strong portfolio composition, solid loan performance as well as skilled program management.

The affirmations of each VMIG 1 rating is based on the applicable standby bond purchase agreement(s) ("SBPA") provided by the applicable bank(s) as well as the bond program's rating.

We regard the coronavirus outbreak as a social risk under our ESG framework, given the substantial implications for public health and safety. The coronavirus crisis is not a key driver for this rating action. We do not see any material immediate credit risks for the Agency. However, the situation surrounding Coronavirus is rapidly evolving and the longer term impact will depend on both the severity and duration of the crisis. If our view of the credit quality of the Agency changes, we will update the rating and/or outlook at that time.

# **RATING OUTLOOK**

Moody's outlook is stable based on the strong financial performance which will help mitigate any potential weakening of the loan portfolio due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OF THE RATINGS

For the long term rating:

- A continuing decline in percentage of VRDOs and corresponding termination of swaps
- A continuation of the current trend of improved financial performance, including very high growth of PADR and profitability
- Continued and sustained reduction in delinquencies and loan losses

For the short term rating:

- Not applicable

# FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO A DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS

For the long term rating:

- A reversal of the trend in financial performance, including significantly reduced PADR and/or profitability
- A reversal in improving trends of mortgage loan performance, through increased delinquencies or foreclosures leading to increasing losses to the program

For the short term rating:

- Downgrade of the short term rating of the applicable Bank(s) and/or of the bond program's rating

LEGAL SECURITY

The bonds are special limited obligations of the Agency, payable solely from the revenues, reserves, assets and properties pledged under the Indenture, including the single family mortgage loans financed under the Indenture and certain reserve accounts. All of the

mortgage loans and other assets are pledged to secure all of the bonds, equally and ratably. The bonds are not backed by the State of California.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Not applicable

### **PROFILE**

HMRB was CalHFA's single family mortgage finance program from 1982 to 2008 and remains CalHFA's largest obligation with bonds outstanding totaling \$551 million as of 12/31/19). HMRB's performance represents a key driver of CalHFA's overall performance. Bond proceeds in this program were used to finance single family mortgages for low and moderate income households in the State of California. All of the bonds under the Indenture are secured equally and ratably by all of the mortgage loans.

HMRB is not a general obligation of CalHFA; however, CalHFA is responsible for payments on interest rate hedges, with reimbursement by HMRB.

### **METHODOLOGY**

The principal methodology used in the long-term ratings was US Housing Finance Agency Single-Family Housing Methodology published in October 2019 and available at

https://www.moodys.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBC\_1154478 . The principal methodology used in the short-term rating was Variable Rate Instruments Supported by Conditional Liquidity Facilities published in March 2017 and available at

https://www.moodys.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBC\_1057134 . Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on www.moodys.com for a copy of these methodologies.

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