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**LUCERNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(Lake County, California)**  
**General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016, Series B (2024)**

**PAYING AGENT/BOND REGISTRAR/COSTS OF ISSUANCE AGREEMENT**

THIS PAYING AGENT/BOND REGISTRAR/COSTS OF ISSUANCE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), is entered into as of May 1, 2024, by and between the LUCERNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "District") and U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (the "Paying Agent"), relating to the \$\_\_\_\_\_ Lucerne Elementary School District (Lake County, California) General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016, Series B (2024) (the "Bonds"). The District hereby appoints the Paying Agent to act in such capacity as Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Bond Registrar for the Bonds and Custodian and Disbursing Agent for the payment of costs of issuance relating to the Bonds (all such capacities referred to herein as "Paying Agent").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District has duly authorized and provided for the issuance of the Bonds as fully registered bonds without coupons;

WHEREAS, the District will ensure all things necessary to make the Bonds the valid obligations of the District, in accordance with their terms, will be done upon the issuance and delivery thereof;

WHEREAS, the District and the Paying Agent wish to provide the terms under which the Paying Agent will act to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, in accordance with the terms thereof, and under which the Paying Agent will act as Bond Registrar for the Bonds;

WHEREAS, the District and the Paying Agent also wish to provide the terms under which the Paying Agent will act as Custodian and Disbursing Agent for the payment of costs of issuance relating to the Bonds;

WHEREAS, the Paying Agent has agreed to serve in such capacities for and on behalf of the District and has full power and authority to perform and serve as Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Bond Registrar for the Bonds and as Custodian and Disbursing Agent for the payment of costs of issuance relating to the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the District has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Agreement; and all things necessary to make this Agreement a valid agreement have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE ONE

### DEFINITIONS

#### Section 1.01. Definitions.

For all purposes of this Agreement except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

*“Bond Register”* means the book or books of registration kept by the Paying Agent in which are maintained the names and addresses and principal amounts registered to each Registered Owner.

*“Bond Registrar”* means the Paying Agent when it is performing the function of registrar for the Bonds.

*“Bond Resolution”* means the resolution of the District pursuant to which the Bonds were issued.

*“Bond”* or *“Bonds”* means any one or all of the \$\_\_\_\_\_ Lucerne Elementary School District (Lake County, California) General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016, Series B (2024).

*“Custodian and Disbursing Agent”* means the Paying Agent when it is performing the function of custodian and disbursing agent for the payment of costs of issuance relating to the Bonds.

*“District”* means Lucerne Elementary School District.

*“District Request”* means a written request signed in the name of the District and delivered to the Paying Agent.

*“Fiscal Year”* means the fiscal year of the District ending on June 30 of each year.

*“Paying Agent”* means U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America.

*“Person”* means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision of a government or any entity whatsoever.

*“Registered Owner”* means a Person in whose name a Bond is registered in the Bond Register.

*“Stated Maturity”* when used with respect to any Bond means the date specified in the Bond Resolution as the date on which the principal of such Bond is due and payable.

*“Transfer Agent”* means the Paying Agent when it is performing the function of transfer agent for the Bonds.

*“Treasurer-Tax Collector”* means the Lake County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

*“Underwriter”* means \_\_\_\_\_

## ARTICLE TWO

### APPOINTMENT OF BANK AS PAYING AGENT, TRANSFER AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR AND CUSTODIAN AND DISBURSING AGENT

Section 2.01. Appointment and Acceptance. The District hereby appoints the Paying Agent to act as Paying Agent and Transfer Agent with respect to the Bonds, to pay to the Registered Owners in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the Bond Resolution, the principal of, redemption premium (if any) and interest on all or any of the Bonds.

The District hereby appoints the Paying Agent as Bond Registrar with respect to the Bonds. As Bond Registrar, the Paying Agent shall keep and maintain for and on behalf of the District, books and records as to the ownership of the Bonds and with respect to the transfer and exchange thereof as provided herein and in the Bond Resolution.

The District hereby appoints the Paying Agent as Custodian and Disbursing Agent.

The Paying Agent hereby accepts its appointment, and agrees to act as Paying Agent, Transfer Agent, Bond Registrar and Custodian and Disbursing Agent.

Section 2.02. Compensation. As compensation for the Paying Agent's services as Paying Agent and Bond Registrar, the District hereby agrees to pay the Paying Agent the fees and amounts set forth in a separate agreement between the District and the Paying Agent.

In addition, the District agrees to reimburse the Paying Agent, upon its request, for all reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses, disbursements, and advances, including without limitation the reasonable fees, expenses, and disbursements of its agents and attorneys, made or incurred by the Paying Agent in connection with entering into and performing under this Agreement and in connection with investigating and defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with its performance hereunder.

## ARTICLE THREE

### PAYING AGENT

Section 3.01. Duties of Paying Agent. As Paying Agent, the Paying Agent, provided sufficient collected funds have been provided to it for such purpose by or on behalf of the District, shall pay on behalf of the District the principal of, and interest on each Bond in accordance with the debt service schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3.02. Payment Dates. The District hereby instructs the Paying Agent to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds on the dates specified in the Bond Resolution.

## ARTICLE FOUR

### BOND REGISTRAR

Section 4.01. Initial Delivery of Bonds. The Bonds will be initially registered and delivered to the purchaser designated by the District as one Bond for each maturity. If such purchaser delivers a written request to the Paying Agent not later than five business days prior to the date of initial delivery, the Paying Agent will, on the date of initial delivery, deliver

Bonds of authorized denominations, registered in accordance with the instructions in such written request.

Section 4.02. Duties of Bond Registrar. The Paying Agent in its capacity as Bond Registrar shall provide for the proper registration of transfer, exchange and replacement of the Bonds. Every Bond surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, the signature on which has been guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution, in form acceptable to the Paying Agent, duly executed by the Registered Owner thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing. The Bond Registrar may request any supporting documentation it deems necessary or appropriate to effect a re-registration.

Section 4.03. Unauthenticated Bonds. The District shall provide to the Paying Agent on a continuing basis, an adequate inventory of unauthenticated Bonds to facilitate transfers. The Paying Agent agrees that it will maintain such unauthenticated Bonds in safekeeping.

Section 4.04. Form of Bond Register. The Paying Agent as Bond Registrar will maintain its records as Bond Registrar in accordance with the Paying Agent's general practices and procedures in effect from time to time.

Section 4.05. Reports. The District may request the information in the Bond Register at any time the Paying Agent is customarily open for business, provided that reasonable time is allowed the Paying Agent to provide an up-to-date listing and to convert the information into written form.

The Paying Agent will not release or disclose the content of the Bond Register to any person other than to the District at its written request, except upon receipt of a subpoena or court order or as may otherwise be required by law. Upon receipt of a subpoena or court order the Paying Agent will notify the District to the extent it is allowed by law to do so.

Section 4.06. Cancelled Bonds. All Bonds surrendered for payment, transfer, exchange, or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent, shall be promptly cancelled by it and, if surrendered to the District, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent, shall be promptly cancelled by the Paying Agent. The District may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent for cancellation any Bonds previously authenticated and delivered which the District may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Paying Agent. All cancelled Bonds held by the Paying Agent for its retention period then in effect and shall thereafter be destroyed and evidence of such destruction furnished to the District upon its written request.

## ARTICLE FIVE

### CUSTODIAN AND DISBURSING AGENT

Section 5.01. Receipt of Moneys. The Custodian and Disbursing Agent has received, from the Underwriter, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Such amount has been deposited in a special fund to be held and maintained by the Custodian and Disbursing Agent in the name of the District (the "Costs of Issuance Fund").

Section 5.02. No Investment. The Custodian and Disbursing Agent shall hold monies in cash uninvested.

Section 5.03. Payment of Costs of Issuance. The Custodian and Disbursing Agent will pay costs of issuance of the Bonds as directed by the District from time to time via a written requisition of the District stating the person to whom payment is to be made, the amount to be paid, that such payment is proper charge against said fund and that payment for such charge has not previously been made and that such payments shall be made by check or wire transfer in accordance with the payment instructions set forth in such requisition and the Custodian and Disbursing Agent shall rely on such payment instructions with no duty to investigate or inquire as to the authenticity of the payment instructions or the authority under which they were given.

Section 5.04. Transfer of Remaining Amounts. Any balances remaining in the Costs of Issuance Fund (including any earnings) on August 5, 2024, or upon the earlier written order of the District, will be transferred to the Treasurer-Tax Collector for deposit in the Building Fund maintained for the District and the Costs of Issuance Fund shall be closed.

Section 5.05. Limited Liability. The liability of the Custodian and Disbursing Agent as custodian and disbursing agent is limited to the duties listed above. The Custodian and Disbursing Agent in such capacity will not be liable for any action taken or neglected to be taken by it in good faith in any exercise of reasonable care and believed by it to be within the discretion of power conferred upon it by this Agreement.

## ARTICLE SIX

### THE PAYING AGENT

Section 6.01. Duties of the Paying Agent. The Paying Agent undertakes to perform the duties set forth herein. No implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against the Paying Agent. The Paying Agent hereby agrees to use the funds deposited with it for payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds to pay the same as it shall become due and further agrees to establish and maintain such accounts and funds as may be required for the Paying Agent to function as Paying Agent and in its capacity as custodian and disbursing agent to use the funds deposited with it for payment of costs of issuance as set forth in Article V hereof.

Section 6.02. Reliance on Documents, Etc.

(a) The Paying Agent may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and correctness of the opinions expressed therein, on certificates or opinions expressed therein, on certificates or opinions furnished to the Paying Agent by the District.

(b) The Paying Agent shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith. The Paying Agent shall not be liable for other than its negligence or willful misconduct in connection with any act or omission hereunder.

(c) No provision of this Agreement shall require the Paying Agent to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability for performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers.

(d) The Paying Agent may rely, or be protected in acting or refraining from acting, upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, note, security or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. The Paying Agent need not examine the ownership of any Bond, but shall be protected in acting upon receipt of Bonds

containing an endorsement or instruction of transfer or power of transfer which appears on its face to be signed by the Registered Owner or agent of the Registered Owner.

(e) The Paying Agent may consult with counsel, and the written advice or opinion of counsel shall be full authorization and protection with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and reliance thereon.

(f) The Paying Agent may exercise any of the powers hereunder and perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and shall not be liable for the actions of such agent or attorney if appointed by it with reasonable care.

(g) The Paying Agent shall not be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligation under this Agreement arising out of or caused, directly or indirectly, by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God; earthquakes; fire; flood; wars; terrorism; military disturbances; sabotage; epidemic; riots; interruptions; loss or malfunctions of utilities; computer (hardware or software) or communications services; accidents; labor disputes; acts of civil or military authority or governmental action; it being understood that Paying Agent shall use commercially reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances.

(h) The Paying Agent agrees to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to this Agreement sent by unsecured e-mail, facsimile transmission or other similar unsecured electronic methods, provided, however, that the District shall provide to the Paying Agent an incumbency certificate listing designated persons authorized to provide such instructions, which incumbency certificate shall be amended whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the District elects to give the Paying Agent e-mail or facsimile instructions (or instructions by a similar electronic method) and the Paying Agent in its discretion elects to act upon such instructions, the Paying Agent's understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Paying Agent shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Paying Agent's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding such instructions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The District agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit instructions and directions to the Paying Agent, including without limitation the risk of the Paying Agent acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

Section 6.03. Recitals of District. The recitals contained in the Bond Resolution and the Bonds shall be taken as the statements of the District, and the Paying Agent assumes no responsibility for their correctness.

Section 6.04. May Own Bonds. The Paying Agent, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Bonds with the same rights it would have if it were not the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar for the Bonds.

Section 6.05. Money Held by the Paying Agent. Money held by the Paying Agent hereunder need not be segregated from other funds. The Paying Agent shall have no duties with respect to investment of funds deposited with it, except as expressly set forth herein, and shall be under no obligation to pay interest on any money received by it hereunder.

Any money deposited with or otherwise held by the Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of or interest on any Bond and remaining unclaimed for two years after such deposit will be paid by the Paying Agent to the District, and the District and the Paying Agent agree that the Registered Owner of such Bond shall thereafter look only to the District for

payment thereof, and that all liability of the Paying Agent with respect to such moneys shall thereupon cease.

The Paying Agent shall furnish the District periodic cash transaction statements which include detail for all investment transactions effected by the Paying Agent or brokers selected by the District. Upon the District's election, such statements will be delivered via the Paying Agent's online service and upon electing such service, paper statements will be provided only upon request. The District waives the right to receive brokerage confirmations of security transactions effected by the Paying Agent as they occur, to the extent permitted by law. The District further understands that trade confirmations for securities transactions effected by the Paying Agent will be available upon request and at no additional cost and other trade confirmations may be obtained from the applicable broker.

Section 6.06. Other Transactions. The Paying Agent may engage in or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the District.

Section 6.07. Interpleader. The District and the Paying Agent agree that the Paying Agent may seek adjudication of any adverse claim, demand, or controversy over its person as well as funds on deposit, in a court of competent jurisdiction. The District and the Paying Agent further agree that the Paying Agent has the right to file an action in interpleader in any court of competent jurisdiction to determine the rights of any person claiming any interest herein.

Section 6.08. Indemnification. To the extent permitted by law, the District shall indemnify the Paying Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents ("Indemnified Parties") for, and hold them harmless against any loss, cost, claim, liability or expense arising out of or in connection with the Paying Agent's acceptance or administration of the Paying Agent's duties hereunder in its capacities as Paying Agent, Registrar, Transfer Agent or Custodian or under the Bond Resolution (except any loss, liability or expense as may be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be attributable to the Paying Agent's negligence or willful misconduct), including the cost and expense (including its counsel fees) of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under this Agreement. Such indemnity shall survive the termination or discharge of this Agreement or discharge of the Bonds.

## ARTICLE SEVEN

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 7.01. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only by an agreement in writing signed by both of the parties hereto.

Section 7.02. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.

Section 7.03. Notices. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other document provided or permitted hereby to be given or furnished to the District or the Paying Agent shall be mailed or delivered to the District or the Paying Agent, respectively, at the following addresses, or such other address as may have been given by one party to the other by fifteen (15) days written notice.

If to the District:

Lucerne Elementary School District  
3351 Country Club Drive  
Lucerne, CA 95458  
(707) 274-5578

If to the Paying Agent: U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association  
Attn: Global Corporate Trust  
633 West Fifth Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90071  
(213) 615-6062

Section 7.04. Effect of Headings. The Article and Section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 7.05. Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements herein by the District and the Paying Agent shall bind their successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 7.06. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 7.07. Benefits of Agreement. Nothing herein, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim hereunder.

Section 7.08. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Bond Resolution constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto relative to the Paying Agent acting in the capacities as Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Bond Registrar for the Bonds and as Custodian and Disbursing Agent for the payment of costs of issuance relating to the Bonds.

Section 7.09. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

Section 7.10. Term and Termination. This Agreement shall be effective from and after its date and until the Paying Agent resigns or is removed in accordance with the Bond Resolution; provided, however, that no such termination shall be effective until a successor has been appointed and has accepted the duties of the Paying Agent hereunder.

The Paying Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the District. If the Paying Agent shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, the District shall promptly appoint a successor Paying Agent and Bond Registrar. If an instrument of acceptance by a successor Paying Agent and Bond Registrar shall not have been delivered to the Paying Agent within thirty 30 days after the Paying Agent gives notice of resignation, the Paying Agent may petition any court of competent jurisdiction at the expense of the District for the appointment of a successor Paying Agent and Bond Registrar. In the event of resignation or removal of the Paying Agent as Paying Agent and Bond Registrar, upon the written request of the District and upon payment of all amounts owing to the Paying Agent hereunder the Paying Agent shall deliver to the District or its designee all funds and unauthenticated Bonds, and a copy of the Bond Register. The provisions of Section 2.02 and Section 6.08 hereof shall survive and remain in full force and effect following the termination of this Agreement.

Section 7.11. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.



Section 7.12. Documents to be Filed with Paying Agent. The District shall file with the Paying Agent the following documents: (a) a certified copy of the Bond Resolution and a specimen Bond; (b) a copy of the opinion of bond counsel provided to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; and (c) a District Request containing written instructions to the Paying Agent with respect to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, including the name of the Registered Owners and the denominations of the Bonds.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

LUCERNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Megan Grant  
Superintendent

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Paying  
Agent

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

**EXHIBIT A**  
**DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Interest Payment Date	Initial Principal Amount	Accreted Interest	Maturity Value
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