CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

This Continuing Disclosure Agreement, dated as of November 1, 2020 (the "**Disclosure Agreement**") is executed and delivered by the City of Garden Grove (the "**Obligor**") and Applied Best Practices LLC as dissemination agent (the "**Dissemination Agent**"), in connection with the issuance of the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A (the "**Bonds**"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to an Indenture of Trust, dated as of November 1, 2020 (the "**Bond Indenture**"), by and between the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. The Obligor and the Dissemination Agent covenant as follows:

SECTION 1. <u>Purpose of the Disclosure Agreement</u>. This Disclosure Agreement is being executed and delivered by the Obligor and the Dissemination Agent, for the benefit of the Owners and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with the Rule.

SECTION 2. <u>Definitions</u>. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Bond Indenture, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Agreement unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Annual Report" shall mean any report provided by the Obligor pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Agreement.

"**Beneficial Owner**" shall mean any person which: (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries); or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

"**Disclosure Representative**" shall mean the City Manager or the Director of Finance of the Obligor, or the designee thereof, or such other officer or employee as the Obligor shall designate in writing to the Dissemination Agent from time to time.

"**Dissemination Agent**" shall mean, initially, Applied Best Practices LLC, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Obligor and which has filed with the then current Dissemination Agent a written acceptance of such designation.

"**Financial Obligation**" shall mean a: (A) debt obligation; (B) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (C) guarantee of (A) or (B). The term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

"**Fiscal Year**" shall mean the period from July 1 to June 30, or any other period selected by the Obligor as its fiscal year.

"**Listed Events**" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) and (b) of this Disclosure Agreement.

"**MSRB**" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, which has been designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as the sole repository of disclosure information for purposes of the Rule, or any other repository of disclosure information that may be designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as such for purposes of the Rule in the future. "Official Statement" shall mean the Official Statement relating to the Bonds, dated October ____, 2020.

"**Rule**" shall mean Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"State" shall mean the State of California.

"**Underwriter**" shall mean the original underwriters of the Bonds that are required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The Obligor shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent by written direction to such Dissemination Agent to, upon delivery of the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the Obligor), not later than March 31 of each year, commencing March 31, 2021, provide to the MSRB an Annual Report that is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Agreement (provided that the first Annual Report may consist solely of the Official Statement). The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Agreement; provided that the audited financial statements of the Obligor may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date. If the Obligor's Fiscal Year changes, it shall give notice of such change to the Dissemination Agent and the Obligor shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent, by written direction to such Dissemination Agent, to give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(a).

(b) Not later than fifteen (15) business days prior to each March 31, the Obligor shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the Obligor). The Obligor shall provide a written certification with each Annual Report furnished to the Dissemination Agent to the effect that such Annual Report constitutes the Annual Report required to be furnished by it hereunder. The Dissemination Agent may conclusively rely upon such certification of the Obligor is acting as Dissemination Agent and an Annual Report has not been provided to the MSRB by the date required in subsection (a); or (ii) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Obligor and is unable to verify that an Annual Report has been provided to the MSRB by the date required in subsection (a), then the Obligor or the Dissemination Agent (if other than the Obligor), as applicable, shall send a notice to the MSRB in a timely manner in substantially the form prescribed by the MSRB.

(c) The Dissemination Agent shall:

(i) determine each year prior to March 31 the thenapplicable rules and electronic format prescribed by the MSRB for the filing of annual continuing disclosure reports; and

(ii) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Obligor, promptly after receipt of the Annual Report, file a report with the

Obligor certifying that the Annual Report has been filed with the MSRB pursuant to this Disclosure Agreement, and stating, to the extent that it can confirm such filing of the Annual Report, the date that it was filed.

SECTION 4. <u>Content of Annual Reports</u>. The Obligor's Annual Report shall contain or include by reference the following:

(a) The audited financial statements of the Obligor for the prior Fiscal Year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated to apply to governmental entities from time to time by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. If the Obligor's audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed pursuant to Section 3(a), the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the final Official Statement, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report when they come available.

(b) To the extent not contained in the audited financial statements filed pursuant to subsection (a):

(i) The principal amount of Bonds outstanding as of the December 31 preceding the Annual Report Date.

(ii) An update of the information for the prior Fiscal Year in substantially the form set forth in the following tables in the Official Statement under the caption "THE WATER SYSTEM":

- 1. Historical Water Sources in Acre Feet;
- 2. Historical Water Deliveries in Acre Feet;
- 3. Historical Water System Connections;
- 4. Historical Water System Sales Revenues; and
- 5. Ten Largest Water System Customers.

(iii) A description of changes to Water System rates and charges since the date of the prior Annual Report, or, for the first Annual Report, since the date of the Official Statement.

(iv) An update of the information for the prior Fiscal Year in substantially the form set forth in the following table in the Official Statement under the caption "WATER SYSTEM FINANCIAL INFORMATION":

1. Historical Water System Operating Results.

In addition to any of the information expressly required to be provided under paragraphs (i) through (iv) of this Section, the Obligor shall provide such further information, if any, as may be

necessary to make the specifically required statements, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(c) Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements for debt issues of the Obligor or related public entities, which have been submitted to the MSRB or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The Obligor shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, the Obligor shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds in a timely manner not more than ten (10) Business Days after the event:

- (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies.
- (ii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial

difficulties.

(iii) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial

difficulties.

(iv) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform.

(v) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability or Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701 TEB).

- (vi) Tender offers.
- (vii) Defeasances.
- (viii) Rating changes.
- (ix) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar proceedings.

<u>Note</u>: For the purposes of the event identified in subparagraph (ix), the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governmental body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

(x) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Obligor, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, the Obligor shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, if material, in a timely manner not more than ten (10) Business Days after occurrence:

(i) Unless described in Section 5(a)(v), other notices or determinations by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the tax status of the Bonds or other events affecting the tax status of the Bonds.

- (ii) Modifications to the rights of Bondholders.
- (iii) Optional, unscheduled or contingent Bond calls.
- (iv) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the

Bonds.

(v) Non-payment related defaults.

(vi) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Obligor or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Obligor, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms.

(vii) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of the

name of a trustee.

(viii) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Obligor, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Obligor, any of which affect security holders.

(c) If the Obligor determines that knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event under subsection (b) would be material under applicable federal securities laws, and if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Obligor, the Obligor shall promptly notify the Dissemination Agent in writing. Such notice shall instruct the Dissemination Agent to file a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB in a timely manner not more than ten (10) Business Days after the event. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Listed Events described in subsections (a)(vii) and (b)(iii) need not be given under this subsection any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to Owners of affected Bonds pursuant to the Bond Indenture. In each case of the Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall not be obligated to file a notice as required in this subsection (c) prior to the occurrence of such Listed Event.

(d) If the Obligor determines that a Listed Event under subsection (b) would not be material under applicable federal securities laws and if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Obligor, the Obligor shall so notify the Dissemination Agent in writing and instruct the Dissemination Agent not to report the occurrence.

(e) The Obligor hereby agrees that the undertaking set forth in this Disclosure Agreement is the responsibility of the Obligor and, if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Obligor, the Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible for determining

whether the Obligor's instructions to the Dissemination Agent under this Section 5 comply with the requirements of the Rule.

SECTION 6. <u>Termination of Reporting Obligation</u>. The obligations of the Obligor and the Dissemination Agent under this Disclosure Agreement shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the Obligor shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(a).

SECTION 7. <u>Dissemination Agent</u>. The Obligor may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Agreement, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the form or content of any notice or report prepared by the Obligor pursuant to this Disclosure Agreement. The Dissemination Agent may resign by providing thirty days' written notice to the Obligor and the Trustee. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible for the content of any report or notice prepared by the Obligor and shall have no duty to review any information provided to it by the Obligor. The Dissemination Agent shall have no duty to prepare any information report, nor shall the Dissemination Agent be responsible for filing any report not provided to it by the Obligor in a timely manner and in a form suitable for filing.

SECTION 8. <u>Amendment; Waiver</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the Obligor may amend this Disclosure Agreement, and any provision of this Disclosure Agreement may be waived, provided that, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, such amendment or waiver is permitted by the Rule, and provided further that the Dissemination Agent shall have first consented to any amendment that modifies or increases its duties or obligations hereunder. In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the Obligor shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Obligor. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements: (a) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(a); and (b) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

SECTION 9. <u>Additional Information</u>. Nothing in this Disclosure Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Obligor from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Agreement. If the Obligor chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Agreement, the Obligor shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Agreement to update such information or to include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. <u>Default</u>. In the event of a failure by the Obligor or the Dissemination Agent to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, any Owner or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific

performance by court order, to cause the Obligor to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Agreement. A default under this Disclosure Agreement shall not be deemed an Event of Default under the Bond Indenture, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Agreement in the event of any failure of the Obligor or the Dissemination Agent to comply with this Disclosure Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

No Owner or Beneficial Owner may institute such action, suit or proceeding to compel performance unless they shall have first delivered to the Obligor satisfactory written evidence of their status as such, and a written notice of and request to cure such failure, and the Obligor shall have refused to comply therewith within a reasonable time.

SECTION 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Agreement, and the Obligor agrees, to the extent permitted by law, to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorney's fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The Dissemination Agent shall be paid compensation by the Obligor for its services provided hereunder in accordance with its schedule of fees as amended from time to time and all expenses, legal fees and advances made or incurred by the Dissemination Agent in the performance of its duties hereunder. In performing its duties hereunder, the Dissemination Agent shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the Obligor, the Owners, or any other party. The Dissemination Agent shall be entitled to the protections and limitations afforded to the Trustee under the Bond Indenture. The obligations of the Obligor under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

SECTION 12. <u>Notices</u>. Any notices or communications to or among any of the parties to this Disclosure Agreement may be given to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the Obligor) and to the Obligor as follows:

Disclosure Representative:	City of Garden Grove City Manager 11222 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, California 92840
Dissemination Agent:	Applied Best Practices LLC 19900 MacArthur Blvd #1100 Irvine, California 92612

SECTION 13. <u>Beneficiaries</u>. This Disclosure Agreement inures solely to the benefit of the Obligor, the Dissemination Agent, the Underwriter and the Owners and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 14. <u>Signature</u>. This Disclosure Agreement has been executed by the undersigned on the date hereof, and such signature binds the Obligor to the undertaking herein provided.

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

By:

Its: City Manager

FIELDMAN, ROLAPP & ASSOCIATES, INC., DBA APPLIED BEST PRACTICES LLC, as Dissemination Agent

By: Authorized Officer