

NEW ISSUERATING

BOOK-ENTRY

Standard & Poor's: "___"

(See "CONCLUDING INFORMATION - Rating on the 2017 Bonds" herein)

Interest on the 2017 Bonds is not intended to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. In the opinion of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California ("Bond Counsel") subject, however, to certain qualifications described herein, under existing law, the 2017 Bonds constitute "New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds" within the meaning of Section 54C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and are eligible for the credit payable by the federal government to the County under Section 6431(f) of the Tax Code. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the 2017 Bonds is exempt from California personal income taxes. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

\$7,900,000*

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CAPITAL FINANCING AUTHORITY
TAXABLE LEASE REVENUE BONDS, 2017 SERIES A
(DIRECT PAY SUBSIDY NEW CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY BONDS)**

Dated: Date of Delivery**Due: June 1, as Shown on the Inside Cover Page.**

The Santa Cruz County Capital Financing Authority Taxable Lease Revenue Bonds, 2017 Series A (Direct Pay Subsidy New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds) (the "2017 Bonds") are being issued to (i) finance the acquisition and installation of photovoltaic energy systems at various County facilities (ii) capitalize interest on the 2017 Bonds, and (iii) pay the costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the 2017 Bonds. The 2017 Bonds, together with the Santa Cruz County Capital Financing Authority's outstanding Taxable Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2015 Series A and Santa Cruz County Capital Financing Authority's outstanding Lease Revenue Bonds, 2015 Series B (collectively referred to as the "Bonds") are payable from the revenues pledged under the Indenture, as defined herein, consisting primarily of lease payments (the "Lease Payments") to be made by the County of Santa Cruz (the "County") to the Santa Cruz County Capital Financing Authority (the "Authority") as rental for certain property (the "Property") pursuant to a Lease Agreement, as defined herein, and from certain funds held under the Indenture, as defined herein, and insurance or condemnation awards. The County is required under the Lease Agreement to make Lease Payments in each fiscal year in consideration of the use and possession of the

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The 2017 Bonds are offered, when, as and if issued, subject to the approval as to their legality by Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the County and the Authority by the County Counsel, and by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Los Angeles, California, as Disclosure Counsel, and for the Underwriter by its counsel, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, Newport Beach, California. It is anticipated that the 2017 Bonds, in book-entry form, will be available for delivery on or about December 7, 2017 through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company (see "APPENDIX E - THE BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM" herein).

The date of the Official Statement is _____, 2017.

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MATURITY SCHEDULE
(Base CUSIP®† 80181P)

Maturity Date	Principal	Interest	Reoffering	Reoffering	CUSIP®†
<u>June 1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Price</u>	
2019					
2020					
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The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement: The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

2017 Bonds are Exempt from Securities Laws Registration. The issuance, sale and delivery of the 2017 Bonds has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in reliance upon exemptions for the execution, sale and delivery of municipal securities provided under Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 3(a)(12) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Stabilization of Prices. In connection with this offering, the Underwriter may overallocate or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the 2017 Bonds at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. The Underwriter may offer and sell the 2017 Bonds to certain dealers and others at prices lower than the public offering prices set forth on the inside cover page hereof and said public offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

County Website. The County maintains a website. The information on such website is not part of this Official Statement and is not intended to be relied on by investors with respect to the 2017 Bonds unless specifically set forth or incorporated herein.

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