

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

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Department Name: Auditor-Controller

Department No.: 061For Agenda Of: 8/9/2011

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Vote Required: Majority

**TO**: Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Robert W. Geis, CPA, Auditor-Controller, 568-2100

Director(s)

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**SUBJECT:** Auditor's Reports on the Treasurer's Statement of Assets and the Treasurer's

compliance with the Treasury Oversight Committee provisions contained in

Sections 27130-27137 of the California Government Code.

County Counsel Concurrence <u>Auditor-Controller Concurrence</u>

As to form: N/A As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

#### **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Receive and file the Auditor-Controller's Audit Reports on the Statement of Assets in the Santa Barbara County Treasury, as of June 30, 2011.
- 2. Receive and file the Auditor-Controller's Audit Report on the Treasurer's Compliance with the Treasury Oversight Committee provisions contained in Sections 27130-27137 of the California Government Code for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

## **Summary Text:**

The Audit Reports are being submitted pursuant to California Government Code Sections 26920(b), 26922, and 27134 as well as Santa Barbara County Code Section 2-23.2.

#### **Background:**

Funds that are controlled by the County Treasurer include currently available cash of the County as well as the cash invested into the pool by other governments (such as school districts, special districts and others). The Treasurer is responsible for investing all of these funds in accordance with applicable sections of the California Government Code and the Treasurer's Investment Policy.

The goals of the Treasurer's Investment Policy are safety, liquidity, and yield, in that order. Types of securities in which the Treasurer may invest include U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agency securities; state and/or local agency bonds, notes, warrants or certificates of indebtedness; bankers' acceptances; commercial paper; corporate notes; negotiable certificates of deposit; repurchase agreements; reverse repurchase agreements; securities lending; bank deposits; money market mutual funds; the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund; and the Investment Trust of California.

Furthermore, pursuant to Government Code Section 27131, the Treasurer has established a County Treasury Oversight Committee to review and monitor the Treasurer's Investment Policy and to promote public interest in the investment of public funds.

We have audited the Statement of Assets (the statement) of the Santa Barbara County Treasurer as of and for the year then ended June 30, 2011 and have issued our reports thereon dated July 29, 2011. All information included in the statement is the representation of the management of the County Treasurer. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement presentation.

In our opinion the statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the assets controlled by the County Treasurer as of June 30, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also issued reports dated July 29, 2011 on our consideration of the Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations including a report on the Treasurer's compliance with California Government Code Sections 27130-27137. Our report on the Treasurer's compliance with the Treasury Oversight Committee provisions contained in Sections 27130-27137 applies to fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

In planning and performing our audit on the statement, we considered the Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of material noncompliance required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

We also examined the Treasurer's compliance with the Treasury Oversight Committee provisions contained in Sections 27130-27137 of the California Government Code for the fiscal year June 30, 2011. In our opinion the Treasurer is in compliance, in all material respects, with the provisions contained in

Sections 27130-27137 of the Government Code for the fiscal years audited.

### **Background:**

Performance Measure:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: None

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis: N/A

**Staffing Impacts:** 

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} Legal Positions: & FTEs: \\ \hline N/A & N/A \end{tabular}$ 

## **Special Instructions:**

None

#### **Attachments:**

Auditor's Report

Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of the Statement of Assets Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards Auditor's Report on Compliance; Santa Barbara County Treasury; Treasurer's Oversight Committee Statement of Assets – As of June 30, 2011, with accompanying notes

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