



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Treasurer - Tax
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Department No.: 065
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Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Treasurer's Investment Pool, FY 2013-2014 First Quarter (Jul - Sep 2013)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Accept for filing the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 First Quarter (July - September 2013) report on the Treasurer's Investment Pool, pursuant to Government Code section 53646(b).

Summary Text:

The value of the Treasurer's Investment Pool at principal cost on September 30, 2013, was \$963,125,552. Market value of the investment pool was \$961,056,623. The weighted average days-to-maturity (WAM) for the investment pool was 600 days.

The Treasurer's Investment Pool earned \$847,509 for the quarter ending September 30, 2013, an annualized return of 0.348%. The net yield earned over the past year is 0.320%. Per Government Code Section 53600.5, the Santa Barbara County Treasurer has a mandated responsibility to manage and invest public funds with the primary objective of safeguarding principal, the secondary objective of meeting the liquidity needs of pool participants, and thirdly, the objective of attaining a market average rate of return, consistent with the primary objectives of safety and liquidity.

For the quarter ending September 30, 2013 the Treasurer's Investment Pool anticipated and met all liquidity requirements, precluding any need to sell holdings unexpectedly at a potential loss in order to meet cash flow demands.

All investments purchased, met or exceeded state and local policy requirements for credit quality. Credit quality of assets held in the Treasurer's Investment Pool is monitored on an ongoing basis.

The Santa Barbara County Treasurer conforms to all applicable State statutes and County resolutions that govern the investment of public funds.

Background:

Economic growth continued to expand at a moderate rate of 2.5% in the first quarter of 2013. Although declining slightly over the quarter, the unemployment rate continues to remain elevated at 7.2%. Improvements in housing-sector activity appeared to slow, possibly reflecting the rise in mortgage rates since the spring. Total U.S. inflation, as measured by the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index through July and by the consumer price index (CPI) through August, was about 1 ½ percent over the preceding 12-month period for each series. Consumer food prices edged up in July and August, while energy prices were little changed over the same period, and retail gasoline prices moved down in the first half of September. Both near-term and longer-term inflation expectations were little changed in August and early September.

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) issued this statement at its September meeting "To support continued progress toward maximum employment and price stability, the Committee expects that a highly accommodative stance of monetary policy will remain appropriate for a considerable time after the asset purchase program ends and the economic recovery strengthens. In particular, the Committee decided to keep the target range for the federal funds rate at 0 to ¼ percent and currently anticipates that this exceptionally low range for the federal funds rate will be appropriate at least as long as the unemployment rate remains above 6½ percent, inflation between one and two years ahead is projected to be no more than a half percentage point above the Committee's 2 percent longer-run goal, and longer-term inflation expectations continue to be well anchored." The Committee indicated that it "will closely monitor incoming information on economic and financial developments in coming months and will continue its purchase of Treasury and agency mortgage-backed securities, and employ its other tools as appropriate, until the outlook for the labor market has improved substantially in the context of price stability." The target range of 0 to ¼ percent was set by the FOMC in December 2008, where it has remained since. The FOMC will meet next quarter October 29-30 and December 17-18. The committee's focus is to seek monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output.

This quarterly report is being submitted to you pursuant to California Government Code section 53646 (b). In addition, California Government Code section 53646 (b) (3) requires the Treasurer-Tax Collector to include a statement in the Treasurer's Report affirming the ability of the Santa Barbara County Investment Pool to meet expenditure requirements for the next six months.

This report was reviewed and discussed by the Treasury Oversight Committee at its quarterly meeting. The Treasury Oversight committee promotes the public interest and is governed by California Government Code sections 27130 through 27133.

Performance Measure:

To ensure the financial stability of the County, monitor and project liquidity requirements as evidenced by zero securities sold at a loss to meet cash flow needs of pool participants: Accomplished.

To ensure the financial stability of the County and secure public agency funds, stay within compliance 100% of the time with the Government Code and the Treasurer's Investment Policy: Accomplished.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

For the quarter ending September 30, 2013, net investment earnings achieved by the Treasurer's Investment Pool were \$847,509, with the County receiving 40%, Schools 50%, and Special Districts the balance of 10%. The net yield earned for the quarter on an annualized basis is 0.348% and over the past year is 0.320%.

Attachments:

1. Treasurer's First Quarter Investment Pool Report (July - September 2013)

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