



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Treasurer - Tax
Collector
Department No.: 065
For Agenda Of: 2/10/15
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Treasurer's Investment Pool, FY 2014-2015 Second Quarter (Oct - Dec 2014)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Accept for filing the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Second Quarter (October - December 2014) report on the Treasurer's Investment Pool, pursuant to Government Code section 53646(b).
- B) Review and approve the Investment Policy Statement and authorize the County Treasurer to manage the investment pool in accordance with the policy, pursuant to section 53646(a) and 53607 of the Government Code.

Summary Text:

The value of the Treasurer's Investment Pool at principal cost on December 31, 2014, was \$1,187,034,183. Market value of the investment pool was \$1,185,361,065. The weighted average days-to-maturity (WAM) for the investment pool was 450 days.

The Treasurer's Investment Pool earned \$844,841 for the quarter ending December 31, 2014, an annualized return of 0.339%. The net yield earned over the past year is 0.371%. 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 December 31, 2014 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:

In their discussion of monetary policy in the period ahead, members judged that information received since the Federal Open Market Committee ("Committee") met in October indicated that economic activity was expanding at a moderate pace. Labor market conditions had improved further, with solid job gains and a lower unemployment rate; taken as a whole, labor market indicators suggested that the underutilization of labor resources was continuing to diminish. Household spending was rising moderately and business fixed investment was advancing, while the recovery in the housing sector remained slow. Inflation had continued to run below the Committee's longer-run objective, in part reflecting declines in energy prices. The Committee modified the previous statement language to make clear that it expects that inflation will rise gradually toward 2 percent as the labor market improves further and the transitory effects of lower energy prices and other factors dissipate. Given the uncertainties about the outlook for inflation, members decided that it would be appropriate to indicate that the Committee continues to monitor inflation developments closely.

The Committee issued this statement at its December meeting: "To support continued progress toward maximum employment and price stability, the Committee today reaffirmed its view that the current 0 to ¼ percent target range for the federal funds rate remains appropriate. In determining how long to maintain this target range, the Committee will assess progress – both realized and expected – toward its objectives of maximum employment and 2 percent inflation. This assessment will take into account a wide range of information, including measures of labor market conditions, indicators of inflation pressures and inflation expectations, and readings on financial developments. Based on its current assessment, the Committee judges that it can be patient in beginning to normalize the stance of monetary policy. The Committee sees this guidance as consistent with its previous statement that it likely will be appropriate to maintain the 0 to ¼ percent target range for the federal funds rate for a considerable time following the end of its asset purchase program in October, especially if projected inflation continues to run below the Committee's 2 percent longer-run goal, and provided that longer-term inflation expectations remain well anchored." The target range of 0 to ¼ percent was set by the FOMC in December 2008, where it has remained since. The Committee will meet next quarter January 27-28 and March 17-18.

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.

The Treasurer's Investment Pool is managed by the County Treasurer's office on behalf of the County, local community colleges, local school districts, and other districts and agencies. Government Code Section 53646 provides that the County Treasurer may annually present to the Board of Supervisors a statement of investment policy for review and approval. The attached investment policy was last approved by the Board in February 2014. There are no proposed changes at this time. The Treasury Oversight Committee reviewed the Treasurer's Investment Policy Statement at its quarterly meeting in January 2015, and approved it. The policy meets or exceeds the requirements of laws and regulations governing the pool.

Government Code section 53607 provides that a County Board of Supervisors may delegate the authority to invest and reinvest funds of the County to the County Treasurer for a one-year period. The government code further provides that this delegation may be made only to the Treasurer of the County. Additionally, pursuant to the government code, the transactions related to the investment and reinvestment of funds are included with this quarterly report and are filed monthly with the Clerk of the Board.

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 December 31, 2014, net investment earnings achieved by the Treasurer's Investment Pool were \$844,841, with the County receiving 42%, Schools 48%, and Special Districts the balance of 10%. The net yield earned for the quarter on an annualized basis is 0.339% and over the past year is 0.371%.

Attachments:

1. Treasurer's Second Quarter Investment Pool Report (October – December 2014)
2. Treasurer's Investment Policy Statement

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