

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Treasurer's Investment Pool, 2005-2006 Second Quarter (October-December)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Accept for filing the 2005-2006 Second Quarter (October-December) 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 sections 53646(a) and 53607 of the Government Code.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business practice.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

As presented on Page 9, the value of the Treasurer's Pool at cost on December 31, 2005, was \$916,586,487 million and \$2,616,081 million in Directed Investments. Market value of the pool was \$907,868,309 million. The weighted average days to maturity for the pool was 328 days.

It is the policy of the Santa Barbara County Treasurer to invest public funds in a manner, which provides the maximum security of principal while meeting the daily cash flow needs of investment pool participants. A lesser emphasis is to achieve the highest yield possible while conforming to all applicable State statutes and County resolutions that govern the investment of public funds.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 4.1% last quarter, up from 3.3% in the previous quarter. Most forecasts are for a growth rate of between 3% and 3.5% for next year. Unemployment rate has been very stable in the past few months and ended the quarter at 4.9%. The number of jobs created was just enough to keep up with the rate of population growth. Short-term interest rates have gone up since last quarter but long-term rate have stayed the same. Most forecasts are for higher rates next year.

The Investment Policy is presented annually to the Treasury Oversight Committee for review and to the Board of Supervisors for approval, pursuant to the requirements of sections 27133 and 53646(a) of the California Government Code. The Treasury Oversight Committee has reviewed and approved this Policy. After your Board's approval, the Policy will be submitted to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC).

Mandates and Service Levels:

This quarterly report is being submitted to you as required by California Government Code section 53646(b).

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The Treasury Oversight Committee promotes the public interest and is governed by the Government Code sections 27130 through 27133.

The Auditor-Controller's Review Report is being submitted pursuant to California Government Code Section 26920 and Santa Barbara County Code Section 2-23.2. The apportionment of unrealized gains/losses to participating funds causes volatility in the recording of revenues. However, it is reflective of the actual position of the fair market value of the pool and is required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, which is recognized as the correct practice to be applied to all governmental entities. The Treasurer recognizes that there will be changes in the fair value of the pool investments and sufficient liquidity is maintained in the pool to avoid the actual realization of any unrealized losses due to market interest fluctuations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

For the quarter ending December 31, 2005, interest earnings achieved by the pool were \$6.25 million, with the County receiving 41%, Schools 46%, and Special Districts the balance of 13%, as shown on Chart 4.

The yields for the quarter and the year were 3.06% and 2.83% respectively. This compares with 3.63% and 3.01% respectively, for the state's local agency investment fund (LAIF). Therefore, we did not meet our performance objective of earning 10 basis points more than LAIF. LAIF has a much shorter maturity than our pool. This means that their yield adjusts to interest rate changes faster than ours. Therefore, when interest rates increase quickly in a short period of time LAIF's earnings are likely to be higher than ours. As shown on Chart 3, this also occurred in 2000.

Special Instructions:

Send Minute Order to Bernice James, Treasurer-Tax Collector

cc: Auditor-Controller

Attachments: Treasurer's Investment Report
Investment Policy Statement