

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Treasurer's Investment Pool, 2003-2004 Second Quarter (October-December)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code section 53646(b), accept for filing the 2003-2004 Second Quarter (October-December) report on the Treasurer's Investment Pool.
- B. Pursuant to sections 53646(a) and 53607 of the Government Code, review and approve the Investment Policy Statement and authorize the County Treasurer to manage the investment pool in accordance with the Policy.
- C. Receive and file the Auditor's-Controller's Review Report on the assets held in the Santa Barbara County Treasury Pool for the quarter ended December 31, 2003.

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 10, the value of the Treasurer's Pool at cost on December 31, 2003, was \$790.5 million and \$3.2 million in Directed Investments. Market value of the pool was \$791.5 million. The weighted average days to maturity for the pool was 717 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 invested with secondary emphasis on achieving the highest yield while meeting the daily cash flow needs of the investment pool participants and conforming to all applicable State statutes and County resolutions governing the investment of public funds. The Auditor-Controller's Review Report on the assets held in the Treasury Pool for the quarter ended December 31, 2003 is attached for your review.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 8.2%, the highest level in more than two decades. However, the employment level stayed flat. Not enough jobs were created to support a robust growth. This means that there is a very little chance of an interest rate hike in the foreseeable future. In fact Fed Chairman, Alan Greenspan, has signaled that the Fed is not likely to tighten monetary policy in the near future.

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 reviewed and approved this Policy on December 19, 2003. 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.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

For the quarter ending December 31, 2003, interest earnings achieved by the pool were \$4.7 million, with the County receiving 43%, Schools 45%, and Special Districts the balance of 12%, as shown on Chart 5.

The yield for the quarter was 2.51%. This is higher than the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) by approximately 95 basis points. This translates into \$1.75 million of additional income for this quarter alone. Recurring Performance Measure #12 for the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator, of earning a rate of return at least 10 basis point higher than LAIF, has been achieved.

Special Instructions:

Send Minute Order to Bernice James, Treasurer-Tax Collector

cc: Auditor-Controller

attachments: Treasurer's Investment Report
Investment Policy Statement
Auditor-Controller's Review Report