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# **INVESTMENT POLICY**

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**INVESTMENT POLICY**

**1.0 Purpose**

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector's policy is to invest public funds in a manner that will provide a market average rate of return consistent with the objectives included in this Investment Policy while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the County Treasury, and conform to all applicable state laws governing the investment of public funds.

Investments differing from this policy shall be made only in circumstances where market timing or economic trends indicate such investments are beneficial. Such investments must comply with all applicable laws and may only be made with written approval by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector.

**2.0 Scope**

This Investment Policy applies to all financial assets deposited and retained in the County of Fresno Treasury Investment Pool.

**3.0 Objective**

The primary objectives, in priority order, of the County of Fresno's investment activities shall be the following:

3.1 Legality. Investments shall only be made in securities legally permissible by the California Government Code(GC), Sections 53635, 53635.2 et. al. In recognition of a rapidly changing and expanding marketplace, new concepts or securities shall be reviewed for compliance and possible consideration. Legality issues shall be resolved with County Counsel.

3.2 Safety. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. Investments should be made in securities of high quality to avoid credit risk and loss of principal.

3.3 Liquidity. The investment portfolio should remain sufficiently liquid to enable the Treasury Investment Pool to meet all operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated or respond to opportunities for investments arising from changing market conditions.

3.4 Return on Investment. The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining the highest interest revenue, taking into consideration the objectives of this Investment Policy and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

3.5 Local Community Reinvestment. When it is in the best interest of the investment portfolio, and within the confines of other objectives enumerated in this Investment Policy, the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector may give preference to local investment opportunities.

#### 4.0 **Delegation of Authority**

The authority of the Board of Supervisors to delegate management responsibility for the County of Fresno Treasury Investment Pool is derived from GC 53607. Investment authority, in accordance with this provision, has been delegated to the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector. The original delegation is in the Ordinance Code of the County of Fresno, Section 2.20.080 and is subject to annual renewal by the Board of Supervisors. The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this Investment Policy. Such procedures shall include explicit delegation of authority to persons responsible for investment transactions (GC 53607).

No person may engage in an investment transaction for the Treasury Investment Pool except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector. The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate staff.

The County of Fresno Treasury Oversight Committee shall annually review and monitor the Investment Policy. The County of Fresno Treasury Oversight Committee shall also cause an annual audit to determine the Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer-Tax Collector's compliance with the Investment Policy. The cost of the audit shall be considered an administrative cost of investing. Audit Reports are available to participants of the Treasury Investment Pool upon request (GC 27133, 27134 and 27135).

## **5.0 Ethics and Conflict of Interest**

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector, the County of Fresno Treasury Oversight Committee and staff involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

Receipt of honoraria, gifts and gratuities from advisors, brokers, dealers, bankers or other persons with whom the County Treasury conducts business by any member of the County of Fresno Treasury Oversight Committee shall require the completion of an annual Statement of Economic Interests by each member to be filed with the member's respective agency. This policy sets a \$460 per current filing limit on the amount of honoraria, gifts and gratuities that a committee member may receive from a single source in a calendar year.

## **6.0 Prudence**

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, and not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

6.1 The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the “prudent investor” standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers acting in accordance with the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk of market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

## **7.0 Borrowing for Purposes of Making Investments**

The Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector is prohibited from the practice of borrowing for the sole purpose of making investments.

## **8.0 Authorized Investments and Limits**

The following securities are authorized investments for the County of Fresno Treasury Investment Pool. Securities shall be valued at amortized cost when determining their percentage to the money in the County of Fresno Treasury Investment Pool. Additions or deviations from this list, in addition to being permissible under the Government Code, require approval by the Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer-Tax Collector. Investments not expressly authorized by law are prohibited.

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector interprets the authorized investment limits to be based upon the portfolio allocation at the time a

security is purchased. The portfolio allocation may temporarily fall outside of these limits due to maturities and fluctuations in the size of the pool after the purchase of a security. Additionally, the applicable credit ratings are interpreted to be based upon the rating at the time the security is purchased.

8.1 United States Treasury Bills, Notes, Certificates of Indebtedness, or those for which the full faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest.

8.2 Obligations issued by Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company, or in obligations, participations, or other instruments of or issued by, or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the Federal National Mortgage Association; or in obligations, participations, or other instruments of or issued by a federal agency or a United States Government-sponsored enterprise

8.3 Bills of Exchange or Time Drafts drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank, otherwise known as Bankers Acceptances, both domestic and foreign, which are eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve System. Any investment in Bankers Acceptances shall be restricted to the top 150 world banks as determined by their total assets and limited to those institutions in this group whose short term debt rating is of prime quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and numerical rating as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical-rating service.

Purchases of Bankers Acceptances may not exceed 180 days maturity or 40 percent of the money in the Treasury Investment Pool.

8.4 Commercial Paper of prime quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and numerical rating as provided for by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or Standard and Poor's (P-1; A-1). Eligible paper is further limited to issuing corporations that are organized and operating within the United States and having total assets in excess of five hundred million dollars and having an "A" or higher rating for the issuer's other outstanding debentures by Standard and Poor's, or its equivalent or better ranking by a nationally recognized statistical-rating service and a maximum maturity limit of 270 days.

Additionally GC 53635 limits the assets held by the Treasury Investment Pool in any single issuer to 10 percent and the total Commercial Paper investments may not exceed 40 percent of the total assets in the Treasury Investment Pool.

8.5 Negotiable Certificates of Deposit issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank, savings association, federal association, or state-licensed branch of a foreign bank. Any investment is to be restricted to the top 150 world banks as determined by their total assets and limited to those institutions in this group whose short term debt rating is of prime quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and numerical rating as provided for by Moody's Investors

Service, Inc. or Standard and Poor's (P-1; A-1). As an alternative to the credit guidelines above, banks, savings associations or federal associations having a four star rating or higher rating as provided for by Bauer Financial, Inc. or a comparable rating service, shall be considered eligible institutions for these investments.

Investments in Negotiable Certificates of Deposit (in combination with section 8.6.1) may not exceed 30 percent of the money in the Treasury Investment Pool. No more than 5 percent of the money shall be invested in any one institution.

8.6 Non-negotiable Time Certificates of Deposit issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank, savings association or federal association (GC 53601 (n)). Unless fully covered by FDIC insurance, including the interest earned, these investments require full collateralization with government securities totaling 110 percent or mortgages totaling 150 percent of the principal amount (GC 53652). Any investment is to be restricted to those institutions whose short term rating is of prime quality of the highest ranking as provided for by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard and Poor's (P-1; A-1). As an alternative to the credit guidelines above, banks, savings associations or federal associations having a four star rating or higher as provided for by Bauer Financial, Inc. or a comparable rating service, shall be considered eligible institutions for these investments. Any investment will require the approval and execution of a Contract for Deposit by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector.

Investments in Non-negotiable Time Certificates of Deposit may not exceed 50 percent of the money in the Treasury Investment Pool. No more than 15 percent of the money shall be invested in any one institution.

8.6.1 Investments in certificates of deposit at a commercial bank, savings bank, savings and loan association, or credit union that uses a private sector entity that assists in the placement of certificates of deposit. Investments will be made in compliance with GC 53635.8. Investments shall be initially placed with a nationally or state-chartered commercial bank, savings bank, savings and loan association or a credit union in this state, which shall be known as the selected depository institution. Any investment will require the approval and execution of a Deposit Placement Agreement by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector. Combined purchases under sections 8.5 and 8.6.1 shall not exceed 30 percent of the portfolio. Additionally, purchases under 8.6.1 shall not exceed 15 percent of the portfolio.

8.7 Investments in Repurchase Agreements representing United States Treasury Securities, United States Agency discount and coupon securities, domestic and foreign Banker's Acceptances, commercial paper, and domestic

bank/savings associations or federal associations Negotiable Certificates of Deposit.

Investments shall be made only after the execution of a Repurchase and Custody Agreement (Tri-Party Agreement) between the County or the investment manager (if under contract), the dealer and the Custodian. Investments will consist of overnight Repurchase Agreements, which include weekend placements and maturities; however, securities with longer maturities may be used as collateral for these Agreements. (GC 53635.2)

Excluding circumstances of market-timing and known cash demands, investments in Repurchase Agreements shall be limited to not more than 15 percent of the money in the Treasury Investment Pool. The market value of securities that underlay a repurchase agreement shall be valued at 102 percent or greater of the funds borrowed against these securities. Any exceptions to the maturity or investment amount provisions will require written approval by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector.

8.8 Medium-term Notes with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States or any state and operating within the United States. Notes eligible for investment shall be rated in a rating category of "A" or higher, by Standard and Poor's Corporation, or its equivalent or better by a nationally recognized rating service

Investments in Medium-term Notes may not exceed 30 percent of the money in the Treasury Investment Pool.

8.9 Investment of funds in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) created by law, which the State Treasurer invests through the Pooled Money Investment Account. Money invested in LAIF is available for overnight liquidity; however, it is also subject to a limited number of transactions per month. Money shall be placed in LAIF as alternative liquid investments under the guidelines of this policy pertaining to yield. The County may invest up to the maximum amount permitted by LAIF, not to exceed 10 percent of the portfolio. The Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer-Tax Collector may invest any portion of debt proceeds in the LAIF.

8.10 Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, otherwise known as Mutual Funds, investing in the securities and obligations as authorized by the GC 53601 et. seq.

To be eligible for investment, these companies shall either: (1) attain the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating provided by two of the largest nationally recognized rating services, or (2) have an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission with at least

five years experience investing in the securities authorized by the GC sections noted above and with assets under management in excess of \$500,000,000.

Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies that are money market funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940. To be eligible for investment, these companies shall either: (1) attain the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating provided by not less than two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, or (2) retain an investment adviser registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission with not less than five years' experience managing money market mutual funds with assets under management in excess of \$500,000,000 (GC 53601).

Investment in Mutual Funds shall not include the payment of any commission that these companies may charge and may not exceed 20 percent of the surplus funds in the Treasury Investment Pool. Only 10 percent of the surplus funds may be invested in any one mutual fund (GC 53601, 53635.2).

8.11 Any mortgage pass-through security, collateralized mortgage obligation, mortgage-backed or other pay-through bond of a maximum of five years maturity. Securities eligible for investment shall be issued by an issuer having an "A" or higher rating for the issuer's debt as provided by a nationally recognized rating service and rated "AA" or its equivalent or better by a nationally recognized rating service.

Investments in these securities may not exceed 10 percent of the funds in the Treasury Investment Pool.

8.12 Bond proceeds may be invested in accordance with the Government Code provisions, or they may be invested in alternative vehicles if authorized by bond documents (GC 53635.2 and California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) Local Agency Investment Guidelines).

8.13 External Investment Managers. The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector may contract with external investment managers to provide investment management services. These managers may be hired to invest funds not needed for liquidity and to increase the rate of return of the pool by employing an active investment strategy. The external investment manager is allowed to make specific investment decisions within the framework of this investment policy.

External investment managers are required to provide timely transaction documentation and investment reports to ensure that the manager's actions comply with the requirements of the law and this investment policy. External investment managers shall remit, at least quarterly, the interest earnings to the Pool to allow these earnings to be apportioned to the pool participants.

Selection of External Investment Managers is subject to section 13.0 of this investment policy. Additionally, after selection, the manager's performance shall be reviewed against the agreed upon benchmark.

8.14 Registered state warrants or treasury notes or bonds of the State of California, including bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by the state or by a department, board, agency, or authority of the state.

Investments in these securities may not exceed 10 percent of the surplus funds in the Treasury Investment Pool.

## **9.0 Selection of Investments**

Investments, with the exception of California registered state warrants in section 8.14, above, shall only be made following a minimum of three competitive comparisons with offerings documented and retained for each type of investment.

## **10.0 Diversification**

The Treasury Investment Pool shall be diversified by security type and institution.

## **11.0 Maximum Maturities**

To the extent possible, investments shall be made to match anticipated cash requirements. Unless matched to a specific cash flow, normal investments will be in securities such that the average weighted maturity of the Treasury Investment Pool shall not exceed 3.5 years. Proceeds of sales or funds set aside for the repayment of any notes issued for temporary borrowing purposes shall not be invested for a term that exceeds the term of the notes.

## **12.0 Selling Securities Prior to Maturity**

Securities purchased shall normally be held until maturity. Occasionally, opportunities will exist to sell securities prior to maturity and purchase other securities (swap/trade). Securities that are no longer in compliance with this Investment Policy may be sold prior to maturity. Securities may also be sold in order to maintain the liquidity of the Treasury Investment Pool.

### 13.0

#### **Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions**

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector shall maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment services. In addition, a list shall also be maintained of approved security broker/dealers selected by credit worthiness, who maintain an office in the State of California. These may include "primary" dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-1 (uniform net capital rule). No public deposit shall be made except in a qualified public depository as established by state laws.

All financial institutions and broker/dealers who desire to become qualified bidders for investment transactions must supply the following: audited financial statements, proof of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority membership, trading resolution, proof of state registration, completed broker-dealer questionnaire, certification of having read the County's Investment Policy, and if applicable, depository contracts. Broker-dealers are evaluated and selected based upon criteria that include: organization experience and credibility, individual broker-dealer qualifications, compliance, product inventory, and economic research.

An annual review of the financial conditions and registrations of selected brokers shall be conducted by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector. A current audited financial statement is required to be on file for each authorized financial institution and broker-dealer.

Investment managers are evaluated and selected based upon criteria that include: organization experience and credibility, staff experience, compliance, and performance.

The selection of any broker, brokerage firm, dealer or securities firm that has, within any consecutive 48 month period following January 1, 1996, made a political contribution in an amount exceeding the limitations contained in Rule G-37 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, to the Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer-Tax Collector or member of the Board of Supervisors or any candidate for those offices is prohibited. The County will, to the best of its ability, monitor and comply with this requirement.

### 14.0

#### **Confirmation**

Receipts for confirmation of purchase of authorized securities should include the following information: trade date, par value, maturity, rate, price, yield, settlement date, description of securities purchased, agency's name, net amount due, and third party custodian information. Confirmation of all investment transactions should be received by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector within five business days of the transaction.

15.0      **Safekeeping and Custody**

Investments, excluding Non-negotiable Time Certificates of Deposit, Repurchase Agreements and investments that are under the management of contracted parties, shall be held in custody with the Service Bank or its correspondent or other institutions approved by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector. Investments in Repurchase Agreements shall be held in custody by the Custodian to the Tri-Party Agreement.

16.0      **Performance Standards**

The investment portfolio shall be designed to obtain a market average rate of return during budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account investment risk constraints and cash flow needs.

16.1 Market yield benchmark. The investment strategy is passive. Given this strategy, the basis used by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector to determine whether market yields are being achieved shall be the one-year U.S. Treasury note rate.

17.0      **Administrative Cost of Investing**

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector may deduct actual administrative costs associated with investing, depositing, banking, auditing, reporting, or otherwise handling or managing of funds. The administrative costs shall be segregated and deducted from the interest earnings of the Treasury Pool each quarter prior to the distribution of interest earnings.

18.0      **Credit of Interest Earnings**

Interest shall be credited based on the average daily cash balance of money on deposit in the County Treasury for the calendar quarter and shall be paid quarterly.

19.0      **Local Agency Deposit of Excess Funds**

The County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector is authorized to accept deposits of excess funds from local agencies within Fresno County pursuant to Resolution 98-354 and in accordance with Government Code section 53684. Such deposits will be accepted, if at all, subject to the terms

and conditions of a written agreement between the depositing agency and the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector.

## 20.0 **Withdrawal of Funds from the Treasury Pool**

The withdrawal of funds by any depositor/participant in the County of Fresno Treasury Investment Pool shall not adversely affect the interests of the other depositors/participants in the County of Fresno Treasury Investment Pool. All withdrawals that are not considered as funds being utilized for operations shall be presented to the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector for review and approval. The Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer-Tax Collector shall perform an assessment of the effect of a proposed withdrawal on the stability and predictability of the investments in the Treasury Investment Pool as is required by GC 27136 and 27133. Prior to the approving a withdrawal, the Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer-Tax Collector shall find that the proposed withdrawal will not adversely affect the interests of the other depositors in the Treasury Investment Pool. All requests for withdrawals shall be considered in order of receipt and shall in no way affect the ability of the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector to meet the pool's expenditure requirements.

If the assessment of the effect of the proposed withdrawal does not negatively impact the stability and predictability of the investments and the interests of other depositors, the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector may authorize a total or partial withdrawal of funds from the Treasury Pool. A total withdrawal of funds from the County of Fresno Treasury Investment Pool by a participant requires a 30 day written notice to the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector. Withdrawals involving less than the participant's total funds (other than for operational needs) are subject to all of the following constraints:

- each withdrawal shall be limited to a maximum of \$5,000,000
- no more than two withdrawals of a non-operational purpose are allowed per 30 day period
- at least ten days must lapse before the second withdrawal in any 30 day period will be considered by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector
- each withdrawal shall be submitted to the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector at least 2 business days prior to the date of withdrawal

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be notified of normal operating expenditures or disbursements in excess of \$1,000,000 as early as possible, preferably three business days in advance of disbursement, in order to adjust the cash position to meet disbursement requirements.

## 21.0 **Reporting**

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector shall provide the Board of Supervisors with a monthly inventory report and a monthly transaction report of the Treasury Investment Pool. The Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer-Tax Collector shall provide a quarterly investment report to the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Officer and the County of Fresno Treasury Oversight Committee. The quarterly report shall be submitted within 30 days following the end of the quarter covered by the report. Monthly inventory reports and quarterly investment reports are available to participants of the pool upon request (GC 53646).

## 22.0 **Internal Control**

As part of the County of Fresno's annual independent audit, the investment program shall be reviewed for appropriate internal controls that provide assurance of compliance with policies and procedures.

## 23.0 **Investment Policy Review**

This Investment Policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector and rendered annually to the Board of Supervisors and the County of Fresno Treasury Oversight Committee, which consists of the following members:

- The County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector
- A representative appointed by the County Board of Supervisors
- The County Superintendent of Schools or designee
- A representative selected by a majority of the presiding officers of the governing bodies of the school districts and community college districts in the County
- A representative selected by a majority of the presiding officers of the legislative bodies of the special districts in the County that are required or authorized to deposit funds in the County treasury

The Board of Supervisors shall accept and approve the investment policy and any changes thereto at a public meeting (GC 27133, 53646).

## 24.0 **Disaster/Business Continuity Plan**

The County of Fresno Treasurer's banking and investment functions are critical to the function of Treasury Investment Pool and therefore must have a continuity plan to guide operations in the event of a disaster or business interruption.

The objective of the Disaster/Business Continuity Plan is to protect and account for all funds on deposit with the county treasurer and to be able to continue banking and investment functions for all participants in the event of an occurrence; i.e. earthquake, fire, flood, or some other event, which disrupts normal operations. The Plan provides for the ability to perform banking and investment functions at an off-site location under less than optimal conditions.

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## APPENDIX A

<u>Permitted Investments/Deposits</u>	<u>Government Code Limits %</u>	<u>Investment Policy Limits %</u>	<u>Investment Policy Term Limit</u>	<u>Minimum Rating</u>
Securities of the U.S. Government	No Limit	No Limit	5 years	N/A
Securities issued by United States Government Sponsored Enterprises	No Limit	No Limit	5 years	N/A
Bankers Acceptances (1)	40%	40%	180 days	N/A
Commercial Paper	40%	40%	270 days	P-1, A-1
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit (2)	30%	30%	13 months	P-1, or A-1 or 4 Star
Non-negotiable Certificates of Deposit (2)	No Limit	50%	13 months	P-1 or A-1 or 4 Star
Account Registry Service Deposits (2)	30%	15%	13 months	N/A
Repurchase Agreements	No Limit	15%	Overnight/Weekend	N/A
Medium Term Notes	30%	30%	5 years	A
LAIF (3)	No Limit	10%	5 years	N/A
Mutual Funds (4)	20%	20%	5 years	AAA,Aaa
Mortgage-Backed Securities	20%	10%	5 years	AA
State of California Debt	No Limit	10%	5 years	N/A

## APPENDIX A

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- (1) Investment policy limits any investment in bankers acceptances to the top 150 world banks as determined by their total assets and limited to those institutions in this group whose short term debt is of prime quality and of the highest ranking as provided for by Moody's or Standard and Poor's (P-1, A-1).
- (2) Banks, savings associations or federal associations having a "4 Star" or higher rating as provided by Bauer Financial, Inc. or a comparable rating service. For negotiable certificates of deposit, no more than 5 percent of the money shall be invested in any one institution. Negotiable certificates of deposit and account registry service deposits combined shall not exceed 30% of the portfolio. For non-negotiable certificates of deposit, no more than 15 percent of the money shall be invested in any one institution.
- (3) LAIF Board of Directors currently limits the investment to \$65,000,000, excluding bond and note proceeds. Government Code does not place a percentage limit on the amount of money that may be invested in LAIF.
- (4) Diversified management companies investing in the securities and obligations as authorized by California Government Code, Sections 53601, et seq., shall either (1) attain the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating provided by two of the largest nationally recognized rating services, or (2) have an investment adviser registered with the SEC with at least five years experience investing in the securities authorized by code sections noted in the policy and with assets under management in excess of \$500,000,000.

Diversified management companies issuing shares of beneficial interest that are money market funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Act of 1940 shall either (1) attain the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating provided by not less than two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, or (2) retain an investment adviser registered or exempt from registration with the SEC with not less than five years experience managing money market mutual funds with assets under management in excess of \$500,000,000. Only 10 percent of the money may be invested in any one mutual fund.

## APPENDIX B

### RATING SUMMARY

<u>RATING SERVICE</u>	<u>RATING CATEGORY</u>	<u>RATING DEFINITION</u>
Moody's	Aaa	Best Quality
	Aa	High Quality
	A	Upper-medium grade
	Baa	Medium grade obligations
	Ba	Judged to have speculative elements
	B	Lack characteristics of desirable investment
	Caa	Investment in poor standing
	Ca	Speculative in a high degree
	C	Poor prospect of attaining investment standing
Moody's    Modifiers	1,2,and 3	Rankings within rating category
Moody's    Commercial Paper	Prime-1	Superior ability for repayment
	Prime-2	Strong ability for repayment
	Prime-3	Acceptable ability for repayment
	Not Prime	Do not fall in top 3 rating categories
Standard & Poors	AAA	Highest Rating
	AA	Strong capacity for repayment
	A	Strong capacity for repayment but less than AA category
	BBB	Adequate capacity for repayment
	BB	Speculative
	B	Greater vulnerability to default than BB category
	CCC	Identifiable vulnerability to default
	CC	Subordinated debt of issues ranked in CCC category
	C	Subordinated debt of issues ranked in CCC category
	CI	Income bonds where no interest is paid
	D	Default
Standard & Poors – Modifiers	(+) or (-)	Rankings within rating category
Standard & Poors – Commercial	A-1	Highest degree of safety
	A-2	Timely repayment characteristics is satisfactory
	A-3	Adequate capacity for repayment
	B	Speculative
	C	Doubtful repayment
	D	Default

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RATING SUMMARY

<u>RATING SERVICE</u>		<u>RATING CATEGORY</u>	<u>RATING DEFINITION</u>
Fitch		AAA	Highest credit quality
		AA	Very high credit quality
		A	High credit quality
		BBB	Good credit quality
		BB	Speculative
		B	High speculative
		CCC, CC, C	High default risk
		DDD, DD, D	Default
Fitch	Modifiers	“+” or “-”	Relative status within rating categories
Fitch	Commercial Paper	F1	Highest credit quality
		F2	Good credit quality
		F3	Fair credit quality
		B	Speculative
		C	High default risk
		D	Default
Bauer		5 Star	Superior
		4 Star	Excellent
		3 ½ Star	Good
		3 Star	Adequate
		2 Star	Problematic
		1 Star	Troubled
		Zero	Our lowest star rating

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### Glossary of Cash Management Terms

The following is a glossary of key investing terms, many of which appear in County of Fresno Treasury Investment Policy. This glossary has been adapted from the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA) sample investment policy.

Accrued Interest - The accumulated interest due on a bond as of the last interest payment made by the issuer.

Agency - A debt security issued by a federal or federally sponsored agency. Federal agencies are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Federally sponsored agencies (FSAs) are backed by each particular agency with a market perception that there is an implicit government guarantee. An example of federal agency is the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA). An example of a FSA is the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA).

Amortization - The systematic reduction of the amount owed on a debt issue through periodic payments of principal.

Average Life - The average length of time that an issue of serial bonds term bonds, or both, with a mandatory sinking fund feature is expected to be outstanding.

Bankers' Acceptance – A draft or bill or exchange accepted by a bank or trust company. The accepting institution, as well as the issuer, guarantees payment of the bill.

Basis Point - A unit of measurement used in the valuation of fixed-income securities equal to 1/100 of 1 percent of yield, e.g., 1/4 of 1 percent is equal to 25 basis points.

Bid - The indicated price at which a buyer is willing to purchase a security or commodity.

Book Value - The value at which a security is carried on the inventory lists or other financial records of an investor. The book value may differ significantly from the security's current value in the market.

Callable Bond - A bond issue in which all or part of its outstanding principal amount may be redeemed before maturity by the issuer under specified conditions.

Call Price - The price at which an issuer may redeem a bond prior to maturity. The price is usually at a slight premium to the bond's original issue price to compensate the holder for loss of income and ownership.

Call Risk - The risk to a bondholder that a bond may be redeemed prior to maturity.

Cash Sale/Purchase - A transaction which calls for delivery and payment of securities on the same day that the transaction is initiated.

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Certificate of Deposit (CD) – A short-term, secured deposit in a financial institution that usually returns principal and interest to the lender at the end of the loan period.

Certificate of Deposit Account Registry System (CDARS) – A private CD placement service that allows local agencies to purchase more than \$100,000 in CDs from a single financial institution (must be a participating institution of CDARS) while still maintaining FDIC insurance coverage. CDARS facilitates the trading of deposits between the California institution and other participating institutions in amounts that are less than \$100,000 each, so that FDIC coverage is maintained.

Collateralization - Process by which a borrower pledges securities, property, or other deposits for the purpose of securing the repayment of a loan security, or both.

Commercial Paper - An unsecured short-term promissory note issued, with maturities ranging from 1 to 270 days.

Convexity - A measure of a bond's price sensitivity to changing interest rates. A high convexity indicates greater sensitivity of a bond's price to interest rate changes.

Coupon Rate - The annual rate of interest received by an investor from the issuer of certain types of fixed-income securities. Also known as the "interest rate."

Credit Quality - The measurement of the financial strength of a bond issuer. This measurement helps an investor to understand an issuer's ability to make timely interest payments and repay the loan principal upon maturity. Generally, the higher the credit quality of a bond issuer, the lower the interest rate paid by the issuer because the risk of default is lower. Credit quality ratings are provided by nationally recognized rating agencies.

Credit Risk - The risk to an investor that an issuer will default in the payment of interest principal on a security, or both.

Current Yield (Current Return) - A yield calculation determined by dividing the annual interest received on a security by the current market price of that security.

Delivery Versus Payment (DVP) - A type of securities transaction in which the purchaser pays for the securities when they are delivered either to the purchaser or his/her custodian.

Discount - The amount by which the par value of a security exceeds the price paid for the security.

Diversification - A process of investing assets among a range of security types by sector, maturity, and quality rating.

Fair Value - The amount at which an investment could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

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Federal Funds (Fed Funds) - Funds placed in Federal Reserve banks by depository institutions in excess of current reserve requirements. These depository institutions may lend fed funds to each other overnight or on a longer basis. They may also transfer funds among each other on a same-day basis through the Federal Reserve banking system. Fed funds are considered to be immediately available funds.

Federal Funds Rate - Interest rate charged by one institution lending federal funds to the other.

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) is the largest independent regulator for all securities firms in the United States.

Government Securities - An obligation of the U.S. government, backed by the full faith and credit of the government. These securities are regarded as the highest quality of investment securities available in the U.S. securities market. See "Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds."

Interest Rate - See "Coupon Rate."

Interest Rate Risk - The risk associated with declines or rises in interest rates which cause in investment in a fixed-income security to increase or decrease in value.

Inverted Yield Curve - A chart formation that illustrates long-term securities having lower yields than short-term securities. This configuration usually occurs during periods of high inflation coupled with low levels of confidence in the economy and a restrictive monetary policy.

Investment Company Act of 1940- Federal legislation which sets the standards by which investment companies, such as mutual funds, are regulated in the areas of advertising, promotion, performance reporting requirements, and securities valuations.

Investment Policy - A concise and clear statement of the objectives and parameters formulated by an investor or investment manager for a portfolio of investment securities.

Investment-grade Obligations - An investment instrument suitable for purchase by institutional investors under the prudent person rule. Investment-grade is restricted to those obligations rated BBB or higher by a rating agency.

Liquidity - An asset that can be converted easily and quickly into cash without significant loss of value.

Local Agency Investment Fund – A voluntary investment fund open to government entities and certain non-profit organizations in California that is managed by the State Treasurer's Office.

Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) - An investment by local governments in which their money is pooled as a method for managing local funds.

Mark-to-market - The process whereby the book value or collateral value of a security is adjusted to reflect its current market value.

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Market Risk - The risk that the value of a security will rise or decline as a result of changes in market conditions.

Market Value - Current market price of a security.

Maturity - The date on which payment of a financial obligation is due. The final stated maturity is the date on which the issuer must retire a bond and pay the face value to the bondholder. See "Weighted Average Maturity."

Medium-Term Note – Corporate or depository institution debt securities meeting certain minimum quality standards (as specified in California Government Code) with a remaining maturity of five years or less.

Money Market Mutual Fund - Mutual funds that invest solely in money market instruments (short-term debt instruments, such as Treasury bills, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, repos and federal funds).

Mortgage Backed Securities – Mortgage-backed securities (MBS) are created when a purchaser of residential real estate mortgages creates a pool of mortgages and markets undivided interest or participations in the pool. MBS owners receive a prorate share of the interest and principal passed through from the pool of mortgages. Most MBS are issued guaranteed, or both, by federal agencies and instrumentalities.

Mortgage Pass-Through Obligations – Securities that are created when residential mortgages are pooled together and undivided interests or participations in the stream of revenues associated with the mortgages are sold.

Mutual Fund - An investment company that pools money and can invest in a variety of securities, including fixed-income securities and money market instruments. Mutual funds are regulated by the Investment Company Act of 1940 and must abide by the following Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) disclosure guidelines:

1. Report standardized performance calculations.
2. Disseminate timely and accurate information regarding the fund's holdings, performance, management and general investment policy.
3. Have the fund's investment policies and activities supervised by a board of trustees, which are independent of the adviser, administrator or other vendor of the fund.
4. Maintain the daily liquidity of the fund's shares.
5. Value their portfolios on a daily basis.
6. Have all individuals who sell SEC-registered products licensed with a self-regulating organization (SRO) such as the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD).
7. Have an investment policy governed by a prospectus which is updated and filed by the SEC annually.

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Negotiable Certificates of Deposit – Short-term debt instrument that usually pays interest and is issued by a bank, savings or federal association, or state or federal credit union, or state-licensed branch of a foreign bank. Negotiable CDs are traded in a secondary market and are payable upon order to the bearer or initial depositor (investor).

Net Asset Value - The market value of one share of an investment company, such as a mutual fund. This figure is calculated by totaling a fund's assets which includes securities, cash, and any accrued earnings, subtracting this from the fund's liabilities and dividing this total by the number of shares outstanding. This is calculated once a day based on the closing price for each security in the fund's portfolio. (See below.)  $[(\text{Total assets}) - (\text{Liabilities})]/(\text{Number of shares outstanding})$

Nominal Yield - The stated rate of interest that a bond pays its current owner, based on par value of the security. It is also known as the "coupon," "coupon rate," or "interest rate."

Non-negotiable Certificates of Deposit – CDs that carry a penalty if redeemed prior to maturity. Non-negotiable CDs issued by banks and savings and loans are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000, including principal and interest. Amounts deposited above this amount may be secured with other forms of collateral.

Offer - An indicated price at which market participants are willing to sell a security or commodity. Also referred to as the "Ask price."

Par - Face value or principal value of a bond, typically \$1,000 per bond.

Positive Yield Curve - A chart formation that illustrates short-term securities having lower yields than long-term securities.

Premium - The amount by which the price paid for a security exceeds the security's par value.

Principal - The face value or par value of a debt instrument. Also may refer to the amount of capital invested in a given security.

Prospectus - A legal document that must be provided to any prospective purchaser of a new securities offering registered with the SEC. This can include information on the issuer, the issuer's business, the proposed use of proceeds, the experience of the issuer's management, and certain certified financial statements.

Prudent Person Rule - An investment standard outlining the fiduciary responsibilities of public funds investors relating to investment practices.

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Regular Way Delivery - Securities settlement that calls for delivery and payment on the third business day following the trade date (T+3); payment on a T+1 basis is currently under consideration. Mutual funds are settled on a same day basis; government securities are settled on the next business day.

Reinvestment Risk - The risk that a fixed-income investor will be unable to reinvest income proceeds from a security holding at the same rate of return currently generated by that holding.

Repurchase Agreement (Repo or RP) - An agreement of one party to sell securities at a specified price to a second party and a simultaneous agreement of the first party to repurchase the securities at a specified price or at a specified later date.

Reverse Repurchase Agreement (Reverse Repo) - An agreement of one party to purchase securities at a specified price from a second party and a simultaneous agreement by the first party to resell the securities at a specified price to the second party on demand or at a specified date.

Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act - The Securities and Exchange Commission regulates money market funds in the United States and this rule restricts quality, maturity and diversity of investments by money market funds in an attempt to provide a safe, liquid alternative to bank deposits, while providing a higher yield.

Safekeeping - Holding of assets (e.g., securities) by a financial institution.

Swap - Trading one asset for another.

Term Bond - Bonds comprising a large part or all of a particular issue which come due in a single maturity. The issuer usually agrees to make periodic payments into a sinking fund for mandatory redemption of term bonds before maturity.

Total Return - The sum of all investment income plus changes in the capital value of the portfolio. For mutual funds, return on an investment is composed of share price appreciation plus any realized dividends or capital gains. This is calculated by taking the following components during a certain time period.  $(\text{Price Appreciation}) + (\text{Dividends paid}) + (\text{Capital gains}) = \text{Total Return}$

Treasury Bills - Short-term U.S. government non-interest bearing debt securities with maturities of no longer than one year and issued in minimum denominations of \$10,000. Auctions of three- and six-month bills are weekly, while auctions of one-year bills are monthly. The yields on these bills are monitored closely in the money markets for signs of interest rate trends.

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Treasury Notes - Intermediate U.S. government debt securities with maturities of one to 10 years and issued in denominations ranging from \$1,000 to \$1 million or more.

Treasury Bonds - Long-term U.S. government debt securities with maturities of ten years or longer and issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000. Currently, the longest outstanding maturity for such securities is 30 years.

Uniform Net Capital Rule - SEC Rule 15c3-1 outlining capital requirements for broker-dealers.

Volatility - A degree of fluctuation in the price and valuation of securities.

Weighted Average Maturity (WAM) - The dollar-weighted average maturity of all the securities that comprise a portfolio.

When Issued (WI) - A conditional transaction in which an authorized new security has not been issued. All "when issued" transactions are settled when the actual security is issued.

Yield - The current rate of return on an investment security generally expressed as a percentage of the security's current price.

Yield-to-call (YTC) - The rate of return an investor earns from a bond assuming the bond is redeemed (called) prior to its nominal maturity date.

Yield Curve - A graphic representation that depicts the relationship at a given point in time between yields and maturity for bonds that are identical in every way except maturity. A normal yield curve may be alternatively referred to as a positive yield curve.

Yield-to-maturity - The rate of return yielded by a debt security held to maturity when both interest payments and the investor's potential capital gain or loss are included in the calculation of return.

Zero-coupon Securities - Security that is issued at a discount and makes no periodic interest payments. The rate of return consists of a gradual accretion of the principal of the security and is payable at par upon maturity.