

County of San Benito

STATEMENT INVESTMENT OF POLICY 2019

As designated under the laws of the State of California and confirmed by Board of Supervisors, it is the responsibility of the County Treasurer, to secure and protect the public funds of the County, and to establish proper safeguards, controls, and procedures to maintain these funds in a lawful, rational and auspicious manner. Said maintenance shall include the prudent and secure investment of those funds that are not immediately required for daily operations, in a manner anticipated to provide additional benefit to the people of the County of .

In addition, the County Treasurer acts as the Treasurer, cash manager, and investor for a sizable number of public agencies within the County, rather than each entity having to locate and hire the expertise necessary to handle the entity's banking, investments and other financial duties separately. This pooling of public funds not only eliminates duplication of expenses, but also smoothes out cash flow differences, permits cost savings through higher volume, and attracts more professional service providers. This document contains the policies, procedures, and legalities guiding the County Treasurer when investing the Pool's temporarily unemployed funds.

This Statement of Investment Policy is reviewed no less than annually but may be adjusted as needed to reflect any changes in the Government Code or investment practices. Upon request, this Policy will be provided to participants in the County Investment Pool; to securities dealers, banks and brokers currently approved for conducting investment transactions with the County Treasurer's office in the ongoing effort to manage the excess cash portfolio; to other involved persons or entities; and to any member of the electorate wishing to review this document. The Treasurer reserves the right to provide these documents on a cost basis.

SCOPE

This Statement of Investment Policy pertains to those temporarily surplus funds under the control of the Treasurer, designated for the daily ongoing operations of the County-Pool participants; and concerns the deposit, maintenance, and safekeeping of all such funds, and the investments made with these funds. This Policy does not apply to pension moneys, delayed compensation funds, trustee, and certain other non-operating funds not participating in the County Investment Pool. Percentage limitations noted within this Policy shall apply to all money considered to be within the County Investment Pool. Any investments existing outside the Pool shall be subject to the local agency's individual percentages.

PURPOSE OF POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this Statement of Investment Policy is to provide those entities participating in the County Investment Pool, those involved in servicing the investment requirements of the County, and any other interested party, a clear understanding of the regulations and internal guidelines that will be observed in maintaining and investing those pooled funds deemed to not be required to meet immediate cash flow requirements.

TREASURY OBJECTIVES

The prime and overriding objective of the Treasurer is to protect the safety of the principal of the Investment Pool through the judicious purchase of those legal investments permitted to local agencies, as defined in the State of California Government Codes, consistent with current conditions and the other dominant objectives pursuant to managing a local agency portfolio, namely:

Safety: It is the primary responsibility of the Treasurer to maintain the safe return of all principal placed in investments by avoiding decisions that might result in losses through either fraud, default, or adverse market conditions. Import is also accorded the protection of accrued interest earned on any investment instrument.

Liquidity: It is imperative that a vast majority of all investments be in items that are immediately negotiable, as the portfolio is a cash management fund. It shall always be assumed that all investments could require immediate liquidation in order to meet unexpected cash calls due to emergency situations.

Availability: Due to the nature of a public funds portfolio, it is mandatory that moneys be available to meet the monetary requirements inherent to operating a public entity. Thus funds need to be invested in such a manner that sufficient funding will always be available, without risk of trading loss, to pay normal cash requirements. A vast majority of the moneys invested by the Treasurer should never require the realization of immoderate losses should an unforeseen cash demand require the sale of investments prior to maturity. A sufficient portion of all funds shall be invested in securities providing a high degree of availability, that is, in securities easily sold or converted to cash in a timely manner, with minimal loss of interest earnings.

Yield: While it is considered desirable to obtain a yield commensurate with current conditions, yield shall not be the driving force in determining which investments are to be selected for purchase. Yield is definitely considered to be of much lesser importance than either safety, liquidity or availability.

The Treasurer places investments with the objective of obtaining a respectable rate of return, not attempting to maximize yield at the expense of either safety, liquidity, or availability, yet not totally ignoring those factors within the marketplace that may be indicative of either favorable or hazardous investing conditions. The portfolio will be managed very conservatively, but actively enough to avert avoidable losses due to adverse market conditions.

PRUDENCE

The Treasurer is subject to the "Prudent Person Rule" whenever making a decision regarding the investment of the Pool's funds. This rule states, in principle:

"In investing property for the benefit of others, a trustee shall exercise the judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, that persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence, would exercise in the management of their own affairs – not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable safety of, as well as the probable income from, their capital."

The Treasurer, and those acting for the Treasurer, are considered to have a fiduciary, trustee, relationship with the public for the public funds, and all investment decisions will be made in a manner sustaining this responsibility.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

While the Treasurer has final responsibility for all investment decisions, other Treasury personnel may aid in the day to day operations. Those staff members, in addition to the Treasurer, currently authorized to act on behalf of the Pool, as of the date entered on this Policy, are listed below. This list is subject to change, and those parties newly involved in transactions with the Treasurer's department should always obtain a current Trading Authorization and Agreement form, and be verbally introduced by a known Treasury employee, prior to accepting unconfirmed verbal instructions from any previously unknown Treasury staff member.

Authorized Personnel

Title

<u>Melinda Casillas</u>	<u>Treasurer/ Tax Collector/ Public Administrator</u>
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<u>Katherine Casey</u>	<u>Office Manager Treasury/PA</u>
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<u>Gabe Ramirez</u>	<u>Deputy Treasurer/ PA</u>
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Other persons, both inside and outside County employment, may act in the role of assistant or advisor to aid in the selection and timely and proper settlement of investment transactions. While these persons may provide information or aid in the expedient delivery of securities, they may not authorize or approve any trading activities. Only the persons listed on a current *Trading Authorization & Agreement*, and the Treasurer, may approve trading activity.

SECURITIES CUSTODY

The Treasurer has established a third party custody and safekeeping account to which all negotiable instruments shall be delivered upon purchase on a payment versus delivery basis. No negotiable, deliverable, securities or investments will be left in the custody of any brokerage firm or issuing party, including any collateral from Repurchase Agreements.

AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

The Government Codes of the State of California, primarily within sections 53600 et. seq., establish the legality of certain types of investment vehicles for a California local agency's portfolio. Thereby, under no circumstances is the Treasurer permitted to purchase an investment that is not specifically authorized for a local agency under these, or other code sections that may apply, or might later be enacted, pertaining to local agency investments. Securities brokers dealing with the County Pool should possess a complete understanding of these Code sections.

An attached Addendum briefly describes the types of securities legal within the Government Code sections noted above and outlines the various limitations included in these sections. Except for the restrictions noted below in this section, all legality permitted investment options described in the Government Code are authorized at this time. Funds placed in the State's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) shall follow the limitations placed on these deposits by the State and may change in accordance with these restrictions.

Though these Government Code sections define the investment types and terms permissible to the Treasurer under this Policy, various temporary and more restrictive constraints may at times be deemed beneficial due to transient conditions within the marketplace. These flexible constraints are not part of this Policy, but may be obtained by requesting a current "Temporary Constraints and Restrictions on Investments" document, which will change on an "as needed" basis. These constraints or restrictions may only be *more* restrictive than those of the Policy, but may *not* be *less* restrictive. Securities Brokers and Dealers should be aware of these temporary conditions in order to save time and best serve the County Pool.

Though the Government Code sections define the investment types and terms permissible to the Treasurer, while subject to change at any time, the Treasurer will not currently:

- ◆ Invest in any security or investment with a stated or potential final maturity longer than five years, unless the conditions of the security include terms that permit the purchaser to *unconditionally* "put", or sell back, to the *original issuer*, the security prior to five years from the purchase date; or the Board of Supervisors has pre-approved, as required by the Government Codes.
- ◆ Invest in any security or investment wherein, by the terms of the investment, interest might not be earned during any period the security or investment exists.
- ◆ Purchase any security wherein under terms inherent to the security, or the investment agreement under which the security is purchased, circumstances could result wherein the investment runs a risk of earning a rate of return substantially below other investments obtainable on a fixed rate basis at the time of purchase, or drastically different than the prevailing rate during any time prior to the maturity of the issue.
- ◆ Enter into a reverse repurchase agreement.
- ◆ Purchase any Collateralized Mortgage Obligation.
- ◆ Invest in futures or options.

AUTHORIZED DEALERS

It is prohibited for a transaction to be entered into with any securities broker, dealer or bank investment department or subsidiary prior to that entity being designated as authorized after an in depth financial review and exploration of Street reputation as to knowledge and expertise in fixed income securities. To be eligible a dealer must:

- 1) Be a dealer operation properly licensed to deal with local agencies in California, **and**;
- 2) Have sufficient capital for the risk inherent in their operations, or be a Primary Dealer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; or be the direct issuer of a security type normally purchased by the Treasurer;

Or;

Be a department or subsidiary of an insured bank with minimum assets of \$5billion **or** be one that the County has comprehensive banking relationships with;

Or;

Be one of the wholesale broker operations in New York or its environs, with a history of profitability, that is properly licensed to deal with local agencies in California, that has capital of not less than \$25mm, and does not position securities for their own portfolio or in any way take market risk, but brokers securities for their established clients consisting primarily of traders for Primary Dealers and/or other major institutional fixed income brokerage operations, issuers and investors.

If meeting the above requirements, a salesperson may apply to become an Authorized Dealer by sending to the Treasurer their most recent annual and interim audited financial statements and a letter furnishing:

- 1) Their reasons for believing they would add value to the present coverage; **and,**
- 2) A general roster of those markets they participate in, and specifics on those types of securities they as a firm, regularly issue or regularly hold dealer trading positions in **and,**
- 3) A list of five references, at least three being California local agency treasurers, including telephone numbers that the Treasurer or his representative may contact.

Should the Treasurer feel like additional coverage would be beneficial at the time the above is received, an investigation of the applying salesperson and the firm through various sources, including the California Department of Corporations and FINRA, and our investment advisor to determine market participation, knowledge, reputation, and financial stability. All salespeople and their supervisors will be expected to have a working knowledge of the appropriate sections of the State of California Government Code, sufficient experience in covering public entities, a willingness to well serve their customers, a complete and total understanding of this Investment Policy, and demonstrate an ongoing ability to work with the Treasurer and staff. The Treasurer will review all new requests at the end of each quarter, and if the decision is made that additional dealers would be beneficial to best service the portfolio's needs, those dealers selected will be informed of their selection. All dealers are subject to removal from the Authorized Dealer List at any time, solely at the discretion of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer, or Treasury staff, is prohibited from dealing with a salesman, broker, or account executive from any broker, dealer or bank investment department or bank subsidiary until the Acknowledgment form found on the last page of the Trading Authorization and Agreement is signed by all parties and received by the Treasurer. The Trading Authorization and Agreement is sent out to all approved dealers, and is an integral addition to this Policy Statement for Brokers/ Dealers, etc. doing investment business with the County Treasurer or Treasury staff.

Similar restrictions and forms may be required of those firms doing business with the County Pool through retained financial advisors or managers. Certain selected firms may be chosen or appointed by the Treasurer to render specific services should the Treasurer determine they are uniquely qualified to provide, wherein some of the requirements of this section may be waived.

Neither the Treasurer, nor any member of the Treasurer's staff, may accept any gift, honoraria, gratuity or service of value in violation of the regulations set forth by the Fair Political Practices Commission, the Government Code, additional limitations set forth by County ordinance, or internal requirements of the Treasurer. The Treasurer and all members of the Treasury staff are prohibited from conducting any business with any broker, dealer, or securities firm that has made a political contribution within any consecutive 48 month period beginning January 1, 1996, in an amount exceeding the limitation contained in Rule G 37 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, to the County Treasurer or any member of the Board of Supervisors, or any candidate for these offices.

TERMS FOR FUNDS INVESTED WITH THE COUNTY INVESTMENT POOL

The Government Code requires the County Treasurer to define the limits and conditions under which local agencies having their money in the Investment Pool may deposit and withdraw their funds. The Government Codes confer upon the Treasurer the final authority as to how funds for which the Treasurer is responsible for overseeing, are to be invested. The Treasurer must take into consideration the current financial condition of the sum total of the Pool's agencies, the conditions of the market place, as well as the cash flow projections and the potential for changes in the Pool's cash needs. The Treasurer must protect the earnings of each individual local agency in the Pool, and also see that no decision will reward a particular agency or group of agencies within the Pool at the expense of another or others within the Pool. If the Treasurer determines that a request for a withdrawal of funds for a specific or outside investment is not, in the Treasurer's opinion, in the best interest of a particular agency, or is overly detrimental to the pool as a whole, the Treasurer must legally deny the request, or find a means of neutralizing the harm to all others affected.

Any funds deposited in accounts that are consolidated into the County Investment Pool that are not immediately required to meet cash flows of the Pool will be invested by the Treasurer or the Treasurer's staff. All Pool entities agree that by placing funds in such accounts that they agree to proportionately participate in all investments within the Investment Pool.

FUNDS OF AGENCIES REQUIRED TO INVEST WITHIN THE POOL

Funds will be accepted at all times, in the manner prescribed, from those local agencies where the County Treasurer is also the Treasurer for the local agency, or from any agencies that by statute must place their money in the County Pool. Funds will earn interest based on the average daily balance, paid on a quarterly basis.

Should a legislative body of a local agency determine that certain funds will not be required by the local agency for a period of at least two years, the local agency may petition the County Treasurer to invest that portion of the local agency's excess funds in a specific investment under the control of the County Treasurer. Such a petition should state the nature of the funds the legislative body wishes to invest specifically, and the reasons why the legislative body believes a specific investment is a preferable and viable alternative to general Pool participation. Should the Treasurer determine that the request for a specific investment is valid and not counter-productive to the Pool as a whole, the Treasurer will consult with the local agency's legislative body, or its appointed representative, to suggest and determine exactly what investment(s) should be purchased to fulfill the needs of the local agency. The Treasurer will then purchase the specific investment(s) upon receipt of a written resolution, issued by the legislative body of the local agency, requesting the specific investment. The resolution must acknowledge that the local agency's legislative body takes full responsibility for the decision to purchase the specific investment(s), and that should conditions change requiring a sale prior to maturity of the specific investment(s), any loss that might be suffered as a result, will be solely that of the local agency, and that this loss shall not be shared by the Pool as a whole, nor by the County.

Under language added to the Government Code in 1995, it is not permissible for local agency legislative bodies, required to have their funds within the Pool, to withdraw funds from the Pool in order to invest outside the County Pool in any manner, at any time, without the specific permission of the Treasurer. Any such investments shall either be terminated and all funds returned to the Pool, or the securities so purchased shall be transferred to the custody of the County Treasurer immediately. Upon receipt of any such securities by the Treasurer, the Treasurer shall at the Treasurer's option, place the investment in the Pool, terminate the investment at the current market value and credit the local agency with the proceeds, or place the security in the name of the local agency as a specific investment.

MONEY VOLUNTARILY INVESTED WITH THE COUNTY INVESTMENT POOL

By Code, the County Treasurer shall set conditions under which money from local agencies, not required to have their funds in the Investment Pool, may deposit and withdraw voluntarily invested funds.

Local agencies from outside the County will not be permitted to deposit funds in the County Pool. Funds from local agencies within the County, voluntarily wishing to participate in the Pool, shall be accepted under the terms existing in this Policy, along with any additional terms the Treasurer deems prudent, given the entity's particular situation. Voluntary money may be withdrawn under conditions set forth in Sections 27133 and 27136 of the Government Codes and as previously specified in any agreements made with the Treasurer. Specific investments are not normally permitted with voluntary funds, though on a cost recovery basis and under circumstances that dictate such activity, exceptions may be permitted.

OVERDRAFTS AND BORROWING

The Government Codes set certain requirements for overdrafts. Participants may overdraw their accounts on a temporary basis, but only when such overdrafts are due to cash flow differences, and not the result of indeterminate budget shortfalls. **All overdrafts existing longer than one month must be repaid no later than eight weeks prior to the end of the fiscal year. Because of the short term nature, and liquidity and availability requirements, of cash management portfolios, the ability to 'loan' money to participants in lieu of the issuance of notes of bonds by the local agency is severely limited. Only insignificant amounts, not budgeted for repayment during the current fiscal year, can be considered, and under no circumstances can such loans be considered for periods longer than the fiscal year end.**

APPORTIONING OF COSTS AND INTEREST

All costs related to investing, maintaining and accounting for the investments purchased for the Investment Pool, as authorized by Section 27013, shall be apportioned equally on the average daily balance method quarterly to all participants with funds in the Investment Pool, including those held in specific investments. Interest earning shall be apportioned on the same basis and also distributed quarterly.

REPORTING

The Treasurer generally makes adjustments to the County Pool Investment Policy near the beginning of the calendar year and makes the revised document available to those requesting it. Other reports on the holdings, status and earnings of the portfolio may also be available during the year.

Addendum

Legal Pool Investments *

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Max. % of Portfolio</u>	<u>Max. Maturity</u>	<u>Quality Requirements</u>
a) Bonds issued by the local agency	None	None	None
b) Treasury obligations	None	None	None
c) State of California Obligations	None	None	None
d) Obligation of Calif. local agency	None	None	None
e) Obligations issued by Federal Agencies and U.S. Government Sponsored Enterprises	None	None	None
f) Bankers Acceptances	40%	180 days max.	None
g) Commercial Paper	40%	270 days max.	U.S. entity with credit enhancements resulting in a paper rating A1/P1 or better; with \$500MM in assets; A or higher long term rating if any; max. 10% of portfolio per issuer.
h) Negotiable C.D.s	30%	5 years	None
i) Repurchase Agreements	None	1 year	Collateral must be a legal investment
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	20% of base	92 days max., or to maturity	None
j) Medium Term Note	30%	5 years	U.S. Corporations, or Banks licensed within any State of the U.S., "A" or better rating by all major rating services that rate the issue.
k) Mutual Funds	20%, 10% per fund	NA	A defined money market fund; or invest only in a-j, m, n, of this list, as restricted; Highest letter and number ranking of 2 of 3 rating services; or a SEC Registered Advisor with 5 Yrs. experience, managing assets of \$500MM or more; No load.
l) Investments as permitted by provision in agreements of indebtedness	As per bond documentation	NA	Not contrary to 53601 & 35 and other pertinent law.
m) Asset secured indebtedness	None	None	As required by 53652
o) Collateralized Mortgage obligations	20%	5 years	Issuer must be rated "A" minimum, security must be "AA" by national rating service.
p) Contracted Non-Neg. Time Deposits	None	None	None
635.8) Deposited Pooled small C.D.s	30%	None	Insured as to principle and interest

These tables are not meant to be a replacement for the Government Code. Involved parties should obtain a valid, updated copy of the pertinent Code sections to fully understand all the details included within these Codes.

*See Temporary Constraints & Restrictions document for conditions on these permitted investments in effect at the annual review of this Policy

Temporary Constraints and Restrictions on Investments*

- a. **Bonds issued by the County or County Agencies.** The Treasurer may purchase debt issued by the County or its agencies, but any such debt purchased will normally be obtained only directly from the issuing agency and not in the secondary market. The purchase of appropriate issues of local agencies existing within the County, maturing beyond five years, may also be purchased after consultation and the proper approval of the Board of Supervisors. Such issues, along with issues from 'c' and 'd' below, shall not exceed 10% of the total portfolio. LAIF investments shall not be included when calculating this percentage.
- b. **U.S. Treasury obligations.** The Treasurer may purchase U.S. Treasury obligations for the liquidity and availability they provide when investing in issues beyond two years. However, the spread available on issues with less availability or quality may suggest that other issues be substituted. Treasury issues will not be limited in quantity, though the cash flow requirements of the Pool shall be considered when purchasing all longer term maturities.
- c. **State of California Obligations.** The Treasurer does not currently invest in State obligations, though participation in the Local Agency Investment Fund is part of the overall investment strategy. The holding of interest bearing State issued warrants as an investment alternative is permissible under some occasions, though the purchase of such warrants will not be considered under normal circumstances. State issued obligations, along with issues from 'a' and 'd', shall not exceed 10% of the overall portfolio. LAIF investments shall not be included when calculating this percentage.
- d. **Obligations of another California local agency.** The Treasurer does not currently purchase many of these securities when issued by individual agencies due to tax considerations, but may occasionally purchase taxable issues should the issues meet liquidity and safety requirements, or are taxable. The total of all such individual local agency issues, along with issues from 'a' and 'c' above, shall not exceed 10% of the overall portfolio. LAIF investments shall not be included when calculating this percentage, nor shall investments in joint power authorities that resemble money market mutual funds such as CAMP. Maximum investments in LAIF shall be governed by the maximum permitted by the State. Investments in joint powers authority investment funds shall not exceed 25% of the Pool's portfolio under normal conditions. Neither of these limits shall include specific investments or individual local agency's investments of bond proceeds not made through the Pool.
- e. **Obligations of the various Federal agencies and enterprises.** The Treasurer currently does not invest in any long term pooled securities issued by GNMA, FHLMC, SBA, or any Federal Agency or Enterprise-with a maturity based on average life calculations. Due to the frequent concerns for the safety and liquidity levels many agency and enterprise obligations, the Treasurer monitors their debt and may restrict the purchase of any such securities at any time. Agency obligations are expected to yield a reasonable spread over Treasury issues of the same maturity. No single agency shall account for more that 15% of the portfolio at this time, nor will the total of all Federal agencies exceed 25% of the portfolio under normal circumstances.
- f. **Bankers Acceptances.** The Treasurer is currently willing to purchases B.A.s from those banks with a proven record of dependability and market participation when offered at competitive rates relative to other types of securities. Foreign banks shall be headquartered in certain Western European countries, Canada, or Japan. For additional potential restrictions see section 'p' below.
- g. **Commercial Paper.** Given the current state of the credit markets in general, purchases of Commercial Paper will remain very limited and be restricted to the financially strongest and most liquid issuers. Under normal market conditions, the Treasurer currently does not impose any additional restrictions on commercial paper, though as a rule will maintain an inverted ratio that results in the percentage of commercial paper in the portfolio decreasing as the weighted average maturity of the commercial paper within the portfolio increases. The percentage in commercial paper will not approach the maximum unless all maturities are under thirty days, nor will the percentage of commercial paper generally exceed 30% of the total portfolio unless the

average weighted maturity of commercial paper investments is under 60 days. See section 'p' below for additional potential restrictions on particular Commercial Paper issues:

- h. Negotiable Certificates of Deposit.** The Treasurer currently purchases those types of Negotiable C.D.s permitted by the Government Codes from issuers with a proven record of dependability and market participation. The Treasurer monitors, and therefore may possibly eliminate those banks whose marketability and liquidity may be considered suspect due to their liquidity and pricing within the secondary markets. Negotiable S&L, credit union, and savings bank C.D.s are not currently purchased. Foreign banks shall be headquartered in certain Western European countries, Canada, Australia, or Japan and shall be further limited to the largest and most stable banks of any one country. The Treasurer does not purchase any type of C.D. with a maturity beyond five years. Any C.D.s purchased with a maturity longer than thirteen months normally must pay interest no less frequently than semiannually, or yield accordingly. Please see section 'p' below for additional potential restrictions on C.D. purchases.
- i. [a] Repurchase Agreements.** Repurchase agreements (Repos) will only be entered into with Primary Dealers, and shall require additional collateral if the market value falls to a level of 100% of the cash value invested, when Treasury Notes and Bonds are the collateral, and at higher levels for other types of collateral. Treasury Notes and Bonds will be collateralized at a minimum of 102% of market at the start of the repo, for short term repos, and possibly at higher levels for longer term repos, (percentage determined by market conditions, etc.). Repo agreements with Treasury Bills or other discounted securities as collateral will be priced to market and collateralized at a minimum of 102% of market, (actual percentage to be determined by collateral type, conditions, etc.) Collateral with maturities beyond five years are not acceptable, (except in certain limited cases where unrestricted 'puts' are included with the issue), and all collateral must meet the same requirements as purchased securities. Repurchase Agreements will not be entered into for periods longer than 90 days. Repurchase Agreement contracts will be on file for any dealer with which the County does repos. See section 'p' below for other potential restrictions on Repo collateral.
- [b] Reverse Repurchase Agreements.** The Treasurer currently does not invest in Reverse Repurchase Agreements
- [c] Securities Lending Agreements.** The Treasurer currently does not participate in securities lending.
- j. Medium Term Notes.** The Treasurer normally only purchases Medium Term Notes with a minimum rating of "A" or better for a maturity up to two years. Maturities beyond two years generally require a rating of "AA" or better by at least one of the rating agencies. However, given current market conditions, many other factors other than the rating will be included in any investment decision on an MTN. See section 'p' below for additional potential restrictions on Medium Term Notes.
- k. Mutual Funds.** The Treasurer currently imposes no additional restrictions on Mutual Fund purchases beyond those in the Codes.
- l. Investment of Bond indebtedness.** The Treasurer will consider GICs and other similar investments as bond documentation permits.
- m. Asset backed securities.** The Treasurer normally purchases only asset backed securities where the presence of asset backing is not a deciding factor for investing in the security.
- n. CMO investments.** Under the terms of the Investment Policy, the Treasurer does not currently purchase any CMO investments.
- o. 1) Contracted Non-negotiable Time Deposits.** The Treasurer will enter into contracts for Time Deposits of amounts greater than FDIC Insurance, only with those banks that meet the requirements for investment in Negotiable C.D.s, or with those banks headquartered or with a branch within the County, that are rated "A-" or better by a recognized rating agency. Time Deposits for amounts of FCIC insured amounts or less shall be

with California institutions rated "A" or better by a recognized rating agency, having assets of at least \$25,000,000 and shall require at least quarterly interest payments. Issuers of all Time Deposits shall agree to early withdrawal, under a bona fide emergency circumstance, with penalties not exceeding an interest adjustment to the level of the yield available to the investor on the original settlement date, for the shorter time period actually held. The maximum maturity on any Time Deposit shall usually not exceed 1 year, nor shall the total of all Time Deposits exceed 5% of the total portfolio. Mandated deposits or investments specifically invested by pool participant's request are not included in this percentage restriction. See section 'p' below for additional potential restrictions.

2) Pooled CDs in Depository Custody as per 53635.8. The Treasurer currently does not invest in these instruments.

p. **Exposure Limits.** Presently the total exposure to any one issuer, when totaling all types of securities, shall not exceed 10% of the total portfolio on date of purchase. Possible exceptions to this rule shall include U.S. Treasury issues, Federal Agency issues, local agency issues, and funds in LAIF. Repurchase Agreement collateral shall not be excluded from this calculation unless the Repurchase Agreement is for 5 business days or less. Exposure to the overall credit of individual foreign countries shall be monitored and maintained at prudent levels.

q. **Futures and Options.** Under the terms of the Investment Policy the Treasurer does not currently invest in futures or options.

r. **Maturities over one year.** Any investment made with a maturity exceeding one year, not made by the Treasurer, shall require approval of the Treasurer.

s. **Permitted Percentages.** State law states that all required percentages included within investment related sections of the Government Codes are only binding on the day the investment is made, and that future changes in the size of the portfolio do not require the Treasurer to readjustment the total percentage of each security type within the portfolio to reflect the change in size. Neither is it necessary to sell an investment when changes occur such that the security no longer meets the minimum requirements of the Codes, or the Codes are changed such as to no longer include certain current holdings. The Treasurer shall weigh any Code changes to determine whether or not a security should be sold or may be retained within the Portfolio after a change in conditions, or the Codes, result in a particular security no longer meeting existing or new regulations.

*These are the constraints in place at the onset of the year – changes are possible as conditions require.