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Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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Re: 1999 INVESTMENT POLICY

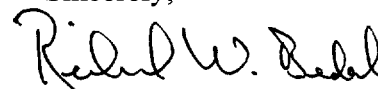
Dear Members of the Board,

State law requires the County's Investment Policy be annually reviewed by the Treasury Oversight Commission and then approved by your Board. The attached Investment Policy for the coming year has been reviewed by the Treasury Oversight Commission and is being submitted for your approval.

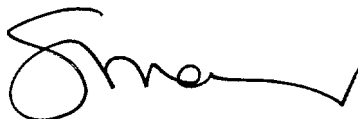
This year's policy only has a few minor changes from last year. For instance where it referred to the term surplus we have changed it to temporarily excess, and we've changed the words security brokers to investment professionals. We have also added a sentence to clarify the expression "non-retractable put" and changed the description of which floating rate securities are prohibited. It is the intent of each of these changes to make the Investment Policy a more useful and understandable document.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board approve and adopt the Santa Cruz County 1999 Investment Policy.

Sincerely,


Richard W. Bedal
Treasurer-Tax Collector

RECOMMENDED:


SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

1999

INVESTMENT POLICY



County of Santa Cruz

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Under the laws of the State of California, it is the responsibility of the County Treasurer, ~~with at~~ at the approval direction of the Board of Supervisors, to secure and protect the public funds of the County and the participants of the Investment Pool, 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 ~~legally deemed surplus temporarily excess,~~ in a manner anticipated to provide additional benefit to the people of the County of Santa Cruz. In addition, the County Treasurer acts as the Treasurer, cash manager, and investor for a sizable number of public agencies within the County ~~instead of rather than~~ each entity having to locate and hire a knowledgeable person to handle the entity's banking, investments, and other financial duties separately. This pooling of public funds ~~not only~~ eliminates duplication of ~~jobs expenses,~~ smooths out cash flow differences, permits cost savings through higher volume, and attracts more professional service providers.

This Statement of Investment Policy will be provided annually for the review of the Treasury Oversight Commission and the approval of the Board of Supervisors in an open public meeting.

SCOPE

This Statement of Investment Policy pertains to those temporarily surplus excess funds under the control of the Treasurer, designated for the daily ongoing operations of the County and 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 deferred compensation funds, trustee, and certain other non-operating funds not participating in the County Investment Pool.

PURPOSE OF POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this Statement of Investment Policy is to provide the Board of Supervisors, the Treasury Oversight Commission, those entities invested 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 ~~surplus temporarily excess.~~

TREASURY OBJECTIVES

The underlying objective of the Treasurer is to protect the safety of the principal of the County 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.

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 money will always be available, ~~without requiring the sale of investments prior to maturity~~, to pay normal cash requirements. A sufficient portion of all funds shall be invested in ‘securities providing a high degree of liquidity and availability, that is, in securities easily sold or converted to cash in a timely manner, with little or no loss of interest earnings.

Yield: While it is considered desirable to obtain a respectable yield, 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 lessor 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 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 County’s funds. This rule states in principle:

“In investing property for the benefit of others, a trustee shall exercise the judgement 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

In accordance with Government Code section 27000.1 and County of Santa Cruz Ordinance 4434, the County Treasurer has been delegated the authority to invest and reinvest the funds of the County and the funds of other depositors in the County Pool.

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 County, as of the date entered on this Policy, are listed below. This list is subject to change, and those parties 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

Richard W. Bedal	County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Deborah Lauchner	Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector
Jan Foy	Senior Account Technician
Lois Meeker	Senior Account Clerk

Other persons, both inside and outside County employment, may act in the role of assistant or advisor to aid in the 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, approve, or initiate any trading activities. **Only the persons listed on a current *Trading Authorization and Agreement* document, and the Treasurer, may initiate 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.

DESIGNATED SERVICE BANK

The Treasurer shall designate a State or Federally chartered bank operating within the State of California to serve as the County's Primary Service Bank, and the Treasury shall use said bank as a clearing house for all funds.

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~~ Investment professionals dealing with the County should possess a complete understanding of these Code sections.

An attached Exhibit A briefly describes the types of securities that are legal within the Government Code sections noted above and outlines the various limitations included in these sections. ~~Except for~~ Excepting the restrictions ~~recorded~~ noted below in this section, all legally permitted investment options described in the Government Code are authorized ~~under this Policy 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, **the Treasurer will not:**

- Invest in any security or investment with a stated or potential final maturity longer than live years, unless ~~the terms of the investment or security includes~~ it contains an ~~unrestricted~~ non-retractable 'put' ~~exercisable at a date shorter than~~ within five years. In other words, such a security cannot be purchased by the Treasurer unless it permits the investor the unrestricted choice of selling the security back to the issuer at par, or above, at a time prior to five years.
- ~~Invest in~~ Purchase any security ~~or investment wherein under terms inherent to the security, or the investment agreement under which the security is purchased,~~ circumstances could result wherein 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 the risk of earning a rate of return substantially below other investments obtainable on a fixed rate basis at the time of purchase or the prevailing~~

rate at any time prior to the maturity of the issue. Purchase floating rate securities containing an inherent yield structure that could dictate a return substantially below rates available for similar maturity periods on the dates the coupon changes.

- Enter into a reverse repurchase agreement.
- Purchase any Collateralized Mortgage Obligations.
- Lend securities.
- Invest in futures or options.

In addition to the limitations provided in State law and this Investment Policy, various temporary and more restrictive constraints may at times be beneficial due to transient conditions within the marketplace. These flexible constraints are not part of this Policy but are presented in a document prepared by the Treasurer entitled “Temporary Constraints and Restrictions on Investments”, and will change on an “as needed” basis. The attached Exhibit B is the “Temporary Constraints and Restrictions on Investments” that were in effect when the Board of Supervisors approved this policy. When these constraints and restrictions change, a copy will be immediately sent to members of the Treasury Oversight Commission and the Board of Supervisors. These constraints or restrictions may only be *more* restrictive than those of the Policy, but may *not* be less restrictive. ~~Securities Brokers and Dealers~~ Investment professionals should be aware of these temporary conditions in order to save time and best serve the County.

AUTHORIZED DEALER LIST

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 an Authorized Dealer, and placed on the Authorized Dealer List. For a firm to become authorized it must first demonstrate that it will add value to the Treasurer’s efforts to best manage the cash portfolio, as well as fulfill certain other minimum requirements. To qualify for Authorized Dealer status, a brokerage firm or bank must:

- 1) **Be** a dealer operation properly licensed to deal with local agencies in California **and**;
- 2) Have a minimum of \$50mm in capital, or, be a Primary Dealer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; **and**;
- 3) Be headquartered in the State of California, or, the City 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 \$500mm that the

County has comprehensive banking relationships with. Or;

Be a broker operation properly licensed to deal with local agencies in California that has capital of \$500mm, that is not directly involved in the actual custody, and transfer of money or securities purchased or sold by the County, but that represents established accounts opened in the County name at those firms meeting the requirements of 1) through 3) of this section, wherein all dealings would be the responsibility of the dealer operation, and wherein all deliveries, payments, written confirmation, etc. will originate with the qualified dealer operation and are sent directly to the County.

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.

The Treasurer will instigate an investigation of the applying salesperson and the firm through various sources, including the California Department of Corporations and the National Association of Securities Dealers (N.A.S.D.), 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 addition to the Authorized Dealer List. 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, are prohibited from dealing with a salesperson, broker, or account executive from any broker, dealer or bank investment department or 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 Tradina and Authorization Agreement is sent to all approved dealers and is an integral part of 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

through retained financial advisors or managers. Certain selected firms may be chosen or appointed by the Treasurer to render specific services the Treasurer determines they are uniauelv qualified to provide. wherein some of the reauirements 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 Codes, 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 G37 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, to the County Treasurer or any member of the Board of Supervisors, or any candidate for these offices.

THE COUNTY TREASURY OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

In accordance with Government Code section 27 130 et seq. and County Ordinance 4433, there shall be a Treasury Oversight Commission of five members appointed from the following:

- a) An appointed representative of the Board of Supervisors.
- b) The County Superintendent of Schools, or designee.
- c) A representative selected by a majority of the presiding officers of the governing bodies of the school districts and community college districts of the County.
- d) A representative selected by a majority of the presiding officers of the legislative bodies of the special districts within the County that are required or authorized to deposit money in the County Investment Pool.
- e) A public member who shall have expertise in, or an academic background in, public finance.

Restriction of Members - All members of the Treasury Oversight Commission are restricted as follows:

- A member may not be employed by an entity that has (a) contributed to the campaign of a candidate for the office of local treasurer; or (b) contributed to the campaign of a candidate to be a member of a legislative body of any local agency that has deposited funds in the county treasury, in the previous three years or during the period that the employee is a member of the commission.
- A member may not directly or indirectly raise money for a candidate for local treasurer or a member of the governing board of any local agency that has deposited funds in the county treasury while a member of the commission.
- A member may not secure employment with bond underwriters, bond counsel, security

brokerages or dealers, or with financial services firms during the period that the person is a member of the commission or for three years after leaving the commission.

Members may not receive honoraria, gifts, gratuities or service of value from advisors, brokers, dealers, bankers, or other persons with whom the county treasury conducts business.

The Treasurer will annually provide a copy of the Investment Policy for review and monitoring by the Treasury Oversight Commission. The Treasurer will provide a report quarterly to the Board of Supervisors and the Treasury Oversight Commission, identifying all investments held in the County Investment Pool, or elsewhere by the Treasurer. The Treasury Oversight Commission shall, via this report and other appropriate means, monitor the activities of the Treasurer, and cause to be performed an annual audit to determine the Treasurer's compliance with this Investment Policy, and other appropriate regulations.

Commission meetings shall be open to the public and in compliance with the appropriate sections of the Ralph M. Brown Act. By Code, all costs related to the duties of the Treasury Oversight Commission will be considered normal charges against earnings of the Investment Pool.

The Treasury Oversight Commission shall have no authority to direct the process or daily operation of any portion of the Treasury department, nor shall the Commission play any role in determining which banks, firms, or individuals the Treasurer does business with, nor shall the Commission be involved in determining which investments the Treasurer purchases, but shall act only to review the actions of the Treasurer to determine that they are in accordance with the Investment Policy and all other legal requirements or regulations.

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 confers upon the Treasurer the final authority as to how funds for which the Treasurer is held responsible for overseeing, are to be invested. The Treasurer must take into account the current financial condition of the sum total of the Pools' 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 ~~not only~~ protect the earnings of each individual local agency in the pool, ~~but~~ 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 those affected.

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 Investment Pool. Funds will earn interest based on the average daily balance distributed on a monthly 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 one year, 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 the general Pool participation. Should the Treasurer determine that the request for a specific investment is valid and not overly 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 specific permission of the Treasurer. Any such investments shall be either terminated and all funds returned to the Pool, or the securities so purchased ~~shall~~ must 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 limit the amounts and 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, will not be accepted under normal conditions unless the Treasurer is assured that these funds are in lieu of longer term investments. Such deposits are subject to withdrawal restrictions for a set minimal term as to be agreed to, prior to the funds being accepted into the Pool, and may not be withdrawn at any time without a minimum of thirty days notice of "intent to withdraw."

Under normal conditions, voluntary money withdrawn from the Pool will be disbursed on a dollar for dollar basis, plus appropriate interest, but under adverse market conditions, when the Treasurer deems the withdrawal of voluntary funds would cause undue losses or significantly lower earnings for those local agencies remaining within the Pool, the Treasurer may require one or more of three remedies:

1) restrict the percentage of funds that may be withdrawn in any given month 2) restrict the rate at which the funds may be withdrawn, or 3) require the local agency withdrawing their funds to accept their funds based on the current market value of the overall Pool.

These terms will be agreed to and contracts signed prior to any voluntary money being accepted into the County Investment Pool. Such terms may exceed ~~those~~ minimum requirements set forth in the Government Codes.

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.

POOLING FUNDS AND DISTRIBUTING EARNINGS

Funds available from all sources may be pooled in order to achieve greater investment potential, The earnings from the pooled investments shall be deposited in a special fund. Each month the Earnings Fund will be shared and each participant in the Pool will be credited with interest proportional to the size of their investment, based on the average daily balance.

Funds placed in specific investments earn the yield of the investment, not the return earned by the Pool. Earnings on specific investments will be distributed within thirty days of receipt.

CALCULATING AND APPORTIONING COSTS

The County Treasurer, following the criteria outlined by the Federal Office of Management and Budget circular #A-87, will determine the “administrative cost” of investing or handling of funds as well as the cost of equipment which expedites processing. This cost shall be deducted prior to interest apportionment and shall be shared proportionately by all pooled and specific investments.

REPORTING

The Treasurer will report to the Board of Supervisors and the Treasury Oversight Commission on a quarterly basis the holdings, status, and earnings of the portfolio. The Statement of Investment Policy will provide annually for the approval of the Board of Supervisors and for review by the Treasury Oversight Commission. Should circumstances require revision within this Policy during the year, the changes will be presented to the Treasury Oversight Commission, and approval

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obtained from the Board of Supervisors prior to these alterations being adopted.

Exhibit A

Investments Allowed by State Law

Investment Type	Maximum % of TIF*	Maximum Maturity	Quality Requirements
a. Bonds issued by a local agency	100%	None	None
b. Treasury Obligations	100%	None	None
c. State of California Obligations	100%	None	None
d. Obligation of Calif local agency	100%	None	None
e. Obligations issued by Federal Agencies, and U.S. and Government sponsored enterprises	100%	None	None
f. Bankers Acceptances	40%	270 days	None
g. Commercial Paper	if 15% or less if 16% to 30% (30% is Max)	180 days 31 days wgt. avr.	U.S. Corporations with \$500MM in assets A or higher long term rating if any, 10% Max of issue, A1/P1 or better C.P. rating by Moody's and S&P
h. Negotiable C.D.s	30%	5 years	None
i. Repurchase Agreements	100%	1 year	Collateral must be a legal investment
j. Reverse Repurchase Agreement	20% of base	92 days maximum, or to maturity	Collateral must be a legal investment
k. Medium Term Note	30%	5years	U.S. Corporations, or Banks licensed within any State of the U.S., "A" or better rating by major rating service
l. 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 years.
m. Investments as permitted by provision in agreements of indebtedness	As per bond agreement	NA	Not contrary to 53635 and other pertinent law
n. Asset secured indebtedness	100%	None	As required by 53652
o. Collateralized Mortgaged Obligations	20%	5years	Issuer must be rated "A" minimum, security must be "AA" by national rating service
p. Contracted Non-neg Time Deposits	100%	None	None--% of asset limits

*Total Investible Funds (TIF)—for purposes of this Policy, are all funds in the Pool that are available for investment at any one time.

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. Such issues, along with issues from 'c' and 'd' below, shall not exceed 10% of the total portfolio.

b. **U.S. Treasury obligations.** The Treasurer will attempt to 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 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, and the holding of interest bearing State issued warrants as an investment alternative is permissible under some occasions. State issued obligations, with the exception of LAIF investments, along with issues from 'a' and 'd', shall not exceed 10% of the overall portfolio.

d. **Obligations of another California local agency.** The Treasurer does not currently purchase these securities due to tax considerations, but may purchase taxable issues. The total of such issues, along with issues from 'a' and 'c' above, shall not exceed 10% of the overall portfolio.

e. **Obligations of the various Federal Agencies.** The Treasurer currently does not invest in any long term pooled securities issued by GNMA, FHLMC, SBA, or any Federal agency with a maturity based on average life calculations. Due to the frequent concerns for the safety and liquidity levels of many agency obligations, the Treasurer monitors and may restrict the purchase of any particular agency's securities at any time. Agency obligations are expected to yield a reasonable spread over Treasury issues of the same maturity, and the Treasurer will generally not purchase any agency obligations for a spread below a minimum of 10 basis points. No single agency will account for more than 15% of the portfolio at this time, nor will the total of all Federal agencies exceed 40% of the portfolio.

f. **Bankers Acceptance.** The Treasurer currently purchases B.A.s from those banks ranked in the top 100 world banks or the top 20 U.S. Banks on the latest compilation by the American Bankers Association. Foreign banks shall be headquartered in certain Western European countries, Canada, or Japan. For additional potential restrictions see section 'p' below.

g. **Commercial Paper.** The Treasurer currently does not impose any additional restrictions on commercial paper, though in order to provide the most flexibility when making investment decisions, will attempt to maintain a maximum thirty day weighted average maturity. See section 'p' below for additional restrictions on particular Commercial Paper issues.

h. **Negotiable Certificated of Deposit.** The Treasurer currently purchases those types of Negotiable C.D.s permitted by the Government Codes, from certain banks listed in the top 100 world banks or the top 20 U.S. banks, as registered in the most recent American Bankers Association compilation, that also receive a long term debt rating of “A” or better by S&P and Moody’s, and a short term rating of investment grade. Additionally, the Treasurer monitors, and therefore may possibly eliminate those banks whose marketability and liquidity may be considered suspect due to their pricing within the secondary markets. Negotiable S&L and savings bank C.D.s are not currently purchased. The Treasurer currently is not purchasing fixed rate C.D.s with a maturity beyond two years nor any type of C.D. with a maturity beyond five years. Any C.D.s purchased with a maturity longer than one year may pay interest no less frequently than semiannually. Please see section ‘p’ below for additional restrictions on C.D. purchases.

I.[a] **Repurchase Agreements.** Repurchase agreements will only be entered into with Primary Dealers, and all collateral will be delivered to a third party designated by the Treasurer, as per state law. Due bills are not acceptable, nor, except in cases of extreme emergency, are substitutions of collateral on agreements under thirty days. The Treasurer will constantly monitor the market value of all collateral 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 ninety 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 County Investment Policy does not allow the Treasurer to enter into Reverse Repurchase Agreements.

j. **Medium Term Notes.** The Treasurer currently purchases Medium Term Notes with a rating of “A” or better for a maturity of up to one year. Maturities beyond one year requires a rating of “AA” or better. 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 issues as bond documentation permits.

m. **Asset backed securities.** The Treasurer buys only asset backed commercial paper with

maturities under 180 days.

n. **CMO investments.** The County Investment Policy does not allow the Treasurer to purchase any Collateralized Mortgage Investments.

o. **Contracted Non-negotiable Time Deposits.** The Treasurer will enter into contracts for Time Deposits of amounts greater than \$98,000, 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 Gerry Findley Inc. or an equivalent rating of a similar agency. Time Deposits for amounts of \$98,000 or less shall be with California institutions rated "A" or better by Gerry Findley Inc. or a similar rate and 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 6 months, nor shall the total of all Time Deposits exceed 10% 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.

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. Under generally accepted practices, exposure limits are calculable on the purchase date of the investment only.

q. **Lending Securities.** The County Investment Policy does not allow the County Treasurer to lend securities.

r. **Futures and Options.** The County Investment Policy does not allow the Treasurer to invest in futures or options.

s. **Maturities over one year.** Any investment made with a maturity exceeding ~~one~~ two years shall require prior written approval of the Treasurer. The Treasurer may provide temporary exemptions for specific employees for a period not to exceed one year such that each individual investment shall not require specific approval.