



# TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR VENTURA COUNTY

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County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

**Subject:** Receive and File Report of Investments for the Month Ending November 30, 2024.

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Discussion:**

The report covers the one-month period ending November 30, 2024.

## Economic Update

Key Economic Data		
	11/30/2024	10/31/2024
Effective Fed Funds Rate	4.58%	4.83%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.1%
Consumer Price Index	2.7%	2.6%
Core Consumer Price Index	3.3%	3.3%

The economy continues to perform better than expected and inflationary trends are subsiding, but core levels remain above the Fed's target. In early November, the Federal Open Market Committee reduced the Fed Funds rate by 25 basis points to 4.50% - 4.75%. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Fed again lowered the Fed Funds rate by 25 basis points to 4.25% - 4.50%, while changing its expectation for rate cuts in 2025 to just 50 basis points. The Investment Work Group will continue to focus on managing risk in the portfolio, especially as we enter a potentially volatile economy in 2025.

## Investment Pool Activity

Portfolio At a Glance		
	11/30/2024	10/31/2024
Portfolio Average Balance	\$4.18 billion	\$4.04 billion
Weighted Average Maturity	326 days	339 days
Effective Duration	0.809	0.843
Monthly Earnings	\$15,932,850	\$15,505,251
Effective Rate of Return Net of Administrative Fees	4.58%	4.47%

November earnings were \$15,932,850, a \$428,000 increase from October. The November **Effective Rate of Return**, net of administrative fees, was 4.58%, an increase from the 4.47% earned in October. If the current portfolio investments are all held to maturity, the portfolio's gross **approximate yield to maturity** would be 4.63%.

The **weighted average days to maturity** decreased slightly to 326 days, and the interest-rate sensitivity measure of **effective duration** decreased slightly to 0.809. Both numbers comfortably meet expectations for LGIP programs like ours.

Standard & Poor's (S&P) reaffirmed the portfolio's rating of AAf/S1+ on December 11, 2024 after a thorough review and audit. The rating signifies S&P's forward-looking opinion that the Investment Pool is stable and solid, is well-managed, and that the credit quality is extremely strong. It also signifies their view that the portfolio exhibits extremely low volatility of returns and has a low-risk profile.

The portfolio has been managed with the objectives of safety, liquidity, and earning a competitive return, as outlined in the Statement of Investment Policy and as required by California Government Code 53601 and 53635. It continues to comply with the policy and all related statutes governing the management of public funds, including Government Code Section 53646, which requires meeting its expenditure requirements for the next six months.

**Strategic Plan Priority:** The item presented in this Board letter supports making responsible and efficient use of public funds and promotes economic stability and growth during a changing economy.

This letter has been reviewed and approved as to form by the County Executive Office, the Auditor Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

Please contact me at 805-654-3771 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this item.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sue Horgan".

Sue Horgan  
Treasurer-Tax Collector

Exhibit 1 - Portfolio Summary - November 2024

Exhibit 2 - Monthly Transactions Report - November 2024

Exhibit 3 - Portfolio Holdings - November 2024