



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 February 28, 2025.

Recommendation: Receive and File

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion:

This report covers the one-month period ending February 28, 2025.

Economic Update

Key Economic Data		
	2/28/2025	1/31/2025
Effective Fed Funds Rate	4.33%	4.33%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.0%
Consumer Price Index	2.8%	3.0%
Core Consumer Price Index	3.1%	3.3%

The U.S. economy held its own during February. Unemployment rose slightly, but the labor market remains steady. Inflation showed a slight downward movement. There are sure to be economic headwinds due to the uncertainty relating to President Trump's tariffs and immigration moves. Indications are that the Fed is likely to keep rates steady in March. Rate cut expectations for 2025 have been trimmed, but the markets now anticipate deeper cuts in 2026. The Investment Work Group will continue to focus on managing risk in the portfolio, especially as we monitor a potentially volatile economy in the coming months.

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Investment Pool Activity

Portfolio At a Glance		
	2/28/2025	1/31/2025
Portfolio Average Balance	\$4.58 billion	\$4.68 billion
Weighted Average Maturity	331 days	339 days
Effective Duration	0.831	0.854
Monthly Earnings	\$16,265,830	\$17,925,793
Effective Rate of Return Net of Administrative Fees	4.58%	4.46%

The **Average Portfolio Balance** in February was \$4.58 billion, which is a 2% decrease from January. The balance will decline until the end of March, when the majority of the second installment of property taxes will begin to be collected.

February **Earnings** were \$16,265,830, a 9% decrease from January, which is reflective of the smaller portfolio size and the shorter month. The February **Effective Rate of Return**, net of administrative fees, was 4.58%, an increase from the 4.46% earned in January. If the current portfolio investments are all held to maturity, the portfolio's gross **approximate yield to maturity** would be 4.47%.

The **weighted average days to maturity** decreased to 331 days, and the interest-rate sensitivity measure of **effective duration** decreased to 0.831. Both numbers comfortably meet expectations for LGIP programs like ours.

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,



Sue Horgan
Treasurer-Tax Collector

Exhibit 1 - Portfolio Summary - February 2025
Exhibit 2 - Monthly Transactions Report - February 2025
Exhibit 3 - Portfolio Holdings - February 2025