



TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR VENTURA COUNTY

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Ventura County Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Receive and File Report of Investments for the Month Ending July 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT: None

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.

DISCUSSION:

The report covers the one-month period ending July 31, 2024.

Economic Update

Key Economic Data		
	7/31/2024	6/30/2024
Effective Fed Funds Rate	5.33%	5.33%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.1%
Consumer Price Index	2.9%	3.0%
Core Consumer Price Index	3.2%	3.3%

Recent economic data suggests positive but slower growth fueled by consumer spending this year. A moderating labor market poses potential headwinds to future economic growth. Inflationary trends are subsiding, but core levels remain above the Federal Reserve’s target. Indications are that the Federal Open Market Committee will begin to reduce rates in September. Fed Chair Jay Powell spoke on August 23rd, saying, “The time has come to adjust policy.” He noted that “upside risks to inflation have diminished” while “downside risks to employment have increased.”

Investment Pool Activity

Portfolio At a Glance		
	7/31/2024	6/30/2024
Portfolio Average Balance	\$4.40 billion	\$4.67 billion
Weighted Average Maturity	322 days	304 days
Effective Duration	0.783	0.733
Monthly Earnings	\$17,049,744	\$17,746,344
Effective Rate of Return Net of Administrative Fees	4.51%	4.57%

July earnings were \$17,049,744, a \$696,600 decrease from June due to the smaller portfolio balance and a slight softening of rates because the market has priced in expectations of rate cuts. The July **effective Rate of Return**, net of administrative fees, was 4.51%, a decrease from the 4.57% earned in June.

The portfolio balances shift in a cyclical pattern. They will continue to decline until November when the first installment of secured property taxes will begin to be collected. If the current portfolio investments are all held to maturity, the portfolio's gross **approximate yield to maturity** would be 4.53%.

The **weighted average days to maturity** increased slightly to 322 days, and the interest-rate sensitivity measure of **effective duration** also increased slightly to 0.783. 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, and continues to comply with the policy and all related statutes governing the management of public funds. The pool maintains its rating of AA Af/S1+ by Standard & Poor's, the highest rating given by that rating organization. The Ventura County Investment Pool complies with Government Code Section 53646, which requires meeting its expenditure requirements for the next six months.

The County's investment program continues to comply with the requirements of state statutes that govern the investment of public funds. The program focuses on risk management, is prudently managed, and is well-positioned to provide competitive returns while maintaining safety and liquidity.

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 - July 2024
Exhibit 2 - Monthly Transactions Report - July 2024
Exhibit 3 - Portfolio Holdings - July 2024