



**TO:** Finance Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Ron Munds, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 5 – 08/02/2021 FAC Meeting**  
Sub-committee to Research Investment Opportunities/Interest Rates

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**President**  
Christine M. Womack

Discuss and provide input to the sub-committee

**Vice President**  
Matthew D. Fourcroy

**Discussion**

The District Investment Policy (attached) outlines the guidelines and practices to be used in effectively managing the District's available cash and investment portfolio. The Finance Advisory Committee Chair has proposed forming a sub-committee to explore the current investment opportunities available to the District and make any recommendations based on their research. It is recommended that this become an annual exercise to ensure the District is receiving the highest monetary yield on its investments consistent with the Investment Policy.

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**LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
2021 INVESTMENT POLICY**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with California Government Code § 53646 which directs the District to annually prepare and adopt a written statement of investment policy, this policy establishes the standards as prescribed by state law under which the District's Finance Officer shall conduct business with financial institutions with regard to the investment process.

**2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This investment policy is intended to outline the guidelines and practices to be used in effectively managing the District's available cash and investment portfolio. It applies to all cash and investment assets of the District including but not limited to moneys held in sinking funds, reserves or designations, trust funds or surplus funds not required for the immediate necessities of the District. Proceeds of debt issuance that shall be invested in accordance with the permitted investment provisions of their specific bond indentures. District monies not required for immediate expenditure will be invested in compliance with governing provisions of law (California Government Code § 53600 et seq.) and this policy. Investments shall be made in judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs; not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent investor" standard (California Government Code § 53600.3) and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers (Finance Officer) acting in accordance with written procedures and the investment policy and exercising prudence and due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

**3. FINANCE OFFICER**

The Board of Directors appoints the General Manager as the District Finance Officer and Treasurer and delegates the principal management responsibility for the deposit and investment of District monies, funds and financial assets pursuant to this statement of investment policy. In the event of an extended absence of the General Manager, the Acting General Manager or Interim General Manager will act as the Acting District Finance Officer and Treasurer. The services of any investment or financial advisor to the District shall be governed by the terms and standards set forth in this Policy.

**4. OBJECTIVES**

The primary objectives are safety, liquidity, yield, and compliance.

**A. SAFETY**

The investment portfolio shall be managed in a manner that ensures the preservation of capital. The objective is to minimize credit risk and interest rate risk.

**B. LIQUIDITY**

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements. This shall be accomplished by structuring the investment portfolio so that investments mature in advance of cash needs.

**C. YIELD**

Yield shall be a consideration only after the requirements of safety and liquidity have been met.

**D. COMPLIANCE**

This Investment Policy is written to be in compliance with applicable California and Federal law.

**5. STANDARDS OF CARE**

**A. PRUDENCE**

The Finance Officer will manage the portfolio pursuant to the "Prudent Investor Standard." When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling and managing public funds in the District's investment portfolio, the Finance Officer shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the District.

**B. DISCLOSURES**

Finance Officer shall disclose any material interest in financial institutions or professionals with which he/she conducts the District business, and shall comply with all applicable laws relating to conflicts of interest.

**6. INVESTMENTS AUTHORITY**

**A. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS**

The District Finance Officer is authorized to deposit or invest District funds only in the following institutions and investments:

1. County pooled funds (California Government Code §§53635, 61053)
2. The Local Agency Investment Fund created by the California State Treasury (California Government Code § 16429.1)
3. One or more FDIC insured Banks and/or Savings and Loan Associations that are designated as District depositories by resolution of the Board of Directors (California Government Code § 61053).
4. Intra-District fund loans and transfers with a fair rate of return from one fund to another specifically authorized and evidenced by District resolution.
5. Investment funds collateralized as per California Government Code § 53652.
6. Such other financial institutions or securities that may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time in compliance with California and Federal law.

7. Allowable investments instruments per California Government Code which are consistent with California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission's guidelines.

## **B. PROHIBITED INVESTMENTS**

The District's Finance Officer shall not invest in:

1. Inverse floaters, range notes or interest only strips that are derived from a pool of mortgages.
2. Any security that could result in a zero interest accrual if held to maturity.
3. A state or federal credit union, if a member of the District's Board of Directors or an administrative officer also serves on the Board of Directors, or any committee appointed by the Board of Directors, or the credit committee or supervisory committee, of the state or federal credit union.
4. Those investments or institutions not permitted by this Policy, or by action of the Board of Directors.

## **C. DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENTS**

Investments, other than investments referenced in paragraphs **6-A** (1) and (2) above, will be diversified to avoid losses that may be associated with any one investment.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **A. MONTHLY REPORT**

Finance Officer/Treasurer shall make monthly reports to the Board with the following information:

- Investments made or retired during the preceding month.
- Single transfers between permitted institutions of greater than \$150,000.

### **B. QUARTERLY REPORT**

Finance Officer/Treasurer shall file a quarterly report that identifies the District's investments and their compliance with the District's Investment Policy. The quarterly report must be filed with the District's auditor and considered by the District's Board of Directors within thirty (30) days after the end of each quarter (i.e., by May 1, August 1, November 1, and February 1) (California Government Code § 53646). Required elements of the quarterly report are as follows:

1. Type of Investment
2. Institution/issuer
3. Date of Maturity (if applicable)
4. Amount of deposit or cost of the security, including par and dollar amount invested on all securities, investments, and moneys held by the District
5. Current market value of securities, with identification of the source of the valuation, for all securities held by the District as well as securities under the management of any outside party that is not also a local agency or the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund
6. Rate of Interest

7. Statement of compliance with the Statement of Investment Policy or the manner in which the portfolio is not in compliance
8. Statement of the District's ability to meet cash flow requirements, including any pool expenditure requirements, for the next six months, or an explanation as to why sufficient money may not be available
9. Accrued Interest (if applicable)
10. Description of any of the District's funds, investments, or programs that are under the management of contracted parties, including lending programs

### **C. ANNUAL REPORT**

Prior to February 1, of each year, the Finance Officer/Treasurer shall file and submit an annual report to the District's auditor and Board of Directors which will contain the same information required in the quarterly report.

The annual report will include a recommendation to the Board of Directors to either:

1. Readopt the District's then current annual Investment Policy; or
2. Amend the District's then current Investment Policy.

### **D. LIMITED QUARTERLY REPORT**

If the District has placed all of its investments in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) created by California Government Code § 16429.1, or in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, insured accounts in a bank or savings and loan association, in a County investment pool, or any combination of these, the Finance Officer may submit to the Board of Directors and the auditor of the District the most recent statement or statements received by the District from these institutions in lieu of the information required in paragraph 7.B, above. This special reporting policy does not relieve the Finance Officer of the obligation to prepare an annual investment report as identified in paragraph 7.C, above.