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INTRODUCTION

Santa Cruz Port District is a municipal corporation and a political subdivision of the State of California. It is governed by an elected Board of Commissioners; the investment policy is administered through an executive officer, the Port Director.

The responsibilities and authority of the Santa Cruz Port Commission are prescribed in the State of California Harbors and Navigation Code, Part 4, Sec. 6200.

PURPOSE

This statement is intended to set policy and provide direction to the Port Director of the Santa Cruz Port District for the prudent and beneficial investment of all funds and monies of the District.

AUTHORITY

The Government Code of the State of California (Government Code), primarily section 53601 and related subsections, authorizes the types of investment vehicles allowed in a California local agency's portfolio. The investment vehicles emphasize preservation of capital and are a conservative set of investments. The authority to invest (as defined in the Government Code) is delegated to the local agency's legislative body for re-delegation to its finance officer. Under no circumstance is the local agency finance officer permitted to purchase an investment that is not specifically authorized by law and within the scope of investments delegated by the local agency's governing board.

This Investment Policy grants the Port Director the authority to act as Finance Officer (Trustee) and manage investments for the Santa Cruz Port District. The Santa Cruz Port Commission will serve in the role of investment committee, responsible for setting investment policy and providing oversight.

The Port Commission, under authorized contract, may delegate certain responsibilities to professional experts in various fields, including but not limited to:

- Investment Consultant: An investment consultant may be retained assist the Port Director in selecting investment options in compliance with State of California public fund management

guidelines; reviewing such options over time; measuring and evaluating investment performance; and other tasks as deemed appropriate.

- Designated officers as allowed under California Government Code Sections 53601-53610 and 53620-53622 and/or successor statutes for purposes of assuming fiduciary responsibility for administering and managing certain investments, such as a Section 115 trust to prefund Other Post-Employment Benefits or pension liabilities.
- Additional specialists such as attorneys, auditors, actuaries and others who may be contracted by the District.

Adoption of this policy was made at a regular meeting of the Port Commission on November 27, 2018. The Port Commission, acting as Investment Committee, may adopt other amendments to this policy due to a change in the District's goals and objectives, which shall require an affirmative vote by a majority of the Port Commission. This policy is intended to allow investment in accordance with state and federal laws and successor statutes, and therefore a statute change may not be require a change in this policy. Investment Policy Attachments A and B shall be updated by the Finance Officer, as needed, to reflect current California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) guidance.

BASIC POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

In accordance with public fund management guidelines, the Santa Cruz Port District investment policy is a conservative policy guided by the objectives of safety, liquidity and yield, in accordance with Government Code Section 53600.5, which states, *"When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, the primary objective of a Trustee shall be to safeguard the principal of the funds under its control. The secondary objective shall be to meet the liquidity needs of the depositor. The third objective shall be to achieve a return on the funds under its control."*

The following are objectives:

Performance Expectations: The Port District's cash management portfolio shall be designed with the objective of regularly meeting or exceeding the average yield of the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). The enabling legislation for LAIF is Section 16429.1 et seq. of the California Government Code. LAIF as an indicator is considered a benchmark for lower risk investment transactions and therefore comprises a minimum standard for the portfolio's rate of return. The investment program shall seek to augment returns above this threshold, consistent with risk limitations identified herein and prudent investment principles, when feasible. The investment program may also seek to reduce Other Post Employment (OPEB) or pension liabilities.

Prudence: The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act" (UPMIFA) standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and this investment policy and exercising 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 the liquidity and the sale of securities are carried out in accordance with the terms of this policy.

Reporting Requirements: The quarterly financial reports presented to the Santa Cruz Port Commission, typically presented at regularly scheduled public meetings in July, October, and January, and shall include information about investment performance. (Note: Fiscal year end quarterlies are not typically presented to the Commission, but are reviewed as part of the year-end audit process.)

Performance Review: The Santa Cruz Port Commission shall perform periodic appraisals of the investment portfolio and investment policy to evaluate the effectiveness of the District's investment program. The Investment Policy shall be presented with the annual budget document.

Ethics and Conflicts of Interest: Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business, in accordance with applicable laws. They shall further disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Employees and officers shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the Port District.

Investment Portfolio Compliance: The Port District's investment portfolio must be in compliance with statute at the time that investments are purchased. The investment portfolio shall be monitored, as practical, for subsequent changes in percentages resulting from non-purchase activity or changes in credit rating of existing securities. If, as a result of monitoring, it is discovered that the portfolio or individual investments are deemed to be out of compliance with either statute or this Investment Policy, such non-compliance shall be reported by the Port Director to the Port Commission within five working days along with a detailed explanation for the variance and recommended course of action.

Exceptions: When investing in funds deemed suitable for public investment such as LAIF, a Joint Powers Authority Pool or Voluntary Investment Program Fund as described in Attachment A, California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) Figure 1, no maximum specified percentage of portfolio shall apply.

Conflicts: In the event any provision this Investment Policy is in conflict with any of the statutes referred to herein or any other State or Federal statutes, the provisions of each statute shall govern.

PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

Permitted Investments

The California Government Code contains specific provisions regarding the types of investments and practices permitted after considering the broad requirement of preserving principal and maintaining liquidity before seeking yield. These provisions are intended to promote the use of reliable, diverse and safe investments instruments to ensure a prudently managed portfolio worthy of public trust.

Government Code Sections 16340, 16429.1, 53601, 53601.6, 53601.8, 53635, 53635.2, 53635.8, 53638, and 53684 include a number of requirements on how and where public money may be invested. CDIAC Figure 1 provides a synopsis of the permitted investment instruments and limitations on each, in which all local agencies may invest as summarized by CDIAC, Local Agency Investment Guidelines, Update for 2018).

The Port District may invest only in those instruments specified in State law; however, the Port Commission may set a more stringent standard.

To the extent allowable by statute, the Finance Officer and Investment Committee (Port Commission) may consider investment in funds, such as those allowable under an irrevocable Section 115 Trust of the Internal Revenue Code, designated for the payment of employee retiree health benefits (Other Post Employment Benefits "OPEB") as authorized under Government Code Sections 53620-53622 or a Pension Prefunding Trust Program "PPTP," currently under development by CalPERS as authorized by SB 1413, which may provide a future investment opportunity.

Limitations on Investments

Limitations as established by law are subject to change as established by the State Treasurer. A listing of limitations on investments are as summarized by CDIAC, Local Agency Investment Guidelines, Update for 2018, are shown in the Table of Notes appended to Table 1. As noted above, investment options and limitations are subject to change as established by the State Treasurer from time to time.

The Trustee, with guidance and approval of the Investment Committee (Port Commission), may adopt additional limitations on investments over time, which shall be made a part of this policy.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A.....CDIAC ALLOWABLE INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS, FIGURE 1

ATTACHMENT B.....CDIAC TABLE OF NOTES FOR FIGURE 1

ATTACHMENT A

FIGURE 1

ALLOWABLE INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS PER STATE GOVERNMENT CODE (AS OF JANUARY 1, 2018)^A APPLICABLE TO ALL LOCAL AGENCIES^B

See "Table of Notes for Figure 1" on the next page for footnotes related to this figure.

INVESTMENT TYPE	MAXIMUM MATURITY ^C	MAXIMUM SPECIFIED % OF PORTFOLIO ^D	MINIMUM QUALITY REQUIREMENTS
Local Agency Bonds	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
State Obligations—CA And Others	5 years	None	None
CA Local Agency Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S Agency Obligations	5 years	None	None
Bankers' Acceptances	180 days	40% ^E	None
Commercial Paper—Pooled Funds ^I	270 days	40% of the agency's money ^G	Highest letter and number rating by an NRSRO ^H
Commercial Paper—Non-Pooled Funds ^F	270 days	25% of the agency's money ^G	Highest letter and number rating by an NRSRO ^H
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30% ^J	None
Non-negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	None	None
Placement Service Deposits	5 years	30% ^K	None
Placement Service Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30% ^K	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Securities Lending Agreements	92 days ^L	20% of the base value of the portfolio	None ^M
Medium-Term Notes ^N	5 years	30%	"A" rating category or its equivalent or better
Mutual Funds And Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	Multiple ^{P,Q}
Collateralized Bank Deposits	5 years	None	None
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	"AA" rating category or its equivalent or better ^R
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Joint Powers Authority Pool	N/A	None	Multiple ^S
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Voluntary Investment Program Fund ^T	N/A	None	None
Supranational Obligations ^U	5 years	30%	"AA" rating category or its equivalent or better

TABLE OF NOTES FOR FIGURE 1

- ^A Sources: Sections 16340, 16429.1, 53601, 53601.8, 53635, 53635.2, 53635.8, and 53638.
- ^B Municipal Utilities Districts have the authority under the Public Utilities Code Section 12871 to invest in certain securities not addressed here.
- ^C Section 53601 provides that the maximum term of any investment authorized under this section, unless otherwise stated, is five years. However, the legislative body may grant express authority to make investments either specifically or as a part of an investment program approved by the legislative body that exceeds this five year maturity limit. Such approval must be issued no less than three months prior to the purchase of any security exceeding the five-year maturity limit.
- ^D Percentages apply to all portfolio investments regardless of source of funds. For instance, cash from a reverse repurchase agreement would be subject to the restrictions.
- ^E No more than 30 percent of the agency's money may be in bankers' acceptances of any one commercial bank.
- ^F "Select Agencies" are defined as a "city, a district, or other local agency that do[es] not pool money in deposits or investment with other local agencies, other than local agencies that have the same governing body."
- ^G Local agencies, other than counties or a city and county, may purchase no more than 10 percent of the outstanding commercial paper of any single issuer.
- ^H Issuing corporation must be organized and operating within the U.S., have assets in excess of \$500 million, and debt other than commercial paper must be in a rating category of "A" or its equivalent or higher by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, or the issuing corporation must be organized within the U.S. as a special purpose corporation, trust, or LLC, has program wide credit enhancements, and has commercial paper that is rated "A-1" or higher, or the equivalent, by a nationally recognized statistical rating agency.
- ^I "Other Agencies" are counties, a city and county, or other local agency "that pools money in deposits or investments with other local agencies, including local agencies that have the same governing body." Local agencies that pool exclusively with other local agencies that have the same governing body must adhere to the limits set for "Select Agencies," above.
- ^J No more than 30 percent of the agency's money may be in negotiable certificates of deposit that are authorized under Section 53601(i).
- ^K No more than 30 percent of the agency's money may be invested in deposits, including certificates of deposit, through a placement service (excludes negotiable certificates of deposit authorized under Section 53601(i)).
- ^L Reverse repurchase agreements or securities lending agreements may exceed the 92-day term if the agreement includes a written codicil guaranteeing a minimum earning or spread for the entire period between the sale of a security using a reverse repurchase agreement or securities lending agreement and the final maturity dates of the same security.
- ^M Reverse repurchase agreements must be made with primary dealers of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or with a nationally or state chartered bank that has a significant relationship with the local agency. The local agency must have held the securities used for the agreements for at least 30 days.
- ^N "Medium-term notes" are defined in Section 53601 as "all corporate and depository institution debt securities with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less, issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States or any state and operating within the United States"
- ^O No more than 10 percent invested in any one mutual fund. This limitation does not apply to money market mutual funds.
- ^P A mutual fund must receive the highest ranking by not less than two nationally recognized rating agencies or the fund must retain an investment advisor who is registered with the SEC (or exempt from registration), has assets under management in excess of \$500 million, and has at least five years' experience investing in instruments authorized by Sections 53601 and 53635.
- ^Q A money market mutual fund must receive the highest ranking by not less than two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations or retain an investment advisor registered with the SEC or exempt from registration and who has not less than five years' experience investing in money market instruments with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.
- ^R Issuer must be rated in a rating category of "A" or its equivalent or better as provided by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.
- ^S A joint powers authority pool must retain an investment advisor who is registered with the SEC (or exempt from registration), has assets under management in excess of \$500 million, and has at least five years' experience investing in instruments authorized by Section 53601, subdivisions (a) to (o).
- ^T Local entities can deposit between \$200 million and \$10 billion into the Voluntary Investment Program Fund, upon approval by their governing bodies. Deposits in the fund will be invested in the Pooled Money Investment Account.
- ^U Only those obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Finance Corporation (IFC), and Inter-American Development Bank (IADB).