



Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Board Order

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A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to:

Receive and accept the Treasurer's Report of Investments for the quarter ending December 31, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 6th day of February 2024, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Askew and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Lopez

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting February 6, 2024.

Dated: February 9, 2024

File ID: 24-058

Agenda Item No.: 37

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

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Vicente Ramirez, Deputy



County of Monterey

Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

Government Code Section 53646 (b) (1) states the Treasurer may submit a quarterly report of investments. The attached exhibits provide a narrative portfolio review of economic and market conditions that support the investment activity during the October - December period, the investment portfolio position by investment type, and the investment portfolio by maturity range.

DISCUSSION:

Inflation continued to move lower throughout the quarter as the November Consumer Price Index (CPI) reading fell to 3.1% year-over-year. Lower energy and goods prices helped offset increases in wage-driven services costs. The labor market also continued to come into better balance. The unemployment rate ended 2023 at 3.7% and 494,000 jobs were added during the quarter. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, the latest available data, showed the U.S. economy grew 4.9%, on an annualized basis, which was the strongest reading over the past seven quarters.

The Federal Reserve updated the Summary of Economic Projections (SEP) released following its December meeting, which showed a peak overnight rate of 5.25% to 5.50% and implied an end to the current interest rate increase cycle. The SEP also showed 75 basis points of decreases by December of 2024. Market expectations for the overnight rate have reached their lowest levels in six months in response to falling inflation, the Federal Reserve pivot from interest rate increases to decreases, and the moderating labor market.

On December 31, 2023, the County of Monterey investment portfolio contained an amortized book value of \$3,233,798,020 spread among 323 separate securities and funds. The par value of those funds was \$3,275,888,842 with a market value of \$3,210,378,916 or 99% of amortized book value. The portfolio's net-earned income yield for the period was 3.54%. The portfolio produced an estimated quarterly income of \$26,882,589 that will be distributed proportionally to all agencies participating in the investment pool. The investment portfolio had a weighted average maturity of 398 days. The County Treasury continues to utilize shorter term debt to

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provide portfolio liquidity and enhanced investment opportunities in the current market environment.

The investment portfolio follows all applicable provisions of state law and the adopted Investment Policy and contains sufficient liquidity to meet all projected outflows over the next six months. Market value pricings were obtained through resources such as Bloomberg LLP, US Bank, and live-bid pricing of corporate securities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

A copy of this report will be distributed to all agencies participating in the investment pool. The Treasury Quarterly Reports are also posted on the County Treasurer's website. A monthly report of investment transactions is provided to the Board of Supervisors as required by Government Code 53607.

FINANCING:

The investment portfolio contains sufficient liquidity to meet all projected expenditures over the next six months. Investment earnings in the General Fund appear to be trending at a rate that will exceed the FY 2024-25 budgeted total.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This recommendation supports the Administration initiative by providing transparency and accountability in the management of County funds in the Treasurer's investment portfolio.

Economic Development

Administration

Health & Human Services

Infrastructure

Public Safety

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Reviewed by: Jake Stroud, Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector, x5828

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Mary A. Zeeb

Approved by: Mary A. Zeeb, Treasurer-Tax Collector, x5015

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Investment Portfolio Review 12.31.23

Exhibit B - Portfolio Management Report 12.31.23

Exhibit C - Aging Summary 01.01.24

cc:

Auditor-Controller - Internal Audit Section

All depositors

County Administrative Office

County Counsel

Exhibit A

Investment Portfolio Review

Quarter Ending December 31, 2023

OVERVIEW

October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

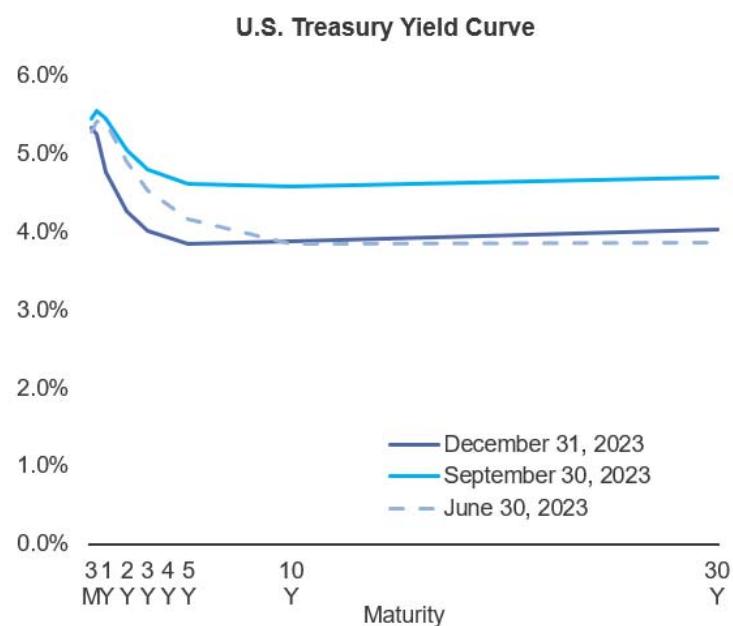
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U.S. TREASURY YIELD CURVE

- U.S. Treasury yields lowered materially across the curve.

	12/31/23	9/30/23	Change
3-month	5.33%	5.45%	-0.12%
1-year	4.76%	5.45%	-0.69%
2-year	4.25%	5.04%	-0.79%
3-year	4.01%	4.80%	-0.79%
5-year	3.85%	4.61%	-0.76%
10-year	3.88%	4.57%	-0.69%
30-year	4.03%	4.70%	-0.67%



- 2-Year Treasury yields fell after the Federal Reserve forecasted three rate cuts in 2024.



PORTFOLIO STRATEGY

The County of Monterey Treasury maintains a well-diversified portfolio across sectors and issuers while maintaining a high credit quality of the portfolio and closely monitoring corporate holdings. Four indicators reflect the key aspects of the investment portfolio:

1. Market Access – During the quarter, investment purchases for the portfolio included Corporate Notes, U.S. Treasury Notes, Commercial Paper, and Federal Agencies. The Treasurer continues to maintain an adequate level of liquid assets to ensure the ability to meet all cash flow needs.
2. Diversification – The County of Monterey Treasurer's portfolio consists of 323 separate fixed income investments, all of which are authorized by the State of California Government Code 53601 and the Investment Policy.

The portfolio assets are allocated between overnight vehicles and the long-term portfolio as detailed in the table below:

Portfolio Asset Composition								
Corporate Notes	Negotiable CDs	Overnight Liquid Assets	U.S. Treasuries	Federal Agencies	Commercial Paper	Supra-nationals	Municipal Bonds	Asset Backed Securities
21%	2.3%	19.6%	35.9%	12.6%	8.1%	0.5%	<0.1%	<0.1%

• Total may not equal 100% due to rounding

3. Credit Risk – Approximately 78.5% of the investment portfolio is comprised of U.S. Treasuries, Federal Agencies, Negotiable CDs, and other liquid funds. All assets have a better than investment grade rating. U.S. Treasuries are considered the safest of all investments. Most corporate debt (21%) is rated in the higher levels of investment grade and all Federal Agency and Municipal holdings are rated AA- or higher. The Supranationals (0.5%) are rated AAA. The credit quality of the Treasurer’s portfolio continues to be high.

The portfolio credit composition is detailed in the table below:

Portfolio Credit Composition								
AAA	AAAm	AA	A	A-1 (Short Term)	Aaf/S1+ (CalTRUST)	BBB+ (split rated)	LAIF (not rated)	Not Rated by S&P
<1%	10%	55%	14%	11%	10%	<1%	<1%	<1%

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4. Liquidity Risk – Liquidity risk, as measured by the ability of the County Treasury to meet withdrawal demands on invested assets, was actively managed during the October - December quarter. The portfolio’s weighted average maturity was 398 days, and the Treasurer maintained \$632 million (19%) invested in overnight investments and \$1.2 billion (38%) in securities with maturities of one day to one year to provide immediate liquidity to be able to react quickly to unanticipated needs or opportunities in the current market environment.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2023
Total Assets	\$2,961,795,633	\$3,275,888,842
Market Value	\$2,870,992,187	\$3,210,378,916
Days to Maturity	362	398
Yield	3.10%	3.54%
Estimated Earnings	\$22,568,162	\$26,882,589

The Treasury continues to strategically invest matured assets while accounting for potential liquidity needs. Opportunities are actively evaluated to safely add value to the County’s portfolio while maintaining a strong sense of safety and risk management.

Exhibit B

**Monterey County
Portfolio Management
Portfolio Details - Investments
December 31, 2023**

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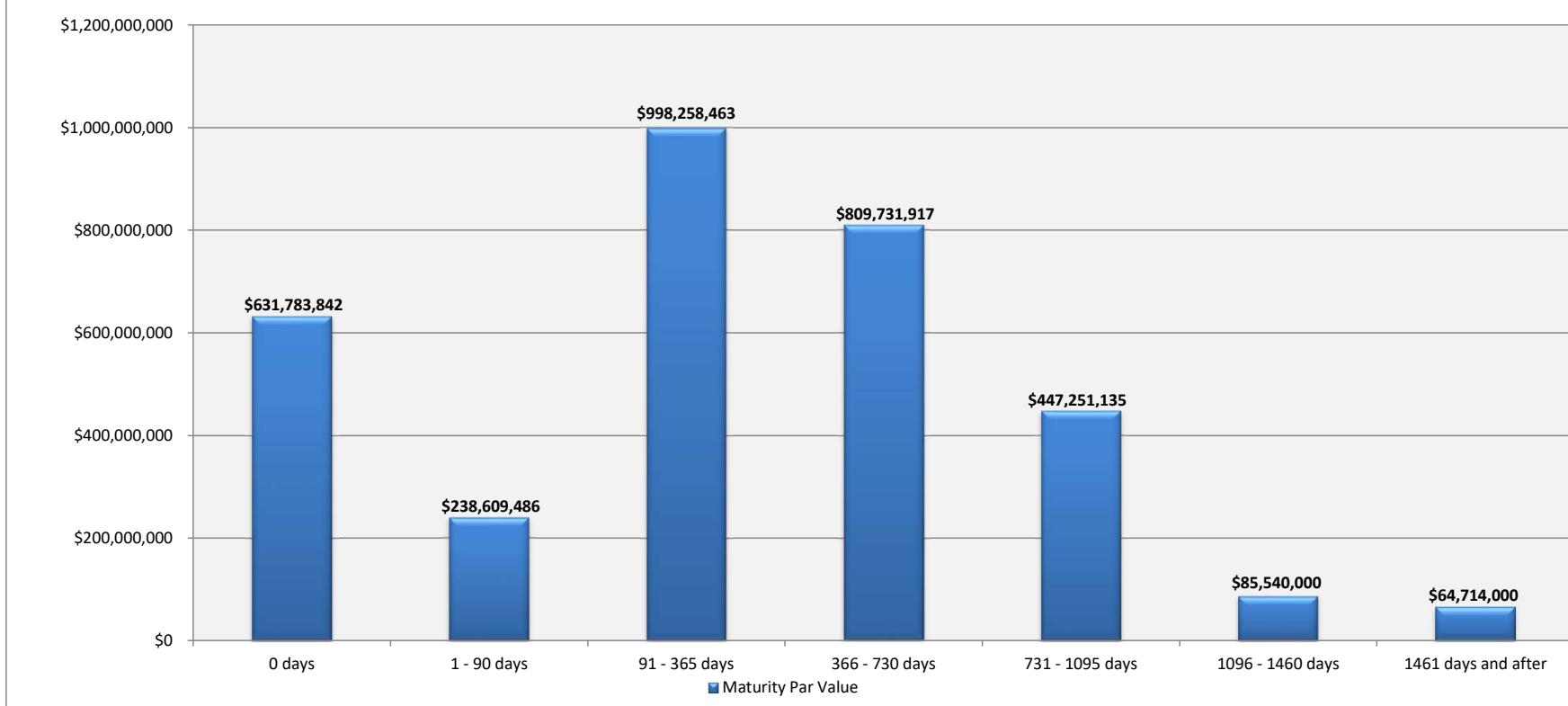
CUSIP	Investment #	Issuer	Average Balance	Purchase Date	Par Value	Market Value	Book Value	Stated Rate	Moody's	S&P	YTM	Maturity Date
Municipal Bonds												
54438CYK2	12431	Los Angeles CCD		11/10/2020	100,000.00	93,939.00	100,000.00	0.773	Aaa	AA+	0.773	08/01/2025
544647FC9	12542	Los Angeles Unified SD		11/10/2021	80,000.00	73,360.80	80,000.00	1.455	Aa3	N/A	1.455	07/01/2026
646140DN0	12460	NJ TPK AUTH-B-TXBL		02/04/2021	55,000.00	52,751.60	55,000.00	0.897	A1	AA-	0.897	01/01/2025
650036DT0	12453	NY ST Urban		12/23/2020	270,000.00	257,266.80	270,000.00	0.870	N/A	AA+	0.870	03/15/2025
798306WP7	12422	SAN JUAN CA UNIF SCH		10/29/2020	55,000.00	51,755.55	55,000.00	0.852	Aa2	N/A	0.899	08/01/2025
798306WN2	12423	SAN JUAN CA UNIF SCH		10/29/2020	60,000.00	58,512.60	60,000.00	0.702	Aa2	N/A	0.702	08/01/2024
574193TQ1	12392	State of Maryland		08/05/2020	110,000.00	106,934.30	109,995.50	0.510	Aaa	AAA	0.517	08/01/2024
91412HFM0	12388	University of California		07/16/2020	55,000.00	52,179.05	55,000.00	0.933	Aa2	AA	0.933	05/15/2025
977123X78	12389	Wisconsin St Transport		07/30/2020	140,000.00	132,004.60	140,000.00	0.774	N/A	AAA	0.774	07/01/2025
977123X60	12390	Wisconsin St Transport		07/30/2020	140,000.00	136,997.00	140,000.00	0.624	N/A	AAA	0.624	07/01/2024
Subtotal and Average			1,064,994.55		1,065,000.00	1,015,701.30	1,064,995.50				0.820	
Total and Average			3,017,063,915.44		3,275,888,842.24	3,210,378,916.16	3,233,798,020.20				3.811	



Exhibit C
Monterey County
Aging Summary
By Maturity Date
As of January 1, 2024

Aging Interval:	Days	Date Range	Maturities	Maturity Par Value	Percent of Portfolio	Current Book Value	Current Market Value
Aging Interval:	0 days	(01/01/2024 - 01/01/2024)	10 Maturities	631,783,842.24	19.29%	631,783,842.24	631,783,842.24
Aging Interval:	1 - 90 days	(01/02/2024 - 03/31/2024)	22 Maturities	238,609,485.58	7.28%	238,156,837.54	237,232,166.52
Aging Interval:	91 - 365 days	(04/01/2024 - 12/31/2024)	79 Maturities	998,258,463.08	30.47%	993,554,940.70	980,565,004.15
Aging Interval:	366 - 730 days	(01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025)	90 Maturities	809,731,916.60	24.72%	794,058,791.73	779,375,194.10
Aging Interval:	731 - 1095 days	(01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026)	71 Maturities	447,251,134.73	13.65%	431,747,011.62	434,834,968.47
Aging Interval:	1096 - 1460 days	(01/01/2027 - 12/31/2027)	34 Maturities	85,540,000.00	2.61%	80,393,274.34	82,245,613.63
Aging Interval:	1461 days and after	(01/01/2028 -)	17 Maturities	64,714,000.00	1.98%	64,103,322.03	64,342,127.05
Total for 323 Investments				3,275,888,842.23	100.00	3,233,798,020.20	3,210,378,916.16

Investments within the Aging Period



*Totals may differ due to rounding.