

# RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10

# A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015

# HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District, Lake County, California, that certain Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2014/2015, attached hereto and setting forth the policy for investment of District's funds for said Fiscal Year, be and it is hereby, approved and adopted as the Official Investment Policy of this District for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District, Lake County, California, at a meeting thereof held on the 17th day of June, 2014, by the following vote:

AYESDIRECTORS GRAHAM, FREEMAN, HERNDON, LIEBERMAN & MIRBEGIAN

NOESNONE

ABSENT, NONE

ABSTAIN, NONE

Roland Sanford

General Manager/Secretary to the Board

Judy Mirbegian

President of the Board



# HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY FY 2014-2015

Except for immediate cash requirement or pursuant to specific action by the Board of Directors, the District shall invest all of its surplus funds with the Local Agency Investment Fund, administered by the Treasurer of the State of California, or in a money market fund held with the District's Service Bank to assure in priority order; Safety; Liquidity and Yield with minimum risk and administrative cost.

Upon a positive vote by the Board, the District may invest in other securities and instruments as noted in Appendix A within the limitations indicated.

## Reporting

District Staff shall prepare a monthly report titled "Investment Report", for review by the Board at its regular monthly meetings. This report shall display:

- 1. Monthly investments by the District
- 2. Rate of return and yield by item
- 3. Total interest income for the period

Total interest income earned for the period shall agree with the District's monthly financial reports.

The report shall include the type of investment, issuer, and account balance. For investments in the Local Agency Investment Fund, in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation-insured accounts in a bank or savings and Ioan association, or in a county investment pool, the report may instead attach the most recent statement received from the institutions. The monthly report shall state that the portfolio complies with this Investment Policy or the manner in which the portfolio is not in compliance. Monies not required for immediate needs shall be considered surplus funds and shall be invested to provide the highest yield and liquidity at the minimum level of risk, until needed for payment of District obligations.

The Controller, or designee, shall present the Investment Report to the Board of Directors for consideration at the District's regular monthly meetings.

#### Service Bank

The Board shall designate a State or Federally chartered bank, operating within the State of California, to serve as the District's primary service bank, and the District shall use said bank as a clearing house for all funds.

## Safekeeping Account

When practical all negotiable securities shall be held in a safekeeping account at the Trust Department of the designated District Service Bank.

#### Investment Documentation and Review

Each investment transaction must be duly documented. All dealer and safekeeping confirmations are to be reviewed by a person other than the person initiating the transaction. Any discrepancies must be resolved immediately and a new confirmation issued.

#### <u>Audit</u>

The Board shall establish an annual process of independent review by an external auditor. This review shall provide internal control by assuring compliance with policies and procedures. The external auditor shall submit a report of his/her findings for consideration by the Board. Upon deliberation, the Board shall consider the report and by official action accept or reject it.

### **Policy Review**

The Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District's Investment Policy shall be adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors on an annual basis. This Investment Policy shall be reviewed at least annually to ensure its consistency with the overall objectives of preservation to principal, liquidity and yield, and its compliance with current law and relation to financial and economic trends. Any amendments to the policy shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

# Standard of Care (Prudent Investor Standard)

The standard of care to be used in investing District funds shall be the prudent investor standard described in Government Code section 53600.3 and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. The Board, acting in accordance with written procedures and this Investment Policy, 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.

# **Legislative Changes**

Any State of California legislative action that further restricts allowable maturities, investment type or percentage allocations will be incorporated into the Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District's Investment Policy and supersedes any and all previous applicable language.

#### Interest Earnings

All monies earned and collected from investments authorized in this policy shall be allocated monthly to various fund accounts based on the cash balance in each fund as a percentage of the entire pooled portfolio.



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# **APPENDIX A**

#### **Authorized Investments**

Investments of District Funds are governed by the California Government Code Sections 53600 et seq. Within the context of those limitations, the following investments are authorized as further limited herein:

| <u>INSTRUMENT</u>                  | PERCENTAGE OF PORTFOLIO |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Repurchase Agreements              | 0 to 100%               |
| Local Agency Investment Fund       | 0 to 100%               |
| U.S. Treasury Bonds/Notes/Bills    | 0 to 100%               |
| U.S. Government Agency Obligations | 0 to 100%               |
| Bankers' Acceptances               | 0 to 40%                |
| Commercial Paper                   | 0 to 15%                |
| Negotiable Certificates of Deposit | 0 to 30%                |
| Time Certificates of Deposit       | 0 to 25%                |
| Reverse Repurchase Agreements      | 0 to 20%                |

- 1. United States Treasury Bills, Bonds, Notes or certificates of indebtedness or those for which the full faith and credit of the United States are pledged for payment of principal and interest. There is no percentage limitation of the portfolio which can be invested in this category, although a five year maturity limitation is applicable.
- 2. Obligations issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), the Federal Home Loan Bank Board (FHLB), the Federal Farm Credit System (FFCB), and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association (FHLMC). There is no percentage limitation of the portfolio which can be invested in this category, although a five year maturity limitation is applicable.

Investments detailed in items 3 through 10 are further restricted to percentage of the cost value of the portfolio in any one user name to a maximum of 15%. The total value invested in any one issuer shall not exceed 5% of the issuer's net worth. Again, a five year maximum maturity limitation is applicable unless further restricted by this policy.

3. Bills of exchange or time drafts drawn on and accepted by commercial banks, otherwise as Bankers' Acceptances. Bankers' Acceptances purchased may not exceed 270 days maturity or 40% of the cost value of the portfolio. Bankers' Acceptances may only be purchased from the top 100 Banks of the World as compiled by American Banker from Merrill Lynch.

- 4. Commercial paper ranked P1 by Moody's Investor Services or A1+ by Standard & Poor's, and issued by domestic corporations having assets in excess of \$500,000,000 and having an AA or better rating on its' long term debentures as provided by Moody's or Standard and Poor's. Purchases of eligible commercial paper may not exceed 180 days to maturity nor represent more than 10% of the outstanding paper if the issuing corporation. Purchases of commercial paper may not exceed 15% of the cost value of the portfolio.
- 5. Negotiable Certificates of Deposit will be issued by nationally or state chartered banks or state or federal savings institutions. Purchases of negotiable certificates of deposit may not exceed 30% of total portfolio. A maturity limitation of five years is applicable.
- 6. Repurchase agreements which specify terms and conditions may be transacted with banks and broker dealers. The maturity of the repurchase agreements shall not exceed 90 days. The market value of the securities used as collateral for the repurchase agreements shall be monitored by the investment staff and shall not be allowed to fall below 102% of the value of the repurchase agreement.
- 7. Reverse repurchase agreements which specifies terms and conditions may be transacted with broker dealers and financial institutions but cannot exceed 20% of the portfolio value on the date entered into. The District may enter into reverse repurchase agreements only to fund short term liquidity needs. The term of reverse repurchase agreements may not exceed 92 days. Prior approval by the Board is required. The underlying securities must have been owned by the District at least 30 days before sale.
- 8. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) which is a State of California managed investment pool may be used up to the maximum permitted by California State Law.
- 9. Time deposits, non-negotiable and collateralized in accordance with the California Government Code, may be purchased through banks or savings and loan associations. Since time deposits are not liquid, no more than 25% of the investment portfolio may be invested in this investment type.
- 10. Moneys held by a trustee or fiscal agent and pledged to the payment or security of notes, bonds, or other indebtedness, or obligations under a lease, installment sale, or other agreement, or certificates of participation in such obligations (collectively "debt obligation"), may be invested in accordance with the statutory provisions governing the issuance of those debt obligations or in accordance with the ordinance, resolution, indenture, or agreement providing for their issuance.

<u>AUTHORIZED BROKERS:</u> Purchases and sales of securities shall be made through firms designated as Primary Dealers by the Federal Reserve Board; furthermore, the firm must operate from an office within this state.

INVESTMENT PURCHASES: Purchases shall attempt to be made in minimum amounts of \$1,000, par value. When practical, a minimum of three bids shall be obtained to insure competitive pricing. Investments shall be held in the safekeeping account with the exception that Time Certificates of Deposit shall be delivered to the District's vault and held until maturity. All transactions will be settled on payment vs. delivery.

INVESTMENT SALES: Securities may be sold prior to maturity to provide for cash flow needs. Securities shall not be sold for less than cost plus accrued interest without prior approval of the Board. Three bids should, when possible, be obtained to insure competitive pricing. Settlement shall be on a payment vs. delivery basis.

SWAP TRADES: The concurrent sale of an owned investment and purchase of a substitute investment may be performed provided the transaction results in a minimum gain of \$600.00. Normally, the maturity of the new investment should be within two weeks in either direction of the maturity of the security sold.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENT: Repo's shall be collateralized by Government Securities, Bankers' Acceptance, Commercial Paper or Negotiable Certificates of Deposit. Collateral will be included in percentage limitations under authorized investments. The market value plus accrued interest of the collateral must equal or exceed 102% of the repo cost at all times. All collateral shall be delivered to the safekeeping account or to the District.

REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT: Securities may be sold under an agreement to repurchase only when necessary to fund short term cash flow needs. However, each such transaction must be approved in advanced by the Board. Securities sold under such agreement to repurchase shall at no time be in excess of \$300,000, nor for a longer period than 92 days.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS: For the purpose of this Policy, all Domestic Banks are limited to those with a current Thomson Bank Watch Inc. rating of "B/C" or better and a TBW-1 short term rating. The Investment Group is granted the authority to specify approved California Banks with a Thomson Bank Watch Inc. rating of "C" or better and TBW-2 rating where appropriate. Foreign Banks with domestic licensed offices must be AAA for country risk and "B" or better and a TBW-1 short term for the company by Thomson Bank Watch Inc. Domestic Savings Banks must be rated "B/C" or better and a TBW-1 short term rating by Thomson Bank Watch Inc.