

**EL DORADO COUNTY  
POOLED INVESTMENTS  
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY**

The County of El Dorado is a Charter County which invests its funds in accordance with the California Government Code (GC) §27000 et seq. and §53635 et seq.

In accordance with GC §27000.5 the criteria of selecting investments and the order of priority are:

1. Safety of principal
2. Liquidity
3. Public Trust
4. Yield

Government bills, notes, and government agency paper guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government are considered to be the highest quality investments available.

For the uninsured portion of any investment, banks and savings and loans are required to pledge either blocks of Federal securities as collateral at 110% of the County's investment, or banks and savings and loans are required to pledge blocks of real estate mortgages as collateral at 150% of the investment.

While the County recognizes that all investments carry a certain degree of risk, the Treasury attempts to minimize the risks relative to safety of principal.

The County attempts to schedule its maturities to meet anticipated cash needs.

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust.

To maximize yields, El Dorado County utilizes computerized cash management reporting systems and compares offerings from more than one source. All measures of return on investment shall be based upon the overall portfolio performance, with individual investment (or investment type) performance being of secondary regard. Proper diversification should support this rationale.

**Reporting**

On no less than a quarterly basis, the Treasury shall submit to the Board of Supervisors, , and the Chief Administrative Officer a report of investments pursuant to GC §53646(b).

## Investments

Permissible investments for a local agency that are addressed in GC, §53601, §53635 et seq., §53637, §53638, §53651, §53652, and §53653.

The County investment pool operates within State and self-imposed constraints. The County ensures all minimum credit requirements listed in California Government Code 53601 are adhered to annually. The Treasury does not buy stocks or deal in futures or options. The Treasury does not invest in inverse floaters, range notes, or interest-only strips that are derived from a pool of mortgages. Proceeds from Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes or Grant Anticipation Notes shall not be invested for a term exceeding the term of the note. No investment may exceed five years to maturity nor have an underlying investment in excess of five years without express permission of the Board of Supervisors. FDIC insured instruments and all instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government are permitted investments.

<u>Permitted Investments</u>	<u>Maximum Percentage/Portfolio</u>	<u>Term</u>
a) US Treasury Notes, Bonds, Bills	Unlimited %	Maximum 5 year term
b) Bankers Acceptances term	40%, no more than 5% with any one bank*	Maximum 180 day
c) Domestic Commercial Paper term	20% maximum, no more than 5% with any single issuing corporation*	Maximum 31 day
d) Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	30%, no more than 5% with any one bank*	Maximum 5 year term
e) Certificates of Deposit, Non-negotiable	Unlimited %	Maximum 5 year term
f) Repurchase Agreement	Unlimited %, no more than 5% with any one company*	Maximum 1 year term
g) Agencies	Unlimited %, no more than 5% with any one agency*	Maximum 3 year term
h) Demand Deposit Savings Accounts	Unlimited %	Maximum 5 year term
i) State Warrants	Unlimited %	Maximum 1 year term
j) Local Agency Investment Fund **	Unlimited %	N/A
k) Medium-Term notes of U.S. Corporations & Depository Institutions	30%	Maximum 3 year term

l) Commercial Paper under FDIC Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program	40%	Maximum 270 day term
m) Fully Collateralized Bank Deposits	Unlimited %*	N/A
n) Deposits placed with Private Sector Entity (Deposit Placement Services)	30%, individual deposit no more than can be federally insured	Maximum 5 year term

\*Per issuer limitations applies at time of purchase of an investment.

\*\* LAIF operates under GC §16429.1 and §16430, with investment policies and regulations that may differ from El Dorado County's.

Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, repurchase agreements, and bankers acceptances are insured or secured with collateral. Only domestic Commercial Paper with the highest letter and numerical ratings is purchased. The County recognizes that all investments carry a certain degree of risk.

### **Safekeeping**

All securities purchased shall be held in safekeeping by a third party custodian pursuant to an agreement between the custodian and the County Treasury pursuant to GC §53608. "Delivery versus payment" shall be used for securities transactions, and no security will be held by the broker/dealer from whom purchased.

### **Criteria for Broker Selection**

In accordance with GC §27133(c) any broker, brokerage, dealer, or securities firm that has, within any consecutive 48-month period following January 1, 1996, made a political contribution in an amount exceeding the limitations contained in Rule G-37 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board to the local treasurer, any member of the governing board of the local agency, or a candidate for those offices, shall not sell to (or purchase from) the County Treasury securities or other instruments.

### **Criteria for Considering Agency Request to Withdraw from Pool**

Pursuant to GC §27136, depositors who seek to withdraw funds for investing or depositing those funds outside the County Treasury pool shall first submit the request

for withdrawal to the County Treasurer in writing.

The County Treasurer will honor all requests to withdraw funds for normal cash flow purposes that are approved by the El Dorado County Auditor-Controller at a one-dollar net asset value.

Any requests to withdraw funds for purposes other than cash flow, such as external investing, shall be subject to the consent of the County Treasurer. In accordance with GC §27136 et seq. and §27133(h) et seq., such requests for withdrawals must first be made in writing to the County Treasurer. These requests are subject to the County Treasurer's consideration of the stability and predictability of the Pooled Investment Fund.

Assessment of the effect of a proposed withdrawal on the stability and predictability of the investments in the Pooled Investment Fund will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Size of withdrawal
- 2) Size of remaining balance of:
  - a) Pool
  - b) Agency
- 3) Current market conditions
- 4) Duration of withdrawal
- 5) Effect on predicted cash flows
- 6) A determination if there will be sufficient balances remaining to cover costs
- 7) Adequate information has been supplied to the County Treasurer in order to make a proper finding that other pool participants will not be adversely affected

Note: To accommodate agencies with their own boards and with a desire for flexibility, withdrawals for the purpose of investing outside the County Pool will be permitted if an agency's balance of funds outside the County Treasury Pool does not exceed a total of \$115,000.00 at any time during the year. These small balances will be considered as not affecting the other pool participants. This total "not to exceed" is the total for the agency, not a total by fund. The balance remaining in the Treasury must not be in a negative (deficit) position or all funds must be immediately returned to the Treasury, and the privilege to withdraw any amount will be revoked and not reinstated for a period of six months. Any agency withdrawing funds must comply with all government code sections related to withdrawal of funds, investment of funds, and bonding, as applicable.

For outside investors who utilize GC §53684, where the County Treasurer does not serve as the agency's treasurer, any withdrawal request must be made in writing 30 days in advance per GC §53684(d).

In no event shall funds be withdrawn that, in the judgement of the County Treasurer, will adversely affect the interest of the other participants in the pool.

## **Criteria for Non-Statutory Agency Request to Participate in Pool**

All entities qualifying under GC §27133(g) may deposit funds for investment purposes providing the following has been accomplished:

- The agency's administrative body has requested in writing the privilege, has agreed to all terms, conditions, rules, and regulations of existing participants as prescribed by the County Treasurer, and has delivered to the County Treasury a resolution identifying the authorized officer(s) acting on behalf of the agency.

### **Apportioning Treasury Cost**

As authorized under GC § 27013, the actual administrative cost of investing, depositing, cash handling, and other management costs associated with the accounting of funds, the deposit of funds, the reconciling of accounts, the interest apportionment, and the investment of funds for the pool will be apportioned among the depositors on the basis of each entity's average daily cash balance. For ease of accounting, all costs are offset against the interest earned before the interest is apportioned.

### **Apportioning Investment Losses**

Given the inherent risk of any investment, in the event of a loss, it will be recorded by apportioning the amount among the depositors on the basis of each funds investment earnings in the twelve month period immediately prior to and including the month of recognition. If a subsequent recovery occurs, either partial or complete, the recovery will be distributed among the depositors in the same proportion as the original loss was apportioned.