

Town of Yountville Investment Policy

1. Policy:

It is the policy of the Town of Yountville to invest public funds in a manner that will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the Town and conforming to all California laws and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

2. <u>Scope:</u>

This investment policy applies to all the funds and investment activities under the direct authority of the Town of Yountville as accounted for in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Policy statements outlined in this document focus on the Town of Yountville's pooled funds, but will also apply to all other funds under the Town Treasurers' span of control unless specifically exempted by statue or ordinance. This policy is applicable, but not limited to, all funds listed below:

- General Fund
- Enterprise Funds
- Special Revenue Funds
- Capital Project Funds
- Debt Service Funds
- Agency Funds

Excluded funds are those held with a fiscal agent, which has their own specific "permitted investments" section in the bond covenants and OPEB and PRSP funds invested in a IRC section 115 irrevocable trust (see separate policy).

3. Prudence:

Investments shall be made with 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 the Town's investment officials shall be the "**prudent person**" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. The Town Treasurer and/or Town Manager, acting within the intent and scope of the investment policy and other written procedures 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 that result in a loss of principal are reported to the Town Manager immediately,



and to the Town Council at their next meeting addressing appropriate actions to be taken to control adverse developments.

4. <u>Objective:</u>

The primary objectives in priority order of the Town of Yountville's investment activities shall be:

4.1. *Safety:* Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the Town of Yountville shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure that capital losses are avoided, whether from securities default, broker-dealer default, or erosion of market value. To attain this objective, diversification is required in order that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.

4.2. *Liquidity:* The Town of Yountville's investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the Town to meet all operating requirements that might be reasonably anticipated.

4.3. *Return:* The Town of Yountville's investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the Town's investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

5. <u>Delegation of Authority:</u>

Authority to manage the Town's investment program is derived from the California Government Code. Management responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Treasurer, who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. Procedures shall include, but not limited to, references to: safekeeping, wire transfer agreements, collateral/depository agreements, banking services contracts, local banking preferences, and other investment-related activities. Such procedures shall include explicit delegation of authority to persons responsible for investment transactions. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinates. Delegation of authority shall expire one year from the date of adoption of this policy as required by State Law.

6. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest:

The Town Council, Town Manager and Town Treasurer shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Council Members, Town Manager



and Town Treasurer shall disclose to the Town Attorney any material financial interests in financial institutions that conduct business within the jurisdiction, and they shall further disclose any large personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the Town's portfolio. The Town Attorney and Treasurer shall review all disclosures made to insure there are no conflicts with any planned investment.

7. Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions:

The Treasurer will maintain a list of financial institutions and primary dealers authorized to provide investment services. Primary dealers include those that regularly report to the Federal Reserve Bank and should qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15C3-1 (uniform net capital rule).

All financial institutions, dealers and cash managers who desire to become qualified bidders for investment transactions must supply the Town with the following: audited financial statements, proof of National Association of Security Dealers certification when applicable, completed questionnaire and certification of having read the Town of Yountville's investment policy and depository contracts.

8. <u>Authorized Investments and Limitations on Investments:</u>

Investment of Town funds is governed by the California Government Code Sections 53600 et seq. Within the context of the limitations, the following investments are authorized, as further limited herein:

- 1. United States Treasury Bills, Bonds, and Notes 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 that can be invested in this category.
- 2. Federal Agency or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, participations, or other instruments, including those issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by federal agencies or United States government-sponsored enterprises.
- 3. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) which is a State of California managed investment pool may be used up to the maximum permitted by LAIF.
- 4. Insured savings accounts are permitted without limitations.

Investments detailed in items 5 through 10 are further restricted to 5% of the purchase value of all investments and cash accounts (the portfolio), in any one issuer name. The total value invested in any one issuer shall also not exceed 5% of the issuer's net worth.



- 5. Bills of exchange or time drafts drawn on and accepted by commercial banks, otherwise known as banker's acceptances are permitted. Bankers acceptances purchased may not exceed 180 days to maturity or 40% of the cost value of the portfolio.
- 6. Commercial paper of "prime" quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and number rating as provided by Moody's Investor Services, Inc., Standard & Poor's, or Fitch Financial Services, Inc. Commercial paper shall be issued by domestic corporations having assets in excess of \$500,000,000 and having a "AA" or better rating on its long term debentures as provided by Moody's, Standard & Poor's, or Fitch. Purchases of eligible commercial paper may not exceed 270 days to maturity nor represent more than 10% of the outstanding paper of the issuing corporation. Purchases of commercial paper may not exceed 25% of the Town's portfolio.
- 7. Negotiable certificates of deposit 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Medium Term Corporate Notes, defined 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. Securities eligible for investment shall be rated "AA" or better by Moody's or Standard & Poor's rating services. Purchase of medium term notes may not exceed 30% of the purchase value of the portfolio and no more than 5% of the purchase value of the portfolio may be invested in notes issued by one corporation.
- 10. Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies that are money market funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940. To be eligible for investment pursuant to this subdivision these companies shall either: (1) attain the highest ranking letter or numerical rating provided by not less than two of the three largest nationally recognized rating services or (2) have an investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission with not less than five years of experience investing in securities and obligations authorized by Government Code section 53601 and with assets under



management in excess of \$500,000,000. The purchase price of shares shall not exceed 15% of the investment portfolio.

11. California Asset Management Program (CAMP).

9. Ineligible Investments:

The Town shall not invest any funds in inverse floaters, range notes, or interest-only strips that are derived from a pool or mortgages, or in any security that could result in zero interest accrual if held to maturity, or any other investment not listed in this policy.

10. <u>Safekeeping and Custody:</u>

All securities owned by the Town, including collateral for repurchase agreements, shall be held in safekeeping by the Town's custodian bank or a third party bank trust department, acting as agent for the Town under the terms of a custody or trustee agreement executed by the bank and by the Town. All securities will be received and delivered using standard delivery-versus-payment (DVP) procedures.

11. Percentage Limitations:

Where a section specifies a percentage limitation for a particular category or investments, that percentage is applicable only at the date of purchase. Where a section does not specify a limitation on the term or remaining maturity at the time of the investment, no investment shall be made in any security, other than a security underlying a repurchase or reverse repurchase agreement or securities lending agreement authorized by this section, that at the time of the investment has a term remaining to maturity in excess of five years, unless the Town Council has granted express authority to make that investment either specifically or as a part of an investment program approved by the Town Council no less than three months prior to the investment.

12. <u>Reporting Requirements:</u>

The Treasurer shall annually render to the Town Council a statement of investment policy, which the Council shall review and approve at a public meeting. The Council at a public meeting shall also review and approve any changes to the policy.

The Treasurer shall render a monthly transaction report to the Town Council. The Treasurer shall render a quarterly investment report to the Council within 60 days after the end of the subject quarter. They year end quarterly report shall be available after the audit is completed. The quarterly report shall include for each individual investment:

- Description of investment instrument
- Issuer name



- Maturity date
- Purchase price
- Par value
- Current market value and the source of the valuation. The quarterly report also shall; (I) state compliance of the portfolio to the investment policy, or manner in which the portfolio is not in compliance, (II) include a description of any of the Town's funds, investments or programs that are under the management of contracted parties, including lending programs, and (III) include a statement denoting the ability of the Town to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months, or provide an explanation as to why sufficient money shall, or may not be available.