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July 31, 2013

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FROM: Wendy L. Watanabe
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF THE COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2013**

California Government Code Section 26920 requires quarterly reviews of each county treasurer's Statements of Net Assets in the county treasury. We contracted with an independent Certified Public Accounting firm, Bazilio Cobb Associates, PC (BCA), to review the County Treasurer and Tax Collector's (TTC) Statements of Net Assets for the quarter ended March 31, 2013. BCA conducted the review in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. BCA also performed several agreed-upon procedures, primarily in the areas of cash and investment reconciliations.

BCA's review report (Attachment I) indicates that they are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Statements of Net Assets.

BCA's agreed-upon procedures report (Attachment II) indicates they performed the following procedures:

1. Obtained TTC's bank reconciliations at March 31, 2013, verified that the bank accounts were reconciled to TTC's accounting records and confirmed the Treasury's cash held by banks. Tested the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliations and traced material reconciling items to supporting documents.

2. Obtained TTC's reconciliations of investments and other safekept securities at March 31, 2013, verified that the investments recorded in TTC's records were reconciled to TTC's custodial bank and confirmed investments held by TTC's safekeeping agent and other custodians at March 31, 2013. Tested the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliations, and traced material reconciling items to supporting documents.

3. Obtained TTC's reconciliations of cash and investments at January 31, 2013, February 28, 2013, and March 31, 2013, and verified that cash and investments were reconciled between TTC's records and Auditor-Controller's records pursuant to Government Code Section 26905. Tested the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliations and traced material reconciling items to supporting documents.

4. Agreed the amounts reported on the Statements of Net Assets at March 31, 2013, to TTC's records.

BCA's agreed-upon procedures report did not identify any exceptions.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may call Robert Smythe at (213) 253-0101.

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Attachments

c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
Mark J. Saladino, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Public Information Office
Audit Committee

ATTACHMENT I

Los Angeles County Treasury

Statements of Net Assets and Independent Accountant's Review Report

March 31, 2013

BCA Bazilio Cobb Associates

ATTACHMENT I

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AND INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT
MARCH 31, 2013

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles, California

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of net assets of the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (the "Treasury") as of March 31, 2013. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to the Treasury's financial data and making inquiries of the Treasury's management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the statements of net assets as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The accompanying statements were prepared to present the statements of net asset of the Treasury pursuant to the regulatory provision described in Note 1, and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the Treasury's net assets.

Management of the Treasury is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the statements of net assets in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the statements of net assets.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, with the exception of the matter described in the following paragraph, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying statements of net assets in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As explained in Note 1 to the statements of net assets, management has not presented the risk disclosures required under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 3* since such disclosures are not required by the California Government Code Section 26920 and are not necessary to meet the objectives of the users of the statements of net assets.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Board of Supervisors, Treasury and Auditor-Controller management of the County of Los Angeles and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Los Angeles, CA
July 11, 2013

Bazilio Cobb Associates

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS
MARCH 31, 2013

	External Investment Pool	Specific Purpose Investments	Other Specific Investments
Assets			
Treasurer Cash	$ 460,460,831	$ -	$ -
Investments at Fair Value	22,559,187,092	195,520,202	301,970
Interest Receivable	44,527,658	303,483	-
Total Assets	23,064,175,581	195,823,685	301,970
Liabilities			
Trades Payable	444,400,604	-	-
Total Liabilities	444,400,604	-	-
Total Net Assets Held in Trust	$ 22,619,774,977	$ 195,823,685	$ 301,970

See Independent Accountant's Review Report
The accompanying note is an integral part of the financial statement.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY
NOTE TO STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS
MARCH 31, 2013

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Reporting Entity

The Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (the "Treasury") is responsible for tax collection, banking, investment and accountability of public funds. The Treasury maintains two investment portfolios, the External Investment Pool portfolio (the "Pool") and the Specific Purpose Investment ("SPI") portfolio with approximately $22.62 billion and $195.82 million, respectively, in total net assets as of March 31, 2013. The Pool is managed by the Treasury on behalf of the Pool participants that include the County and other entities that are required by State statutes to participate in the Pool such as, local school districts, community colleges and the Superior Courts. Voluntary participants in the Treasury consist of the Sanitation Districts, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and certain other municipal agencies. The deposits held for these entities are invested in the Pool and SPI portfolios. The Treasury also maintains Other Specific Investments totaling approximately $302,000 at March 31, 2013. These assets are held by the Treasury for a County Department in accordance with Section 1300.76.1, Title 28, California Code of Regulations ("State Code"). The State of California allows the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") the ability to delegate the investment authority to the Treasury in accordance with Section 53607 of the California Government Code. On an annual basis, the Board delegates the investment authority to the Treasury. The Pool is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an investment company.

Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying statements of net assets were prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Deposits and investments held by the Treasury are exposed to risks such as credit risk, concentration of credit risk, custodial credit risk, and interest rate risk. Treasury management has elected to omit risk disclosures required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 3*, since such disclosures are not required by the California Government Code Section 26920 and are not necessary to meet the objectives of the users of the statements of net assets.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY
NOTE TO STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS
MARCH 31, 2013

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Deposits

Under California Government Code Section 53652, each financial institution in California is required to pledge a pool of securities as collateral against all of its public deposits. Government Code Section 53651 and 53652 delineates the types of eligible securities and the required collateral percentage of at least 110%, respectively. In addition, under Government Code Section 53653, the Treasury has discretion to waive security for the portion of any deposits as insured pursuant to federal law. Through contractual agreement, the Treasury has opted to waive security for the portion of deposits which is federally insured.

The Dodd-Frank Act provided that all funds held in a non-interest bearing transaction account be fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) from December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2012. Effective January 1, 2013, the unlimited insurance expired, but the FDIC insurance up to the legal maximum of $250,000 per deposit remained in effect. Accordingly, effective January 1, 2013, the banks reinstated the collateralization requirements and collateralized the Treasury's deposits over the maximum limit of $250,000.

Treasury's Investment Strategy

The Treasury's investment strategy for the Pool is to ensure the safety of principal, to provide sufficient cash to meet disbursement needs, and to achieve a return. The cash flow needs of the Pool participants are monitored daily to ensure that sufficient liquidity is maintained to meet the needs of participants. The Treasury's basic investment strategy is to buy and hold, to a designated maturity, high quality fixed income investments.

The SPI portfolio is used to account for the net assets of individual investment accounts, in aggregate. The related investment activity occurs separately from the Pool and is provided as a service to Pool participants and external investors. The individual investment strategies are based on the requests from the participants.

The Other Specific Investments are used to account for the assets placed with the Treasury pursuant to State Code. The investment activity occurs separately from the County's Pool and the related investment strategies are governed by State Code.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY
NOTE TO STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS
MARCH 31, 2013

NOTE 1 **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

The investments in the accompanying statements of net assets are reported at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools.* This statement requires external investment pools to report all investments at fair value. The following tables summarize the investments stated at cost and fair value.

Pool	Fair Value	Cost
Commercial Paper	$ 6,121,823,580	$ 6,121,923,999
Corporate and Deposit Notes	364,471,372	363,596,995
Los Angeles County Securities	27,000,000	27,000,000
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	3,221,891,524	3,221,746,141
U.S. Agency Securities	11,943,555,566	11,916,185,086
U.S. Treasury Securities:		
U.S. Treasury Notes	380,547,850	374,457,560
U.S. Treasury Bills	499,897,200	499,799,861
Total Pool Investments	$ 22,559,187,092	$ 22,524,709,642

SPI	Fair Value	Cost
Corporate and Deposit Notes	$ 1,575,092	$ 1,541,664
Local Agency Investment Fund	49,477,941	49,427,594
Los Angeles County Securities	4,945,000	4,945,000
Mortgage Trust Deeds	75,139	75,139
U.S. Agency Securities	139,343,987	138,990,677
U.S. Treasury Securities:		
U.S. Treasury Bonds	103,043	85,674
Total SPI Investments	$ 195,520,202	$ 195,065,748

Other Specific Investments	Fair Value	Cost
U.S. Treasury Bills	$ 301,970	$ 301,925

ATTACHMENT II

Los Angeles County Treasury

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

March 31, 2013

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles, California

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller (the "Auditor-Controller") and the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (the "Treasury"), solely to assist you with the requirements of California Government Code Section 26920 for the review of the statements of net assets of the Treasury as of March 31, 2013 (the "Statements"). The Treasury's management is responsible for the Statements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and our findings are as follows:

1. Obtained the Treasury's bank reconciliations at March 31, 2013, verified that the bank accounts were reconciled to the Treasury's accounting records and confirmed the Treasury's cash held by banks. Tested the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliations and traced material reconciling items to supporting documents.

   Results: No exceptions were noted.

2. Obtained the Treasury's reconciliations of investments and other safekept securities at March 31, 2013, verified that the investments recorded in the Treasury's records were reconciled to the Treasury's custodial bank and confirmed the investments held by the Treasury's safekeeping agent and other custodians at March 31, 2013. Tested the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliations and traced material reconciling items to supporting documents.

   Results: No exceptions were noted.

3. Obtained the Treasury's reconciliations of cash and investments at January 31, 2013, February 28, 2013, and March 31, 2013 and verified that cash and investments were reconciled between the Treasury's records and the Auditor-Controller's records pursuant to Government Code Section 26905. Tested the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliations and traced material reconciling items to supporting documents.

   Results: No exceptions were noted.

4. Agreed amounts reported on the statements of net assets at March 31, 2013 to the records of the Treasury.

   Results: No exceptions were noted.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the statements of net assets. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Board of Supervisors, Treasury and Auditor-Controller management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Los Angeles, CA
July 11, 2013

Bazilio Cobb Associates