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September 13, 2005

Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Ventura 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: THIRD QUARTER FY 2004-05 COUNT OF CASH

IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURY

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND: California Government Code Sections (GC §§) 26920 and 26922, and County Board of Supervisors' resolution dated September 28, 1971, require the Auditor-Controller to conduct a quarterly cash count of the money in the County Treasury.

SCOPE:

Our overall objective was to determine whether cash and investments as shown on the "Statement of Money in County Treasury" (Statement), as of March 22, 2005 (enclosed), were reasonably stated. Specifically, we: counted cash in the Treasury; verified and confirmed balances as shown on the Statement; determined whether the Treasury cash was in agreement with the Ventura County Financial Management System (VCFMS) in accordance with GC §§ 26905; and evaluated investments with respect to dollar amount and type for compliance with GC §§ 53601 and 53635.

We conducted our cash count as required by GC §§ 26920 and 26922, and included such tests as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We also considered Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as a guideline for conducting the cash count.

<u>FINDINGS</u>: Overall, we found that the Statement reasonably stated cash and investments of approximately \$1.48 billion deposited with the Treasury as of March 22, 2005, on the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Using this basis of accounting, the balance in the accompanying Statement does not reflect outstanding checks totaling approximately \$11,516,125. Our cash count also disclosed that the Treasury cash was in agreement with VCFMS in accordance with GC §§ 26905 and that investments complied with the dollar and type of requirements of GC §§ 53601 and 53635.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE L. COHEN

Auditor-Controller

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Lawrence L. Matheney, Treasurer-Tax Collector

John F. Johnston, County Executive Officer

Depositors in County Treasury

Ventura County California Statement of Money in County Treasury At Close of Business March 22, 2005

In accordance with Div. 2, Article 2, Sections 26920 & 26922 of the Government Code, The Auditor conducted a count of the money in the County Treasury, as of the close of business on the date stated above, the detail of which is represented by the following:

Treasury Currency	\$	3,500.00
Certificate of Time Deposit	\$	200,000.00
Government Securities & Agencies	\$	952,316,906.41
Commercial Paper	\$	497,372,169.98
Demand	\$	32,474,324.41
Sub Total	\$	1,482,366,900.80
Total Fund Ba	alance \$	1,482,366,900.80

LAWRENCE L. MATHENEY, Treasurer-Tax Collector

Dated: 3-29-05

General Ledger