

JEFFERY S. BURGH
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

COUNTY OF VENTURA
800 SOUTH VICTORIA AVE.
VENTURA, CA 93009-1540



ASSISTANT
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
JOANNE McDONALD

CHIEF DEPUTIES
BARBARA BEATTY
AMY HERRON
JILL WARD
MICHELLE YAMAGUCHI

April 9, 2019

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

SUBJECT: Receive and File the Report on the Count of Cash in Custody of the Treasury for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018-19

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the enclosed report.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT: None.

DISCUSSION: Government Code Sections 26920 and 26922 require the Auditor-Controller to conduct a quarterly count of the money in the County Treasury ("Treasury"). The purpose of the cash count is to determine whether the "Statement of Money in County Treasury" ("Statement") reasonably stated the cash and investments deposited with the Treasury. As noted in the attached report (Exhibit 1), we found that the Statement (Exhibit 2) reasonably stated cash and investments of approximately \$2.8 billion deposited with the Treasury as of December 26, 2018.

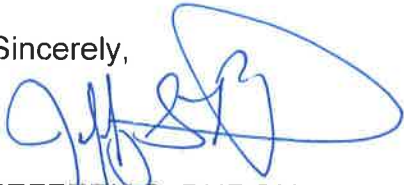
We have become aware of a timing difference in the treatment of Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") payments, which resulted in understated demand account balances in each quarterly Statement from the first quarter of fiscal year ("FY") 2016-17 through the first quarter of FY 2018-19. The understatements were immaterial with the exception of a \$14 million understatement in the second quarter of FY 2016-17 due to the timing of property tax distributions. EFT payments are properly reflected in the current Statement, and procedures have been implemented to ensure that future Statements properly reflect the EFT payments. Fiscal year-end financial reports during the time period properly reflected the EFT payments.

This item has been reviewed by the Treasurer-Tax Collector, County Executive Office, and County Counsel.

Honorable Board of Supervisors
April 9, 2019
Page 2

If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-3151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffery S. Burgh', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

JEFFERY S. BURGH
Auditor-Controller

Exhibits:

- Exhibit 1 – Auditor's Report
- Exhibit 2 – Statement of Money in County Treasury

cc: Honorable Steven Hintz, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Michael Powers, County Executive Officer
Leroy Smith, County Counsel

JEFFERY S. BURGH
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

COUNTY OF VENTURA
800 SOUTH VICTORIA AVE.
VENTURA, CA 93009-1540



Exhibit 1
ASSISTANT
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
JOANNE McDONALD

CHIEF DEPUTIES
BARBARA BEATTY
AMY HERRON
JILL WARD
MICHELLE YAMAGUCHI

**COUNT OF CASH IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURY
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2018-19**

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, California:

In accordance with California Government Code Sections ("GC §§") 26920 and 26922, the Auditor-Controller has completed the count of the money in the County Treasury ("Treasury") for the second quarter of fiscal year 2018-19.

SCOPE

Our overall objective was to determine whether the "Statement of Money in County Treasury" ("Statement") reasonably stated the cash and investments deposited with the Treasury as of December 26, 2018. Specifically, we:

- performed an unannounced count of cash in the Treasury;
- verified balances as shown on the Statement;
- verified that the cash and investment records of the Treasury were reconciled with the records of the Auditor-Controller as reflected in the Ventura County Financial Management System ("VCFMS") in accordance with GC § 26905; and
- verified that investments complied with percentage limitations prescribed by GC §§ 53601 and 53635.

The Statement is prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under the modified cash basis: disbursements are recognized when paid by the bank rather than at the time checks are issued; receipts are recognized when received by the bank and/or Treasury; and investments are presented at cost. Use of the modified cash basis is acceptable for the purpose of complying with GC § 26920 and our findings are not modified with respect to this matter.

FINDINGS

We found that the Statement reasonably stated cash and investments of approximately \$2.8 billion deposited with the Treasury as of December 26, 2018, on the modified cash basis. Consistent with this basis of accounting, the balance in the accompanying Statement is not reduced by the amount of outstanding checks totaling approximately \$51,245,050.

We also found that the cash and investment records of the Treasury were reconciled with the records of the Auditor-Controller as reflected in VCFMS as of December 26, 2018, in accordance with GC § 26905. In addition, investments complied with percentage limitations prescribed by GC §§ 53601 and 53635.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Jeffery S. Burgh, which is stylized and somewhat abstract, appearing to start with a large 'J' and 'B' and ending with a long horizontal stroke.

JEFFERY S. BURGH
Auditor-Controller

February 26, 2019

cc: Honorable Steven Hintz, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Michael Powers, County Executive Officer
Depositors in County Treasury

Ventura County California
Statement of Money in County Treasury
At Close of Business December 26, 2018
Modified Cash Basis

Exhibit 2

In accordance with Div. 2, Article 2, Sections 26920 and 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:

General Ledger

Treasury Currency	\$ -
Registered Bonds/Coupons	\$ -
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 29,403,063.88
Government Securities & Agencies	\$ 451,021,567.04
California Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 55,000,000.00
Local Agency Dept	\$ 72,794,411.80
Cal TRUST/CAMP	\$ 25,000,000.00
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	\$ -
Commercial Paper	\$ 773,027,162.34
Medium Term Notes	\$ 177,671,757.80
Yankee Certificates of Deposit	\$ 750,102,233.13
Supranationals	\$ 373,240,324.25
Demand	\$ 86,411,560.43
Sub Total	\$ 2,793,672,080.67
Outstanding Treasurer's Checks	\$ -
Total Fund Balance	\$ 2,793,672,080.67

STEVEN HINTZ, Treasurer-Tax Collector

By: 

Dated: 14 February 2019