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SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF THE COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2015**

California Government Code Section 26920 requires quarterly reviews of each county treasurer's Statements of Net Assets (i.e., Statements of Net Position) in the county treasury. We contracted with an independent Certified Public Accounting firm, BCA Watson Rice LLP (BCA), to review the County Treasurer and Tax Collector's (TTC) Statements of Net Position for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. 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 BCA is not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Statements of Net Position in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the exception of TTC management not including risk disclosures required under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40. TTC management elected to omit the risk disclosures since they are not required by California Government Code Section 26920, and are not necessary to meet the objectives of the users of the quarterly Statements of Net Position. TTC provides the full risk disclosures in the annual audit of the Treasury's financial statements.

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

1. Obtained TTC's bank reconciliations as of March 31, 2015, verified that the bank accounts were reconciled to TTC's accounting records, and confirmed TTC'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 as of March 31, 2015, verified that the investments recorded in TTC's records were reconciled to, and confirmed with, TTC's custodial bank, safekeeping agent, and other custodians at March 31, 2015. Tested the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliations and traced material reconciling items to supporting documents.
3. Obtained TTC's reconciliations of cash and investments as of January 31, 2015, February 28, 2015, and March 31, 2015, and verified that cash and investments were reconciled between TTC'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.
4. Agreed the amounts reported on the Statements of Net Position at March 31, 2015 to TTC's records.

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

If you have any questions please call me, or your staff may call Robert Smythe at (213) 253-0100.

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#### Attachments

c: Sachi A. Hamai, Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Joseph Kelly, Treasurer and Tax Collector  
Public Information Office  
Audit Committee



**Los Angeles County Treasury**  
**Statements of Net Position and Independent**  
**Accountant's Review Report**  
**March 31, 2015**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION AND INDEPENDENT**  
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**MARCH 31, 2015**

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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 position of the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (the "Treasury") as of March 31, 2015. 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 position as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The accompanying statements were prepared to present the statements of net position 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 position.

Management of the Treasury is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the statements of net position 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 position.

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 position 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 position, 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 position.

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.

*BCA Watson Rice, LLP*

Los Angeles, CA  
June 16, 2015

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY  
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION  
MARCH 31, 2015

	<u>External Investment Pool</u>	<u>Specific Purpose Investments</u>	<u>Other Specific Investments</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Treasurer Cash	\$ 166,910,342	\$ -	\$ -
Investments at Fair Value	24,864,959,539	128,381,899	301,992
Interest Receivable	34,005,428	360,567	-
Total Assets	<u>25,065,875,309</u>	<u>128,742,466</u>	<u>301,992</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Trades Payable	<u>150,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>150,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Net Positions Held in Trust	<u>\$ 24,915,875,309</u>	<u>\$ 128,742,466</u>	<u>\$ 301,992</u>

See Independent Accountant's Review Report  
The accompanying note is an integral part of the Statements of Net Position.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY  
NOTE TO STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION  
MARCH 31, 2015

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 \$24.92 billion and \$128.74 million, respectively, in total net position as of March 31, 2015. The Pool is managed by the Treasury on behalf of the Pool participants that include the County of Los Angeles (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 Pool consist of the Sanitation Districts, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and certain other municipal agencies. Both mandatory and voluntary participants may invest in the SPI portfolio. The Treasury also maintains Other Specific Investments totaling approximately \$0.30 million at March 31, 2015. 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 its 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 position 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 position.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY  
NOTE TO STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION  
MARCH 31, 2015

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(CONTINUED)

Cash and Deposits

As of March 31, 2015, the Treasury maintained accounts in six banks. The carrying amount of the Treasury's total deposits in financial institutions was \$166.50 million plus \$0.41 million in cash in the Treasury's vault.

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 total balance of deposits in financial institutions was covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized with securities monitored by the Local Agency Security Program (LASP) of the California Department of Business Oversight. LASP confirmed that the pools of collateral related to the County Treasury's deposits were maintained at required levels as of March 31, 2015.

Treasury's Investment Strategy

The Treasury's investment strategy is based on three prioritized objectives. The primary objective is to ensure the safety of principal, the secondary objective is to provide sufficient cash to meet disbursement needs, and the third objective is 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 position 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 public entities. The individual investment strategies are targeted for the needs of the requesting entity.

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 POSITION  
MARCH 31, 2015

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(CONTINUED)

The investments in the accompanying statements of net position 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.

<u>Pool</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Commercial Paper	\$ 8,257,677,796	\$ 8,257,700,345
Corporate and Deposit Notes	305,049,195	304,992,712
Los Angeles County Securities	37,000,000	37,000,000
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	3,350,033,076	3,350,012,608
U.S. Agency Securities	12,065,549,822	12,066,661,103
U.S. Treasury Securities:		
U.S. Treasury Notes	100,773,400	99,550,563
U.S. Treasury Bills	748,876,250	748,841,125
Total Pool Investments	<u>\$ 24,864,959,539</u>	<u>\$ 24,864,758,456</u>

<u>SPI</u>		
Corporate and Deposit Notes	\$ -	\$ -
Local Agency Investment Fund	42,289,300	42,273,079
Los Angeles County Securities	4,655,000	4,655,000
U.S. Agency Securities	81,346,018	81,422,843
U.S. Treasury Securities:		
U.S. Treasury Bonds	91,581	85,242
Total SPI Investments	<u>\$ 128,381,899</u>	<u>\$ 128,436,164</u>

<u>Other Specific Investments</u>		
U.S. Treasury Bills	<u>\$ 301,992</u>	<u>\$ 301,893</u>



**Los Angeles County Treasury**  
**Independent Accountant's Report on Applying**  
**Agreed-Upon Procedures**  
**March 31, 2015**



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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 position of the Treasury as of March 31, 2015 (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, 2015, 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, 2015, verified that the investments recorded in the Treasury's records were reconciled to, and confirmed with, the Treasury's custodial bank, safekeeping agent and other custodians at March 31, 2015. 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, 2015, February 28, 2015, and March 31, 2015 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 position at March 31, 2015 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 position. 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.

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