

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-001

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has provided standards for governing bodies authorized to make investment decisions for local agencies, which are set forth in Government Code sections 16429.1, 53600-53609 and 53630-53686 (the "Investment Act"); and

WHEREAS, Section 53684 of the Government Code permits the governing bodies of the local agencies to authorize the deposit of excess funds in the county treasury for the purposes of investment by the county treasurer pursuant to Section 53601 and 53635; and

WHEREAS, Section 53646 of the Government Code allows local agencies to annually approve a Statement of Investment Policy which has been prepared by the chief fiscal officer of such local agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority has been presented with a Statement of Investment Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference, which is designed to conform with the requirements of the Investment Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, with the aid of its staff, has reviewed the Statement of Investment Policy and wishes to approve the same;

WHEREAS, this Resolution updates the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority's Investment Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference, to conform with California statutes governing cities, which will rescind, supersede and replace Resolution No. 2021-001.

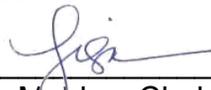
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that the Board of Directors hereby adopt the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Investment Policy, a copy of which is on file at the offices of the Authority and is available for inspection by the public.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority this 1st day of February, 2021.

By: 

Natasha Johnson, Chair
Western Riverside County Regional
Conservation Authority

ATTEST:

By: 

Lisa Mobley, Clerk of the Board
Western Riverside County Regional
Conservation Authority

Exhibit A

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY INVESTMENT POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority, is a Joint Powers Authority (“RCA”) comprised of the County of Riverside and the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, and Wildomar. The RCA is responsible for the implementation and management of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (“MSHCP”). The RCA is governed by a Board of Directors (the “Board”), comprised of the five members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and an elected official from each member city.

The Board has adopted this Investment Policy (the “Policy”) in order to establish the investment scope, objectives, delegation of authority, standards of prudence, reporting requirements, internal controls, eligible investments and transactions, diversification requirements, risk tolerance, and safekeeping and custodial procedures for the investment of the funds of the RCA. All RCA funds will be invested in accordance with the Policy and with applicable sections of the California Government Code.

This Policy was endorsed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority on February 1, 2021.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TREASURER

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 53684, the Board authorizes the deposit of excess funds of the RCA in the Riverside County treasury for the purpose of investment by the County Treasurer as outlined in this Policy.

SCOPE & OBJECTIVES

The RCA's primary investment objectives, in priority order, shall be:

1. **Safety.** Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the RCA shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure preservation of capital in the portfolio.
2. **Liquidity.** The investment portfolio of the RCA will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the RCA to meet its cash flow requirements.
3. **Return on Investment.** The investment portfolio of the RCA shall be designed with the objective of maximizing return on its investments, but only after ensuring safety and liquidity.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The management responsibility for the RCA's investment program is delegated annually by the Board to the Treasurer pursuant to California Government Code Section 53607. As designated by the Board of Directors, the Riverside County Treasurer serves as the Treasurer. The Treasurer may delegate the authority to conduct investment transactions and to manage the operation of the investment portfolio to other specifically authorized staff members. Authority may be delegated to other staff members provided the Treasurer exercises prudence in a selection of these staff members and imposes suitable safeguards to prevent abuse in the exercise of discretion. The Treasurer shall remain responsible for any investment decisions made by these staff members. The Treasurer shall maintain a list of every staff member who was delegated such authority, and his or her responsibilities with respect to investment decisions. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as expressly provided under the terms of this Policy.

The Treasurer, on behalf of the RCA, may engage the support services of outside investment advisors in regard to its investment program, so long as it can be clearly demonstrated that these services produce a net financial advantage or necessary financial protection of the RCA's financial resources.

PRUDENCE

The standard of prudence to be used for managing the RCA's investments shall be California Government Code Section 53600.3, the prudent investor standard which states:

“When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, a trustee shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the agency, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the agency. Within the limitations of this section and considering individual investments as part of an overall strategy, investments may be acquired as authorized by law.”

The RCA's overall investment program shall be designed and managed with a degree of professionalism that is worthy of the public trust. The RCA recognizes that no investment is totally riskless and that the investment activities of the RCA are a matter of public record. Accordingly, the RCA recognizes that occasional measured losses are inevitable in a diversified portfolio and shall be considered within the context of the overall portfolio's return, provided that adequate diversification has been implemented and that the sale of a security is in the best long-term interest of the RCA.

The Treasurer and authorized investment personnel acting in accordance with written procedures and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided that the deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion to the RCA and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Elected officials and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program or could impair or create the appearance of an impairment of their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose to the Treasurer any financial interests they have in financial institutions that conduct business with the RCA and they shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of the RCA. In addition, the Treasurer shall file a Statement of Economic Interests each year pursuant to California Government Code Section 87203.

Any firm proposing to provide any type of investment service to RCA shall acknowledge their familiarity with the provisions of the Political Reform Act, (Government Code Section 81000 et seq., and 2 Cal. Code of Regs. 18110 et seq., hereinafter "PRA") and the provisions limiting contractual conflicts of interest under Government Code Section 1090 et seq. Any firm proposing to provide any type of investment service to RCA shall also acknowledge their familiarity with and agree to abide by any Federal or State law, regulation, rule or policy pertaining to or limiting campaign contributions by such firms, their employees, spouses and agents.

All persons, firms, dealers, brokers and advisors providing investment service or bond issue assistance shall disclose to the RCA all fee sharing, fee-splitting and commission arrangements with other entities or persons prior to RCA agreeing to buy an investment, or issuing bonds.

AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

1. **Riverside County Treasurer's Pooled Investment Fund ("RCTPIF").** The RCA may invest in the Riverside County Pooled Investment Fund.
2. **State of California Local Agency Investment Fund ("LAIF").** The RCA may invest in LAIF.
3. **Eligible Investments for Bond Proceeds.**

Bond proceeds shall be invested in securities permitted by the applicable bond documents. If the bond documents are silent as to permitted investments, bond proceeds will be invested in securities permitted by this Policy.

With respect to maximum maturities, the Policy authorizes investing bond reserve fund proceeds beyond the five years if prudent in the opinion of the Treasurer.

4. **Specific Investments Outside RCTPIF and LAIF.**

Specific investments shall be governed by the Treasurer's Pooled Investment Fund Statement of Investment Policy, as may be amended from time to time. A copy of the current policy is attached as Exhibit "1."

REPORTING

The Treasurer shall provide to the Board and the Executive Director a portfolio report, on a monthly basis in accordance with the requirement of the Government Code.

At least annually, if any investments outside the RCTPIF exist, the Treasurer shall present to the Board a review of the investment portfolio's adherence to appropriate risk levels and a comparison between the total portfolio return and the established investment goals, objectives and benchmarks.

POLICY REVIEW

This Investment Policy shall be presented annually to the Board for review pursuant to Section 53646(a)(2) of the Government Code. This Policy may be amended by the Board at a public meeting as conditions warrant.

EXHIBIT 1

**TREASURER'S POOLED INVESTMENT
FUND STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY
[ATTACHED]**