

Santa Clara County Investment Policy Excerpt

https://controller.sccgov.org/sites/g/files/exjcpb511/files/report/Santa-Clara-County-Treasury-Investment-Policy-2020-sccgov.org_.pdf

- Asset backed securities together with mortgage backed securities may not exceed 20% of the Treasury's surplus money.

Agency Mortgage Backed Securities. Mortgage backed securities (MBS) are-collateralized by pools of conforming mortgage loans or multi-family mortgage loans insured by FHLMC or FNMA and or guaranteed by FHA (GNMA).

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Supranational Debt Obligations. United States dollar-denominated senior unsecured unsubordinated obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development of the World Bank (IBRD) or the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less, and eligible for purchase and sale within the United States. Investments must be rated "AAA" by at least two of the following, NRSRO's, Moody's, Standard and Poor's or Fitch and shall not exceed ten percent, in aggregate, of the Treasury's surplus funds.

General Parameters

Socially Responsible Investments

Whenever possible, in addition to and subordinate to the objectives set forth in section 4.8.3 herein, it is the County's policy to create a positive impact by investing in socially responsible corporations and agencies as defined by priorities set by the Board of Supervisors.

Ineligible Investments

Ineligible investments include common stock, inverse floaters, range notes, mortgage-derived interest only strips and any security that could result in zero interest accrual if held to maturity or any security that does not pay (cash or earn accrued) interest in one year or at least semi-annually in subsequent years and any investment not authorized by this policy unless otherwise allowed by law and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Combined Issuer/Institutional Limits.

No more than 5% of the portfolio shall be invested in aggregate of any single institution of the following types: Bankers Acceptances, Commercial paper, Negotiable Certificates of Deposit, and Corporate Notes.

Swaps

Investments will be reviewed for the possibility of a swap to enhance yield when both securities have a similar duration so as not to affect the cash flow needs of the program. Swaps should have a minimum of five basis points before being transacted.