



Report of the Schedule of Assets  
Held by the County Treasury  
June 30, 2020

# Orange County Treasury

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Supervisors  
County of Orange, California

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis Schedule of Assets Held by the County Treasury (Schedule) of the County of Orange, California (County), as of June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the Schedule.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the Schedule in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Schedule based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Schedule. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Schedule, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Schedule.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

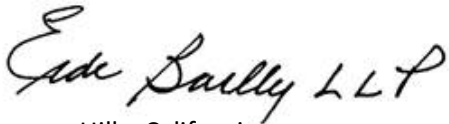
In our opinion, the Schedule referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the assets held by the County Treasury of the County of Orange, California, as of June 30, 2020, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

**Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the Schedule, which describes the basis of accounting used in preparation of the Schedule. The Schedule was 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. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated April 22, 2021, on our consideration of the County Treasury's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County Treasury's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County Treasury's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Laguna Hills, California

April 22, 2021

Orange County Treasury  
Schedule of Assets Held by the County Treasury  
(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)  
June 30, 2020

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	OCIF		
	Pooled	Non-Pooled	Total
Cash			
Cash on hand	\$ 63	\$ -	\$ 63
Cash on deposit	26,856	22,957	49,813
Total cash	26,919	22,957	49,876
Investments, Stated at Fair Value			
Pooled Funds	10,200,374	-	10,200,374
Non-Pooled	-	113,397	113,397
Total investments	10,200,374	113,397	10,313,771
Total assets	\$ 10,227,293	\$ 136,354	\$ 10,363,647

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS:**

The accompanying Schedule of Assets Held by the County Treasury (Schedule) is intended to separately report deposits and investments in the County Treasury included in the basic financial statements of the County of Orange, State of California (County). For additional disclosure information and contingencies, please refer to the June 30, 2020 publication of the County Comprehensive Annual Report.

The Schedule includes the cash balances of all funds that the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector (Treasurer) invests according to California Government Code and the Treasurer's Investment Policy Statement (IPS). These public funds are called the Orange County Investment Fund (OCIF). For reporting purposes, the OCIF is further divided into the Orange County Investment Pool (OCIP) and the Orange County Educational Investment Pool (OCEIP), the latter of which is utilized exclusively by the County's public school and community college districts. The OCIF is maintained for the County and other non-County entities for the purpose of benefiting from economies of scale through pooled investment activities. The pooled funds are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an investment company.

The Schedule is presented on the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Receipts are recognized when received by the Treasurer; disbursements are recognized when paid by the bank; and the value of investments is stated at fair value. The Schedule's modified cash basis primarily differs from the cash basis of accounting by the amount of outstanding checks of \$157,300 at June 30, 2020.

The Treasurer has stated required investments at fair value in the accompanying Schedule, using the fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by U.S. GAAP.

The Treasurer values participants' shares in the pools using an amortized cost basis. Specifically, the pools distribute income to participants based on their relative participation during the period. Income is calculated based on (1) realized investment gains and losses calculated on an amortized cost basis, (2) interest income based on stated rates (both paid and accrued), (3) amortization of discounts and premiums on a straight-line basis, and reduced by (4) actual administrative cost of such investing, depositing or handling of funds. This method differs from the fair value method used to value investments in this Schedule because the amortized cost method does not distribute to participants all unrealized gains and losses in the fair values of the pools' investments.

## **Note 2 - Deposits and Investments**

The Treasurer is responsible for authorizing all County bank accounts and pursuant to California Government Code (CGC) Sections 27000.1 – 27000.5, 27130 – 27137, and 53600 – 53686 is responsible for conducting County investment activities of the County’s investment pooled funds in addition to various individual investment accounts outside of the pooled funds. The County’s Investment Pools are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company, and therefore are exempt from SEC rules. In addition to the pooled fund in the OCIF, the Treasurer separately invests other non-pooled funds (Specific investments), including John Wayne Airport Investment Fund (JWA).

The Treasurer further invests pooled funds from the OCIF into three funds, the Orange County Money Market Fund (OCMMF), the Orange County Educational Money Market Fund (OCEMMF), and the Extended Fund. On December 6, 2019, Standard & Poor’s (S&P) reaffirmed its highest rating of AAAM Principal Stability Fund Rating (AAAm) on the OCMMF and the OCEMMF. The Treasurer will act on a “best efforts” basis to stabilize the Net Asset Value (NAV) of OCMMF and OCEMMF at or above \$0.9975 (in absolute dollar amounts). The pooled funds do not have any legally binding guarantees of share values.

The maximum maturity of investments for the two money market funds is 13 months with a maximum weighted average maturity (WAM) of 60 days. The maximum maturity of the Extended Fund is five years per CGC. The IPS provides that all pools, except short-term pools, shall have a maximum duration of 1.50 years.

Pursuant to CGC Sections 27130-27137, the Board has established a Treasury Oversight Committee (TOC) that monitors and reviews the IPS annually and also ensures that the Treasurer has an audit annually, which includes limited tests of compliance with laws and regulations. The TOC consists of the County Executive Officer, the elected County Auditor-Controller, the County Superintendent of Schools, or their respective designees, and four public members, with at least three having expertise in, or an academic background in, public finance.

The investment practices and policies of the Treasurer are based on compliance with state law and prudent money management. The primary goal is to invest public funds in a manner which will provide maximum security of principal invested with secondary emphasis on providing adequate liquidity to pool participants. The last goal is to achieve a market rate of return within the parameters of prudent risk management while conforming to all applicable statutes and resolutions governing the investment of public funds.

Interest is allocated to individual funds monthly based on the average daily balances on deposit with the Treasurer.

## 1. Deposits

CGC Section 53652 et. seq. and the IPS prescribe the amount of collateral that is required to secure the deposit of public funds. The pledge to secure deposits is administered by the California Commissioner of Business Oversight. Collateral is required for demand deposits at 110% of all deposits not covered by Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) if obligations of the United States and its agencies, or obligations of the State or its municipalities, school districts, and district corporations are pledged. Collateral of 150% is required if a deposit is secured by first mortgages or first trust deeds upon improved residential real property located in California. All such collateral is considered to be held by an agent of depository pursuant to CGC Section 53658. Obligations pledged to secure deposits must be delivered to an institution other than the institution in which the deposit is made; however, the trust department of the same institution may hold them. Written agreements are required to provide, among other things, that the collateral securities are held separately from the assets of the custodial institution. FDIC is available for demand deposits and time saving deposits at any one financial institution up to a maximum of \$250.

### **Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits**

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that the County will not be able to recover deposits that are in the possession of an outside party. Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not insured or collateralized. The County's deposits are not exposed to custodial credit risk, since all of its deposits are covered by FDIC or collateralized with securities held by the County or its agent in the County's name in accordance with CGC Section 53652 and 53658.

## 2. Investments

The CGC Sections 53601 and 53635, Board ordinances and resolutions, the County's IPS, the bond indenture documents, trust agreements, and other contractual agreements govern the investments that may be purchased and may include certain restrictions on investment maturity, maximum portfolio percentages, term, value, credit quality and timing to minimize the risk of loss. The IPS adds further restrictions to permitted investments from the CGC. As of June 30, 2020, the Treasurer was in full compliance with the more restrictive IPS for the OCIF and Specific Investments accounts.



The following table provides a summary listing of the authorized investments as of June 30, 2020.

Type of Investment	CGC % of Funds Permitted	Orange County IPS %	CGC Maximum Final Maturity	Orange County IPS Maximum Final Maturity (All Pooled Funds Except Short-Term Funds)	Orange County IPS Maximum Final Maturity (Short-Term Fund)
U.S. Treasury Securities	100%	100%	5 Years	5 Years	397 Days
U.S. Government Agency Securities (GSEs)	100%	100%	5 Years	5 Years	397 Days
Municipal Debt	100%	20% total, no more than 5% in one issuer except 10% County of Orange	5 Years	3 Years	397 Days
Medium-Term Notes	30%	20% total, no more than 5% in one issuer	5 Years	2 Years	397 Days
Bankers Acceptances	40%, 30% of a single issuer	40% total, no more than 5% in one issuer	180 Days	180 Days	180 Days
Commercial Paper	40%, 10% of a single issuer	40% total, no more than 5% in one issuer	270 Days	270 Days	270 Days
Negotiable Certificates of Deposits	30%	20% total, no more than 5% in one issuer	5 Years	18 Months	397 Days
State of California Local Agency Investment Fund	\$65 million per account	State limit (currently \$65 million per pool)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Repurchase Agreements	100%	20% total, no more than 10% in one issuer	1 Year	180 Days	1 Year
Money Market Mutual Funds ( MMMF )	20%	20% Total, no more than 10% in one MMMF account	N/A	N/A	N/A
Investment Pools (JPA)	100%	20% total, no more than 10% in one JPA Pool	N/A	N/A	N/A
Supranationals	30%	30% total, no more than 5% in one issuer	5 Years	5 Years	397 Days

The current IPS expressly prohibits leverage, reverse repurchase agreements as defined by CGC Section 53601, structured notes, structured investment vehicles, derivatives and money market mutual funds that do not maintain a constant net asset value. All investments must be United States dollar denominated. No investment may be purchased from an issuer and all related entities, including parent and subsidiaries, that has been placed on “credit watch-negative” by any of the Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs), or whose credit rating by any of the NRSROs is less than the minimum rating required by the IPS for that class of security unless the issuer has a short-term rating of A-1+ or F1+ or a long-term rating of at least a AA or Aa2; and the Treasurer has approved the purchase in writing prior to purchase.

Investments by the Treasurer are reported at fair value. Investments in the OCIF are marked-to-market on a daily basis.

Unless otherwise required in a trust agreement or other financing document, assessment districts, Superior Courts, public school and community college districts, including certain bond-related funds, are required by legal provisions to deposit their operating and bond financing funds with the County Treasurer. At June 30, 2020, the OCIF includes approximately 55.8% of these involuntary participant deposits.

### Investment Disclosures

The following table presents a summary of the County’s investments, the credit quality distribution, and concentration of credit risk by investment type as a percentage of the OCIF’s fair value at June 30, 2020.

With Treasurer: OCIF	Fair Value	Principal	Interest Rate Range (%)	Maturity Range	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)	Ratings <sup>(1)</sup>	% of Portfolio
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 2,802,207	\$ 2,789,700	0.07-2.98%	7/02/2020-5/31/2022	0.094		27.47%
U.S. Government Agencies	4,764,541	4,697,318	0.07-3.09%	7/02/2020-10/15/2024	0.616	AA	46.71%
Municipal Debt	463,895	463,895	1.49-1.82%	7/31/2020-4/30/2021	0.021	NR	4.55%
Medium-Term Notes	275,557	272,917	1.70-3.12%	9/01/2020-8/08/2021	0.016	AA	2.70%
Local Agency Investment Fund	73,828	73,467	1.22%	7/01/2020	0.000	NR	0.72%
Money Market Mutual Funds	1,820,346	1,820,346	0.04-0.16%	7/01/2020	0.000	AAA	17.85%
	<u>\$ 10,200,374</u>	<u>\$ 10,117,643</u>			<u>0.747</u> <sup>(2)</sup>		<u>100.00%</u>

With Treasurer: Specific Investments	Fair Value	Principal	Interest Rate Range (%)	Maturity Range	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)	Ratings <sup>(1)</sup>	% of Portfolio
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 32,318	\$ 31,000	0.14-2.90%	8/31/2020-2/15/2036	0.644		28.50%
U.S. Government Agencies	72,687	68,021	0.11-3.48%	7/10/2020-11/02/2035	2.462	AA	64.10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	8,392	8,392	0.04-0.16%	7/01/2020	0.000	AAA	7.40%
	<u>\$ 113,397</u>	<u>\$ 107,413</u>			<u>3.106</u> <sup>(2)</sup>		<u>100.00%</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> The County obtains credit ratings from S&P, Moody's, and Fitch. The ratings indicative of the greatest degree of risk have been disclosed. NR means not rated. The County is not required to disclose the credit ratings of obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government, and the ratings for U.S. Treasuries are not disclosed.

<sup>(2)</sup> Portfolio weighted average maturity.

Fair Value Measures

The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GASB Statement No. 72. These principles recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1: Investments reflect prices based on quoted identical assets in an active market.
- Level 2: Investments reflect prices that are based on identical or similar assets in inactive markets or similar assets in active markets. Inputs other than quotes are observable.
- Level 3: Investments reflect prices based on significant unobservable inputs.

Fair value measurement is based on pricing received from the County's third party vendors. Investments in money market mutual funds are priced using amortized cost, which approximates fair value, with a net asset value of \$1.00 (in absolute dollar amounts) per share, and per GASB Statement No. 72 are not subject to the fair value hierarchy. Additionally, the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) is not subject to the fair value hierarchy.

The County uses the market approach method as a valuation technique in the application of GASB Statement No. 72. This method uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or similar assets or groups of assets.

The following table presents a summary of the County's investments according to the assigned fair value hierarchy level as of June 30, 2020.

	Total	Fair Value Measurement		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<u>OCIF</u>				
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 2,802,207	\$ -	\$ 2,802,207	\$ -
U.S. Government Agencies	4,764,541	-	4,764,541	-
Medium-Term Notes	275,557	-	275,557	-
Municipal Debt	463,895	-	-	463,895
Total	<u>\$ 8,306,200</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,842,305</u>	<u>\$ 463,895</u>
Investments Not Subject to Fair Value Hierarchy:				
Money Market Mutual Funds	\$ 1,820,346			
Local Agency Investment Fund	73,828			
Total	<u>\$ 10,200,374</u>			
<u>Specific Investments</u>				
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 32,318	\$ -	\$ 32,318	\$ -
U.S. Government Agencies	72,687	-	72,687	-
Total	<u>\$ 105,005</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 105,005</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Investments Not Subject to Fair Value Hierarchy:				
Money Market Mutual Funds	\$ 8,392			
Total	<u>\$ 113,397</u>			

Investment in County of Orange Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds 2020, Series A

On January 14, 2020, the OCIF purchased the County issued Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds 2020, Series A (2020 POBs) in the principal amount of \$463,895. The 2020 POBs were issued with a fixed coupon rate and with maturities from July 2020 to April 2021 and are solely owned by the OCIF. The obligation of the County to pay principal and interest on the 2020 POBs is an obligation imposed by law and is absolute and unconditional. As of June 30, 2020, the outstanding principal amount of the 2020 POBs is \$463,895. The bonds are not rated by any of the NRSROs. The County's investment in the 2020 POBs is disclosed herein as Municipal Debt.

Interest Rate Risk – Investments

This is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, investments of longer maturities are more sensitive to changes in market interest rates. The Treasurer manages its exposure to interest rate risk by carefully matching incoming cash flows and maturing investments and by maintaining a duration of 1.5 years or less. Declines in the fair value of investments are managed by limiting the length of the maturity of the securities. In general, the maximum maturity allowed is five years unless the Board has granted express authority either specifically or as part of an investment policy. Actual weighted average days to maturity by investment type for the funds invested in the Pools are presented in the table in the Investment Disclosures section. The OCIF at June 30, 2020 has 58.3% of investments maturing in six months or less and 41.7% maturing between six months and five years. As of June 30, 2020, the OCIF has no variable-rate notes.

Interest Rate Risk-Weighted Average Maturity

At June 30, 2020, the short-term pools investment fair values amounted to \$1,327,627. In accordance with the Board approved IPS, the Treasurer manages the Pool's short-term exposure to declines in fair value for deposits and investments by limiting the WAM to 60 days. At June 30, 2020, the WAM of the short-term portion of OCIF was less than 60 days. At the same date, the NAV of both short-term pools was \$1.00 (in absolute dollar amounts).

Interest Rate Risk-Duration

At June 30, 2020, the long-term pool investment fair value amounted to \$8,872,747. In accordance with the Board-approved IPS, the Treasurer manages investment related risk for deposits and investments by limiting duration to a maximum of 1.50 years.

As of June 30, 2020, the long-term pool had the following duration by investment type:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Portfolio %	Duration (In Years)
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 1,975,978	22.27%	0.46
U.S. Government Agencies	4,498,436	50.70%	1.40
Medium-Term Notes	275,557	3.11%	0.59
Municipal Debt	463,895	5.23%	0.45
Local Agency Investment Fund	73,828	0.83%	0.00
Money Market Mutual Funds	1,585,053	17.86%	0.00
Total fair value	\$ 8,872,747	100%	
Portfolio Duration			0.85

Custodial Credit Risk

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The IPS does not permit investments in uninsured and unregistered securities not held by the County. The Treasurer utilizes third party Delivery Versus Payment (DVP) which mitigates any custodial credit risk. Securities purchased by the Treasurer are held by third party custodians in their trust department to mitigate custodial credit risk. At year-end, in accordance with the IPS, the County's external investment pools and specific investments did not have any securities exposed to custodial credit risk, and the Treasurer did not have any securities lending during the year (or at year-end).

Credit Risk - Investments

This is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment may not fulfill its obligations. The IPS sets forth the minimum acceptable credit ratings for investments from at least two of the following NRSROs: S&P, Moody's, or Fitch. For purchases of short-term debt, the issuer rating must be no less than A-1 or SP-1 (S&P), P-1 or MIG 1/VMIG 1 (Moody's), or F1 (Fitch) for purchases with remaining maturities less than 397 days, while purchases of long-term debt shall have issuer ratings no less than AA for purchases with remaining maturities longer than 397 days. Municipal debt issued by the County is exempt from the above credit rating requirements. As of June 30, 2020, the County's investments in OCIF were in compliance with the state law and IPS limits when purchased.

Concentration of Credit Risk

This is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. As of June 30, 2020, all investments were in compliance with state law and the IPS single issuer limits. See the County's investments table for concentrations of holdings. The following holdings with the Treasurer exceeded five percent of the portfolio at June 30, 2020.

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Portfolio %</u>
U.S. Government Agencies	Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) Bonds	2,034,977	20.00%
	Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB)	1,709,804	16.80%
	Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)	595,470	5.80%

Foreign Currency Risk

The IPS requires all securities to be U.S. dollar denominated. The OCIF is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

### **Note 3 - Subsequent Events**

Investment Policy Statement (IPS): On November 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 20-156 approving the 2021 IPS that delegated the investment and deposit for safekeeping authority to the Treasurer-Tax Collector for calendar 2021. The main changes to the 2021 IPS were to add new government code language allowing local agencies to invest in U.S. Government Securities that could result in zero or negative interest accruals and yields, add federal regulation updates that government bodies are a qualified institutional buyer (QIB) and add definitions for accredited investors and QIBs.

Investment in County of Orange Taxable Pension Obligations Bonds 2021, Series A: On January 14, 2021, the OCIP purchased the County issued Taxable Pension Obligations Bonds 2021, Series A (2021 POBs) in the principal amount of \$484,800. The 2021 POBs were issued with a fixed coupon rate and with maturities from July 2021 to April 2022 and are solely owned by OCIP. The obligation of the county to pay principal and interest on the 2021 POBs is an obligation imposed by law and is absolute and unconditional. As of the report date, the outstanding principal amount of the 2021 POBs was \$484,800. The bonds are not rated by any of the NRSROs.

COVID-19: On March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued a stay at home order that effectively closed all non-essential businesses. The County closed its County Service Center on March 22, 2020, but maintained all essential operations and reopened on June 22, 2020. The County closed the center again on December 11, 2020 and it reopened again on March 1, 2021. For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the County secured property tax collection rate was 99.15% of the total amount billed, which has caused slightly less dollars to be invested and apportioned out of the County Treasury during this period. Property taxes fund over 90% of the County's discretionary services. There was no material impact on the investments as they are, with the exception of the POBs, rated AA or higher and primarily invested in U.S. Treasuries and Government Sponsored Enterprises.

Standard & Poor's (S&P's) reaffirmation of "AAAm": On December 16, 2020, S&P reaffirmed its highest Principal Stability Fund Rating of AAAM on the OCMMF and the OCEMMF.



**Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

To the Board of Supervisors  
County of Orange, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Schedule of Assets Held by the County Treasury (Schedule) of the County of Orange, California (County), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the Schedule, and have issued our report thereon dated April 22, 2021.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the Schedule, we considered the County Treasury's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the Schedule, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County Treasury's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County Treasury's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Treasurer's Schedule is free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the Schedule. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Laguna Hills, California  
April 22, 2021