



## SOUTH FEATHER WATER & POWER AGENCY

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Michael Glaze, General Manager

**DATE:** August 15, 2006

**RE:** Amendment of Investment Policy  
Agenda Item for 8/22/06 Board of Directors Meeting

During our most recent independent audit, Steve Norman of Davis Hammon & Co. recommended that we submit our investment policy for Board reconsideration each year. Jeff Meith then reviewed the policy, changes in State law made in 2004, and recommended amendments to the investment policy regarding annual reporting that are shown on the attached sheets. With the proposed amendments, the investment policy can be summarized as follows:

1. The narrative of the policy, with changes as necessary, will be reviewed and reauthorized annually by the Board;
2. The Board will annually reauthorize the Treasurer to make investments of Agency funds in accordance with the policy;
3. The Treasurer, as Depositor, makes quarterly reports t on the status of funds;
4. The Treasurer, as the delegated Investment Officer, makes monthly reports on investment transactions (i.e., sale of securities, purchase of new investments, etc.) occurring in the preceding month.
5. The Treasurer, as custodian of funds, agendizes and makes an annual presentation on the investment policy, and recommended changes thereto.

Your approval of these amendments can be as follows:

**"I move approval of the proposed amendments to Policy #470 to clarify reporting requirements and to conform the policy with changes in the law."**

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## Policy #470 – INVESTMENTS

### Premise

The Legislature of the State of California has declared that the deposit and investment of public funds by local officials and local agencies is an issue of statewide concern (California Government Code (CGC) §53600.6 and §53630.1); and,

Government Code Sections 5921 and 53601, et seq., allow the legislative body of a local agency to invest surplus monies not required for the immediate necessities of the local agency; and,

The Treasurer may be ordered by the Board of Directors to annually prepare and submit a statement of investment policy and such policy, and any changes thereto, is to be considered by the local agency's legislative body at a public meeting (CGC §53646(a)).

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The Treasurer may be delegated the authority, for successive one-year periods, to act for the Board of Directors in the investment of Agency funds and to report to the Board on the status of deposits and/or investments as may be determined appropriate by the Board.

For these reasons, and to ensure prudent and responsible management of the public's funds, it is the policy of the South Feather Water & Power Agency to invest funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the Agency and conforming to all statutes governing the investment of South Feather Water & Power Agency funds.

### Scope

This investment policy applies to all financial assets of SFWPA. These funds are accounted for in the Independent Annual Financial Report and include:

Demand Account:	Investments:
General Fund	Local Agency Investment Fund
Secretary Revolving Fund	
Operation and Maintenance Fund	
Enterprise Funds	

### Prudence

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs; not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent investor" standard (CGC 53600.3) and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and this investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations for expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

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## Objectives

As specified in CGC §53600.5, when investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling and managing public funds, the primary objectives of the investment activities, in priority order, shall be:

- A. **Safety:** Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of SFWP shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. To attain this objective, diversification is required in order that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.
- B. **Liquidity:** The investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable SFWP to meet all operating requirements that might be reasonably anticipated.
- C. **Return on Investments:** The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

## Delegation of Authority

Authority for the safekeeping of Agency funds, and to manage the investment program is derived from California Government Code Sections 53600, et seq. Management responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Treasurer, which delegation shall be renewed annually in accordance with law. The Treasurer shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. Procedures should include references to: safekeeping, PSA repurchase agreements, wire transfer agreements, collateral/depository agreements and banking services contracts, as appropriate. Such procedures shall include explicit delegation of authority to persons responsible for investment transactions. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials. Under the provisions of California Government Code 53600.3, the Treasurer is a trustee and a fiduciary subject to the prudent investor standard.

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## Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

## Authorized Financial Institutions and Dealers

The Treasurer will maintain a list of financial institutions, selected on the basis of credit worthiness, financial strength, experience and minimal capitalization authorized to provide investment services. In addition, a list will also be maintained of approved security broker/dealers selected by credit worthiness that are authorized to provide investment and financial advisory services in the State of California. No public deposit shall be made except in a qualified public depository as established by state laws.

For brokers/dealers of government securities and other investments, the Treasurer shall select only

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broker/dealers who are licensed and in good standing with the California Department of Securities, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers or other applicable self-regulatory organizations.

Before engaging in investment transactions with a broker/dealer, the Treasurer shall have received from said firm a signed Certification Form. This form shall attest that the individual responsible for SFWPA's account with the firm has reviewed SFWPA's Investment Policy and that the firm understands the policy and intends to present investment recommendations and transactions to SFWP that are appropriate under the terms and conditions of the Investment Policy.

### Authorized and Suitable Investments

The South Feather Water & Power Agency is empowered by California Government Code §53601, et seq., to invest in the following:

- A. Bonds issued by the South Feather Water & Power Agency.
- B. United State Treasury Bills, Notes & Bonds.
- C. Registered state warrants or treasury notes or bonds issued by the State of California.
- D. Bonds, notes, warrant or other evidence of debt issued by a local agency within the State of California, including pooled investment accounts sponsored by the State of California, County Treasurers, other local agencies or Joint Powers Agencies.
- E. Obligations issued by agencies or instrumentalities of the United States Government.
- F. Bankers' acceptances with a term not to exceed 270 days. Not more than 40% of surplus funds can be invested in bankers' acceptances and no more than 30% of surplus funds can be invested in the bankers' acceptances of any single commercial bank.
- G. Prime commercial paper of U.S. corporations with assets greater than \$500 million, with a term not to exceed 180 days and the highest ranking issued by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) or Standard & Poor's Corporation (S&P). Commercial paper cannot exceed 15% of total surplus funds, provided that, if the average maturity of all commercial paper does not exceed 31 days, up to 30% of surplus funds can be invested in commercial paper.
- H. Negotiable certificates of deposit issued by federally or state chartered banks or associations. Not more than 30% of surplus funds can be invested in certificates of deposit.
- I. Repurchase/reverse re-purchase agreements of any securities authorized by this section. Securities purchased under these agreements shall be no less than 102% of market value. (See special limits in CGC §53601.i.)
- J. Medium term notes (not to exceed 5 years) of U.S. corporations rated "A" or better by Moody's or S&P. Not more than 30% of surplus funds can be invested in medium term notes.
- K. Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies (money market mutual funds) investing in the securities and obligations authorized by this Section. Such funds must carry the highest rating of at least two of the three largest national rating agencies. Not more than 15% of surplus funds can be invested in money market mutual funds.
- L. Funds held under the terms of a trust indenture or other contract or agreement may be invested according to the provisions of those indentures or agreements.
- M. Collateralized bank deposits with a perfected security interest in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) or applicable federal security regulations.
- N. Any mortgage pass-through security, collateralized mortgage obligation, mortgaged backed or other pay-through bond, equipment lease-backed certificate, consumer receivable pass-through

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certificate or consumer receivable backed bond of a maximum maturity of five years. Securities in this category must be rated AA or better by a nationally recognized rating service. Not more than 30% of surplus funds may be invested in this category of securities.

- O. Any other investment security authorized under the provisions of CGC §5922 and §53601.

(Also, see CGC §53601 for a detailed summary of the limitations and special conditions that apply to each of the above listed investment securities. CGC §53601 is included by reference in this investment policy.)

### Prohibited Investments.

Under the provisions of CGC §53601.6 and §53631.5, SFWP shall not invest any funds covered by this Investment Policy in inverse floaters, range notes, interest-only strips derived from mortgage pools or any investment that may result in a zero interest accrual if held to maturity.

### Collateralization

All certificates of deposits must be collateralized by U.S. Treasury Obligations. Collateral must be held by a third party trustee and valued on a monthly basis. The percentages of collateralization on repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements will adhere to the amount required under CGC §53601(i)(2).

### Safekeeping and Custody

All security transactions entered into by the South Feather Water & Power Agency shall be conducted on delivery-versus-payment (DVP) basis. All securities purchased or acquired shall be delivered to SFWPA by book entry, physical delivery or by third party custodial agreement as required by CGC §53601.

### Diversification

The South Feather Water & Power Agency will diversify its investments by security type and institution. It is the policy of the South Feather Water & Power Agency to diversify its investment portfolio. Assets shall be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer or a specific class of securities. Diversification strategies shall be determined and revised periodically. In establishing specific diversification strategies, the following general policies and constraints shall apply:

- A. Portfolio maturities shall be matched versus liabilities to avoid undue concentration in a specific maturity sector.
- B. Maturities selected shall provide for stability of income and liquidity.
- C. Disbursement and payroll dates shall be covered through maturities investments, marketable U.S. Treasury bills or other cash equivalent instruments such as money market mutual funds.

### Reporting

In accordance with CGC §53646(b)(1), the Treasurer shall submit to each member of the Board of Directors, and to the General Manager, a quarterly investment report. The report shall include a complete description of

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the portfolio, the type of investments, the issuers, maturity dates, par values and the current market values of each component of the portfolio, including funds managed for SFWP by third party contracted managers. The report will also include the source of the portfolio valuation. As specified in CGC §53646 (e), for funds placed in LAIF, FDIC-insured accounts and/or in a county investment pool, the foregoing report elements may be replaced by copies of the latest statements from such institutions. The report must also include a certification that: (1) all investment actions executed since the last report have been made in full compliance with the Investment Policy; and, (2) SFWP will meet its expenditure obligations for the next six months as required by CGC §53646(b)(2) and (3), respectively. The Treasurer shall maintain a complete and timely record of all investment transactions. The Treasurer shall maintain a complete and timely record of all changes in investments and shall report monthly to the Board of Directors of all transactions made in the preceding month (CGC 53607).

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### Investment Policy Review

This Investment Policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis, and modifications must be approved by the Board of Directors, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Delegation of investment authority to the Treasurer for the succeeding year shall also be considered at the time of the annual review..

*Adopted: 2/27/96, 8/22/06*

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