

# Internal Audit

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## Compliance Audit: County of Sonoma Treasury

### Treasurer Investment Pool

For the Quarter Ended  
September 30, 2023

- For the quarter ended September 30, 2023, the Treasury maintained an adequate system of controls for the purpose of complying with the applicable California Government Code sections.
- Cash and investments per the Auditor and the Treasurer's records were reconciled as required by Government Code §26905.
- A review was performed of the Treasurer's Statement of Assets by the County Auditor as required by Government Code §26920(a).
- A quarterly report was filed with the Clerk of the Board as required by Government Code §26922.

Audit No: 3575

Report Date December 6, 2023



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Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector

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# Introduction and Background

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## Introduction

The Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector, Internal Audit division has completed a compliance audit of the County of Sonoma Treasury for the quarter ending September 30, 2023. We conducted our audit in accordance with the *International Standards for the professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards)*, and in accordance with certain sections of the California Government Code. These standards require that we identify, analyze, evaluate, and document sufficient information and evidence to achieve our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for the results, observations, and recommendations contained in our report.

The purpose of our engagement is to determine if 1) the Treasurer maintains an adequate system of controls for the purpose of complying with applicable California Government Code sections, 2) cash and investments per the Controller and Treasurer records were reconciled as required by Government Code §26905, 3) a review was performed of the Treasurer's Statement of Assets by the County Auditor as required by Government Code §26920(a), and 4) a quarterly report was filed with the Clerk of the Board as required by Government Code §26922.

We would like to thank management and staff for their time, information, and cooperation throughout the engagement.

## Background

The County of Sonoma Treasury is responsible for the safekeeping and investment of funds for the County, School Districts and Special Districts. The Treasury oversees all banking operations for the County and its Departments. The Treasury also manages, for the quarter ending September 30, 2023, an investment portfolio of over \$3.4 billion and allocated \$23.6 million in interest earnings.

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# Objectives and Scope

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## Objectives

The primary objectives of this audit were to determine if:

1. Cash in the Treasury vault agreed with amounts in the Treasury records;
2. Treasury cash and investments existed and agreed with banks' and other safekeeping agents' statements;
3. Internal controls over the preparation and review of quarterly bank reconciliations were adequately designed and implemented;
4. The records of the County Treasurer and Auditor were reconciled;
5. Internal controls over the preparation of the quarterly report of the Treasurer's Statement of Assets were adequate to ensure that it was accurately prepared, approved and timely filed with the Clerk of the Board;
6. The previous quarterly report was submitted to the office of the Clerk of the Board.

## Scope

The audit was for the period July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. The scope of our work included the following:

- A preliminary survey to update our knowledge of the operating environment; identify changes in laws and regulations, systems, personnel and organization structure.
- A risk analysis to identify significant risks of non-compliance with policies, procedures or laws.
- A review and evaluation of internal controls designed to ensure compliance with the above requirements and to adequately reduce the risk identified.
- Tests of compliance to gain assurance that the internal control system is functioning as intended and is achieving its design objectives.
- Follow up to determine the status of previous audit report findings and recommendations.

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# Procedures and Results

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## Procedures

We performed the procedures enumerated below:

1. Observed cash drawer counts in the Treasury vault and verified amounts to Treasury records, per Government Code §26920.
2. Verified existence and proper valuation of Treasury cash and investments held in banks and other safekeeping agents through the agents' statements, per Government Code §26920.
3. Reviewed and traced amounts on bank reconciliations to bank confirmations, reviewed the reconciliation review process, and verified a sample of reconciling items to source documents.
4. Verified that records of the County Treasurer and Auditor have been reconciled, per Government Code §26905.
5. Verified a quarterly report of Treasury assets was properly reviewed, signed, and placed on file with the Clerk of the Board pursuant to Government Code §26922.
6. Verified that the previous quarterly report was submitted to the office of the Clerk of the Board, per Government Code §26922.

## Results

**Objective #1: Cash in the Treasury vault agrees with amounts in the Treasury records**

Cash on hand in the Treasury as of September 30, 2023 agrees with Treasury records (Teller Cash Sheets).

**Objective #2: Treasury cash and investments exist and agree with banks' and other safekeeping agents' statements**

The total of cash and investments on hand as of September 30, 2023 per Treasury records and per statements from the banks' and other safekeeping agents were in agreement.

**Objective #3: Internal controls over the preparation and review of quarterly bank reconciliations are adequately designed and implemented**

Internal controls over the preparation and review of quarterly bank reconciliations are found to be adequately designed and implemented.

**Objective #4: The records of the County Treasurer and Auditor have been reconciled**

The records of the County Treasurer and Auditor were reconciled during the audit period.

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**Objective #5: Internal controls over the preparation of the quarterly report of the Treasurer's Statement of Assets are adequate to ensure that it was accurately prepared, approved and timely filed with the Clerk of the Board**

Proper reconciliation, reviews and balancing procedures were used to ensure the accuracy of the Treasurer's Statement of Assets. The amounts reported on the Treasurer's Statement of Assets are supported by the Treasurer's records and financial institution statements. We verified that a properly approved statement was filed with the Clerk of the Board.

**Objective #6: The previous quarterly report was submitted to the office of the Clerk of the Board**

The previous quarterly report was submitted to the office of the Clerk of the Board.

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# Supplemental Statement: Statement of Assets

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**Sonoma County Treasury**  
**Statement of Assets**  
**September 30, 2023**

	<b>Investment Pool</b>
Cash in Treasury vault	\$ 90,147
Cash held by commercial banks	12,754,645
Investments	
Government debt securities	1,418,529,144
Negotiable certificates of deposit	483,003,940
Corporate notes and bonds	597,925,999
Mutual Funds	108,202,636
US Treasury Notes	366,556,115
Supranational Bonds	336,474,914
Commerical Paper	84,686,259
Sonoma County Water Agency Designated Investments	32,052,943
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 3,440,276,742</u></u>

## **Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

This special-purpose statement of assets was prepared for the purpose of presenting the assets of the Treasury pursuant to the California Code Section 26920 and is not intended to be a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts presented for investments are book values carried at amortized cost. Note disclosures required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40 Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, an amendment to GASB Statement No. 3, are not presented, since such disclosures are not required by the California Government Code Section 26920.