City of Calistoga Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gloria Leon, City Treasurer and Administrative Services Director

VIA: Richard Spitler, City Manager

DATE: July 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2013-14

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

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Richard D. Spitler, City Manager

ISSUE: The City Council is required by State Law to annually review the Statement of Investment Policy for City Funds. .

RECOMMENDATION: Review and approve Resolution to adopt City Statement of Investment Policy

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: Since the mid 1980's there has been a State requirement that all public agencies annually adopt an investment policy that provides guidelines and criteria for investment of public funds within the limits established by State code. The State Government Code also requires quarterly investment reports to the City Council, defines the items to be reported and adds limitations on types, duration and amount of investments available to local agencies.

The City formally adopted an investment policy in October 2001. This policy and practices limit the investments of the City to the State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), which are allowed under State law. The City currently invests all of the City funds with LAIF. There are other City funds not in the direct control of the City Treasurer, such as the 2007 Deutsche financing which are invested in other types of investments that are allowed under the agreement.

The City Treasurer is responsible under the State Government code to receive and deposit funds of the City. In addition under the adopted investment policy, the City Treasurer is responsible for the investment activities of the City. Deposits and

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withdrawals to the LAIF account are currently executed by the City Treasurer and reviewed by the City Manager.

The attached proposed investment policy for fiscal year 2013-14 is in accordance with Section 53646 of the California Government Code. This investment policy complies with California Government Code Section 53600 et seq, which governs investment practices of local government agencies.

After reviewing the current policy and the guidelines under Section 53600 the following items have been added:

Section VIII Permitted Investment Instruments- Item #8 and Item # 10 Section XIII Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions.

Section 53600 states when investing and managing public funds, the primary objective of a trustee shall be to safeguard the principal of the funds under its control. The secondary objective shall be to meet the liquidity needs of the depositor. The third objective shall be to achieve a rate of return on the funds under its control. Section IV of the City's policy clearly specifies the three primary objectives of the City's investment activities as safety, liquidity and yield, in that order of priority. These objectives will serve as best practices of the City of Calistoga.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact. If there are changes to the types of investments that can be made, then there could be a positive or negative impact on the interest earnings or costs of investments.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Resolution adopting the City Statement of Investment Policy
- 2. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Statement of Investment Policy