

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: April 24, 2007
 To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members
 From: Barbara Boswell, Finance Director
 Subject: **Monthly Report of Investments – February 2007**

Recommendation:

Accept and approve the February 28, 2007 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Background:

Each month, the Finance Department prepares a report listing the investments for all the separate entities under jurisdiction of the City as identified in the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. These component units include: the City of Lancaster, Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, and Lancaster Housing Authority.

Portfolio Recap

February portfolio transactions:

Purchases:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Federal Home Loan Mort	8/31/07	5.27	\$ 1,400,000

Sold, Matured or Called:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
U.S. Treasury Note	2/28/07	4.35	\$ 1,000,000

Yields:

	<u>February 2007</u>	<u>January 2007</u>
Total Portfolio	4.980 %	4.950%
Wells Fargo Sweep Account	4.650 %	4.628%
Local Agency Investment Fund	5.181 %	5.156%

Total Portfolio Balance:	\$139,812,245	\$123,330,610
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The total portfolio balance was up this month due to receipt of several large payments including expected revenues of \$1.3 million from the State and another \$3.6 million from the County of Los Angeles. The remaining is due to normal operating cycles. During this period, the U.S. treasuries market saw a downturn by the end of the month, leaving the two and three year

treasuries yielding around 4.5%. Economists believe the treasury market will improve later this year, so the City reinvested a maturity with a yield of 4.35% into a six month treasury at 5.27%.

The City's temporary idle cash, those funds that are not immediately needed to pay current bills and not governed by bond indentures or bond resolutions, is invested in accordance with the City's adopted Investment Policy. This policy is reviewed annually by the City Council, with the latest policy adopted December 13, 2005 by Resolution No. 05-264.

The City's cash management system is designed to accurately monitor and forecast expenditures and revenues, thus enabling the City to invest funds to the fullest extent possible within the guidelines of this Investment Policy. The City attempts to achieve the highest yield obtainable through a diversified portfolio only after meeting the criteria established for safety and liquidity in that order. The principal investment objectives of the City are:

1. Preservation of capital and protection of investment principal.
2. Maintenance of sufficient liquidity to meet anticipated cash flows.
3. Attainment of a market rate of return.
4. Diversification to avoid incurring unreasonable market risks.
5. Compliance with the City's Municipal Code and with all applicable City resolutions, California statutes and Federal regulations.

The City's portfolio is a short-term and intermediate-term fixed income portfolio. The maximum maturity of any investment is 5 years, with consideration of anticipated cash flow requirements and known future liabilities. The City contracts with an investment advisory service (MBIA Asset Management Group) to assist in the effort to maximize the return on the City portfolio. The City investments include publicly traded Treasury notes, Treasury Bills, Federal Agency Investments, Time Deposits, and Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) under the auspices of the State Treasurer for investment. Funds invested in the LAIF are available within 24 hours, and other investments are available upon maturity at full face value. These investments enable the City and Agency to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months, as required by state law.

The City's investments are governed by Sections 53600 et. seq. of the California Government Code. Additional limitations have been placed on the City's authorized investments by the Investment Policy (a copy is available in the Finance Department or from the City Clerk), and all investments listed on the attached report adhere to these limitations.