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## San Luis Obispo County Investment Pool

### Rating

San Luis Obispo County  
Investment Pool ..... AAA/V1+

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### Summary

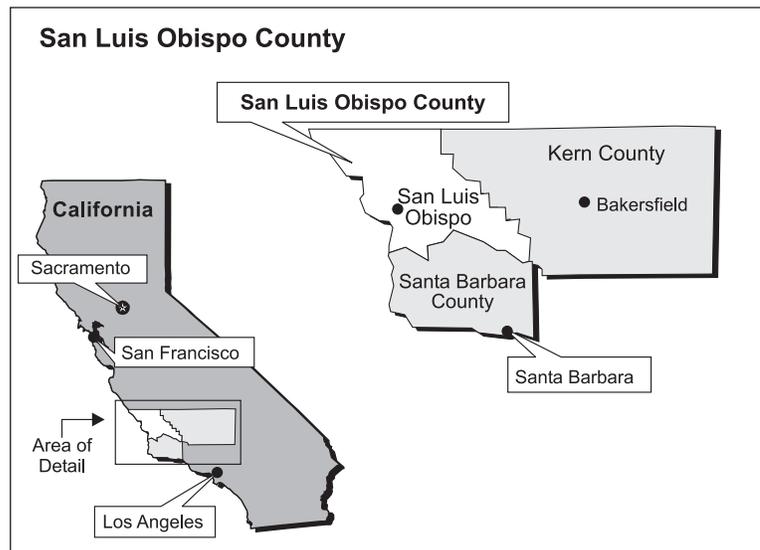
The San Luis Obispo County Investment Pool, a local government investment pool with approximately \$448.3 million in assets, is rated 'AAA/V1+'. Investment pools rated 'AAA' meet the highest credit quality standards for underlying assets, diversification, management, and operational capabilities. The pool's 'V1+' volatility rating reflects low market risk and a strong capacity to return stable principal values to participants, even in severely adverse interest rate environments. Portfolio valuation reports are submitted to Fitch Ratings monthly.

### Rating Considerations

- Very low exposure to market risk by virtue of conservative investment policies and practices, including tight weighted average maturity (WAM) limits and avoidance of floating-rate and structured notes, other derivative securities, and leverage.
- High standards for credit quality and diversification of assets.
- High degree of liquidity resulting from maturity profile and composition of pool participants, as well as a strong ability to forecast ongoing cash requirements and meet these requirements through portfolio security maturities and overnight liquidity.
- Solid management oversight and operational controls.

### Overview

The San Luis Obispo County Investment Pool is managed by the San Luis Obispo county treasurer on behalf of the pool participants, which include the county and its school districts and other special districts.



The pool's primary investment objectives are: safety and preservation of capital; liquidity sufficient to meet all operating requirements; yield subject to safety, liquidity, and competitive pricing requirements; and compliance with California and federal law.

■ **Investment Practices**

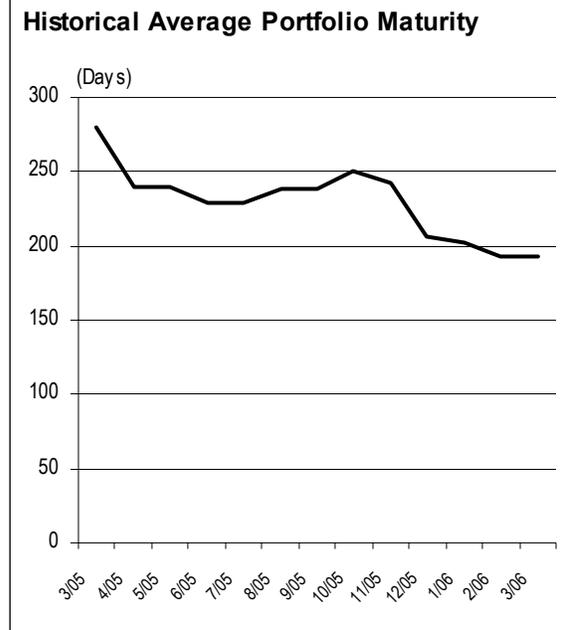
**Composition**

The pool pursues its investment objective by investing in a diverse portfolio of high-quality securities. Permitted investments include U.S. Treasury notes and bills, U.S. agency securities, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, repurchase agreements, and the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), the California state investment pool managed by the state treasurer's office. LAIF is a high-quality, diversified investment pool with an average maturity of less than one year, offering participants daily liquidity. In addition, the county pool sets conservative diversification guidelines by security type.

**Market Risk**

The pool's WAM of securities held in the portfolio was approximately 193 days at March 31, 2006, and in the past 12 months, the pool's WAM ranged from 193–280 days. WAM is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to changing interest rates.

The pool maintains a conservative investment strategy that structures the portfolio so that securities mature to

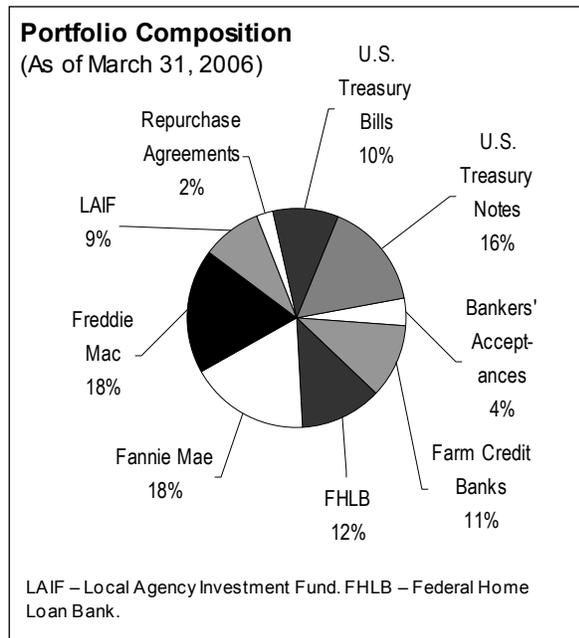


meet cash flow requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity. The pool also maintains additional liquidity in marketable securities to assist in meeting unanticipated cash requirements. The pool does not purchase any floating-rate notes, other structured notes, or derivatives that may create inappropriate market risk exposure. The pool takes a conservative view of leverage, as the use of reverse repurchase agreements in any form is specifically prohibited by the county treasurer. All securities bought by the pool are either discount notes or fixed-coupon notes.

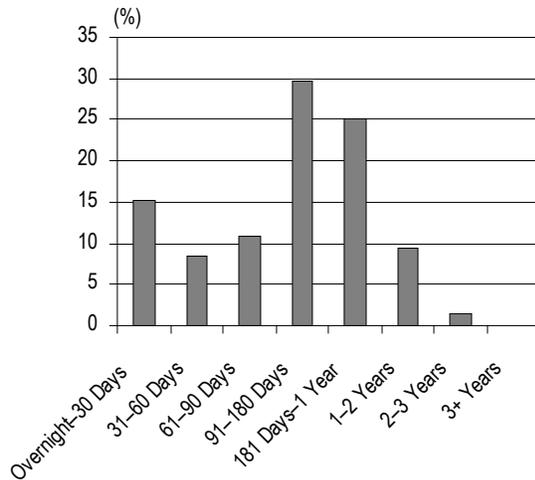
The pool may invest in the county's Teeter Plan note program, which allows the county to receive advanced funding against delinquent property tax receipts. There was no Teeter Plan note in the portfolio as of March 31, 2006.

■ **Liquidity**

Each month, pool cash flows are forecast for the ensuing 12 months on the basis of the prior year's cash flows, which are then updated to include any identifiable changes in the forecast period. The stability of cash flow projections is bolstered by the pool's composition, since all pool participants are required to maintain funds in the county pool. Requests by mandatory participants to withdraw funds for purposes other than normal cash flow needs are subject to the consent of the county treasurer in accordance with California government code.



**Portfolio Maturity Profile**  
(As of March 31, 2006)



The pool conservatively manages its maturity profile through its cash flow matching and short-maturity investment strategies to ensure a high degree of liquidity to meet anticipated and unanticipated cash outflows. As of March 31, 2006, approximately 9% of the portfolio was held in securities maturing in one day.

■ **Credit Quality**

The pool takes a conservative view of credit risk by virtue of its investment practices, diversification standards, operational controls, and management oversight. The pool invests only in securities issued by highly rated entities, and it diversifies across issuers and sectors. On March 31, 2006, approximately 25.6% of the portfolio was invested in U.S. Treasury securities. The balance of the pool was invested in securities issued by highly rated entities. Eligible money market instruments must be rated 'F1', 'F1+', or the equivalent by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). Investment guidelines also require that all bankers' acceptances and commercial paper be rated by at least two NRSROs. Moreover, the pool restricts concentrations in any one issuer to minimize exposure. Repurchase agreements are entered into only with highly rated counterparties and are fully collateralized with U.S. government securities.

In accordance with California government code, a treasury oversight committee, composed of representatives of pool participants and the public, reviews the pool's investment practices and policies on a regular basis. Additionally, the pool is subject to quarterly internal audits from the county auditor's office and an annual external audit. The Bank of New York Co., Inc. serves as custodian for the pool's assets.

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