INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR PORTFOLIO COMPLIANCE MONITORING OF THE COUNTY TREASURY FOR **QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

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Transmittal Letter

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TO: John M.W. Moorlach

Treasurer-Tax Collector

SUBJECT: Report on Agreed-upon Procedures for Portfolio Compliance Monitoring of

the County Treasury for Quarter Ended June 30, 2004 (File No. 2414)

Attached is a copy of our Report on Agreed-upon Procedures for Portfolio Compliance Monitoring of the County Treasury for Quarter Ended June 30, 2004 (File No. 2414).

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Hughes, Ph.D./ CPA Director, Internal Audit

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Attachments

Other recipients of this audit report:

Members, Board of Supervisors Members, Audit Oversight Committee James D. Ruth, County Executive Officer Foreman, Grand Jury Darlene J. Bloom, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR PORTFOLIO COMPLIANCE MONITORING OF THE COUNTY TREASURY FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

John M. W. Moorlach, C.P.A., CFP® Treasurer-Tax Collector:

We have performed the agreed-upon procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Treasurer for the purpose of assisting in determining whether the County funds managed by the Orange County Treasurer's office, the Money Market Funds (Funds 283, 692 and 694) and the Extended Fund (Fund 699), are in compliance as of that date with certain provisions of the Treasurer's Investment Policy Statement (IPS). This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was conducted in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of Treasurer management. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with a series of agreed-upon procedures which required that we review, on a test basis, evidence of the portfolio holdings, perform certain mathematical calculations, and review the results with respect to the Treasurer's IPS. In conducting our review, the Internal Audit Department examined the portfolio holdings on the following dates: April 16, May 4, June 22 and June 30, 2004.

The agreed-upon procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

1. We will verify the completeness and accuracy of the portfolio downloads obtained from the Treasurer's office.

Finding:

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedure.

2. We will perform calculations to determine that the portfolio concentrations of the Money Market and Extended Funds have met the diversification limits for investment types and allowable issuer percentages in accordance with Sections V.2 and VI of the Treasurer's IPS.

Finding:

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedure.

3. We will perform calculations to determine that a Net Asset Value (NAV) of approximately \$1 (within a range of .995 – 1.005) was maintained for the Money Market Funds in accordance with Section II.4 of the Treasurer's IPS.

Finding:

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedure.

4. We will perform calculations to determine that a weighted average maturity (WAM) of less than 90 days was maintained for the Money Market Funds and a WAM of less than 18 months was maintained for the Extended Fund in accordance with Section VI.1 of the Treasurer's IPS.

Finding:

We found no exceptions as a result of this procedure.

5. We will select a representative sample of investment purchases made during the quarter from each fund and will independently confirm that the investments conform with authorized investment requirements in accordance with Sections IV, V.3, V.7~V.9, VI.2 and XI of the Treasurer's IPS.

Finding:

Noncompliance with IPS Section V. – <u>Investment Restrictions and Prohibited</u> Transactions

Section V.7 of the IPS states "Reverse Repurchase Agreements, as defined by California Government Code Section 53601.7 (e)(8) or otherwise are prohibited."

As of June 30, 2004, the Treasurer had invested \$19,565,077.43 (JWA – 1,596,372.29; County – 6,537,268.62; and Schools – 11,431,436.52) in the BlackRock Provident TempFund. Our review of the BlackRock TempFund prospectus identified reverse repurchase agreements as one of twelve security types in which the fund principally invests and the fund may invest up to one-third of its total assets in reverse repurchase agreements.



We reviewed the BlackRock Provident TempFund Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2004 and found that the fund did not hold any reverse repurchase agreements. However, during the period the investments were held BlackRock Provident TempFund could have bought and sold investments in reverse repurchase agreements.

The above finding was first noted in our Agreed-upon Procedures for Portfolio Compliance Monitoring of the County Treasury for Quarter Ending March 31, 2004 report. On September 2, 2004, the Treasurer provided us a "Do not concur" response to our report which resulted in our determination to seek County Counsel opinion as to whether the Treasurer may purchase money market mutual funds that may invest in reverse repurchase agreements, which is a prohibited investment according to the Investment Policy Statement Section V.7.

We were not engaged to and did not perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of the specified users listed above and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, the report will be a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

The working papers for this engagement are the property of the County of Orange Internal Audit Department and constitute public information. If requested, access to such working papers will be provided under the supervision of the County of Orange Internal Audit Department personnel.

Sincerely,

Peter Hughes, Ph.D./CPA

