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June 20, 2006

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Board of Supervisors County of Ventura 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: REPORT OF INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2006, INCLUDING MARKET VALUES FOR ALL INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and File

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT: None

DISCUSSION:

The average daily portfolio balance for the month of May amounted to \$ 1.7 billion. The portfolio yield for the month of May was 4.08 %. The weighted average days to maturity increased 8 days to 279 days. The total net monthly earnings were \$ 5.8 million. The portfolio has been structured to satisfy the anticipated cash flow needs of the participants. The investment practices and portfolio holdings are in compliance with the investment policy.

The May Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting ended with the Fed, once again, raising the Federal Funds rate, the rate at which banks lend short-term funds to each other, by 25 basis points to 5.0%. The committee provided this observation of the economic environment and their rationale for this latest rate increase in the press release announcing their action.

Economic growth has been quite strong so far this year. The Committee sees growth as likely to moderate to a more sustainable pace, partly reflecting a gradual cooling of the housing market and the lagged effects of increases in interest rates and energy prices.

There was, however, a significant change in the FOMC's outlook for the economy. In previous meetings the Fed had viewed the assessment of risk for the economy as balanced. That is, that the economy was on an acceptable growth path without a real risk of inflation. In the May meeting, the FOMC took a more cautionary tone by suggesting that further rate increases would be dependent on the economic data that is reported in the period between FOMC meetings. They stated it this way:

The Committee judges that some further policy firming may yet be needed to address inflation risks but emphasizes that the extent and timing of any such firming will depend importantly on the evolution of the economic outlook as implied by incoming information.

For its part, the data reported in May after the Fed meeting, did begin to suggest that the economy might, in fact, be undergoing a change in the rate of growth. The increases in non-

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farm payroll jobs have become smaller, while consumer sentiment surveys have been trending lower. The housing markets in particular have been showing weakness. While some of this is due to an easing of the frenetic pace of the previous few years, it is troubling due to the potential damage to consumer confidence and may change the consumers buying habits. Also, with energy prices remaining high, inflation fears may be reappearing, which may impact both consumer and business purchasing patterns. Over the last year, producer prices have risen by 4.0% and consumer prices are up by 3.5%.

Interest rates closed the month of May slightly higher than where we began. Short-term rates rose by 3 to 10 basis points, while longer-term rates were up by 1 to 10 basis points. Markets appear to be taking a wait and see approach and are watching the economic data very closely to get a clue as to which way the Fed may be going with regard to further rate increases.

Given the current interest rate environment, we anticipate the County's yield to increase slightly. Further, we continue to seek investment opportunities in order to optimize earnings (U. S. Treasury Market graph attached).

Attached is a listing of market values provided by our custodian, Wells Fargo Bank, for all investments for the month ending May 31, 2006. GASB Statement No. 31 states that variances between the cost of investments and the fair value of investments shall not be considered budgetary resources or uses of resources unless the value of investments is permanently impaired because of decreased issuer creditworthiness or it is determined that the Treasurer be unable to hold investments to maturity.

The following is a list of attached graphs:

- Portfolio Average Monthly Balance
- Average Portfolio Maturity
- Balance Yield Comparison by Month
- Portfolio Holdings By Instrument Type
- Yield Curve, U. S. Treasury Market
- Maturity Distribution

This letter has been reviewed by the CEO, the Auditor-Controller, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Chief Investment Officer Robert A. Hansen at 654-3733.

LAWRENCE L. MATHENEY Treasurer-Tax Collector

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Attachments

Investments by ICC Code WELLS FARGO

ACCOUNT: All Accounts Selected

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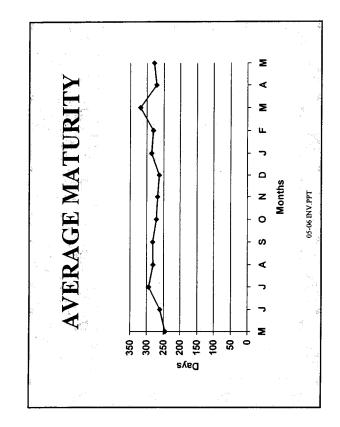
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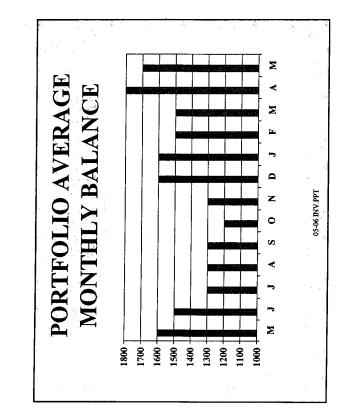
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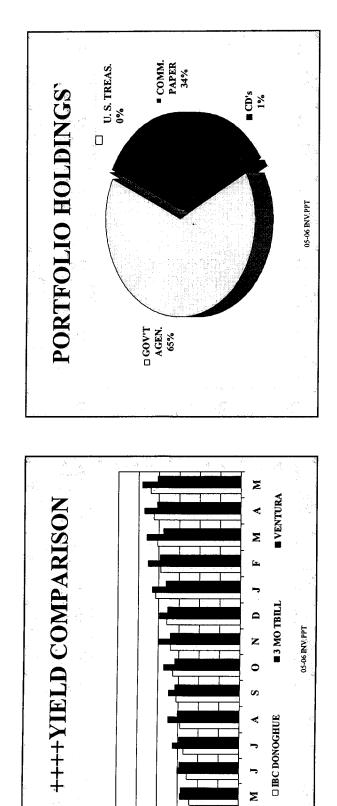
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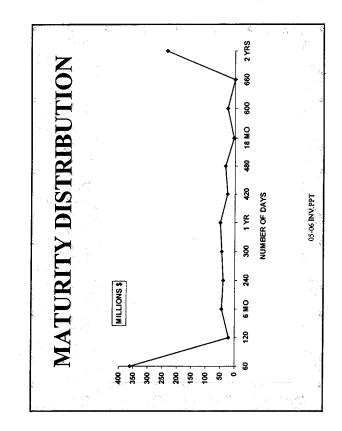
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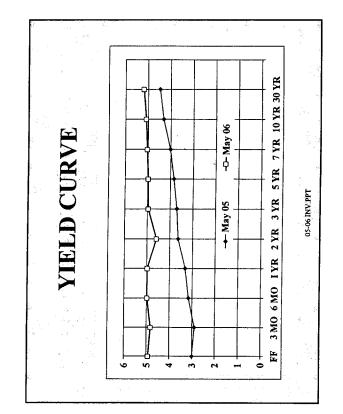
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