TAX COLLECTOR

Don R. Hansen Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector

March 24, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Discuss and File Report of Investments for the Month Ending

February 28, 2009, Including Market Values for Investments

for the Month

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and File

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT: None

DISCUSSION:

The average daily portfolio balance for the month of February amounted to \$1.9 billion. The portfolio yield for the month of February was 3.05%. The weighted average days to maturity decreased 21 days to 315 days. The total net monthly earnings were \$4.5 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 portfolio has been managed with the stated objectives of safety, liquidity and earning a competitive rate of return, outlined in the Statement of Investment Policy. In striving to maintain the primary objective, safety of principal, the County portfolio has received a rating of AAAf by Standard & Poor's, the highest possible ranking given by the agency. Regarding the secondary objective, maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet cash flow needs, the portfolio is rated S1+, also the highest ranking given by S&P. In light of the first two objectives the portfolio has on balance outperformed its benchmarks, satisfying the final objective, that of earning a competitive rate of return.

The economy, both domestically and internationally, remained the focus of the President, the Congress and governments throughout the world. Reports from almost all areas are showing a continued decline in economic activity. Much of this is led by a retrenching consumer. As economic uncertainty has continued, consumers have pulled back on discretionary spending which has increased the overall economic slide. The Federal Government passed a fiscal stimulus bill that is hoped will offset some of the slowdown in consumer spending patterns and provide jobs for the recently unemployed.

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Much focus also continues on the fate of some of the largest financial institutions that are weighed down by low quality assets, primarily tied to housing. Congress and the Treasury have increased the amount of support to some of the institutions with de facto nationalization becoming a very real prospect for some of these entities. It is unclear what the outcome will be, but it is widely believed that the financial system must be stabilized before a broad economic recovery can begin.

Economic reports issued during the month continued to show a slowing economy with duress scattered through all sections of the economy. The unemployment rate rose again this time to 7.6% nationally, as non-farm payrolls fell by 598,000 jobs. This brings the job loss for the last 12 months to 2.8 million jobs. The housing market, widely believed at the core of our economic problems, continued weak with home sales falling to 30-year lows. The one good thing that will develop out of the decline in home prices is that the affordability of homes for the average worker will go up once the employment situation is stabilized. Predictably, consumer credit has fallen sharply, as has consumer confidence. Industrial and manufacturing activity has slowed as companies react to a slowdown in consumer demand for products. Industrial production has fallen in each of the last 3 months, as has construction spending, orders for durable goods, and factory orders. During the month we also got an update to the Gross Domestic Production report, the broadest measure of economic activity in the country. For the 4th quarter of 2008 that showed a decrease of 6.2%.

Interest rates continued to rise modestly during the month, responding to a general thawing of the credit markets. In all, it seems that the concerted efforts of the Fed and Treasury to provide liquidity into the markets has worked to ease some of the strain in the markets and has begun to reverse some of the flight to quality phenomenon experienced in the 4th quarter. Short-term interest rates rose 5 to 20 basis points while longer term securities saw yields rise 15 to 30 basis points.

Given the current interest rate environment, we anticipate the County's yield to decrease 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 February 28, 2009. 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:

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- 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 and approved as to form by the CEO, the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel.

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

LAWRENCE L. MATHENEY

Treasurer-Tax Collector

Exhibit 1 – Market Values of Investments

Exhibit 2 – Graphs

ACCOUNT: 11435100 COUNTY OF VENTURA

Asset Description 1 & 2

U.S. DOLLARS

General Reporting - Investments by Date From Month End 02/28/2009 03/02/2009 11:15:26 AM EST

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WELLS FARGO Investments by Date

COUNTY OF VENTURA

General Reporting - Investments by Date From Month End 02/28/2009 03/02/2009 11:15:26 AM EST

ACCOUNT: 11435100 COUNTY OF VENTURA

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COUNTY OF VENTURA

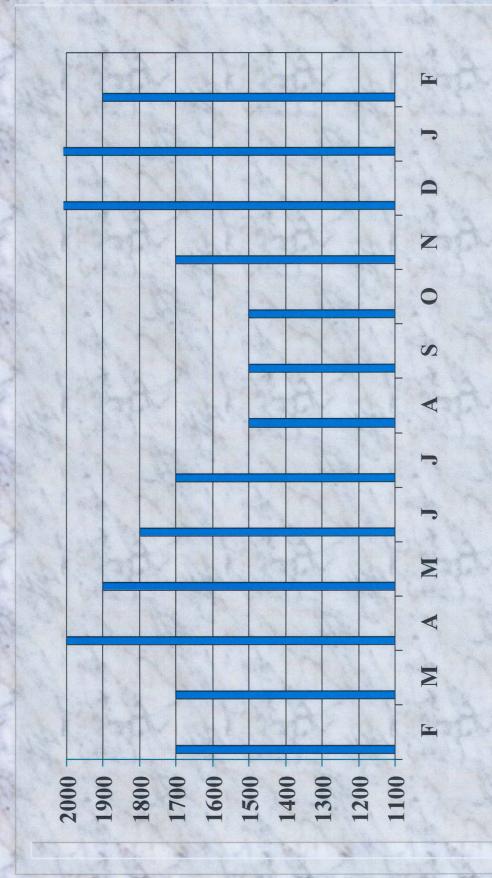
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Asset Description 1 & 2

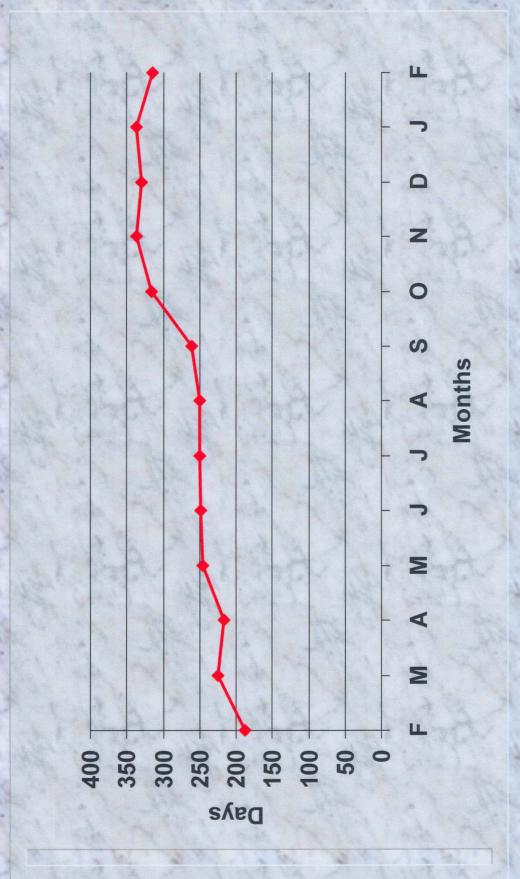
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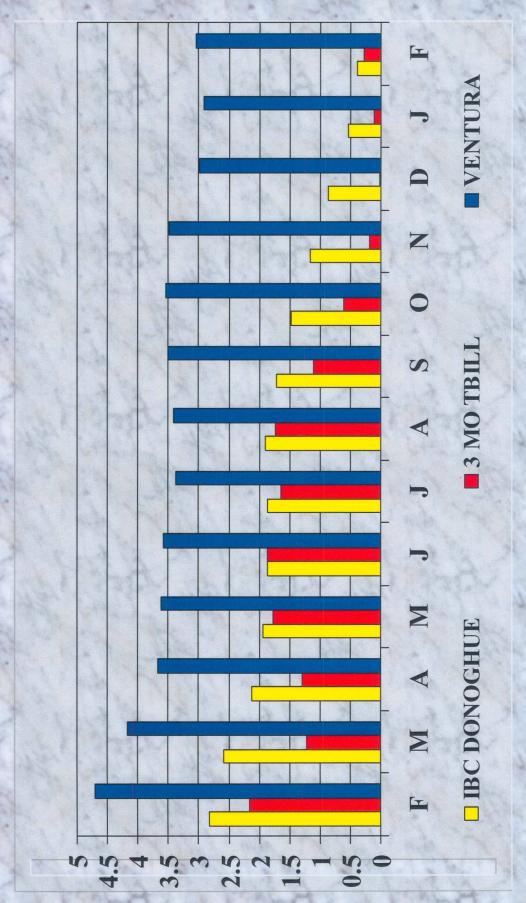
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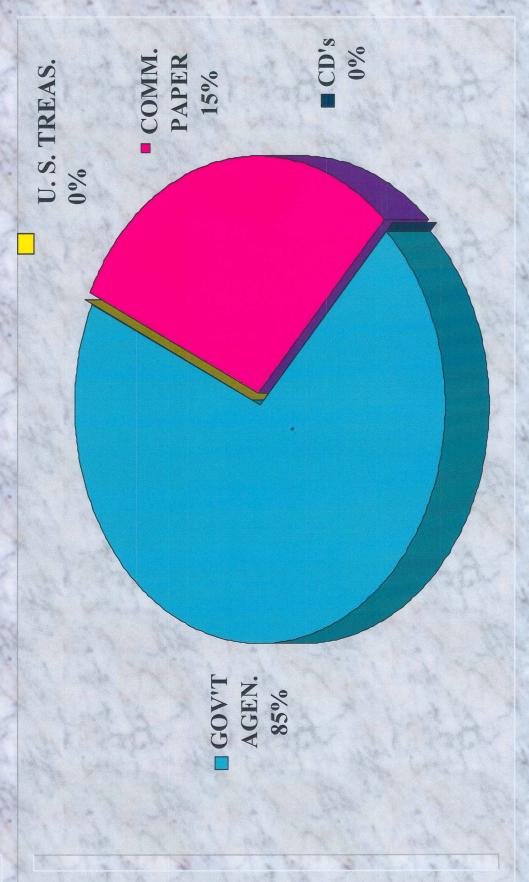
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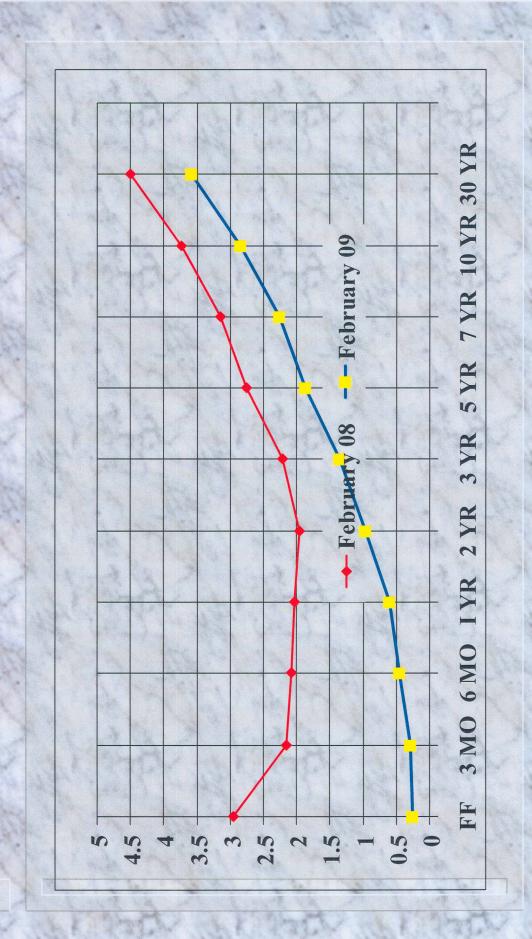
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MATURITY DISTRIBUTION

