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# *INVESTING BOND PROCEEDS*

*presented to*



California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission

Municipal Debt Essentials  
Debt 3: Debt Administration  
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## Question #1

**What makes investing bond proceeds different than investing any other type of asset?**



## **The Arbitrage Rebate and Yield Restriction Requirements**

- **Limit the amount of earnings you are allowed to keep**



# The Bonds Have Been Issued ... Now What?

## **Congratulations!**

- Months of careful planning are over
- At last, the Bonds have been issued
- You've locked in a low cost of funds
- Now it's time to get back to your regular duties

## **Do Not Forget About the Bond Proceeds**

- Probably on your "To Do List"
- Typically are forgotten
- Are unique assets considering the arbitrage rebate and yield restriction requirements



## Question #2

### Arbitrage Yield

4.70%

### Investment Strategy “A”

5.00%

### Investment Strategy “B”

5.40%



# Investing Bond Proceeds

## Arbitrage Yield

4.70%

## Amount Invested

\$50,000,000

## Investment Strategy “A”

.296%

## Investment Strategy “B”

.01%



# Investing Bond Proceeds

## Investment Strategy “A”

\$150,266

## Investment Strategy “B”

\$5,097



# Why Bother Worrying About Investments?

## Costs

- Interest costs accrue on bonds immediately so...
  - Negative carry (i.e. negative arbitrage) on investments increases financing cost
- Improved investment performance will...
  - Reduce negative carry and even lower overall borrowing costs

## Typical Funds

- Project Funds
  - Net funding + more earnings = smaller bond issue
  - Gross funding + more earnings = more project funds
- Reserve Funds
  - Earnings will offset debt service costs
  - Higher earnings here can offset costs of negative carry in Project Funds
- Debt Service Funds
  - More earnings = less net debt service (this is a good thing!)



# Formulating an Investment Strategy – General Principles

## Public Funds Investing Oath of Responsibility

- Bond proceeds are actually the public's assets

### Safety

- Protect your principal by minimizing credit risk

### Liquidity

- Ensure that funds are available *when* needed
- Too long...market price risk
- Too short...reinvestment rate risk
- Matched to expectations...just right

### Yield

- Matching liabilities and assets
  - Floating or fixed rates
- Generate consistent risk-adjusted returns
  - Arbitrage rebate requirements may prohibit you from retaining additional earnings from higher yielding investments (i.e. riskier)



# Formulating an Investment Strategy – Starts with Safety

## “Permitted Investments” under applicable...

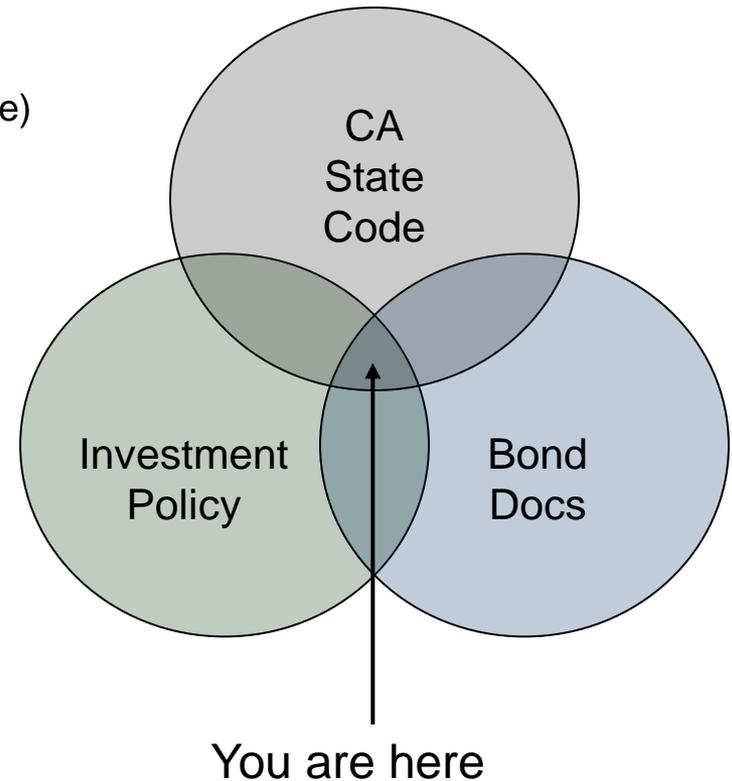
- Sections of State Code
  - California Government Code Sections 5903(e) and 5922(d)
- Investment policy
- Bond documents

## External Investment Approvals

- Rating agencies

## Federal Tax Law Compliance

- Arbitrage rebate and yield restriction requirements



## When Do I Start?

- Once the structure and sizing of the debt is known
- Considering adding investment advisor to the “Financing Team”

## Integral Part of Debt Strategy

- Do you net fund or gross fund?
- Earnings serve to reduce net financing costs

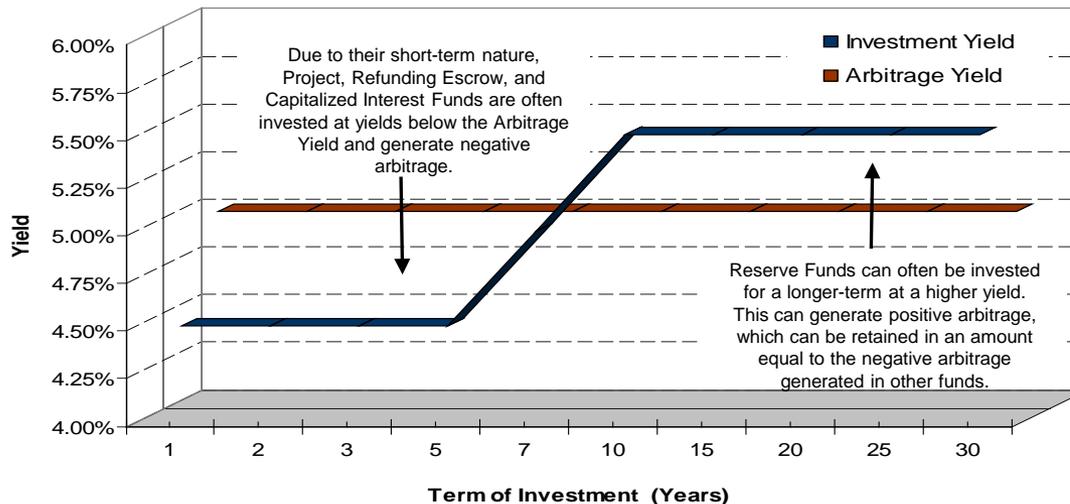
## Can't I wait for rates to go higher, it seems like a good bet?

- Yes....No....Maybe....Did you say “bet”?



## Recalling the Implications of the Arbitrage Rebate Requirements

- Goal: Positive arbitrage without compromising safety or liquidity
- Prepare prospective arbitrage rebate models for competing investment alternatives



# Formulating an Investment Strategy – Arbitrage Rebate Requirements

## Prior Bonds Reserve Fund used to fund Escrow Fund

Sources of Funds	Refunding Bond Proceeds	Prior Bonds Proceeds	Total
Par Amount	9,595,000.00		
+ Original Issue Premium	387,863.20		
- Original Issue Discount	<u>0.00</u>		
Net Production	9,982,863.20		9,982,863.20
Prior Bonds Debt Service Fund		651,103.13	651,103.13
Prior Bonds Reserve Fund		<b>936,606.26</b>	936,606.26
<b>Total Sources:</b>	<b><u>9,982,863.20</u></b>	<b><u>1,587,709.39</u></b>	<b><u>11,570,572.59</u></b>
<b>Uses of Funds</b>			
Deposit to Escrow Fund	8,940,572.09	1,587,709.39	10,528,281.48
Deposit to Reserve Fund	824,300.00		824,300.00
Deposit to Costs of Issuance Fund	217,991.11		217,991.11
<b>Total Uses:</b>	<b><u>9,982,863.20</u></b>	<b><u>1,587,709.39</u></b>	<b><u>11,570,572.59</u></b>

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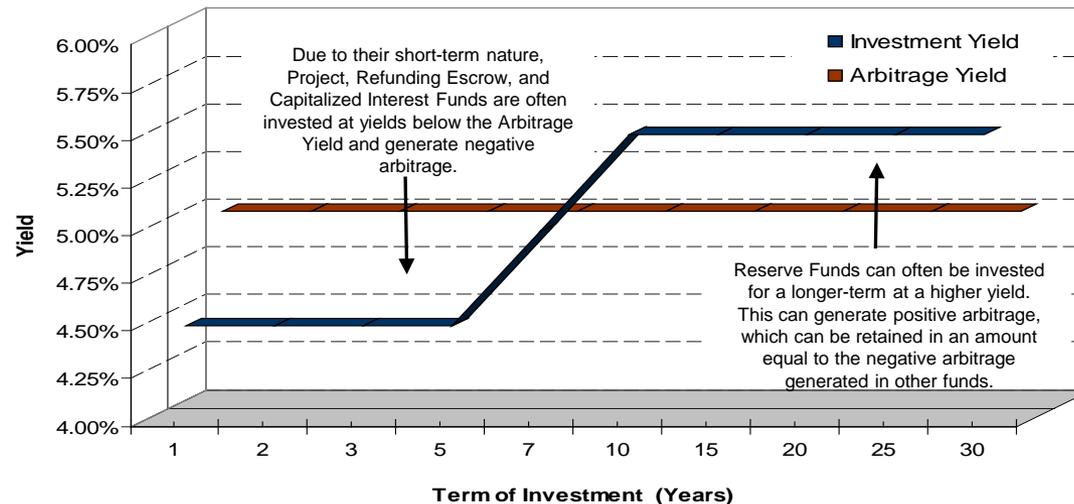
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Arbitrage/Bond Yield:	3.362%
Positive or (Negative) Arbitrage in Escrow Fund:	<b>(362,593.85)</b>
Prior Bonds Reserve Fund invested in FNMA yielding 5.00%	



## Recalling the Implications of the Arbitrage Rebate Requirements

- If positive arbitrage is attainable, consider enhancing safety and liquidity
- Consider expenditure exceptions if positive arbitrage can be achieved in the project funds



# Formulating an Investment Strategy – Arbitrage Rebate Requirements

## Cumulative Rebate Liability (Applying Two-Year Spending Exception)

Issue Date: March 7, 1996  
 Rebate Computation Date: March 7, 2001

### Summary of Arbitrage Rebate Analysis - Applying Two-Year Spending Exception

Fund Reference Number	Fund Description	Current Fund Status	Computation Date Valuation	Gross Earnings	Internal Rate of Return	Excess Earnings
1	Construction Fund	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.00
2	Reserve Account	Inactive	\$0.00	\$1,002,397.80	4.910626%	(\$14,816.48)
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,002,397.80</b>		<b>(\$14,816.48)</b>

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 Rebate Computation Date: March 7, 2001

### Summary of Arbitrage Rebate Analysis

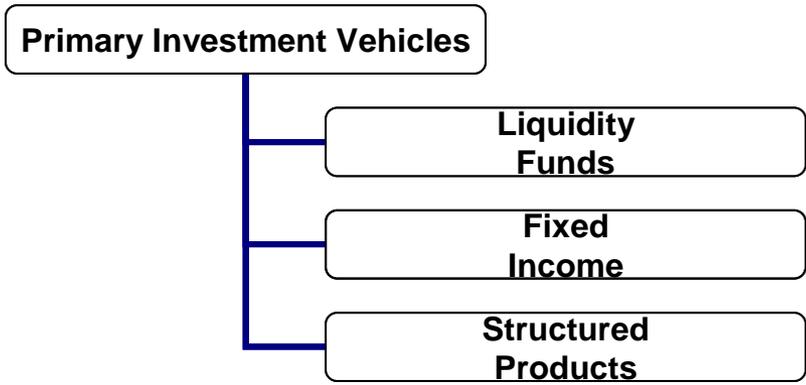
Fund Reference Number	Fund Description	Current Fund Status	Computation Date Valuation	Gross Earnings	Internal Rate of Return	Excess Earnings
1	Construction Fund	Inactive	\$0.00	\$8,139,455.99	5.787138%	\$1,228,239.38
2	Reserve Account	Inactive	\$0.00	\$1,002,397.80	4.910626%	(\$24,694.13)
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,141,853.79</b>		<b>\$1,203,545.25</b>



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles

## Identify Investment Vehicle Candidates

- Liquidity Funds
  - Money Market Funds, Local Agency Investment Pools, Internal Investment Pools
- Fixed Income
  - Treasuries, Agencies, Medium-Term Notes
- Structured Products
  - Guaranteed Investment Contracts, Forward Delivery Agreements, Repurchase Agreements



Fund Name/ Average Life	LAIF	Portfolio w/ Agencies	Uncollateralized Structured Product
Project Fund 12 Months	.250% 245 Days	.296% 12 Months	.277% 12 Months
Reserve Fund 3 Years	.250% 245 Days	.779% 3 Year	.732% 3 Year



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Liquidity Funds

## General

- Funds that provide on demand withdrawals and investments of proceeds, typically at a constant \$1 NAV (or \$1/share)
- “Sweep” funds are money markets that automatically invest (or sweep) any dollars that would otherwise go uninvested
  - Be aware of management and 12b-1 fees
- Money market funds are SEC regulated and have specific maturity limits on assets held; 90 day maximum or 60 day max for AAA rating
- Local, state, or internal “pooled investments” may have different guidelines and required notice periods, but may offer higher returns as a result in certain market conditions
  - LAIF currently around .250%
  - 245 days average life
  - Accounts with bond proceeds allowed 1 withdrawal a month on anniversary date of deposit



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Liquidity Funds

## General

- The Financial Crisis of 2008/2009
  - Problems occurred with liquid type funds – withdrawals suspended
  - Government Funds vs Prime Funds – worth the risk?
    - 0.00% vs 0.10%



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Liquidity Funds

<b>Liquidity Funds</b>	
<b>Safety</b>	Very High / routine rating confirmations
<b>Liquidity</b>	Very High / Anytime / \$1 in, \$1 out
<b>Yield</b>	Variable rate / Can change daily/ Generally lowest yielding
<b>Fees</b>	Management estimated 10bps to 60bps / sweep function extra <b>(currently suspended)</b>
<b>Administrative</b>	Very little to nonexistent; LAIF limitations on withdrawals



## **General**

- Portfolio management is a true discipline
- Markets are very transparent, but also very fast

## **Safety Considerations**

- Market price (interest rate risk)
- Reinvestment rate risk

## **Liquidity Considerations**

- Fund characteristics
- Expenditure dates determine liquidity/duration characteristics
- Matching cash flows reduces risks

## **Yield Considerations**

- Yields measured from purchase to actual disposition date
- Careful not to reach - consider liquidity
- Combining different maturities reduces risk



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Portfolio Management

<b><i>Portfolio Management</i></b>	
<b>Safety</b>	Per issuer’s policies and guidelines but typically only highest rated instruments are permitted
<b>Liquidity</b>	Very; typically only the most liquid securities permitted. Consider duration of underlying fund
<b>Yield</b>	Fixed purchase yield; average life and duration driven
<b>Fees</b>	<p>Transparent pricing on individual securities</p> <p><i>Externally Managed:</i> Very competitive with money funds, 2-20bps, plus personalized attention and control over fund characteristics unlike money market funds</p> <p><i>Internally Managed:</i> Cost of prerequisite expertise goes from “working” knowledge to “trading” knowledge</p>
<b>Administrative</b>	Ranging from minimal to significant depending on whether externally or internally managed. However external solution does not relieve issuer from responsibility



## Portfolio Summary

Description	Par Value	Maturity Date	Coupon	Purchase Price	Yield to Maturity	Accrued Interest	Total Price
T-Note	5,853,000	11/15/2013	4.250%	100.401	0.252%	99,365.81	5,975,864.19
FNMA Disc Nt	6,123,000	2/26/2014	0.000%	99.946	0.138%	-	6,119,717.82
T-Note	5,978,000	5/15/2014	4.750%	102.755	0.159%	113,427.68	6,256,100.27
FNMA	6,123,000	8/28/2014	0.875%	100.622	0.172%	6,101.74	6,167,214.38
T-Note	6,119,000	11/30/2014	2.125%	102.183	0.210%	46,540.34	6,299,115.02
FHLMC	6,150,000	2/9/2015	2.875%	103.491	0.250%	29,468.75	6,394,181.45
T-Note	6,184,000	5/31/2015	2.125%	102.960	0.316%	47,034.73	6,414,080.43
T-Note	6,238,000	8/31/2015	0.375%	100.045	0.351%	2,520.19	6,243,326.53
<b>48,768,000.00</b>					<b>Total Portfolio Cost:</b>		<b>49,869,600.09</b>



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Portfolio Management

## Portfolio Cash Flow

Date	Principal	Interest	Total Receipts	Withdrawals	Balance
10/9/2013			225.63		225.63
11/15/2013	5,853,000.00	266,353.75	6,119,353.75		6,119,579.38
11/30/2013		130,719.38	130,719.38		6,250,298.76
12/1/2013			0.00	(6,250,000.00)	298.75
2/9/2014		88,406.25	88,406.25		88,705.00
2/26/2014	6,123,000.00		6,123,000.00		6,211,705.01
2/28/2014		38,484.38	38,484.38		6,250,189.38
3/1/2014			0.00	(6,250,000.00)	189.38
5/15/2014	5,978,000.00	141,977.50	6,119,977.50		6,120,166.88
5/31/2014		130,719.38	130,719.38		6,250,886.26
6/1/2014			0.00	(6,250,000.00)	886.25
8/9/2014		88,406.25	88,406.25		89,292.50
8/28/2014	6,123,000.00	26,788.13	6,149,788.13		6,239,080.63
8/31/2014		11,696.25	11,696.25		6,250,776.88
9/1/2014			0.00	(6,250,000.00)	776.88
11/30/2014	6,119,000.00	130,719.38	6,249,719.38		6,250,496.26
12/1/2014			0.00	(6,250,000.00)	496.25
2/9/2015	6,150,000.00	88,406.25	6,238,406.25		6,238,902.51
2/28/2015		11,696.25	11,696.25		6,250,598.76
3/1/2015			0.00	(6,250,000.00)	598.75
5/31/2015	6,184,000.00	65,705.00	6,249,705.00		6,250,303.76
6/1/2015			0.00	(6,250,000.00)	303.75
8/31/2015	6,238,000.00	11,696.25	6,249,696.25		6,250,000.01
9/1/2015				(6,250,000.00)	0.00
	48,768,000.00	1,231,774.38	50,000,000.01	(50,000,000.00)	



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Structured Products

## General

- Contract/Agreement between issuer/trustee and financial institution/insurance company
- Structured Products are custom tailored to the expected drawdown requirements of fund
- Issuer agrees to make W/D's only for specified purposes (e.g. project costs, debt service)
- In exchange, providers are willing to make all draws at par value (e.g. assume market price and reinvestment risk)
- Since 2008/2009
  - Contracts worked as written
  - Number of providers have diminished
    - Difficult to receive 3 bids



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Structured Products

## Structured Products

- **Guaranteed Investment Contracts**
  - Involves a deposit with a “provider”, which can be collateralized at execution or under certain events (e.g. downgrade)
  - Tough initial counterparty credit rating
  - Collateralized vs Uncollateralized
- **Forward Delivery Agreements (broker/dealers)**
  - Not itself an investment, but rather a contract pursuant to which investments will be purchased now and in the future
  - Those investments must be permitted investments
- **Repurchase Agreements (banks, broker/dealers, and financial institutions)**
  - Underlying securities are delivered and held by third party



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Structured Products

## **Project / Acquisition Fund**

- Usually “full flex” to accommodate actual versus projected draw schedule
- Permissible draws made at par value but providers will want a rule to prevent draws being made simply to invest elsewhere

## **Reserve Funds**

- By agreeing to draw only for purposes under the Indenture (e.g. need to pay D/S!), the provider agrees to par value W/D's.
- Removes market price risk associated with a fixed income investment (e.g. Treasury note)
- Cannot make a W/D to reinvest in another investment

## **Debt Service Funds (e.g. 1/6 and 1/12 deposits)**

- Only makes sense if you can earn positive arbitrage



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Structured Products

## Special Federal Tax Law Considerations

- Purchase at Fair Market Value
- Competitive bid process, best bid wins
- Bids awarded on rate alone, so bids must be uniform (can be easier said than done)



# Evaluating Investment Vehicles – Structured Products

<b>Safety</b>	Per documents and insurer provisions, if applicable. Watch out for subtle variations
<b>Liquidity</b>	Very high, but only for purposes under Indenture (project, D/S, etc.). No W/D's to reinvest elsewhere
<b>Yield</b>	Fixed or variable yield based on average life, duration , size, <b>and</b> credit of issuer
<b>Fees</b>	Treasury Regulations “safe harbor”; commonly expressed in terms of .20% of amounts to be invested, with upper and lower limits consistent with current regulations (\$4,000 min. & \$37,000 max. per fund, \$106,000 per bond issue). Other fees may be incurred (e.g. counsel, trustee). Provider pays fees as costs are reflected in the rate bid.
<b>Administrative</b>	Potential significant upfront depending on issuer’s experience and complexity of transaction. Post execution, minimal



# Summary – Project Fund

Project Fund - \$50mm w/ 12 month Average Life

	Portfolio	Uncollateralized Structured Product	Money Market/ Sweep Account	LAIF
Liabilities = Assets	Yes	Yes	No	No
Risks				
Credit/Counterparty	No	Yes	No	No
Interest Rate	No	No	Yes	Yes
Market (Par)	Yes	No	No	No
Reinvestment	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Fees	0.02%	0.20%/\$4k to \$37k	.20% - 0.60% (suspended)	NA
Net Investment Rate	0.296%	0.277%	0.010%	0.250%
Total Expected Earnings	150,266.31	141,884.26	5,097.83	127,807.97



# Summary – Reserve Fund

Reserve Fund - \$5mm w/ 3 Yr Average Life

	Portfolio	Uncollateralized Structured Product	Money Market/ Sweep Account	LAIF
Liabilities = Assets	Yes	Yes	No	No
Risks				
Credit/Counterparty	No	Yes	No	No
Interest Rate	No	No	Yes	Yes
Market (Par)	Yes	No	No	No
Reinvestment	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Fees	0.02%	0.20%/\$4k to \$37k	.20% - 0.60% (suspended)	NA
Net Investment Rate	0.779%	0.732%	0.010%	0.250%
Total Expected Earnings	116,045.36	108,981.94	1,488.89	37,222.22



# DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE BOND PROCEEDS!

- As with investing any public funds, your objectives are Safety / Liquidity / Yield
- The difference is that you usually have less flexibility and unique cash flow considerations
- It's GOOD to owe rebate!

