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# ADVANCED PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTING IMPLEMENTING A STRATEGY OVERVIEW

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## Importance of a Strategy

- Provides discipline in managing risk
- Helps manage return expectations
- Establishes accountability
- Promotes communication

## Portfolio Management Considerations



- What are the objectives of the investment program
- What are the investment constraints
  - Government Code
  - Investment Policy
  - Agency risk tolerances
  - > Investment staff experience
- What strategies can be implemented that achieve stated objectives and are compliant with constraints

# Segmenting the Portfolio



- Cash flow analysis
  - a. Identifies near-term (6-12 months) funding needs, trends for high and low balances and seasonal patterns
- 2. Liquidity portfolio
  - a. Often expressed as percentage (e.g.10-20%) of total portfolio
  - b. Typically invested in:
    - Liquidity accounts: LGIPs, MMMFs, Bank Accounts
    - II. Money market instruments: T-Bills, Discount Notes, Commercial Paper
- Core/Reserve portfolio(s)
  - Invested longer-term and more diversified for potential for higher earnings and principal growth

## Determining Appropriate Strategies



- 1. Passive or Active
- 2. Interest rate exposure
  - a. Maximum maturity
  - b. Weighted average maturity
  - c. Weighted average duration
- 3. Credit exposure (asset classes)
  - Treasuries, agencies, corporate securities, municipal securities, etc.
- 4. Benchmark selection
  - a. Total return market benchmarks
  - b. Similar risk profile to investment style selected

## Managing Risk

- Interest rate/market risk
  - a. Portfolio duration
    - i. Equal to; longer than; shorter than the benchmark duration
  - b. Maturity structure
    - i. Ladder; Barbell; Bullet
- 2. Credit risk
  - a. Allocation limits to asset classes and issuers
  - b. Minimum credit ratings
  - c. Ongoing credit analysis and monitoring

## **External Factors**

- Economic environment
  - a. Expanding/contracting
  - b. Employment
  - c. Inflation
  - d. Monetary Policy
  - e. Fiscal Policy
- Market environment
  - a. Shape of yield curve
  - b. Interest rate expectations
  - c. Spread analysis

- 3. Global environment
  - a. Economic
  - b. Markets
  - c. Geo-political

# Oversight, Evaluation, Rebalancing



1. Ongoing compliance monitoring

### 2. Reporting

- a. Monthly accounting for investments
- b. Performance
  - i. Weighted average yield
  - ii. Total return
  - iii. Comparison to benchmark total return

#### 3. Rebalancing

- a. Bring back in line with duration target
- b. Reallocate sector percentages

## Biographies



Jeff Probst, CFA Vice President, Portfolio Manager

Jeff Probst joined Chandler Asset Management in 2012 and is currently a Vice President and Portfolio Manager. Jeff works with the portfolio managers performing portfolio and fixed income research, and transacting securities.

Prior to joining Chandler, Jeff worked at BOFI Federal Bank in San Diego as an Investment Analyst where he analyzed mortgage backed securities and structured debt. He started his career at Western Asset Management as a mutual fund treasury administrator in their proprietary funds division.

Jeff earned his B.S. in managerial economics, as well as his M.S. in agricultural and resource economics, from the University of California, Davis. He holds the designation of Chartered Financial Analyst.



Ned Connolly Senior Vice President, Relationship Manager

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He has worked extensively with CMTA and CDIAC for many years in their efforts to educate public investment personnel. He also served on the Investment Advisory Committee at the City of San Clemente, an experience that has given him excellent insight into the issues a public agency faces with its investment program.



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