# FUNDAMENTALS OF PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTING



#### SESSION 5 | CASH FLOW AND CASH FLOW FORECASTING

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# SESSION OVERVIEW

- Management of a public agency's cash requirements,
- Balancing revenues (taxes and fees) with monthly obligations, periodic debt-service payments, and other recurring or non-recurring cash demands.
- Practice for preparing and implementing a cash flow forecast
- Using budgetary and statistical forecast to make investment decisions

# Determining **Cash Available**



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# How Much Liquidity is Enough?

Cost of Insufficient Liquidity:



#### **Delayed** Payments

#### Additional Borrowing Costs



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Additional Transaction Costs



Negative Internal and External Headlines

# How Much Liquidity is Enough?

Cost of Excess Liquidity:



#### Lost Investment Income

**Bad Press** 

Lost Opportunities

How Much Liquidity is Enough?

**Most Crucial Questions:** 



Am I meeting my Code-mandated goal of safety and liquidity?

Will I have the cash available when I need it?

Am I earning as much as I could?

#### The Cost of Too Much Liquidity

#### Select Fixed-Income Benchmark Total Returns By Duration As of September 30, 2020

Index	Duration	10 YR Annualized Return	Cumulative Value of \$100 Million	Additional Value Over LAIF
Local Agency Investment Fund	0.46 Years	0.85%	\$108,825,144	N/A
ICE BAML 1 YR Treasury Note Index	0.99 Years	0.931%	\$109,709,885	\$884,741
ICE BAML 1-3 YR Treasury Index	1.90 Years	1.278%	\$113,540,595	\$4,715,451
ICE BAML 1-5 YR Treasury Index	2.65 Years	1.718%	\$118,570,902	\$9,745,758
ICE BAML 3-5 YR Treasury Index	3.86 Years	2.381%	\$126,530,048	\$15,861,071

Source: Bloomberg, ICE BAML Indices and LAIF. Data as of September 30, 2020. Performance for ICE BAML indices based on a \$100 million portfolio, relative to LAIF. Performance shown is hypothetical and not based on an actual client's account. LAIF returns include an administrative fee charged to investors by the California State Treasurer. LAIF duration estimated based on average maturity in days, as of September 30, 2020 divided by 365 days. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Please see disclosures at the end of this presentation for further details.

#### Why a Cash Flow Analysis?

"The analysis is intended to measure and assess the government's ability to meet its needs, to negate the need for any short-term borrowing or liquidation of long-term investments before maturity, and to identify any idle funds, and the duration of that idle period, to determine whether those funds could be invested over that time frame. Cash flow analysis is therefore an essential tool for informed management decision making."

- GFOA Best Practice: "Cash Flow Analysis"

## What is a Cash Flow Analysis?

Projection of anticipated cash receipts Projection of anticipated cash disbursements

It considers all funds

It considers timing of receipts and disbursements

# What a Cash Flow Analysis Is <u>NOT!</u>

# "<u>Cash</u>" is the operative word in "<u>Cash Flow Forecasting</u>"

It is <u>not</u> accruals or budgeted funds <u>Only cash</u> is spendable or investable!



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# Ensuring Liquidity

Total balances trend higher or lower

Balances fluctuate through the year

The "liquid" balances are for meeting cash needs

The "core" balances are available for longerduration investing



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# What Are You Hoping to Accomplish?

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Ensure sufficient liquidity for 6-12 months of disbursements



Identify short-term cash deficits

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#### Improve earnings:

- Match sources and uses of cash
- Invest core funds in longer duration investments for higher return potential
- Manage liquidity and market risks

# Warn of impending budget problems

## Annual Cash Flow Forecasts

Estimates monthly cash position for next 12 months Determines cash available for investments of more than 30 days

Provides a useful monthly overview for investment decision-making Covers anything from this fiscal year to the next out to possibly 3 years



#### Start by Identifying Revenues and Expenditures

Major Revenues	Major Expenditures		
Property taxes	<b>Payroll and benefits</b>		
Sales and use taxes	<b>Operating expenses</b>		
User fees	Debt service		
Shared revenues	Capital projects (spending schedules)		
Non-recurring revenues (financing)	Non-recurring		
Other	Other		

## Sources of Information



Historical data from general ledger

#### Current year budget

Capital project spending projections

Historical data from bank, pool investments Schedule of maturities and coupon payments

# The Budgetary Approach

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Cash Flow Projection	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12	Average
Liquid Funds Balance	75,542,961	72,193,828	72,989,997	75,608,994	68,206,564	79,169,321	85,840,491	79,609,930	71,751,540	72,031,107	70,112,247	73,518,379	74,714,613
Inflows													
Sales Tax/User Fees	3,516,116	3,164,504	2,848,054	2,278,443	2,050,599	1,845,539	1,476,431	1,328,788	3,164,504	2,531,604	2,278,443	2,050,599	
Development Fees	250,000	225,000	202,500	162,000	145,800	131,220	104,976	94,478	225,000	180,000	162,000	145,800	
Property Tax Collections							9,658,325	3,889,856		8,474,249	3,264,252		
Intergovernmental Revenue	10,264,623	10,264,623	10,264,624	6,532,625	10,264,625	4,141,257			10,264,627		10,264,628	2,314,254	
Other Revenues	7,919,282	1,000,025	3,000,075	500,013	11,500,288	14,429,296	221,989	443,978	125,000	150,369	536,412	141,487	
	21,950,021	14,654,152	16,315,253	9,473,081	23,961,311	20,547,312	11,461,721	5,757,101	13,779,131	11,336,222	16,505,735	4,652,140	14,199,432
Outflows													
Payroll	(16,534,645)	(12,457,365)	(12,333,658)	(15,834,779)	(11,856,123)	(11,633,792)	(16,534,645)	(12,457,365)	(12,333,658)	(12,078,453)	(11,856,123)	(11,633,792)	
Operating and Maintenance	586,124	(900,254)	(882,249)	(864,604)	(900,255)	(882,250)	(864,605)	(900,256)	(882,251)	(864,606)	(900,257)	(882,252)	
Charges for Services	(1,597,717)	(500,364)	(160,116)	(176,128)	(193,741)	(213,115)	(234,427)	(257,869)	(283,656)	(312,022)	(343,224)	(377,546)	
Debt Servcie	(1,093,706)					(1,093,706)							
Other Expenses	(6,659,210)		(320,233)		(48,435)	(53,279)	(58,607)					(94,387)	
	(25,299,154)	(13,857,983)	(13,696,256)	(16,875,511)	(12,998,554)	(13,876,142)	(17,692,283)	(13,615,490)	(13,499,565)	(13,255,081)	(13,099,603)	(12,987,977)	(15,062,800
Projected Net Change	(3,349,133)	796,169	2,618,997	(7,402,430)	10,962,758	6,671,170	(6,230,562)	(7,858,389)	279,566	(1,918,859)	3,406,132	(8,335,837)	(863,368
Projected Liquid Balance	72,193,828	72,989,997	75,608,994	68,206,564	79,169,321	85,840,491	79,609,930	71,751,540	72,031,107	70,112,247	73,518,379	65,182,542	73,851,245
Projected Core Balance	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000	141,565,000
Total Projected Balance	213,758,828	214,554,997	217,173,994	209,771,564	220,734,321	227,405,491	221,174,930	213,316,540	213,596,107	211,677,247	215,083,379	206,747,542	215,416,245
Actual Liquid Balance													
Actual Core Balance													
Total Actual Balance													

# The Statistical Approach



# The Statistical Approach

Sample Balances Analysis with Forecast



# Challenges to Developing Forecasts

<u>Systems</u>	<u>Physical</u> <u>Structure</u>	<u>Political</u>	<u>Inter-departmental</u> <u>Communications</u>
Limitations of computer systems	Locations	Elected officials	Other departments not understanding
for historical data	of people	agendas	importance of
or data			information
management			

## Review and Maintain Cash Flow Forecast

<u>Compare actual results vs. forecast results</u> Make sure to identify reasons for variances

#### Adjust assumptions if warranted

Follow up with department heads on capital project slippage

<u>Update your model and retain</u> <u>documentation for future reference</u>

# How Do I Invest It?

You must take into

account:



Cash Flow Needs

# California Government Code and your investment Policy

Investment objectives

#### **Current Market Conditions**

#### In Summary:

Determine how much is needed liquid

# Check in with all your resources:

- Revenues and expenditures historical and to date
- Debt payments
- Everchanging CIP schedules

Reduce unnecessary liquidity Safety and liquidity are more important than return





#### Meet Your Code-Mandated Objectives



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Based on cash flow analysis, California Government Code, and the Investment policy, these decisions must be made: Portfolio Duration

Sector Allocation

Term Structure

Security Selection Constraining portfolio duration relative to a benchmark

Strategic allocations to key sectors, with value-based rotation

Positioning securities along the yield curve to capture value across maturities

Selecting undervalued bonds offering the greatest potential for risk-adjusted return

#### Structuring Your Funds



- Commercial Paper
- Certificates of Deposit

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• High-Grade Credit

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#### Matching Cash Flows Maturity Structure



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#### Laddered Maturity Structure



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#### Longer duration targets are associated with higher return and volatility

#### Annual Benchmark Study Period Ending December 31, 2019

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0-6 months			0.01%	
6-12 months				
1-3 years	100.00%	61.35%	60.62%	43.51%
3-5 years		38.65%	39.37%	27.41%
5-10 years				29.09%
Treasury	96.44%	96.81%	84.88%	97.39%
Agency	3.56%	3.20%	2.86%	2.61%
Corporate			12.27%	
Modified Duration 12/31/2018	1.86	2.59	2.59	3.69
10 Year Annualized Total Return	1.24%	1.71%	1.87%	2.41%
10 Year Standard Deviation	0.98%	1.35%	1.36%	2.43%
Sharpe Ratio	0.67	0.83	0.95	0.76
Qualitative Risk Objective	12/31/1988 - 12/31/2019	12/31/1988 - 12/31/2019	12/31/1996 - 12/31/2019	12/31/1988 - 12/31/2019
Negative Quarterly Return Occurrences	13	23	15	33
2 Consecutive Negative Quarterly Return Occurrences	2	3	3	7
Negative Return For Year Occurrences	0	2	1	3
Worst Year Total Return	0.37%	-0.63%	-0.01%	-1.61%

Source: ICE BAML Indices.

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## Normal Yield Curve



# Flattening Yield Curve



## Inverted Yield Curve



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# Yield Curve Today

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# Yield Spread Between 3-Month and 10-Year Treasury Securities



## Yield Levels

LAIF 3 MO 6 MO 1 Y R 3 YR 10 YR 2 Y R **5 YR** TSY TSY TSY TSY TSY TSY TSY 1.56% 1.56% 1.63% 1.73% 1.92% 2.04% 1.51% 1.66%

As of December 21, 2019

## As of December 21, 2020

LAIF			5 YR TSY	
0.57%			0.38%	

Assuming a long-term time horizon, what is the main risk of keeping funds invested one year or less?

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# Destination City Battling Lower Revenues

**Revenue Profile:** 

- TOT: 28%
- Fees/Charges: 24%
- Property Tax: 15%
- Sales Tax: 11%

Portfolio

Liquidity

Actions

Liquidity quickly ran low

Quickly recognized coronavirus would

negatively impact reserves

Portfolio balances were maintained at same

levels for many years

Liquidated funds from investment portfolio in increments to meet cash demands

# Destination City Battling Lower Revenues

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**Revenue Profile:** 

- TOT: 28%
- Fees/Charges: 24%
- Property Tax: 15%
- Sales Tax: 11%

What steps could have been taken to mitigate the drain on reserves?

Given fall in interest rates b/c COVID, what was the optimal place for their cash?

What might be a good step for them to shore up reserves in the future?

Any other final thoughts?

# Central Valley City Revenues Hitting Highs

**Revenue Profile:** 

- Charges for services: 48% Portfolio
- Property Tax: 20%
- Transfer In: 10%



Liquidity

Actions

City feared COVID would stop

economic growth

Portfolio had grown considerably

Concerned planned liquidity insufficient to meet cash demands; revenues were steady

Worked with us to allow

maturities to roll into cash, which built up

# Central Valley City Revenues Hitting Highs

**Revenue Profile:** 

- Charges for services: 48%
- Property Tax: 20%
- Transfer In: 10%

Were they too conservative?

# How should excess cash have been addressed?

Any changes to portfolio structure?

Any other recommended actions?

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