

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

February 13, 2025



To: City Council
From: Finance Department
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Subject: **City Treasurer's Report for December 2024**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **RECEIVES** and **FILES** the City Treasurer's Report for December 2024; and

FINDS the project to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060.

DISCUSSION:

This report comprehensively analyzes the City of Indian Wells' cash and investment position as of December 31, 2024. The city maintains a robust investment strategy, focusing on prudence, liquidity, and compliance with legal requirements. The Treasurer's certification ensures adherence to the city's investment policy and compliance with the State of California Government Code section 53600.

Financial Snapshot:

As of December 31, 2024:

- Total cash and investments: \$76,441,409.18
- Portfolio rate of return: 3.406%

Treasurer's Certification:

The City Treasurer certifies:

- Compliance with the city's investment policy and legal requirements.
- Adequate liquidity to meet financial obligations for the next six months, ensuring static and dynamic liquidity.

Fiscal Prudence:

Aligned with the fiduciary duty, the city adheres to a prudent investment approach, considering economic conditions and anticipated needs. Investments are guided by a written policy emphasizing safety, liquidity, and yield.

BACKGROUND:

The Treasurer's Report provides a monthly update on cash activity and the investment portfolio, ensuring reconciliation with the General Ledger. Investments align with the city's investment policy and State legislation, covering U.S. treasuries, federal agency securities, corporate notes, municipal bonds, CDs, and overnight cash investments.

Investment Strategy:

The city's investment portfolio is designed to achieve a market rate of return within risk constraints. Diversification across institutions, security types, and maturities maximizes safety and yield amid changing market conditions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The investment portfolio generated \$112,671.53 in earnings for December 2024. The investment strategy aims for consistent returns throughout budgetary and economic cycles, reflecting prudent risk management. Moreover, the strategy's success in consistently generating returns reflects its adaptability to changing market conditions. As economic cycles fluctuate, the city's investment approach remains resilient, adjusting to dynamic financial landscapes to optimize safety and yield.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):

This action has been reviewed per the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State and local CEQA Guidelines, and the City's environmental regulations. The City, acting as the Lead Agency, determined that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment as there is no possibility that the action would result in a significant environmental impact, and because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City Treasurer's Report