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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Tom Schamber, Chief Financial Officer
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SUBJECT: FY2025-26 Preliminary Quarterly Investment Report - Quarter Ended March 31, 2026

Issue

The Authority's Annual Investment Policy requires the Treasurer to make a quarterly investment report to the Board of Directors. Section 53646 of the California Government Code encourages local agencies to file this report and provides requirements for report content and disclosures. This report is for the quarter ended March 31, 2026, and contains estimated information published prior to the conclusion of the Authority's fiscal year close and is subject to adjustment.

Recommendation

Receive and file.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **Modernizing Business Practices:** We will improve our operational efficiency through transparency, objective metrics and streamlined governance, reducing over-reliance on subsidy while bringing our system into a state of good repair, investing in the development of our employees and maintaining fiscal sustainability.

Background

The objective of the Authority's investment strategy is to ensure that its funds are prudently

invested to preserve capital, provide necessary liquidity, and achieve a market-average rate of return through economic cycles.

The Authority's funds are held in a variety of qualified financial institutions as indicated in the table below. The Authority's main operating accounts are maintained with U.S. Bank. The Authority also maintains savings and investment accounts with U.S. Bank, the State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), and Bank of Montreal (BMO).

Discussion

The Authority's total cash and investments increased approximately \$14.4 million from the prior quarter. This is due to receipt of LCTOP funds for the Student Discount Program, realized fuel hedge gains, and receipt of delayed Member Support payments due to the finalization of all FY26 MOUs. The balance of \$249.9 million in total cash and investments compares favorably to \$232.6 million in the prior year's comparable quarter.

Cash and Investment Portfolio as of March 31, 2026		
<i>(\$ in millions)</i>		
Restricted Funds		
LAIF - State Funds	\$6.5	
LAIF - VCTC Local Funds	18.1	<u>24.6</u>
Unrestricted Funds		
U.S. Bank Operating Account	133.1	
U.S. Bank WCF Account	26.6	
BMO Board Threshold Account	50.0	
U.S. Bank Reserve Bank Account	<u>15.6</u>	<u>225.3</u>
Total Estimated Net Cash and Investments		<u>\$249.9</u>

Restricted Funds

Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) State Grant Funds Account

The balance in the Authority's LAIF state grant funds account of \$6.5 million is funded by various grants and accumulated interest earnings earmarked for existing Operating, Capital, and State of Good Repair projects. The active projects are listed in Attachment B. These funds are not considered available until earned.

Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Emergency Account

The remaining cash balance in this LAIF account as of March 31, 2026, was \$18.1 million. As of this date, all funds in this account belong to VCTC and are not available to SCRRA unless directed by VCTC.

Unrestricted Funds

U.S. Bank Operating Account

The U.S. Bank operating account balance as of March 31, 2026, was \$133.1 million. This figure reflects the reported bank statement balance less in-transit items (outstanding check float). This estimated balance is preliminary and subject to completion of the monthly bank

reconciliation. These funds include TPA deposits, Member Surpluses, and other unearned revenue that is not available to SCRRA. In 2024, SCRRA Finance Staff successfully negotiated with U.S. Bank to award interest on this operational checking account, which has provided for additional income of approximately \$2.5 million per year since that time.

U.S. Bank Money Market Demand Account - Working Capital Fund

In FY24, the SCRRA Board approved a \$50 million Working Capital Fund (WCF) for the purpose of providing advance funding for Capital Program expenses. \$50,000,000 has been collected and deposited in a segregated interest-bearing money market demand account at U.S. Bank. The balance in this account as of March 31, 2026, was \$26.6 million. Advances and repayments to the WCF account began in Q2 FY26 and are detailed in separate quarterly reports provided to the Board.

BMO Money Market Demand Account - Board Threshold

The Authority maintained a \$50.0 million principal balance in the interest-bearing BMO Money Market Demand Account (MMDA) for the quarter ending March 31, 2026. These funds are available should liquidity concerns require their use.

U.S. Bank Money Market Demand Account - Reserved Funds

While these funds are not formally restricted, from time to time management of the Authority reserves funds for particular purposes. Currently, the funds in this interest-bearing account primarily relate to liquidated Fuel Hedge account balances and proceeds received from locomotive asset sales. These segregated funds totaled \$15.6 million at the end of the quarter. These funds are not considered part of available cash resources.

Available Cash Analysis

In addition to restricted bank/investment accounts (LAIF, BMO Board Threshold, US Bank WCF and Reserve), the Authority carries unearned revenue within its operating account cash balance. These deferred revenue liabilities are subject to refund and adequate liquidity must be kept available for that purpose. After consideration of both segregated bank accounts and these additional cash claims in the form of deferred revenue, SCRRA's net liquidity, or available cash as of March 31, 2026, was \$115.9 million. This represents an increase of \$24.9 million as compared to \$91.0 million for the previous quarter end. The increase is primarily related to: (1) collection of delayed Q1 and Q2 Member Support receivables and (2) further use of the WCF to fund Capital expenses versus the historical use of Operations funds.

The March available cash balance meets the requirement of \$50 million per the Investment Policy. Finance staff monitors SCRRA liquidity on a daily basis and adjusts to address and properly fund operations as needed.

Available Cash Analysis March 31, 2026

*Does not include LAIF, reserved accounts, other unearned revenue
(\$ in millions)*

Cash Category:	
Operating Cash Account	133.1
Board Threshold Account	<u>50.0</u>
Total Operating Cash	183.1

<u>Less Unearned Revenue:</u>	-
Member Agency Funds/(Grants)	(18.7)
TPA Advance Deposits	(23.5)
Member Agency Operating Surplus	(21.0)
Member Agency Capital Surplus	<u>(4.0)</u>
Available Cash to Spend:	\$115.9

Interest Earned

Total interest earned and paid in Q3 FY26 was \$1,473,243, for an increase of \$4,243 versus the prior quarter. Interest earned is a function of cash balances held throughout the quarter as well as fluctuating interest rates. The weighted average yield on investments in the quarter was 2.70%, a decline from the prior quarter's yield of 2.86%. Despite this decline, higher overall cash balances contributed to the modest increase in income.

A detailed list of interest received by account is shown in Attachment A. It should be noted that interest shown represents actual cash received on all funds in SCRRA custody, which will differ from those shown in the SCRRA accrual-based operating statement and budget. LAIF and WCF interest do not accrue to SCRRA's operating statement and are for the direct benefit of external parties. All other interest is considered income to SCRRA and is budgeted and reflected as such on SCRRA Operating Statements. SCRRA is performing ahead of Budget relative to interest income for FY26.

Investment Portfolio Compliance

The composition of the investment portfolio complies with all provisions of both the Authority's Annual Investment Policy and California Government Code Section 53600, et sec.

Code Section 53646 requires all local agencies reporting on a quarterly basis to indicate the sufficiency of available monies to fund expenses for the next six months or provide an explanation as to why sufficient money shall, or may, not be available. As of March 31, 2026, SCRRA cannot confirm sufficiency to adequately fund the next six months of expenses. SCRRA relies heavily upon external subsidies to fund its on-going operating expenses and has not yet gained approval to fund FY27 expenses. While adequate operational subsidies are provided for in the Authority's annual budgeting process, receipt of these subsidies can be delayed for various reasons. While the Agency maintains operating reserves in the form of the \$50M Board Threshold, this figure represents less than two months of operating expenses. In addition, operational funding may be needed in addition to the WCF to advance-fund grant reimbursable capital project expenses based on anticipated future growth in capital and rehabilitation costs. The cumulative effect of these factors impairs the Authority's ability to provide reasonable assurance that adequate funding exists for the next six-month period, a disclosure which is expressly required for governmental agencies by Code Section 53646.

Next Steps

The next Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2026 will be provided to the Board in September of 2026.

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Attachment(s)

[Attachment A - FY26 Q3 Investment Report - Investment Balances and Interest Earned](#)
[Attachment B - FY26 Q3 Investment Report - State Grant Funds](#)
[Presentation - Quarterly Investment Report Q3 FY26](#)