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Mission Statement

City of Tulare

Board of Public Utilities

Commissioners

Agenda

To promote a quality of life making Tulare the most desirable community in which to live, learn, play, work, worship and prosper.

Attending Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners (BPU) are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Council Chamber located in the Tulare Public Library at 491 North M Street, Tulare, subject to cancellation. Additional meetings of the BPU may be called as needed.

Documents related to items on the agenda are accessible on the City's website at <u>www.tulare.ca.gov</u> and available for viewing at the entrance of the Council Chamber.

Rules for Addressing the Commissioners Members of the public may address the BPU on matters within their jurisdiction.

- If you wish to address the BPU, please complete one of the pink speaker cards located at the entrance to the Council Chamber and provide to the Clerk.
- Persons wishing to address the BPU concerning an **agendized** item will be invited to address the BPU during the time that the BPU is considering that agenda item. Persons wishing to address the BPU concerning a **non-agendized** issue will be invited to address the BPU during the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting.
- When invited by the President to speak, please step up to the podium, state your name and city where you reside, and make your comments. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.

Americans with Disabilities Act

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - This is the time for the public to comment on items on the Consent Calendar or within the jurisdiction of the Board. Comments related to General Business items will be heard at the time the item is discussed. The Board cannot legally discuss or take official action on citizen request items that are introduced tonight. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes, with a maximum time of 10 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Board.

Vice President Thomas Griesbach

Commissioners Renee Soto Tony Sozinho Blake Wilbur

Thursday, December 21, 2023 4:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

- 4. COMMUNICATIONS No action will be taken on matters listed under Communications; however, the Board may direct staff to schedule issues raised during Communications for a future agenda.
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR All Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.
 - 5.1 Special and/or Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2023. Recommended Action: Approve as submitted. [M. Peton]
 - 5.2 Cancellation of January 4, 2024 Regular Meeting. Recommended Action: Cancel the regular Board of Public Utilities Commissioners meeting scheduled on January 4, 2024. [M. Peton]
 - 5.3 Monthly Investments Report. Recommended Action: Accept the monthly investment report for October 2023. [M. Gaboardi]
- 6. GENERAL BUSINESS Comments related to General Business items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Board.
 - 6.1 Lawn to Garden Rebate Program. Recommended Action: Approve and authorize the staff to move forward with implementation of the Lawn to Garden Rebate Program as presented. [A. Luttrell]

7. ITEMS OF INTEREST

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners is Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 491 North M Street, Tulare.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING AGENDA

I hereby certify, in conformance with Government Code Sections 54954.2 and 54956, this agenda was posted in the kiosk at the front of City Hall, 411 E. Kern Avenue, as well as on the City of Tulare's website (www.tulare.ca.gov).

POSTED: Monday, December 18, 2023

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Maegan Peton, Deputy City Clerk

Item #: Consent 5.1

CITY OF TULARE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tulare Public Library & Counc 491 North M Street, Tulare	Thursday, December 7, 2023 4:00 p.m Regular Meeting	
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	eca e Soto Sozinho Wilbur	
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	Vice President Thom	as Griesbach
STAFF PRESENT:	City Attorney Nick Ma Maegan Peton; Publi Whitfield; Assistant F Gaboardi; City Engin Public Works Directo	ger Josh McDonnell; Assistant atoian; Deputy City Clerk ic Works Director Trisha Finance Director Melanie eer Michael Miller; Assistant or Tim Doyle; Senior t Andrew Bettencourt

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Fonseca called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 491 North M Street.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Commissioner Wilbur led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given by Commissioner Soto.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Soto, seconded by Commissioner Sozinho, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

5.1 Special and/or Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2023. Recommended Action: Approve as submitted. [M. Peton]

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Lawn to Garden Rebate Program.

Recommended Action: Approve and authorize staff to move forward with implementation of the Lawn to Garden Rebate Program as presented. Presented By: Assistant City Manager Josh McDonnell Public Comment: None Board Action: It was moved by Commissioner Wilbur, seconded by Commissioner Sozinbo, and carried 4 to 0 (Vice President Griesbach absent)

Commissioner Sozinho, and carried 4 to 0 (Vice President Griesbach absent) to table this item to the December 21 meeting.

6.2 Award Contract for Engineering Design Services of Water Well #1 Replacement, Project WT0056.

Recommended Action: Award and authorize the City Manager to sign a contract for the engineering design services for the replacement of water well #1 (Project WT0056) with Carollo Engineers, Inc. of Fresno, CA in the amount of \$336,095.00 and authorize the City Manager or designee to approve contract change orders in the amount not to exceed 10% (\$33,609.50) of the contract award amount.

Presented By: Assistant Public Works Director Tim Doyle **Public Comment:** None

Board Action: It was moved by Commissioner Wilbur, seconded by President Fonseca, and carried 4 to 0 (Vice President Griesbach absent) to approve the item as presented.

7. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Items of interest were discussed amongst the Board and staff.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Fonseca adjourned the regular meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Approved by the Board on December 21, 2023.

ATTEST:

RAY FONSECA, PRESIDENT

MARC MONDELL, CITY CLERK

By Maegan Peton, Deputy City Clerk



Staff Report Meeting: Board of Public Utilities Commissioners

Date: December 21, 2023

Department:	City Manager
Submitted by:	Maegan Peton, Deputy City Clerk
Agenda Title:	Cancellation of January 4, 2024 Regular Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Cancel the regular Board of Public Utilities Commissioners meeting scheduled on January 4, 2024.

SUMMARY

The Tulare Board of Public Utilities Commissioners holds regular meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month. The first Thursday of January is January 4. The City observes New Year's Eve and New Years Day as holidays. Since New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday, the City will be observing Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 as holidays. Due to the holidays, staff anticipates a lack of business and is recommending the Board cancel the January 4 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUNDING SOURCE(S)

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

LEGAL REVIEW

This item does not require legal review.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

- 1. Approve with changes
- 2. Deny
- 3. Table

ATTACHMENTS

1. None

Reviewed/Approved: _____



Staff Report

Meeting: Board of Public Utilities Commissioners Date: December 21, 2023

Department:	Finance
Submitted by:	Melanie Gaboardi, Assistant Finance Director
Agenda Title:	Monthly Investments Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept the monthly investment report for October 2023.

SUMMARY

The investment report for October 2023 is submitted for Board review and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUNDING SOURCE(S)

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

LEGAL REVIEW

This item did not require legal review.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

- 1. Approve with changes
- 2. Deny
- 3. Table

ATTACHMENTS

1. October 2023 Investments Report

Reviewed/Approved: _____

CITY OF TULARE SUMMARY TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY OF ALL INVESTMENTS October 31, 2023

TYPE OF INVESTMENT	BOOK VALUE	MARKET VALUE	CURRENT YIELD	BOOK VALUE % OF TOTAL
UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENTS - SEE PAGE 2	232,524,752	217,202,600	1.209%	93.77%
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS - SEE PAGE 3	15,455,106	15,455,106	N/A	6.23%
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	247,979,858	232,657,706	N/A	100.00%

Note: The City's financial statments will report market values, not book values, at June 30 each year

I certify that this report reflects all City investments and complies with the investment policy of the City of Tulare as approved by City Council. Furthermore, I certify that sufficient investment liquidity and anticipated revenues are available to meet the City's budgeted expenditures for the next six months.

Presented to the City Council on December 19, 2023.

Presented to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners on December 21, 2023,

Respectfully submitted, Melanie U. Gaboardi, Assistant Finance Director, Interim CFO

Melanie U. Laboardi 12/12/2023

CITY OF TULARE SUMMARY TREASURER'S REPORT, CONTINUED SUMMARY OF RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS October 31, 2023

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TYPE OF INVESTMENT	ISSUER OF INVESTMENT	ACQUISITION DATE	MATURITY DATE	STATED INTEREST RATE	PAR VALUE	BOOK VALUE	MARKET VALUE	BALANCES AS-OF DATE
Bond Funds (All are Managed by U.S. Bank Trust I								
2018 Lease Revenue and Refunding Bond	s (Account No 244938000)							
First American Govt Fd	U.S. Bank Trust	Various	On Demand	Various Reserve Fund	N/A	3,440,130	3,440,130	10-31-23
2015 Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds (A	ecount No. 261594000)							
First American Govt Fd	U.S. Bank Trust	Various	On Demand	Various	N/A	103,765	103,765	10-31-23
First American Govt Fd	U.S. Bank Trust			Various Reserve Fund	N/A	102,779	102,779	10-31-23
Investment Repuchase GIC	Bayerische Landesbank	11-15-15	11-15-25	1.960% Reserve Fund	N/A	5,032,685	5,032,685	10-31-23
2016 Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds (A	ccount No 231687000)							
U S Bk Mmkt	U.S. Bank Trust	Various	On Demand	Various	N/A	16	<u> </u>	10-31-23
2020 Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds (A	ccount No. 230396000)					10		
U S Bk Mmkt	U.S. Bank Trust	Various	On Demand	Various	N/A	18,301	18,301	10-31-23
2017 Water Revenue Bonds (Account No.	219189000)							
U S Bk Mmkt	U.S. Bank Trust	Various	On Demand	Various	N/A	4	4	0-31-23
2020 Water Revenue Bonds (Account No.	250953000)						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
U S Bk Mmkt	U.S. Bank Trust	Various	On Demand	Various	N/A	6,757,420	6,757,420	10-31-23
2017 Successor Agency Tax Allocation Bo	onds - Series A & B (Account No 24	5346000)				0,707,120		
U S Bk Mmkt	U.S. Bank Trust	Various	On Demand	Various	N/A	7	7	10-31-23
TOTAL RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS	Book Value % of To	tal Investments =		6.23%		15,455,106	15,455,106	

TYPE OF FIXED INCOME INVESTMENT	CUSIP NUMBER	DATES: ACQUISITION MATURITY	INTEREST RATES: STATED CURRENT YIELD	PAR VALUE	BOOK VALUE MARKET VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS): THIS MONTH LAST MONTH	ESTIMATED EARNINGS: ANNUAL THIS MONTH
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLIC	<u>SATIONS</u>	* *					
Federal Farm Credit Bks Funding Corp	3133ELJ47	06-17-20 06-17-24 C	0.580% 0.600%	2,000,000	Per BNY WTC 2,000,000 1,939,860	(60,140) (70,240)	11,600 967
Federal National Mortgage Assn	3136G4T52	08-25-20 02-25-25 C	0.520% 0.550%	2,000,000	2,000,000 1,874,540	(125,460) (134,080)	10,400 867
Federal National Mortgage Assn	313664U50	08-27-20 05-27-25 C	0 600% 0 650%	2,000,000	2,000,000 1,857,580	(142,420) (150,280)	12,000 1,000
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3134GVVX3	06-03-20 05-28-25 C	0.750% 0.750%	2,000,000	2,000,000 1,861,840	(138,160) (145,780)	15,000 1,250
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3134GVB56	06-10-20 06-10-25 C	0.700% 0.750%	2,000,000	2,000,000 1,857,560	(142,440) (150,260)	14.000 1,167
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130AJRE1	06-24-20 06-24-25 C	0.750% 0.810%	868,056	868,056 805,712	(62,344) (65,625)	6,510 543
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3134GVT65	06-30-20 06-30-25 C	0.800% 0.860%	2,000,000	2,000,000 1,856,960	(143,040) (150,440)	16,000 1,333
Federal National Mortgage Assn	313664YU1	07-15-20 07-15-25 C	0.730% 0.790%	2,000,000	2,000,000 1,851,640	(148,360) (158,680)	14,600 1,217
Federal National Mortgage Assn	3136G42E2	08-26-20 08-26-25 C	0.500% 0.540%	2,000,000	2,000,000 1,838,340	(161,660) (169,020)	10,000 833
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3134GWUE4	09-30-20 09-30-25 C	0.500% 0.550%	2,500,000	2,500,000 2,286,700	(213,300) (222,550)	12.500 1,042
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3134GWUV6	09-30-20 09-30-25 С	0.520% 0.570%	2,500,000	2,500,000 2,287,600	(212,400) (221,625)	13,000 1,083
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3134GWX43	10-02-20 10-02-25 С	0.550% 0.600%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,746,080	(253,920) (265,740)	16,500 1,375
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	3134GWXX9	10-15-20 10-15-25 C	0.550% 0.600%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,742,420	(257,580) (270,000)	16,500 1,375

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TYPE OF FIXED INCOME INVESTMENT		DATES:	INTEREST RATES: STATED		BOOK VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS): THIS MONTH	ESTIMATED EARNINGS:
	CUSIP NUMBER	MATURITY	CURRENT YIELD	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST MONTH	ANNUAL THIS MONTH
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLIG	GATIONS, CONTINUED	1			×		
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Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		10-15-20	0.530%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(258,690)	15,900
	3134GWY34	10-15-25 C	0_580%		2,741,310	(271,140)	1,325
Federal National Mortgage Assn		10-20-20	0_580%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(257,370)	17,400
	3135G06A6	10-20-25 C	0_630%		2,742,630	(269,880)	1,450
Federal Farm Credit Bks Funding Corp		10-21-20	0_520%	2,500,000	2,500,000	(217,475)	13,000
	3133EMDZ2	10-21-25 C	0_570%		2,282,525	(227,950)	1,083
Federal Farm Credit Bks Funding Corp		10-22-20	0.530%	2,500,000	2,500,000	(217,175)	13,250
	3133EMEC2	10-22-25 C	0.580%		2,282,825	(227,725)	1,104
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		10-27-20	0_625%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(256,740)	18,750
	3134GW3X2	10-27-25 C	0_680%		2,743,260	(269,340)	1,563
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		10-28-20	0 600%	2,000,000	2,000,000	(172,280)	12,000
	3134GW3Z7	10-28-25 C	0.660%		1,827,720	(180,740)	1,000
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		10-29-20	0.570%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(260,370)	17,100
	3134GWZL3	10-29-25 C	0_620%		2,739,630	(273,180)	1,425
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		11-10-20	0 610%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(261,930)	18,300
	3134GW6S0	11-10-25 C	0.670%		2,738,070	(277,770)	1,525
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		11-12-20	0.600%	2,000,000	2,000,000	(175,440)	12,000
	3134GXAP9	II-12-25 C	0_660%		1,824,560	(185,960)	1,000
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		11-25-20	0,625%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(265,860)	18,750
	3134GXCS1	11-25-25 C	0_690%		2,734,140	(281,580)	1,563
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		11-30-20	0.650%	2,000,000	2,000,000	(176,480)	13,000
	3136GXFA7	11-26-25 C	0 710%		1,823,520	(186,920)	1,083
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		12-01-20	0_620%	1,500,000	1,500,000	(135,375)	9,300
	3134GXDM3	12-01-25 C	0.680%		1,364,625	(141,780)	775
Federal Farm Credit Bks Funding Corp		12-17-20	0.540%	2,500,000	2,500,000	(233.675)	13,500
	3133EMKT8	12-17-25 C	0.600%		2,266,325	(244,475)	1,125

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	CUSIP NUMBER	MATURITY	CURRENT YIELD	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST MONTH	TIIIS MONTH
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLI	GATIONS, CONTINUE	D					
		* *			Per BNY WTC		
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		12-17-20	0.625%	2,000,000	2,000,000	(183,560)	12,500
	3134GXFV1	12-17-25 C	0.690%		1,816,440	(192,080)	1,042
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		12-23-20	0.700%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(272,910)	21,000
	3134GXHD9	12-23-25 C	0.770%		2,727,090	(285,210)	1,750
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		01-05-21	0,550%	2,500,000	2,500,000	(237,575)	13,750
	3134GXJX3	01-05-26 C	0.610%		2,262,425	(248,725)	1,146
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		01-07-21	0.520%	2,000,000	2,000,000	(191,720)	10,400
	3134GXJZ8	01-07-26 C	0,580%		1,808,280	(200,780)	867
Federal Home Loan Banks		01-22-21	0.625%	2,500,000	2,500,000	(238,250)	15,625
	3130AKQ74	01-22-26 C	0.690%		2,261,750	(249,275)	1,302
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp		01-22-21	0.550%	2,500,000	2,500,000	(242,125)	13,750
	3134GXKJ2	01-22-26 C	0.610%	_,,	2,257,875	(253,275)	1,146
Federal Home Loan Banks		0 -28-2	0.600%	2,000,000	2,000,000	(192,780)	12,000
	3130AKPC4	01-28-26 C	0.670%		1,807,220	(201,640)	1,000
Federal National Mortgage Asso		01-28-21	0.550%	2,000,000	2,000,000	(194,860)	11,000
edent futtonit mongage fisso	3135G06R9	01-28-26 C	0.610%	2,000,000	1,805,140	(203,800)	917
Federal Home Loan Banks		02-17-21	0.625%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(292,860)	18,750
redorar Home Loan Danks	3130AL3S1	02-17-21 02-17-26 C	0.690%	5,000,000	2,707,140	(306,750)	1,563
Federal Home Loan Banks		02-24-21	0-600%	3,000,000	3,000,000		
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130AKYU4	02-24-21 02-24-26 C	0.670%	3,000,000	2,703,420	(296,580) (310,620)	18,000 1,500
	3130AKYU4						,
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ALCW2	02-25-21 02-25-26 C	0.625%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(295,260)	18,750
	313UALCW2		0_690%		2,704,740	(309,270)	1,563
Federal Home Loan Banks	2120 11/201	02-26-21	0.650%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(293,970)	19,500
	3130AKZ25	02-26-26 C	0.720%		2,706,030	(307,890)	1,625
Federal Home Loan Banks		03-10-21	0.800%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(288,120)	24,000
	3130ALFS8	03-10-26 C	0.880%		2,711,880	(301,470)	2,000

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U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLI	GATIONS, CONTINUED	жж					
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ALKQ6	03-30-21 03-30-26 C	1.030% 1.140%	2,500,000	Per BNY WTC 2,500,000 2,267,975	(232,025) (242,500)	25,750 2,146
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ALXV1	04-22-21 04-22-26 C	1.100%	2,500,000	2,500,000 2,267,325	(232,675) (242,825)	27,500 2,292
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130AMWU2	06-30-21 06-30-26 C	1.000% 1.110%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,695,680	(304,320) (316,080)	30,000 2,500
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130AN2L3	07-13-21 07-13-26 C	1.020% 1.140%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,691,690	(308,310) (317,730)	30,600 2,550
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130AN4R8	07-29-21 07-29-26 С	1.125% 1.250%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,694,990	(305,010) (313,260)	33,750 2,813
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ANFT2	08-24-21 08-24-26 C	1.050% 1.170%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,682,210	(317,790) (325,800)	31,500 2,625
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ANLZ1	08-26-21 08-26-26 C	0.900% 1.010%	2,500,000	2,500,000 2,225,100	(274,900) (281,850)	22,500 1,875
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ANM56	08-27-21 08-27-26 C	1.050% 1.170%	2,500,000	2,500,000 2,234,550	(265,450) (272,125)	26,250 2,188
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ANUX6	09-28-21 09-28-26 C	1.100% 1.230%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,676,150	(323,850) (330,270)	33,000 2,750
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ANXS4	09-28-21 09-28-26 C	0.900% 1_010%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,660,190	(339,810) (346,650)	27,000 2,250
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ANXU9	09-30-21 09-30-26 C	1.000% 1.120%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,667,720	(332,280) (338,940)	30,000 2,500
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130ANYR5	09-30-21 09-30-26 C	0.950% 1.070%	2,500,000	2,500,000 2,219,775	(280,225) (285,875)	23,750 1,979
Federal Home Loan Banks	3130APCD5	10-21-21 10-21-26 C	1.000% 1.120%	2,500,000	2,500,000 2,227,675	(272,325) (269,375)	25,000 2,083

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TYPE OF FIXED INCOME INVESTMENT		DATES: ACQUISITION	INTEREST RATES: STATED		BOOK VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS): THIS MONTII	ESTIMATED EARNINGS: ANNUAL
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLI	CUSIP NUMBER	MATURITY	CURRENT YIELD	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST MONTH	THIS MONTH
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLI	GATIONS, CONTINUE	<u>1)</u>			Per BNY WTC		
Federal Home Loan Bks	3130APJ55	10-26-21 10-26-26 C	1.250% 1.400%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,684,130	(315,870) (324,990)	37,500 3,125
Federal Home Loan Bks	3130APJB2	10-26-21 10-26-26 C	1_125% 1_260%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(326,070) (335,460)	33,750
Federal Home Loan Bks	3130APDQ5	10-28-21 10-28-26 C	1,250% 1,400%	3,000,000	3,000,000 2,683,620	(316,380) (325,500)	37,500 3_125
Federal Home Loan Bks	3130APFQ3	10-28-20 C	1.100%	2,000,000	2,000,000	(219,100)	22,000
Federal Home Loan Bks		10-28-21	1_120%	2,000,000	1,780,900 2,000,000	(225,400) (218,000)	1,833 22,400
Federal Home Loan Bks	3130APFR1	10-28-26 C 10-28-21 10-28-26 C	1_260% 1_050% 1_180%	2,000,000	1,782,000	(224,280) (221,820)	1,867
Federal Home Loan Bks	3130APEP8	11-16-21 11-16-26 C	1.375%	2,500,000	1,778,180 2,500,000	(228,200) (260,150)	1,750 34,375
Federal Home Loan Bks	3130APLP8	11-18-21 11-18-26 C	530% 375% 530%	3,000,000	2,239,850 3,000,000 2,687,400	(266,900) (312,600) (321,000)	2,865 41,250 3,438
Federal Home Loan Bks		[1-23-2]	1_450%	3,000,000	3,000,000	(307,710)	43,500
Federal Home Loan Bks	3130APPL3	11-23-26 C	1_620% 1_600%	2,000,000	2,692,290 2,000,000	(315,840)	3,625 32,000
	3130APXT7	12-17-26 C	1.780%		1,800,480	(205,140)	2,667
Federal Home Loan Bks	3130ARA68	03-29-22 03-29-27 C	2,350% 2,577%	2,000,000	2,000,000 1,826,040	(173,960) (175,960)	47,000
TOTAL FIXED INCOME INVEST **All are in safekeeping with B		pany	N/A 0,910%	N/A	157,868,056 143,037,252	(14,830,804) (15,415,495)	1,308,760

~ U/I = Unrestricted Investments

CITY OF TULARE TREASURER'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY October 31, 2023

CHANGES IN BALANCES AND YIELDS		BOOK VALUE Market value Difference		AV	ERAGE STATED Y	IELD
CATEGORY	OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER	CHANGE	OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER	CHANGE
Total Investments	247,979,858 232,657,706 (15.322,152)	244,908,315 229,001,472 (15,906,844)	3,071,543 3, <i>656</i> ,234 584,691	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted Investments	232,524,752 217,202,600 (15,322,152)	229,017,158 213,110,314 (15,906,844)	3,507,594 4, <i>092,285</i> 584,691	1.209%	1.236%	-().()27%
Restricted Investments	15,455,106 	15,891,157 	(436,051) (436,051) 0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	35,885,101 35,393,753 (491,348)	35,885,101 35,393,753 (491,348)	0 0	3.670%	3.534%	0.136%
Fixed Income Investments (Total)	157,868.056 <u>143,037,252</u> (14,830,804)	157,868,056 142,452,561 (15,415,495)	0 584,691 584,691	0.910%	0.920%	-0.010%
TRANSACTIONS (BOOK VALUE): * CATEGORY	PURCHASES			SALES / CALLS		
Fixed Income Investments Federal Home Loan Banks, 2.35%			2,000,000	Fixed Income Inve	estments	

2,000,000

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Staff Report

Meeting:Board of Public Utilities CommissionersDate:December 21, 2023

Department:	Public Works - Water
Submitted by:	April Luttrell, Conservation Coordinator
Agenda Title:	Lawn to Garden Rebate Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve and authorize staff to move forward with implementation of the Lawn to Garden Rebate Program as presented.

SUMMARY

On January 19, 2023, the Board of Public Utilities adopted a resolution authorizing the grant application process for the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Program. The City of Tulare was awarded \$3 million for a Lawn-to-Garden Rebate Program from the California Department of Water Resources from this application process. The Lawn-to-Garden Rebate Program is available to residential and commercial properties with active, good standing City of Tulare water accounts.

The Lawn to Garden Rebate Program offers \$3.00 per square of lawn removed up to 1,500 square feet for residential properties and \$3.00 per square foot of lawn removed up to 5,000 square feet for commercial properties. The maximum rebate for residential properties is \$4,500 and for commercial properties is \$15,000. Lawn must be removed and replaced with waterwise, drought tolerant plants, mulch, drip irrigation lines, and allow for a small amount of permeable hardscaping. Plants must cover at least 50% of the converted area when full grown and permeable hardscaping cannot be greater than 20% of the converted area. Artificial turf is not eligible for a rebate nor are high-water plants, low-water lawns, invasive plants, plastic weed barriers, or concrete.

Residential and commercial customers must fill out the application, submit to the Conservation Coordinator, and wait for pre-approval before beginning conversion. Renters are allowed to apply with consent from property owner. Conversion needs to be completed within 120 days after pre-approval. Applicants must notify the Conservation Coordinator when project is complete for a final review. If project is deemed to be out of compliance with the terms and conditions of the agreement, applicant is given the remaining portion of 120 days or 60 days, whichever is greater, to gain compliance. Rebate is mailed to applicant after final inspection has been completed and the conversion has met all terms and conditions of the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUNDING SOURCE(S)

Funding for the Lawn to Garden Rebate Program was awarded through the Budget Act of 2021 and through an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources. The grant includes administrative costs so there is very minimal cost to the City.

LEGAL REVIEW

The Assistant City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Lawn to Garden Rebate Program Application and Terms and Conditions.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

- 1. Approve with changes
- 2. Deny
- 3. Table

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Lawn to Garden Rebate Program Application
- Lawn to Garden Terms and Conditions
 Landscape Quick Plan Guide

Reviewed/Approved: _____



Lawn to Garden Rebate Program

Rebates up to \$4,500 residential \$15,000 commercial

City of Tulare's lawn to garden rebate supports water-wise gardens that thrive in California's summer dry climate and during drought. Lower your water bill and conserve water when you convert lawn to sustainable landscape and upgrade to high-efficiency irrigation equipment.

When you convert or upgrade your landscape you: 🛆 Save Water 🔇 Save Money 🕥 Save Time 🛛 🗛 Reduce Waste

HOW TO GET STARTED IN THREE STEPS:



Decide you want to participate in lawn to garden rebate!

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Send in a completed application form to the City of Tulare.



Wait for City of Tulare approval before beginning work.

RESOURCES FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT:

Low-water plants for our local climate: *fresnogardening.org*

- Garden design and maintenance guidance: *fresnogardening.org/tours.php*
- Q Tutorials for lawn removal: https://www.bewaterwise.com/toolkit.html#how-to-videos

Lawn to Garden Rebate Program Application

Eligibility:

- Rebates are reserved for landscaped areas currently irrigated by an active potable City of Tulare water service.
- City of Tulare rebates are subject to terms, conditions, and available program funding. Please read entire application carefully.
- Rebate is \$3.00 per square foot up to 1,500 square feet with a maximum rebate amount of \$4,500 per residence.
- Rebate is \$3.00 per square foot up to 5,000 square feet with a maximum rebate amount of \$15,000 per multi-family or commercial property.

Return completed form to: aluttrell@tulare.ca.gov or

City of Tulare Lawn to Garden Rebate Program, 3981 S K St, Tulare, CA 93274

Customer Information

Property is:		
Residential Single/Multi-family 4 units or less Maximum possible rebate \$4,500	Multi-family 5 units or more/Commercial Property Maximum possible rebate \$15,000	Irrigation only meter? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
Contact Information:		
Check one:	andscape Contractor	
City of Tulare Water Account #		
Name:	Email:	
Installation Address:		
Phone: 0	wner Email:	

Tax Notice

All residential rebates, that individually or in combination, total \$600 or more in a tax year require submittal of a W-9 form to the District prior to payment. All personal information provided within the W-9 will be kept confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act. If your total rebate amount is \$600 or more, you will receive a 1099 form to comply with IRS requirements. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables; you are recommended to contact your tax professional for more information.

Agreement

I, the undersigned, understand that this a limited, firs-come/first-served program and that the City of Tulare is entitled to deny any application that does not meet program requirements. I have voluntarily determined to participate in the City of Tulare's Lawn to Garden Rebate Program. I have independently selected materials, supplies, and labor for the purpose of performing the installation. I agree that all work performed will comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations. I agree that the City of Tulare may visit the premises and verify existing conditions and that the work has been performed. By virtue of these inspections, I understand that the City of Tulare makes no determination with respect to whether materials and equipment are free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the materials or the equipment for the installation. I also understand that the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials may not result in lower water bills. If this application is approved by the City of Tulare and the work proceeds, I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Tulare, its directors, officers, agents and employees against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits and damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials.

Please provide Property Owner signature and Applicant signature (if Applicant is not Property Owner) to process rebate application.

Property Owner Signature

Print Name

Date

Lawn to Garden Rebate Requirements

Step 1. Check each box to indicate you understand the requirements.

Is your lawn eligible for a rebate?

- □ Lawn has been actively maintained and irrigated by potable City of Tulare water.
- □ Lawn conversion project has not started.
- Project will not begin until City of Tulare provides written notice of approval.

Projects must include:

Conversion Method (select one)

- □ Physical removal: Fast and effective, but can disturb and compact soil. Compost may be required to improve soil health.
- □ Sheet mulching: Layer cardboard, compost, and mulch on top of the lawn instead of physically removing or killing it with herbicides. For more information about this easy process, visit *lawntogarden.org*.

Plants

- □ Plants must cover 50% of the converted are once fully grown. A tree is recommended.
- □ Plants must be low-water-use for our local climate. Low-water-use plants need little to no supplemental water once established. Edible plants and trees are accepted. Find examples at *fresnogardening.org*.
- (Recommended) Majority of plants are native to California .

Materials

- Planted areas and exposed soil must be covered with two (2) inches of mulch.
- New landscape may include pathways or patios as long as they are permeable, allowing water to pass through. Permeable materials can include pavers or brick filled with sand, gravel, or decomposed granite.
- Only permeable weed barriers may be used. Must be permeable to air and water.
- (*Recommended*) Compost must be applied in planted areas (minimum 1/2 inch layer)

Irrigation

- If there is a sprinkler system currently in place, it must be removed, capped, or replaced with a drip system.
- ☐ If installed, drip systems must use a pressure regulator and filter to ensure proper function.
- □ If there are any plants with different watering needs, they must be placed in separate irrigation zones to avoid overwatering.

Project Timing

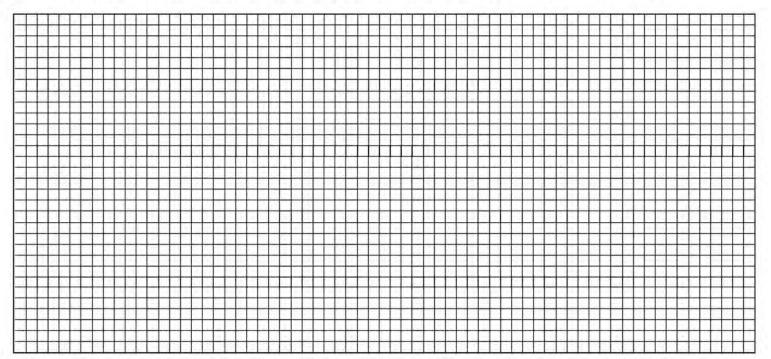
- □ Lawn conversion project will be completed within 120 days of project pre-approval.
- □ (*Recommended*) Plants will be installed between September and February.

Project must NOT include:

- O Artificial turf.
- 🕴 Concrete, mortared, or glued paths or patios.
- 🕴 Plants that need moderate to frequent watering once established.
- 🕴 Plastic or non-biodegradable weed barriers, including landscape fabric.
- Low-water lawns from seed or sod.
- 8 Plants listed as invasive on *cal-ipc.org/plants/profiles*.

Step 2. Complete all sections below.

□ Measure and sketch the lawn conversion area below or attach a sketch separately.



Reminder: Non-irrigated lawns and lawns already converted at the time of the pre-inspection are not eligible for a rebate.

□ Attach several photos of the existing lawn area to this application.

I understand City of Tulare may need to schedule a rebate pre-inspection at the project site.

🗆 Provide a plant list

• Use the space below to list the plants planned for your lawn conversion area. Plants must be climate appropriate and require little to no supplemental water once established. Visit *fresnogardening.org* for suggestions of approved low-water-use plants. Mark plants that are California native with an asterisk *.

Estimate your lawn to garden rebate:

____ square feet x \$3.00 = \$_____



Lawn to Garden Rebate Program Terms and Conditions

The Lawn to Garden Rebate Program provides rebates to City of Tulare water customers as an incentive to convert water-thirsty lawns to water efficient landscapes. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. City of Tulare reserves the right to terminate this program at any time, for any reason.

The following terms and conditions apply to the **Lawn to Garden Rebate Program**. Please read carefully <u>prior</u> to submission of your application.

I. Pre-Conversion Eligibility

- Program is <u>NOT</u> retroactive. Projects underway or completed prior to receiving a City of Tulare Notice to Proceed are not eligible.
- Sites can participate multiple times up to the rebate amount.
- The Lawn to Garden Rebate Program is available for single-family, multi-family, and commercial customers who receive water for their landscape through a metered service with the City of Tulare. The applicant's water account must be in good standing.
- Lawn areas proposed to be converted must have been irrigated. Brown or dead lawns that are not currently irrigated due to drought are accepted. However, bare dirt or seasonal weed areas that show no signs of the presence of a lawn do NOT qualify.
- A minimum of 250 square feet of lawn must be converted in the front or back yard. Smaller front or back yard projects will be considered if 100% of the lawn area is being removed.
- The rebate application must be submitted to the City of Tulare and a Notice to Proceed letter issued by the City of Tulare prior to the removal of any lawn or sprinklers. Conversions that are initiated prior to the City of Tulare's approval are ineligible.
- The City of Tulare may require an on-site inspection to verify eligibility and take photos and measurements of the project area prior to issuing a Notice to Proceed letter, Customers may need to be present for the inspection which will be conducted during normal business hours.



II. Landscaping Requirements for Converted Areas

- **Fifty Percent (50%) Plant Cover:** The converted area must include a sufficient number of plants, planted in the ground, to ensure at least 50% of the converted area is covered with plants when the plants are fully grown. Tree canopy and plants outside the converted area are not considered in the calculation, even if they are adjacent to or overhanging the converted area. To determine mature plant size, consult the <u>Sunset Western Garden Book</u>.
- **Plants:** Plants must be low water needing and adaptable to our local climate. *Plants must* be listed on the Approved Plant List. Plants not found on this list will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- **Permeable Hardscape:** Permeable hardscape (i.e. stepping stones without mortar or grout) may be used but **cannot make up more than 20%** of the total area to be rebated. Note, the 50% plant coverage requirement still applies to the entire area. Therefore, more plants will be needed in the remaining area.
- Organic Mulch: All planting areas must have a minimum of two (2) inches of mulch. Note: if a weed barrier is below the mulch, it must be permeable to air and water.
- Efficient Irrigation: The existing lawn sprinkler heads in the converted area must be removed. Any lawn areas remaining outside the converted area must be irrigated separately from the new landscape. Participants have three options for irrigating their new landscape:
 - The City of Tulare encourages participants to install a new drip irrigation system equipped with a pressure regulator, filter, and pressure compensating emitters. Drip is the most efficient way to irrigate plants, trees, and shrubs. Information on drip irrigation can be found at https://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Drip_Irrigation.
 - 2. Participants can choose to hand water their new landscape and not install a drip system. However, this is not encouraged as it is more difficult to establish plants and maintain uniform moisture.
 - 3. On rare occasions, with prior City approval, participants may use low-application rate sprinklers to irrigate their new landscape. These systems must have an application rate of less than 1" per hour and be designed and installed to ensure there is zero overspray onto adjacent pavement or structures and zero runoff due to plants blocking the spray. Participants must get prior City approval and be able to demonstrate the system meets the requirements.



III. Terms of the Rebate

- Term: Conversions must be completed within 120 days following receipt of the Notice to Proceed from the City of Tulare. To ensure water savings are achieved, the converted area must remain in compliance with the program terms and conditions for a period of five (5) years following receipt of the rebate. At the City of Tulare's discretion, non-compliance may result in a charge to applicant for all or part of the area under violation.
- Rebate Amount: The rebate is three dollars (\$3.00) per square foot of grass converted. The
 maximum rebate is \$4,500 for single-family residential and \$15,000 for multi-family and
 commercial properties. Rebates will be issued to the property owner or to the property
 owner's legally appointed representative.

Rebate Amounts		
Area Converted (sq. ft.)	Rebate	
250	\$750	
500	\$1,500	
1500	\$4,500	
5000	\$15,000	

The following illustrates a range of potential rebates:

- **Tax Implications:** The State of California has made it clear that water conservation rebates are NOT taxable. However, current federal IRS tax rules are not as clear. The IRS has, however, made it clear that the City of Tulare is required to issue a 1099 form to individuals and companied that receive \$600 or more in rebates in a calendar year. Therefore, the City of Tulare now requires program participants that are approved to receive \$600 or more in rebates in a calendar year to complete an IRS W-form and submit it to the City of Tulare prior to receiving their rebate. Then in January of each year the City of Tulare will issue 1099 forms to those customers that received \$600 or more in rebates in the prior year. Note, water agencies, state officials, and members of Congress continue to work with federal tax officials to request that they treat water conservation rebates the same as they do the tax-free energy efficiency rebates.
- Applying for the Program: Customers interested in participating should visit our website at *tulare.ca.gov* and go to the water conservation page to learn more about the program and submit an application. Please read these Terms and Conditions and the Frequently Asked Questions below before submitting an application. *Do NOT start working on the project until you have received your Notice to Proceed letter*.



- Application Review: The City of Tulare will review the application to determine if the site is eligible and calculate the square footage of the lawn area(s).
- Pre-Project Inspection: As part of the review process, the City of Tulare may need to schedule a pre-project inspection at the project site. During the inspection, our conservation coordinator may take photos of the project site, measure existing lawn areas, and check for existing lawn sprinklers. Customers may need to be present for the inspection which will be conducted during normal business hours.
- Eligibility: If the site is eligible, the City of Tulare will send a Notice to Proceed letter to the customer. Customers may then remove the lawn and install the project according to the Program Terms and Conditions.
- Finished Project Review: It is the customer's responsibility to notify the City of Tulare when their project is complete and ready for a Finished Project Review. The City of Tulare will review the project to verify it was completed according to the Program Terms and Conditions and determine the final rebate amount. If the conversion fails the Finished Project Review, the applicant will be given sixty (60) days, or the remainder of the 120 day period, whichever is greater, to bring the project into compliance.
- Post-Project Inspection: As part of the Finished Project Review, the City of Tulare will
 need to schedule a post-project inspection at the project site. As part of the inspection,
 our conservation coordinator may take photos and measurements of the project and verify
 it was completed according to the Program Terms and Conditions. Customers may need to
 be present for he inspection which will be conducted during normal business hours.
- Finished Project Approval: If the Finished Project is approved, the owner will be mailed a rebate check.
- Additional Responsibilities of the Applicant: The City of Tulare enforces only the terms and conditions of this agreement. The applicant is solely responsible for complying with any and all laws, regulations, policies, conditions, covenants and restrictions that may apply, and for any and all liabilities arising from a conversion project. Applicants must comply with all local permitting requirements, and with all state and local laws relating to landscape maintenance.





Landscape Plan Quick Guide

- Plans do not have to be professionally drawn.
- Draw the shape of your yard with dimensions and square footage
- Computer or hand drawing is acceptable
- Add a plant legend/key
 - Use a coding system with letters or numbers to identify the plants you will be using.
 - Place them on the plan according to their planting location.
- See sample landscape plans below

