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Meeting 20-20  
October 22, 2020

**AGENDA ITEM #1**

To: Board of Directors  
Open Space Authority

From: Andrea Mackenzie  
General Manager

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**SUBJECT**

Approve Amendments to Open Space Authority Policy BRD-029 -- Investment Policy

**REVENUE/COST**

There are no costs associated with this item.

**BACKGROUND**

On September 24, 2020, the Board approved the most recent revision to the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) Investment Policy (Policy). In summary, the approved revisions ensure that the Authority's Policy 1) continues to comply with California Government Code (Code), and 2) includes latest best practices as recognized by industry groups such as Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA), Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada (APT of US & C), and California Municipal Treasurers' Association (CMTA).

The Board reviewed the proposed amendments and approved of the revisions. The Board further directed Staff to draft language pertaining to socially responsible investments to be added to the Policy.

**DISCUSSION**

Per the Board's direction, Staff worked with the agency's investment advisor, Chandler Asset Management (Chandler), to draft appropriate language to include a socially responsible investing (SRI) objective.

In general, SRI prohibits investment in certain companies or industries depending on a set of criteria. Thus, for the Board and/or the Board-appointed Treasurer to screen investments to exclude from the investment portfolio, screening criteria that conflict with the agency's values must be defined in the Policy.

A draft of the recommended language was reviewed with the Administration and Budget Committee. The Committee recommended staff to bring the draft language to the next publicly noticed regular meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution to approve and ratify the updated Investment Policy.

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*Attachment(s):        Resolution 20-64 - A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Santa Clara Valley Open  
                                 Space Authority Review and Ratification of the Open Space Authority Investment Policy,  
                                 BRD-029*

*Exhibit C – DRAFT BRD-029-04 – Investment Policy*  
*Exhibit D– DRAFT BRD-029-04 – Investment Policy - redlined*