

# California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System

## What is California CLASS?

California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (California CLASS) is a joint exercise of powers entity authorized under Section 6509.7, California Government Code. California CLASS is a pooled investment option that was created via a joint exercise of powers agreement by and among California public agencies. California CLASS offers public agencies a convenient method for investing in highly liquid, investment-grade securities carefully selected with the goal of optimizing yields while prioritizing safety and liquidity. The California CLASS Prime and Enhanced Cash funds help assist public agencies in strengthening and diversifying their cash management programs in accordance with the safety, liquidity, and yield hierarchy that provides the framework for the investment of public funds.

## How is it governed and managed?

California CLASS is overseen and governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board is made up of public agency finance professionals who participate in California CLASS and are members of the Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The Board of Trustees has entered into an Investment Advisor and Administrator Agreement with Public Trust Advisors, LLC. Public Trust is responsible to the Board for all program investment and administrative activities as well as many of the services provided on behalf of the Participants.

## How can we participate?

Enrolling in California CLASS is simple. Public agencies may become Participants simply by filling out the Participant Registration Form that can be found in the document center on the California CLASS website. Public agencies may submit the completed registration packet to California CLASS Client Services for processing at <a href="mailto:clientservices@californiaclass.com">clientservices@californiaclass.com</a>. To obtain account forms and fund documents, visit <a href="https://www.californiaclass.com/document-center/">www.californiaclass.com/document-center/</a>.

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#### CALIFORNIA CLASS FEATURES

As a California CLASS Participant, you have access to many convenient features:

- Same-day availability of funds in Prime Fund (11:00 a.m. PT cut-off)
- Contributions by wire or ACH
- Ratings of 'AAAm' & 'AAAf/S1'
- Portfolio securities marked-to-market daily
- Secure online access for transactions and account statements
- No redemption notices for Prime Fund
- Participant-to-Participant transactions
- Dividends accrue daily and pay monthly
- No maximum or minimum transaction limits
- No maximum or minimum investment requirements
- No transaction fees\*
- Annual audit conducted by independent auditing firm\*\*
- Dedicated client service representatives available via phone or email on any business day

\*You may incur fees associated with wires and/or ACH transactions by your bank, but there will be no transaction fees charged from California CLASS for such transactions. \*\*External audits may not catch all instances of accounting errors and do not provide an absolute guarantee of accuracy.



# What are the objectives of California CLASS?

#### Safety

The primary investment objective of the California CLASS Prime Fund is preservation of principal. Both California CLASS portfolios are managed by a team of investment professionals who are solely focused on the management of public funds nationwide. The custodian for California CLASS is U.S. Bank, N.A.

#### Liquidity

When you invest in the California CLASS Prime Fund, you have access to your funds on any business day. You must notify California CLASS of your funds transaction requests by 11:00 a.m. PT via the online transaction portal. There are no redemption notices for the daily-liquid California CLASS Prime Fund. The California CLASS Enhanced Cash Fund is a variable NAV fund that provides next-day liquidity and requires a one-day notification of redemption.

#### **Competitive Returns**

California CLASS strives to provide competitive yields while adhering to the objectives of safety and liquidity. Participants can benefit from the investment expertise and institutional knowledge provided by the team of Public Trust professionals. The portfolio performance objective is strengthened by the knowledge of

California public agency cash flows that the Public Trust team possesses.

#### Ease of Use

To make cash management streamlined and efficient, California CLASS includes many features that make it easy to access account information and simplify record keeping. Participants can transact on any business day via the California CLASS Online Transaction Portal at www.californiaclass.com.

### Flexibility

You may establish multiple California CLASS subaccounts. You will receive comprehensive monthly statements that show all of your transaction activity, dividend accruals, and yield summaries. These statements have been specifically designed to facilitate public sector fund accounting and to establish a clear accounting and audit trail for your records.

### Legality

California CLASS only invests in securities permitted by California State Code Section 53601; permitted investments are further restricted to those approved by the Board of Trustees as set forth in the California CLASS Investment Policies.

**Have Questions?** Contact us or visit www.californiaclass.com for more information.



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