Mammoth Lakes Town Council
Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approve and Adopt Resolution updating the Town of Mammoth Lakes Investment Policy to include Holding with California Asset Management Program (CAMP).

Council Meeting Date: 1/18/2023

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Recommended Motion: Staff recommends that the Town Council adopt a Resolution updating the FY22/23 Investment Policy to include new Investment holdings with California Asset Management Program (CAMP) with an investment limit of $20,000,000.

Summary: Each year the staff reviews the Town's Investment Policy and has the Council take action to reaffirm the policy and to approve any changes. Over time minor adjustments are made to the policy to better meet the needs of the Town to meet regulatory changes, to adopt best practices or to allow added flexibility in managing the Town's portfolio. The Town invests any excess cash in Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). LAIF is an investment fund offered by the State Treasurer's Office to municipal governments. The Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA) offers local agencies the opportunity to participate in a major portfolio with professional investment staff at no additional cost. The Town of Mammoth Lakes has an investment portfolio of approximately $59 million held by the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and Mono County.

CAMP was established in 1989 as a Joint Powers Authority to provide California public agencies with professional investment services. CAMP focusing on earning public agencies a competitive rate of return while preserving principal, providing liquidity, and seeking a stable net asset value. Similar to LAIF, CAMP offers public agencies access to a major portfolio with investment staff at no additional cost.

In keeping with the objectives set forth in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Investment policy, Town Staff propose moving forward with setting up an investment portfolio with CAMP. The addition of this investment portfolio will further diversify the Town's investment portfolio along with improving the rate of return on investments. The rate of return for CAMP is roughly two times that of LAIF with similar security and liquidity. Staff will move a portion of the funds currently held in LAIF to CAMP to take advantage of the larger return. Staff recommended the $20,000,000 cap as we begin to use this new investment vehicle.