



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 5/11/2026

ITEM NO: 4

DATE: May 11, 2026
TO: Finance Commission
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Receive the Monthly Financial and Investment Report for March 2026

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the Monthly Financial and Investment Reports for March 2026.

BACKGROUND:

California Government Code Section 41004 requires that the Town Treasurer submit to the Town Clerk and the legislative body a written report and accounting of all receipts, disbursements, and fund balances. The Administrative Services Director assumes the Town Treasurer role. Attachment 1 contains the March 2026 monthly Financial and Investment Report, which fulfills this requirement.

The March 2026 Monthly Financial and Investment Report will be presented to the Town Council at its May 19, 2026, regular meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The March 2026 Monthly Financial and Investment Report includes a Fund Balance Schedule, representing estimated funding available for all funds at the beginning of the fiscal year and at the end of the respective month.

As operations fluctuate month to month, there are differences between balances in one month and balances in another. Such differences may be significant due to the type of activity in those months and the timing of any estimates used in the presentation, based on the information available. This is demonstrated by the attached March 31, 2026, fund balance report. In the case that the differences are extraordinary and unanticipated, we will ensure we present more information to explain the differences.

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Finance and Accounting Manager

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Administrative Services Director

The difference between the March 31 and February 28 estimated fund balance is due to normal day-to-day fluctuations in revenues and expenditures.

Please note that the amount in the Fund Schedule differs from the Portfolio Allocation and Treasurer's Cash Fund Balances Summary schedule because assets and liabilities are components of the Fund Balance.

As illustrated in the summary below, Ending Fund Balance = Cash + Assets - Liabilities, which represents the actual amount of funds available.

Reconciling Cash to Fund Balance - March 31, 2026		
Total Cash	\$	79,742,122
Plus: Assets	\$	13,676,139
Less: Liabilities	\$	(24,329,204)
Estimated Fund Balance	\$	69,089,057

As of March 31, 2026, the Town's financial position (Cash Plus Other Assets \$93.42M, Liabilities \$24.33M, and Fund Equity \$69.09M) remains strong, and the Town has sufficient funds to meet the cash demands for the next six months.

As of March 31, 2026, the Town's weighted portfolio yield for investments under management was 4.21%, which was 38 basis points above the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) yield of 3.83% for the same reporting period. Currently, the LAIF portfolio's weighted average maturity (WAM) is 260 days versus the Town's longer WAM of 578 days. The Town's assets under management reflect the Town's selection of the 1-3 year benchmark investment strategy through the Town's investment advisor to lock in higher yields at the top of the interest rate cycle. The longer maturities are balanced with shorter-term yields available on investments held with the State's LAIF. The Town's weighted average rate of return on investments under management of 4.21% at the close of March was 1 basis point higher when compared to the prior month's return of 4.20% reported as of February 28, 2026.

Since March 2025, LAIF yields decreased from 431 basis points (4.31%) to 383 basis points (3.83%) through the end of March 2026. The State LAIF pool typically lags the market when current market yields are either increasing or decreasing.

The Federal Open Market Committee implemented three rate cuts in 2025. The first, on September 17, reduced the federal funds target range by 25 basis points to 4.00%–4.25% amid slower economic growth in the first half of the year and emerging signs of labor-market softening. A second 25-basis-point cut on October 29 brought the range down to 3.75%–4.00% as labor-market weakness and broader economic uncertainty persisted. At its December 10 meeting, the Committee approved a final 25-basis-point reduction to 3.50%–3.75%, reflecting

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ongoing concerns about the economic outlook. These adjustments align with the FOMC's objective to promote maximum employment and achieve a year-over-year inflation target of 2%.

Labor market conditions continued to loosen. Nonfarm payrolls declined by 92,000 in February. Initial jobless claims fluctuated between 205,000 and 213,000. Continuing claims reached 1.819m, close to a two-year low.

The Town's investments are in compliance with the Town's Investment Policy dated March 18, 2025, and are also in compliance with the requirements of Section 53600 et seq. of the California State Code. Based on the information available, the Town has sufficient funds to meet the cash demands for the next six months.

Attachments:

1. Financial and Investment Report (March 2026)