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POLICY:

6170.1 It is the policy of the Beach Cities Health District (“District”) to comply with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54 to provide protection for the District “against unforeseen financial circumstances such as revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenditures.

6170.1.1 GASB mandates that this hierarchy of expending fund balance be reported in new categories, using the new definitions, and be formally adopted by the District’s governing body.

6170.1.2 GASB requires that the Board of Directors clarify what limitations on the use of fund balance it wishes to direct and which are delegated to staff.

6170.2 It is the policy of the District to establish the guidelines for reporting unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund financial statements.

6170.2.1 Certain commitments and assignments of fund balance will help ensure that there will be adequate financial resources to protect the District against unforeseen circumstances and events such as revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenditures.

6170.3 It is the policy of the District’s Board of Directors to authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to prepare financial reports which accurately categorize fund balance as per GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

SCOPE:

6170.4 It is intended that this policy cover fund balance of the District. Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities reported in a government fund.

6170.4.1 There are five separate components of fund balance, each of which identifies the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts can be spent:

6170.4.1.1 Nonspendable fund balance (inherently nonspendable)

6170.4.1.2 Restricted fund balance (externally enforceable limitations on use)

6170.4.1.3 Committed fund balance (self-imposed limitations on use)



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6170.4.1.4 Assigned fund balance (limitation resulting from intended use)

6170.4.1.5 Unassigned fund balance (residual net resources)

GUIDELINES:

6170.5 Non-spendable Fund Balance includes amounts not in spendable form by definition, such as inventory, prepaid expenditures or receivables.

6170.6 Restricted Fund Balance includes amounts constrained for a specific purpose by external parties, such as debt service.

6170.7 Committed Fund Balance includes amounts constrained by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority.

6170.7.1 The Board of Directors, as the District's highest level of decision-making authority, may commit fund balance for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal actions taken, such as a resolution by the Board of Directors or a budget appropriation approved in an open public meeting.

6170.7.1.1 These committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use through the same type of formal action taken to establish the commitment.

6170.7.1.2 Board action to commit fund balance needs to occur within the fiscal reporting period; however, the amount can be determined subsequently.

6170.8 Assigned Fund Balance includes general fund amounts constrained by a governing board or by an official who has been delegated authority to assign amounts.

6170.8.1 Amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed, should be reported as assigned fund balance.

6170.8.2 This policy hereby delegates the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the purpose of reporting these amounts in the annual financial statements.

6170.9 Unassigned Fund Balance includes amounts remaining after the above components are assigned. These are residual positive net resources of the general fund in excess of what can properly be classified in one of the other four categories.

6170.10 Hierarchy of Spending Fund Balance.

6170.10.1 When an expenditure is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, restricted fund balance will be spent first.

6170.10.2 When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted classifications of fund balance can be used, committed amounts are to be spent first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

Definitions of the Components of Fund Balance

Non-Spendable Fund Balance:

Petty Cash: The portion of fund balance that represents the asset amount of petty cash, held by a given fund.

Prepaid Expenditures: The portion of fund balance that represents the asset amount of prepaid expenditures held by a given fund.

Notes Receivable: The portion of fund balance that represents the asset amount of notes receivable held by a given fund.

Loans Receivable: The portion of fund balance that represents the asset amount of loans receivable held by a given fund.

Restricted Fund Balance:

Investment In Limited Partnerships Receivable: The portion of fund balance that represents the asset amount of investments in limited partnerships held by a given fund.

Restricted Fund Balance: The portion of fund balance that is in any non-general fund governmental fund that is restricted under the Restricted Fund Balance definition as prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 and not otherwise defined in this category above.

Committed Fund Balance:

Capital Projects: The portion of fund balance that has been appropriated for specified capital projects and remains unspent.

Committed Fund Balance: The portion of fund balance that is in any non-general fund governmental fund that is committed under the Committed Fund Balance definition as prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 and not otherwise defined in this category above.

Assigned Fund Balance:

Assigned Fund Balance: The portion of fund balance that is in any non-general fund governmental fund that is assigned under the Assigned Fund Balance definition as prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54.

Unassigned Fund Balance:

Prior Year Available Fund Balance: The portion of fund balance that is brought forward from the prior fiscal year and is available for appropriation to fund current fiscal year activities.

Fund Balance: Any portion of General Fund balance that does not fall under any of the fund balance definitions presented above.