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Staff has produced a new “Monthly Finance Report” (MFR) format. The Board should be aware that the new format excludes expenditures on freight and it’s “unrestricted” cash position formerly referred to as “Operating Accounts.”

1. There was no Monthly Finance Report posted for July 31, 2021. The agenda item in the September 1, 2021 Board packet says July 2021, but it was, in fact, June 2021.
2. Here are the differences between what was reported in the June 2021 MFR and what is not reported in the August report.
  - The June 2021 MFR reported revenues by department. In the new format, revenues are not allocated by department.
  - The June 2021 MFR reported about \$175,000 in freight expenditures. In the new format, there is no line item for “freight expenditures.” As SMART owns the freight trains and is operating them serving a few customers in Sonoma, presumably it has expended funds on these operations. How much has the agency spent of operating the freight trains in the first two months of this fiscal year?
  - The June MFR provides an “Investment Report,” including the “Operating Accounts” (or cash deposits) in two accounts: one at the Bank of Marin and second one in the Sonoma County Treasury Pool. There was \$69.9M in these two accounts as of June 31, 2021. How much was in these two accounts at the end of August?
3. Below is a graph of the “Operating Accounts” data provided in earlier reports. The red columns are “unrestricted reserves” reported in the audit reports. The spaces without columns are those months when a Monthly Finance Report was not produced.

**Reported Operating Account Deposits at Month End (\$M)**

