

# Principal SMA California Municipal

Fourth quarter 2023

## Strategy overview

The strategy seeks to provide a high level of income that is exempt from federal income tax and California state personal income taxes.

## Portfolio management

### James Welch

35 years of experience

### James Noble, CFA

31 years of experience

## Characteristics<sup>1,2,4</sup>

	Portfolio	Index
Yield to worst	3.6%	3.0%
Current yield	4.3%	4.2%
Average time to maturity	15.2	15.0
Average effective duration	5.3	6.0
Number of holdings	23	7,940
Inception date	12/01/2022	—

## Top 10 holdings<sup>2,3</sup>

	% of net assets
Los Angeles Unified School	5.0
California St	5.0
California St Hlth Facs Fing A	4.9
San Diego Cnty Ca Regl Arpt Au	4.8
Long Beach Ca Arpt Revenue	4.8
San Jose Ca Arpt Revenue	4.7
Ca Public Works	4.6
Santa Monica Malibu USD	4.6
San Francisco City & Cnty Ca P	4.6
San Joaquin Toll	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.4</b>

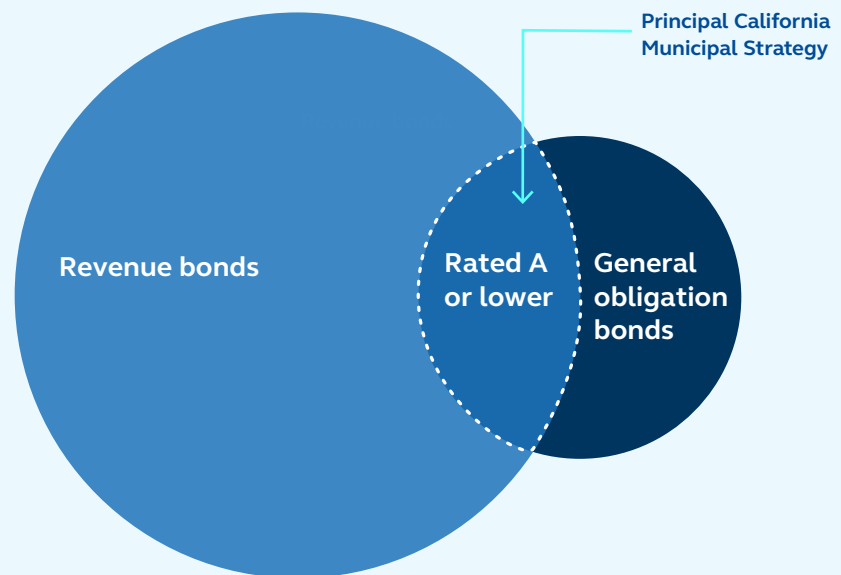
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## Attractive tax-free income, singularly focused on mid-quality California municipal credit

- Active management seeks the optimal spot on the yield curve and higher exposure to bonds rated A and BBB, in an effort to maximize yield.
- Preference for revenue bonds that provide attractive relative yield and less sensitivity to business cycles.
- Ability to participate in a wide range of California issues, exploiting market and sector dislocations, through credit research.

## California Municipal opportunity set

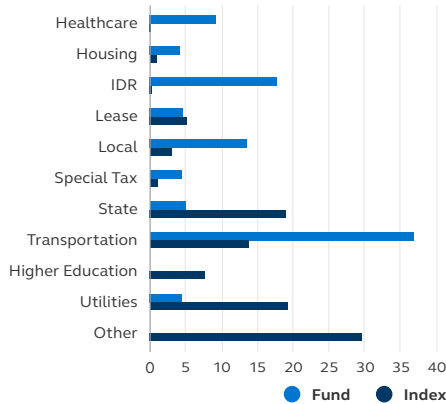
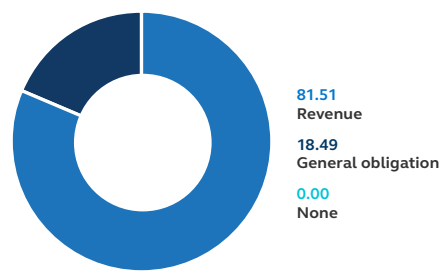
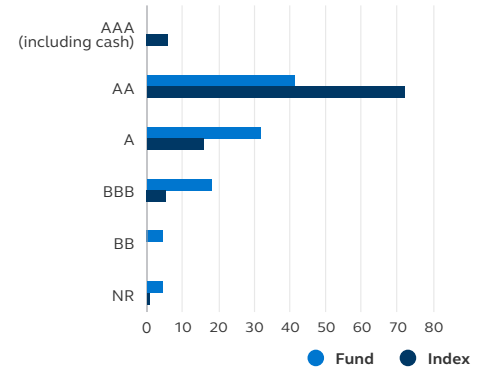
The strategy prefers to focus on mid-quality and potentially high-yield revenue bonds within the municipal market.



Source: Principal Global Investors.  
Allocations and investment guidelines are subject to change and may not reflect current holdings.

## Why allocate to a portfolio:

- Municipal bonds have provided attractive tax-equivalent yields and lower default rates than traditional investment-grade bonds.
- High conviction portfolio with low turnover allows for tax-efficient access to a broad universe of muni bonds.
- The Principal Fixed Income team's actively managed approach to municipal investing taps multiple sources of alpha, resulting in what we believe is a unique set of portfolio characteristics within the peer group.

Sector allocation (%)<sup>1,4</sup>Bond allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>Credit quality allocation (%)<sup>1,4,5</sup>

## Performance

	3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception (01/01/2012)
Principal SMA California Municipal (gross)	6.93	6.91	-0.19	2.78	4.20	4.15
Bloomberg California Municipal Bond Index	7.57	6.22	-0.42	2.25	3.10	3.09
Principal SMA California Municipal (net)	6.41	4.81	-2.17	0.75	2.14	2.09

Risk statistics (3-year, gross)<sup>3</sup>

	Composite
Sharpe ratio	-0.3
Standard deviation	7.1
Tracking error	1.1
Up/down capture ratio <sup>6</sup>	99.2/97.3

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Principal SMA California Municipal (gross)	14.79	5.23	0.78	7.44	0.63	9.19	5.63	2.80	-9.52	6.91
Bloomberg California Municipal Index	9.96	3.51	-0.14	5.63	1.11	7.67	5.15	1.22	-8.17	6.22
Principal SMA California Municipal (net)	12.54	3.15	-1.22	5.32	-1.37	7.04	3.55	0.76	-11.33	4.81

Periods over one year are annualized. Net of Fees reflects the gross returns reduced by an assumed maximum bundled fee of 2%. Beginning April 1, 2023, performance results reflect actual returns of the SMA wrap-fee composite. Prior to April 1, 2023, performance reflects the Principal Global Fixed Income Municipal California Fixed Income institutional composite and did not reflect any actual SMA portfolios See disclosure section for additional details.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Aladdin<sup>®</sup> by BlackRock<sup>®</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The index is the Bloomberg California Municipal Index and is described below. Portfolio information is based on the strategy's model portfolio. Actual portfolios may differ because of account size, client-imposed investment restrictions, the timing of client investments and market, economic and individual company considerations.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Principal Global Investors.

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<sup>5</sup> Represents the middle rating of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. When only two agencies rate a bond, the lower is used. When only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used. The ratings are an indication of an issuer's creditworthiness and typically range from AAA or Aaa (highest) to D (lowest). The NR category consists of rateable securities that have not been rated by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization.

<sup>6</sup> Capture ratios: Shows the relationship of the composite's performance to the performance of an index during a specific timeframe, as a percentage of that index's positive (upside capture) and negative (downside capture) performance. Represents quarterly returns for both composite and index returns.

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