

# Federated Hermes California Municipal Cash Trust

## Cash Series Shares

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### Product highlights

- Pursues current income exempt from federal regular income tax and California state income tax, consistent with stability of principal.
- Invests in short-term, high-quality, California tax-exempt securities.
- Offers California residents the potential for attractive taxable-equivalent yields compared to taxable money market funds and direct securities.

### Key investment team

Michael Sirianni Jr.  
Kyle Stewart, CFA

### Portfolio assets

\$1.6 billion

### Credit/obligor exposure

Kaiser Permanente  
Mizuho Bank Ltd.  
University of California (The Regents of)  
Bank of America N.A.  
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.  
Barclays Bank plc  
California State Department of Water Resources  
Landesbank Hessen-Thuringen  
Royal Bank of Canada  
East Bay Municipal Utility District,  
CA Water System

Total % of Portfolio: 66.3%

### Share class statistics

#### Inception date

1/18/05

#### Federated Hermes fund number

810

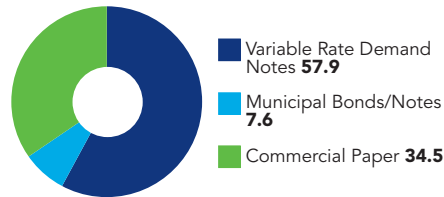
#### Cut-off times

1:00 pm ET — purchases (T+0)  
12:00 pm ET — redemptions (T+0)  
4:00 pm ET — purchases (T+1)  
4:00 pm ET — redemptions (T+1)

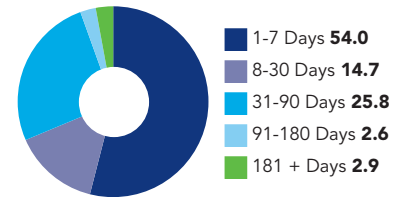
#### Dividends

Declared daily/paid monthly

### Portfolio composition (%)



### Effective maturity schedule (%)



### Weighted average maturity

29 Days

### Weighted average life

29 Days

### Fund performance

Net yield (%)		Total return (%)	
7-day	2.45	1-year	2.42

Annualized yields (%)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
7-day	3.01	2.35	2.62	2.64	2.52	2.94	2.67	2.24	2.28	2.38	2.08	2.45

**Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return will vary. An investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, contact us or visit [FederatedHermes.com/us](https://FederatedHermes.com/us).**

Although not contractually obligated to do so, the advisor and/or certain fund service providers waived all or a portion of their fees or reimbursed the fund for certain operating expenses. These voluntary waivers and reimbursements may be modified or terminated at any time; accordingly, the fund's expenses may vary (i.e., increase or decrease) during the fund's fiscal year. These waivers increase income to the fund and result in a higher return to investors.

Otherwise, the 7-day yield would have been 2.21% and total return would have been lower.

**Total return** represents the change in value of an investment after reinvesting all income and capital gains. Yield quotations more closely reflect the current earnings of the fund than the total return quotation.

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### Portfolio manager commentary

The fourth quarter opened in the wake of the Federal Reserve easing rates for the first time in its current cycle that began with aggressive hikes in 2022. That cut, at its September Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, was also aggressive, reducing the target fed funds range by 50 basis points to 4.75-5%. But policymakers paired that with a decrease in their forecast for the level of rates in 2024, with the Summary of Economic Projections (SEP) calling for only a quarter-point cut in each of the last two FOMC meetings. In October, their conviction appeared to fade further in the face of a persistently strong economy that might require tighter policy for a longer period than previously anticipated.

Key to the hawkish shift was concern about the ramifications of some of the plans President-elect Donald Trump promised to enact. The thinking is that the potential combination of increased federal tax cuts, expanded government expenditures, new tariffs and significant deportations could increase price and cost pressures. While the quarter-percentage-point cut in the FOMC meeting ending November 7 was likely predetermined—rather than a response to Trump's win—the similar-sized reduction at the December

meeting was yet again paired with expectations for fewer future rate cuts than once assumed.

The updated SEP was a considerable downshift from September's forecast of a full point of easing in 2025 to just a half point reduction of the target range that now stood at 4.25-4.5%. Even Chair Jerome Powell muted his enthusiasm that inflation had been beaten. The shallower downward rate path might mean Fed officials now envision a higher fed funds terminal rate—the longer-run level at which monetary policy is neither accommodative nor restrictive.

For the quarter, the SIFMA Municipal Swap Index ranged from a low of 2.15% on December 4 to a high of 4.02% on October 11 and averaged 3.18%. On average, investors sensitive to taxes continue to be rewarded with a commitment to the sector. Generally, state and local government credit quality continues to benefit from strong management and ample financial reserves.

At the end of the quarter, yields on 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month US Treasuries were 4.28%, 4.32%, 4.28% and 4.15%, respectively.

*You could lose money by investing in the fund. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. The fund may impose a fee upon the sale of your shares. An investment in the fund is not a bank account and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The fund's sponsor is not required to reimburse the fund for losses, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the fund at any time, including during periods of market stress.*

*Performance shown is for Cash Series Shares. The fund offers additional share classes whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses. Please consult your financial institution regarding your eligibility to purchase these classes.*

### A word about risk

Income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) for individuals.

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

### Definitions

**Net yields** are based on the average daily income dividend and average net asset value for the 7 days ended on the date of calculation. The 7-day net annualized yield is based on the average net income per share for the 7 days ended on the date of calculation and the offering price on that date.

**The fund is a managed portfolio** and its holdings are subject to change. Holdings percentages are based on net assets at the close of business on the date above, and may not necessarily reflect adjustments that are routinely made when presenting net assets for formal financial statement purposes.

**Weighted average maturity** is the mean average of the periods of time remaining until the securities held in the fund's portfolio (a) are scheduled to be repaid, (b) would be repaid upon a demand by the fund or (c) are scheduled to have their interest rate readjusted to reflect current market rates. For government variable rate securities, if the interest rate is readjusted no less frequently than every 397 calendar days, the security shall be deemed to have a maturity equal to the period remaining until the next readjustment of the interest rate. For non-government variable rate securities, if the security has a scheduled maturity of 397 days or less the security is treated as maturing on the earlier of the date the security is scheduled to be repaid through demand or the period remaining until the next readjustment of the interest rate. If the variable rate security has a scheduled maturity that is more than 397 days it is the later of those two dates. The mean is weighted based on the percentage of the market value of the portfolio invested in each period.

**Weighted average life** is calculated in the same manner as the Weighted average maturity (WAM), but is based solely on the periods of time remaining until the securities held in the fund's portfolio (a) are scheduled to be repaid or (b) would be repaid upon a demand by the fund without reference to when interest rates of securities within.

Variable rate demand notes are tax-exempt securities that require the issuer or a third party, such as a dealer or bank, to repurchase the security for its face value upon demand. The securities also pay interest at a variable rate intended to cause the securities to trade at their face value.