

Cash Assets Trust

October 5, 2011

Dear Shareholder:

We are writing to inform you that effective December 5, 2011, Cash Assets Trust (the “Trust”), which has been in operation since 1984, will terminate the operations of each of its three series: Pacific Capital Cash Assets Trust, Pacific Capital Tax-Free Cash Assets Trust, and Pacific Capital U.S. Government Securities Cash Assets Trust (jointly, the “Funds”). As you will note from the Supplement, dated October 5, 2011, to the Prospectus and Summary Prospectuses (on the reverse side), the management of the Funds has concluded that it is no longer practical for the Funds to continue operations and the Board of Trustees of the Trust has approved the liquidation of the Funds. The Funds, accordingly, will not accept any new investments on or after Monday, December 5th.

For quite some time, both the Trust’s Adviser (the Asset Management Group of Bank of Hawaii) and Administrator (Aquila Investment Management LLC) have subsidized the Funds by waiving their respective fees, and as necessary, reimbursing various operating expenses, in order to produce a non-negative yield for investors.

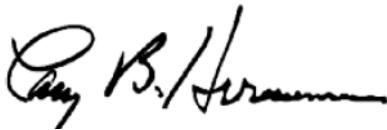
With short-term interest rates at historical lows, it has become challenging for money market funds to retain assets and remain profitable. The U.S. Federal Reserve expects to keep interest rates at these low levels for at least another two years based on expectations for slow economic growth in the U.S. These uncertain prospects for a return to higher short-term rates make it difficult to justify continued operation of the Funds.

Your account will be automatically redeemed and the proceeds, including accrued dividends and capital gains, if any, will be sent to your address of record on December 8, 2011 (the liquidation date). You may wish to consult with your financial advisor regarding the implications of this closure and disposition of your proceeds.

Should you have any questions regarding the liquidation of the Funds, please do not hesitate to contact a fund representative at 800-437-1020. If you have a question regarding your account, please contact the Transfer and Shareholder Servicing Agent at 800-437-1000.

We have very much valued you as a shareholder in Cash Assets Trust and appreciate the confidence you have shown in the Aquila Group of Funds which also includes seven tax-free municipal bond funds, a high yield corporate bond fund, and a growth-oriented equity fund, one or more of which may be appropriate for you to consider as part of your overall portfolio of investments.*

Sincerely,



Lacy B. Herrmann
Founder and Chairman Emeritus



Diana P. Herrmann
President

** Before investing in any one of the Aquila Group of Funds, carefully read about and consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and other information found in the Fund prospectus. The prospectus is available from your financial advisor, and when you call 800-437-1020 or visit www.aquilafunds.com. Consideration should be given to the risks of investing including: potential loss of value, market risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, and geographic concentration. Insurance on an obligation is intended to mitigate credit risk; it does not insure the market price of the obligation.*

**SUPPLEMENT TO PROSPECTUS AND SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES
ON THE REVERSE SIDE**

**PACIFIC CAPITAL CASH ASSETS TRUST
PACIFIC CAPITAL TAX-FREE CASH ASSETS TRUST
PACIFIC CAPITAL U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES CASH ASSETS TRUST**

**Supplement to the
Prospectus and the Summary Prospectuses, each dated July 31, 2011**

After consultation with management of the Trust, the Board of Trustees has authorized the liquidation of each of Pacific Capital Cash Assets Trust, Pacific Capital Tax-Free Cash Assets Trust, and Pacific Capital U.S. Government Securities Cash Assets Trust (each, a "Fund" and, jointly, the "Funds"). It is anticipated that each Fund will be liquidated on or about December 8, 2011 (the "Liquidation Date"). The Funds will not accept new investments on or after December 5, 2011.

As the Liquidation Date approaches, the Funds' Investment Adviser is expected to increase the portion of each Fund's assets held in cash and similar investments and reduce maturities of non-cash investments, in seeking to maintain adequate liquidity and a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share until the Liquidation Date. Each Fund will cease to pursue its investment objective as the Liquidation Date approaches.

All accounts remaining in each Fund on the Liquidation Date will be automatically redeemed as of the close of business on the Liquidation Date and the proceeds, including accrued dividends and capital gains, if any, will be sent to the account's address of record.

If you hold Fund shares through an individual retirement account and receive a check representing your investment in the Fund, it will be treated as a distribution from your individual retirement account. You may be eligible to roll over your distribution, within 60 days after you receive it, into another individual retirement account. However, rollovers are subject to certain limitations, including as to frequency. You should consult with your tax adviser concerning the tax implications of a distribution for you, your eligibility to roll over a distribution, and the procedures applicable to such rollovers.

*The last sentence of the first paragraph on the first page of each Fund's Summary Prospectus
is deleted and replaced with the following:*

The Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, both dated July 31, 2011, as supplemented on October 5, 2011, and the independent registered public accounting firm's report and financial statements in the Fund's annual report to shareholders dated March 31, 2011, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus and may be obtained, free of charge, at the website, phone number or e-mail address noted above.

The date of this supplement is October 5, 2011