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**VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL**

September 29, 2022

Troy Nicolini  
 Board Chairman  
 Peninsula Community Service District  
 1982 Gass St.  
 Samoa, CA 95564-0234

**SUBJECT: FINAL COLLECTION LETTER**

Mr. Nicolini:

We are writing to demand payment from the Peninsula Community Service District (PCSD) (formerly known as Samoa Peninsula Fire Protection District or SPFPD) in the amount of \$281,467.96 in employer contributions to bring PCSD's account current.

We note that the Humboldt County Local Agency Formation Commission (Humboldt LAFCO) Resolution Nos. 17-08 and 17-9 approved the reorganization of the SPFPD to the PCSD. Specifically, the Humboldt LAFCO Resolutions, among other things, dissolved SPFPD and made PCSD the successor entity for the purpose of succeeding to all rights, duties and obligations of the dissolved SPFPD with respect to payment of any outstanding obligations, including the pension liabilities of the dissolved SPFPD. Based on the Humboldt LAFCO Resolutions, PCSD is responsible for paying SPFPD's pension costs in order to satisfy a condition of approval for the reorganization.

In addition, the LAFCO approved reorganization provided that all existing tax-related revenue that supported the fire protection services by the SPFPD would be transferred to the PCSD to help pay for fire services. In further support of PCSD's obligation to pay CalPERS, the projections in PCSD's Annual Operating Expenditures include a line item for payment to CalPERS for retirement contributions. Nevertheless, PCSD has not made the required pension contributions to meet its obligation to its retirees.

The Current Past Due Employer Contributions-Unfunded Accrued Liability is described below. CalPERS demands full payment of these past due amounts by November 30, 2022.

<b>Breakdown of Past Due Amounts owed to CalPERS as of 9/20/2022</b>	
Employer Contributions-Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$281,467.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$281,467.96</b>

We look forward to working with PCSD to resolve the outstanding balance in a timely manner. If we do not receive full payment by November 30, 2022, we will refer your delinquent account(s) to CalPERS Chief Financial Officer for further proceedings. Inaction on your part may result in contract termination pursuant to Government Code section 20572, *et seq.* and benefit reductions in proportion to the amount of the employer's deficiency. CalPERS reserves all rights and remedies to collect contributions if not paid timely.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss next steps regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (916) 795-1024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melody Benavides". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melody" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Benavides".

Melody Benavides, Chief  
Pension Contracts & Prefunding Programs Division

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