

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY**

**FOR  
THE LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (LRS) FUND**

~~May 15, 2014~~ September 15, 2014

*This policy is effective immediately upon adoption and supersedes all previous Legislators' Retirement System ("LRS") Fund policies.*

**I. PURPOSE**

The California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CalPERS") Investment Beliefs Policy and Total Fund Statement of Investment Policy, adopted by the CalPERS Investment Committee ("Committee"), set forth CalPERS overarching investment purposes and objectives with respect to all its investment programs.

This document sets forth the investment policy ("Policy") for the LRS Fund. The design of this Policy ensures that investors, managers, consultants, and other participants selected by CalPERS take prudent and careful action while managing the LRS Fund. Additionally, use of this Policy assures sufficient flexibility in managing investment risks and returns associated with the LRS Fund.

The Legislators' Retirement System was established by statute to provide retirement benefits to members of the Legislature elected prior to November 7, 1990, elected Constitutional Officers, the Insurance Commissioner, and Legislative Statutory Officers.

**II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

The LRS Fund shall be managed to accomplish the following:

- A. Invest in an asset allocation mix with targets and ranges based on a periodic asset liability management review.
- B. Achieve the highest total rate of return reasonably possible within prudent levels of risk and liquidity for the LRS Fund's liabilities.
- C. Maintain significant diversification to temper losses from market volatility.
- D. Ensure that the asset class policy ranges approved by the Committee are adhered to, and that any rebalancing is performed efficiently and prudently.

- E. Maintain adequate liquidity to meet cash needs.

### III. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. In addition to the Committee's responsibilities outlined in the Total Fund Statement of Investment Policy, the Committee is also responsible for approving asset classes for investment and approving a policy target allocation, permissible range, and benchmark for each asset class.
- B. CalPERS Investment Staff ("Staff") is responsible for the following:
1. All aspects of portfolio management including monitoring, analyzing, and evaluating performance relative to the appropriate benchmark.
  2. Providing individualized asset allocation strategy recommendations to the Committee, including selection of asset class benchmarks, Policy targets and ranges.
  3. Managing the asset class allocations of the LRS Fund within Policy ranges approved by the Committee, in accordance with Policy guidelines.
  4. Creating internally managed funds and soliciting externally managed funds to be used in the composition of the LRS Fund.
  5. Identifying opportunities and making recommendations to the Committee consistent with pertinent delegations.
  6. Reporting ~~internally~~ to the Committee no less than annually concerning the implementation of this Policy. This report shall include, but is not limited to, the current market value and asset class allocations compared to the Policy targets and ranges.
  7. Monitoring the implementation of, and compliance with, the Policy. Staff shall report concerns, problems, material changes, and all violations of Guidelines and Policies at the next Committee meeting, or sooner if deemed necessary. All events deemed materially important will be reported to the Committee immediately. These reports shall include explanations of any violations and appropriate recommendations for corrective action.
- C. The **General Pension Consultant** ("Consultant") is responsible for monitoring, evaluating, and reporting no less than annually to the Committee on the LRS Fund performance relative to the benchmark and Policy.

- D. **External Managers** (“Manager”) are responsible for aspects of portfolio management as set forth in each Manager’s contract with CalPERS and shall fulfill the following duties:
1. Communicate with CalPERS staff, as needed, regarding investment strategies and investment results.
  2. Monitor, analyze, and evaluate performance relative to the agreed-upon benchmark.
  3. Cooperate fully with CalPERS staff, Custodian, and Consultant concerning requests for information.

#### IV. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE AND BENCHMARK

- A. The benchmark for the LRS Fund is specified in the Benchmarks Policy.
- B. CalPERS shall invest the assets of the LRS Fund to meet or exceed the actuarial rate over the long-term.

#### V. INVESTMENT APPROACHES AND PARAMETERS

- A. Philosophy and Approach

The LRS Fund shall be managed in accordance with the CalPERS Total Fund Statement of Investment Policy and in a manner consistent with the respective investment policy governing each asset class. Such policies approved by the Committee shall specify the method and parameters for implementation and provide for the ongoing monitoring of that asset class.

- B. Strategic Asset Allocation Process

A comprehensive ~~a~~Asset ~~a~~Allocation ~~s~~Strategy analysis shall be completed periodically that follows the schedule and process as described in the CalPERS Statement of Investment Policy for Asset Allocation Strategy, Section V.C. Strategic Asset Allocation Process. ~~at least once every three years and will be presented to the Committee for review and approval of the Policy target asset allocations and ranges. The Chief Investment Officer (“CIO”) may recommend a more frequent analysis if expected returns, risks or liability values have substantially changed since the prior analysis. The CIO may also recommend to the Committee changes in the Policy asset allocation targets and ranges. A target for cash is exempt from consideration.~~

## C. Fund Structure/Parameters

Staff shall manage the LRS Fund in accordance with the approved strategic asset allocation. CalPERS Custodian shall employ a unitized fund structure to maintain separate and distinct historical records and to produce individual net asset values (NAV's) for each asset class.

D. Policy Asset Class Allocation Targets and Ranges

The Committee shall approve Policy asset class allocation targets and ranges expressed as a percentage of total assets. The Committee shall set Policy ranges sufficiently wide to permit efficient and flexible implementation, yet sufficiently narrow to maintain the basic risk and return relationship established by the allocation targets.

The LRS Fund Policy asset class allocation targets and permissible ranges are as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>LRS Fund</u>	
	<u>Policy Target</u>	<u>Policy Range Relative to Target</u>
<u>Global Equity</u>	<u>24%</u>	<u>+/- 5%</u>
<u>Fixed Income</u>	<u>39%</u>	<u>+/- 5%</u>
<u>Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS)</u>	<u>26%</u>	<u>+/- 3%</u>
<u>Commodities</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>+/- 3%</u>
<u>Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>+/- 5%</u>
<u>Liquidity</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>+2%</u>
<b><u>Total Fund</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>	

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>LRS Fund</u>	
	<u>Policy Allocation</u>	<u>Policy Range</u>
<u>U.S Inflation Linked Bonds</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>+/- 4%</u>
<u>U.S. Nominal Bonds</u>	<u>42%</u>	<u>+/- 5%</u>
<u>Global Equity</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>+/- 5%</u>
<u>Global Public Real Estate</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>+/- 2%</u>
<u>Commodities</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>+/- 2%</u>

Expected Return	5.75%
Expected Risk	7.27%
Return/Risk	0.79%

*Approved by the Committee, August 15, 2011.*

#### E. Rebalancing

Adherence to the Policy asset class allocation targets and ranges shall be monitored and reported to the Committee no less than annually. This report shall display a comparison between the LRS Fund asset class allocations and the Policy asset class allocation targets and ranges. The report shall also compare the investment performance results of each asset class and the benchmark returns.

Asset class allocations shall be managed to be within Policy ranges. Cash in the portfolio will be held within a range of 0 – 24%. Allocations may temporarily deviate from Policy ranges due to extreme market volatility and will be reported as set forth above. If an asset class allocation exceeds the Policy range, staff shall return the asset allocation to within its Policy range in a timely manner, with the exact time period primarily dependent on transaction costs and liquidity.

Changes in ~~Policy~~ asset class allocations may be achieved by the movement of capital between asset classes through the trading of pooled funds or through the use of derivatives. The intent is for ~~Policy~~ asset class allocations to be actively managed rather than being allowed to passively drift with recent relative asset class returns.

#### F. Target Tracking Error

The LRS Fund will be managed within a target forecast annual tracking error as described in the CalPERS Statement of Investment Policy for Asset Allocation Strategy, Section VI.F. Target Tracking Error.

#### FG. Restrictions, Prohibitions and Authorized Securities

Restrictions, Prohibitions and Authorized Securities of the LRS Fund are defined in the policy governing each asset class or external investment manager guidelines.

All transactions involving derivatives are governed by the Global Derivatives and Counterparty Risk Policy.

## VI. CALCULATIONS AND COMPUTATIONS

Investors, managers, consultants, and other participants selected by CalPERS shall make all calculations and computations on a market value basis, as recorded by CalPERS Custodian.

**VII. GLOSSARY OF CALPERS-SPECIFIC TERMS**

*Italicized* terms appearing in the Policy are CalPERS specific in nature and are defined in the [CalPERS Specific Glossary of Terms](#)

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