

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**Report to the Risk and Audit Committee**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

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To the Risk and Audit Committee  
California Public Employees' Retirement System  
Sacramento, California

We have audited the financial statements of the fiduciary activities and the proprietary activities of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (the System) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 18, 2014. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

**Significant Audit Findings**

*Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the System are described in Note 2 to the basic financial statements. As described in Note 2 to the basic financial statements, effective July 1, 2013, the System adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*. We noted no transactions entered into by the System during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the fiduciary and proprietary activities' financial statements were:

- Actuarial valuations of total pension liabilities and actuarially determined contributions for the defined benefit pension plans
- Actuarial valuations of other postemployment benefit assets, liabilities and annual required contributions
- Fair value of real assets and private equity investments and related income
- Estimated insurance claims due in the Health Care Fund/Contingency Reserve Fund
- Estimated liability for future policy benefits in the Long-Term Care Fund

The actuarial pension data contained in Note 7 to the basic financial statements and required supplementary information is based on actuarial calculations performed in accordance with the parameters set forth in GASB Statement No. 67. The actuarial valuations are very sensitive to the underlying actuarial assumptions, including the discount rate.

The actuarial data for other postemployment benefits contained in Note 8 to the basic financial statements and required supplementary information is based on actuarial calculations and measurements performed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, GASB Statement No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans* and the System's OPEB Assumption Model.

Real assets consist of real estate, forestland and infrastructure investments. Directly held and joint venture real estate investment fair values are based on the related partnerships' March 31, 2014 financial statements adjusted for cash flow activities through June 30, 2014, or recent estimates provided by the System's independent appraisers. Commingled fund real estate, forestland, infrastructure, and private equity investment fair values were determined by management, in consultation with the general partner and investment advisors, based on the related partnerships' March 31, 2014 financial statements adjusted for cash flow activities through June 30, 2014.

The estimated insurance claims due in the Health Care Fund/Contingency Reserve Fund are based on actuarial estimates of incurred but not reported (IBNR) claims, disability extension claims and administrative expenses associated with those claims, as determined by the System's third-party administrator.

The estimated liability for future policy benefits in the Long-Term Care Fund is based on the present value of future benefits and expenses less the present value of future premiums, as determined by the System's third-party actuary. As described in Note 12 to the basic financial statements, the estimated liability for future policy benefits is very sensitive to the underlying actuarial assumptions, including a discount rate of 5.75 percent, morbidity, voluntary termination, conversion rates to fixed term policies, mortality, and rate increases.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

- The total pension liabilities for the cost-sharing multiple-employer and single employer defined benefit pension plans, which are based on the most recent actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2013 and rolled forward to June 30, 2014,
- The schedule of funded status for the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust, which is based on the most recent actuarial valuations and measurements provided by participating employers as of June 30, 2013.

As described in Notes 7 and 8 to the basic financial statements, actuarial valuations for the cost-sharing multiple-employer and single employer defined benefit pension plans and the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust other postemployment benefit plan involve estimates of the value and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and those amounts and assumptions are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

*Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

*Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached Schedule I summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements. In addition, the long-term expected rates of return for the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF) B, PERF C, LRF and JRF II were determined net of administrative expenses; this methodology does not conform to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Had the long-term expected rates of return been calculated without reduction for administrative expenses as required by GASB Statement No. 67, paragraph 44, the total and net pension liabilities for the PERF B, PERF C, LRF, and JRF II disclosed in Note 7 to the basic financial statements would be reduced by \$1.1 billion, \$509.1 million, \$15.8 million, and \$2.8 million, respectively. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of the fiduciary and proprietary activities.

*Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the System's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. Management consulted with other independent accountants regarding the application of certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 67, including the presentation of the PERF in the System's basic financial statements. Based on management's evaluation and analysis of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law and relevant provisions of GASB Statement No. 67, management determined the PERF should be reported in the System's basic financial statements as three separate plans: an agent multiple-employer plan and two cost-sharing multiple-employer plans. We agree, and to our knowledge, the other independent accountants also agree with the presentation based on our discussions with the other independent accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the System's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the following required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements:

1. Schedules of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios (Pension Plans)
2. Schedules of Plan Contributions (Pension Plans)
3. Schedule of Investment Returns (Pension Plans)
4. Schedule of Funding Progress (Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan)
5. Schedule of Employer Contributions (Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan)
6. Schedule of Claims Development Information (Health Care Fund)

Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the following supplementary information, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI:

1. Administrative and Investment Expenses (All Funds)
2. Investment Expenses (All Funds)
3. Consultant and Professional Services Expenses (All Funds)
4. Statement of Changes in Assets & Liabilities (Agency Fund)

With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the Introductory, Investment, Actuarial, Statistical, and Compliance sections, which accompany the financial statements in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, but are not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Risk and Audit Committee, Board of Administration and management of the System and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,