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ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. David Bullock, Macias, Gini & O'Connell

Ms. Debbie Chan, Macias, Gini & O'Connell

Mr. Rick Green, Macias, Gini & O'Connell

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRPERSON LIND: All right. We're going to
3 call to order the Risk and Audit Committee meeting.

4 Please take the roll.

5 COMMITTEE SECRETARY LEWIS: Ron Lind?

6 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Here.

7 COMMITTEE SECRETARY LEWIS: Dana Hollinger?

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLLINGER: Here.

9 COMMITTEE SECRETARY LEWIS: J.J. Jelincic?

10 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Here.

11 COMMITTEE SECRETARY LEWIS: Priya Mathur?

12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Here.

13 COMMITTEE SECRETARY LEWIS: Bill Slaton?

14 COMMITTEE MEMBER SLATON: Here.

15 COMMITTEE SECRETARY LEWIS: Theresa Taylor?

16 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Excused.

17 COMMITTEE SECRETARY LEWIS: Alan Lofaso.

18 ACTING COMMITTEE MEMBER LOFASO: Here.

19 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Thank you. Next item is the
20 Executive report. Ms. Eason.

21 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: Thank you. Good
22 afternoon or good evening, Mr. Chair and Committee
23 members. Cheryl Eason CalPERS staff. Today's meeting has
24 several strategic action items I wish to draw to your
25 attention.

1 As we wind down the 2015-16 fiscal year and
2 prepare for our year-end, we begin to move our focus to
3 the 2016-17 Enterprise Compliance, Enterprise Risk
4 Management, and the Office of Audit Services annual plans.
5 These action items today focus on the major goals and
6 activities and priorities for the coming fiscal year from
7 an integrated assurance approach for each of the
8 Compliance, Risk, and Audit Services areas.

9 Focusing on the current 2015-16 fiscal year, Mr.
10 Green from Macias, Gini & O'Connell will present the
11 independent auditor's 2016 annual plan for the Committee's
12 review and approval. This item provides an overview of
13 the MGO's scope, objectives, and deliverables for this
14 year's audit.

15 Related to the year-end financial reporting, I'm
16 pleased to inform the Committee that for the first time
17 CalPERS has been awarded by the State Information Officers
18 Council with a Gold Award for Excellence in State
19 Government Communications for its 2015 Comprehensive
20 Annual Financial Report, or CAFR. This annual report went
21 beyond the look of a traditional report with a sound
22 decision sustainable growth theme that was a new and
23 innovative approach for CalPERS CAFR. Thanks to everyone
24 for their efforts on this achievement.

25 There are 2 information items that I wish to

1 bring to your attention. The Audit Resolution Policy
2 revision reflects changes that address the Committee's
3 comments regarding acceptance of risk, as well as other
4 minor edits suggested in April's Risk and Audit Committee.

5 The second information item, the Semi-annual Risk
6 Report, describes the transition to the revised risk
7 management framework to more clearly identify and manage
8 top risks to CalPERS. CalPERS Chief Risk Officer, Mr.
9 Grimes, will be providing details on the process that
10 refines the enhanced risk reporting going forward.

11 And then finally, one of our CalPERS staff, Kami
12 Niebank, CalPERS Deputy Chief Compliance Officer, is being
13 spotlighted in tomorrow's issue of Compliance Week
14 Magazine, as one of their "Top Minds Projects", which is a
15 series of in-depth profiles of compliance officers and
16 experts in the compliance field.

17 The project aims to better understand how these
18 compliance officers view the world of compliance, lessons
19 learned, and what they think tomorrow's challenges and
20 opportunities will be.

21 So congratulations, Kami.

22 And the next Risk and Audit Committee meeting is
23 scheduled for September 20th, 2016 and will include the
24 finalist selection for the independent financial statement
25 auditor and the review of external audit fees.

1 And with that, this concludes my report. And I'd
2 be happy to take any questions.

3 CHAIRPERSON LIND: I don't see any.

4 So may we please have a motion to approve the
5 minutes of April 19th.

6 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: I'll move.

7 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Motion by Jelincic, second by
9 Mathur.

10 All in favor say aye?

11 (Ayes.)

12 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Any opposed?

13 That motion carries.

14 We do have a request to pull one item off of the
15 consent items, which is 4d, at the request of Mr.
16 Jelincic, so we will go to that, as soon as I -- you click
17 your button and I click mine.

18 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: A couple of things.
19 One, originally when I read it, I asked to pull it based
20 on page 3 of 3. Part of what it does is it changes the
21 approved audit plan that was approved by this Committee
22 and ultimately approved by the Board. And I just didn't
23 think it should be on a consent item, if it is altering
24 something that ultimately the Board had decided.

25 I do not know that it is unreasonable, but I just

1 think if you're going to make a change to something the
2 Board adopted, it should not be on consent.

3 In the briefing, the issue came up that we have
4 our -- the findings are consistently in compensation and
5 payroll, and -- so obviously, we're not doing the
6 communication we need. But one of the things that could
7 not be explained is what is the difference between
8 compensation, which is 47 percent of the findings, and
9 payroll, which is 28 percent of the findings? You know,
10 between the two that's, what, 85 percent of the findings.
11 So can we have a discussion about the difference between
12 pension -- or compensation and payroll, and then a
13 discussion on the changes you're making and the things
14 you're deferring.

15 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Good
16 afternoon, Mr. Chair and members of the Committee. Young
17 Hamilton, CalPERS staff. I'm filling in for Beliz
18 Chappuie today.

19 The question you have is related to our public
20 agency audit, so we're going to have our Assistant
21 Division Chief over the Public Agencies to address your
22 concerns.

23 SUPERVISING MANAGEMENT AUDITOR DIETZ: Good
24 afternoon. Cheryl Dietz, Office of Audit Services.

25 So you had a question regarding the difference

1 between the compensation and the payroll, is that correct?

2 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Yes.

3 SUPERVISING MANAGEMENT AUDITOR DIETZ: So when we
4 say we have compensation findings, we're talking about the
5 compliance with the Government Code related to
6 compensation earnable, such as pay rate not being
7 supported by the pay schedule. And then when we talk
8 about payroll findings, we're being pretty specific about
9 payroll elements being reported, such as monthly pay rate
10 being reported as hourly, or work schedule code that they
11 say -- when they report their payroll they say 56 hours,
12 but they truly are working 40 hours, both of which could
13 impact retirement allowance.

14 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: And how is that not a
15 compensation issue? I'm just confused between the two.

16 SUPERVISING MANAGEMENT AUDITOR DIETZ: Well, and
17 I think the reason we separated it is when we do our exits
18 with the program, they have 2 different areas within CSS,
19 one works with compensation and making sure it's in
20 compliance, the other one is working with the agencies
21 reporting on payroll. So that's how we -- that's why we
22 do it that way, because it's different. They work
23 together, but yet they -- different divisions -- or, I
24 don't know, units within that division do payroll, and
25 they work closely together with compensation.

1 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: If they're not
2 reporting the compensation properly --

3 SUPERVISING MANAGEMENT AUDITOR DIETZ: Correct.

4 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: -- doesn't that spill
5 over into the payrolls where the codes aren't matching up?
6 I mean --

7 SUPERVISING MANAGEMENT AUDITOR DIETZ: Well, no,
8 because they may not report -- so they may not report
9 reportable compensation, let's say special compensation
10 that should be reported. So you wouldn't see it in the
11 payroll reporting. But when they go to fix it, it will
12 have a -- they will need to work with payroll in that.

13 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Clear as mud.

14 And then the status of the audit plan.

15 SUPERVISING MANAGEMENT AUDITOR DIETZ: Renee, do
16 you want to talk about the compensation.

17 EMPLOYER ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT DIVISION CHIEF
18 OSTRANDER: So I can probably enhance that a little.
19 Renee Ostrander, CalPERS staff.

20 So our compensation area is really about whether
21 or not it's reportable. And the distinction is for
22 payroll it is reportable, but they didn't report it
23 correctly. So, yes, when you have a compensation issue,
24 it does impact payroll, because eventually whether or not
25 we determine it is reportable or it isn't reportable to

1 us, then it would -- then those teams would work with our
2 payroll teams to make sure it's reported properly.

3 Whereas if it's a payroll issue, it doesn't have
4 anything to do with the compensation area of determining
5 whether or not it's reportable, it's that they report the
6 correct elements correctly to us.

7 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: So I'm getting
8 clearer. Is there some that are both compensation -- the
9 same errors, both compensation and payroll?

10 EMPLOYER ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT DIVISION CHIEF

11 OSTRANDER: Yes, we will have some areas. So like I was
12 mentioning, if we determine that something -- for example,
13 something should be reported that they haven't been
14 reporting. Uniform allowance, and so we say the uniform
15 allowance should be reported, then our compensation team
16 will work with our payroll team to get it reported
17 correctly. So our compensation team starts with the
18 employer getting them to understand the reasons why it
19 needs to be reported, what the amounts are that needs to
20 be reported, and then our payroll team will follow up to
21 make sure it actually is reported correctly.

22 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: So the 85 percent is
23 somewhat overstated?

24 EMPLOYER ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT DIVISION CHIEF

25 OSTRANDER: No, it's not, because it does take -- there's

1 each individual finding. So when we say that it's a
2 compensation finding, those compensation findings
3 typically deal with not just our compensation area, but
4 may also deal with our payroll area, but they are two
5 separate. When we identify a finding, it's only
6 identified as an impact to one area. So it's identified
7 as a compensation finding or as a payroll finding, but it
8 could impact multiple areas. The same thing happens with
9 our retired annuitants. Those could impact both our
10 working after retirement area, in addition to our
11 membership area, but we only count it one time.

12 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Okay. And the -- and
13 can someone talk about the initiatives that are being
14 deferred on top of page 3 and why those...

15 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Those were the
16 projects that were deferred due to the number of vacancies
17 that we had in our office. We didn't have the resources
18 to do it.

19 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Okay. So it's simply
20 a resource issue.

21 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Yes.

22 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: And the decision --
23 other things are higher priorities than these?

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Right, because
25 some of the audits were already in progress. And these

1 were the ones that we had not initiated.

2 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: And does that suggest
3 that we have a resource issue going forward or do you
4 think you're going to be able to fill the vacancies and
5 not need the additional resources?

6 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: We just needed
7 to fill the vacancies, so it will be deferred to -- as
8 soon as we fill the vacancies, we can start audit.

9 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Okay. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Thank you.

11 Okay. We're now on to the action agenda items.
12 First up is the 2016-17 Enterprise Compliance Plan.

13 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
14 presented as follows.)

15 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO:

16 Good afternoon, Marlene Timberlake D'Adamo, staff
17 CalPERS staff.

18 Sorry. This is my first time using this.

19 --o0o--

20 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO:

21 Good afternoon. In the interests of time, I'm
22 not going to go through every single page of the report.
23 However, I will focus on a couple of pages that I think
24 will highlight what we intend to do for 2016-17.

25 --o0o--

1 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO: In
2 starting my comments however -- and actually I'm on
3 page -- I'm sorry, page 4, which is --

4 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: 42

5 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO: --
6 42 of 113 in the Board books.

7 Here, this should be somewhat familiar to you
8 ladies and gentlemen of the Board -- of the Risk and Audit
9 Committee. This is actually a discussion of our '16 and
10 '17 -- our '15, '16, and '17 progress. The blue bars, or
11 boxes, are really the elements of an effective compliance
12 program. And what we've done is we've made the white
13 boxes indicative of our focus areas for 2016 and '17, and
14 the tan boxes are indicating areas where work is underway.

15 --o0o--

16 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO:

17 Slide 5 is one that you've seen before. This is
18 really our five year compliance program.

19 --o0o--

20 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO: And
21 slide 6 is where I will spend probably the majority of the
22 time in this presentation talking about what we intend to
23 do for 16-17. Although, I would like to go back just one
24 bit, because I do neglect to mention sort of where we were
25 in 2015-16.

1 So in 2015-16, our focus areas were to expand
2 protocols and processes for operational controls, policy
3 management, reporting standards, and to continue
4 developing compliance principles, standards, and culture.

5 For 2016-17, our focus areas are going to include
6 continuing to mature protocols and processes in all areas,
7 rolling out standards and frameworks to additional program
8 areas, and continuing to mature compliance principles,
9 standards, and culture. So on this slide 6, what I'd
10 really like to focus on here is information regarding
11 where we think we are in terms of the development stage
12 for 16-17 and where we're going to be spending our time.

13 The blue boxes on the left-hand side of this
14 document are really the focus areas for 16-17. And the
15 '16 in the middle we're talking about and giving some
16 examples of some initiatives. These are things that we
17 intend to be doing during 16-17.

18 On the right-hand side for the development stage,
19 we've actually taken and made an effort to really peg
20 where we think we are in terms of progress. And so if you
21 look at the first enterprise ethics, we think that we are
22 in the -- in the reinforce area. And this is because this
23 area is one that has been operational for some time. And
24 we think that where we'd like to spend our time here is
25 really embarking on continuous improvement activities.

1 For the compliance and ethics communication
2 education and reporting, here we think that we're in
3 between the plan and design and the build section. And
4 here, we're looking at doing training, communications, and
5 focusing on things where we have externally mandated
6 reporting.

7 On enterprise, policy, and delegations, we think
8 that we are well into the build area here. And here,
9 we've highlighted things like enterprise policy management
10 implementation, delegation management, and authoritative
11 sources protocols and implementation.

12 And lastly, on enterprise compliance monitoring
13 and oversight, we think that we are just finishing the
14 plan and design, and entering into the build area. And
15 focuses in this area are going to be monitoring,
16 oversight, reporting, personal trading monitoring and
17 oversight, and embedded compliance development and
18 implementation.

19 --o0o--

20 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO:

21 Pages 7 through 10 really are pages that tease
22 out essentially what was on page 6. And so I'm not going
23 to go into them in detail, because they really do just
24 provide a little bit more detail around what I had just
25 stated on page 6.

1 --o0o--

2 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO: So
3 at this point, I will wrap-up and ask if there's any
4 questions. I want to thank you all for your time, and see
5 if anybody has any questions.

6 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Mr. Jelincic.

7 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: I continue to remain
8 uncomfortable with ICOR reporting to Investments. It
9 makes sense to embed them there, but the reporting is
10 troublesome.

11 Are all of the embedded compliance people going
12 to report to the people that they are monitoring
13 compliance of or are they going to -- are the others going
14 to report to ECOM?

15 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO: So
16 the model that we have right now is where we have, what we
17 call, embedded compliance liaisons. And the ICOR folks
18 are also liaisons. It's an arm where they are reporting
19 up through the Investment Office. We have liaisons in
20 other areas. Right now, we have 2. We're looking to
21 expand that area into other branches, and the expectation
22 is that those liaisons will report up through the
23 respective program area. They work with us. They attend
24 meetings with us. We have lots of different
25 communications and planning that we do. But the idea is

1 that they will report up through the branch that they're
2 part of.

3 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Okay. And I will
4 continue to remain uncomfortable with it, but I believe
5 I've lost that argument.

6 On the enterprise ethics and the whistle blower
7 and the hotline, I would like to see us actually any time
8 there is a complaint that impacts CalPERS employees, I
9 think that ought to be called out maybe in closed session.
10 But if we -- that's really where we're going to get a
11 early whistle that there maybe a problem. You know, if we
12 had had in place, we might have caught Fred earlier.

13 But I'd like -- I'm not going to insist on it,
14 but I want you to really think about if we really are into
15 transparency and we really want to be, you know, cleaner
16 that be Caesar's wife, then I think, quite frankly, we
17 need to have that early warning label. And those were the
18 points I wanted to make.

19 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Ms. Mathur.

20 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Yeah. No, I just
21 wanted to say that I think this is -- the plan for 2016-17
22 is sensible, and that I'm really encouraged by all the
23 work that is already underway and just feel that our
24 compliance program is maturing in the right way. I'm very
25 pleased to have you on board too, Ms. D'Adamo.

1 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO:

2 Thank you. I appreciate that.

3 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Yeah, I just wanted to add
4 that I appreciate the way that this is laid out for us in
5 this presentation, because it reminds us that our program
6 here is not a finished product. It's a work in progress,
7 so we look forward to continuing to hear and see the great
8 work that we're going to be doing moving forward.

9 So thank you.

10 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER TIMBERLAKE D'ADAMO:

11 Thank you. I would like to thank the staff,
12 because they've worked really hard to put this together.
13 And they're very interested to make sure that we have a
14 best-in-class program.

15 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Great. Thank you.

16 So next -- oh, we do need a motion to approve.

17 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Move approval.

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLLINGER: Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Moved by Mathur, second by
20 Hollinger.

21 Anything on the question?

22 All in favor say aye?

23 (Ayes.)

24 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Any opposed?

25 Motion carries.

1 Now, we're on to the 2016-17 Enterprise Risk
2 Management Plan.

3 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
4 presented as follows.)

5 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Good afternoon, Mr.
6 Chair and Committee members. Forrest Grimes, CalPERS
7 staff. I'm also going to shorten my presentation in the
8 interests of time. And certainly, if you have questions
9 along the way or at the end, I'd be happy to answer them.

10 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Forrest, could you move the
11 microphone a little bit closer?

12 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Oh, certainly. I'm
13 sorry.

14 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Thank you.

15 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: During the coming
16 year, the Enterprise Risk Management Division will work to
17 further strengthen the Integrated Assurance Model, which,
18 as you know, includes risk, compliance, and audits. We
19 will conduct integrated assurance interviews with each
20 division and executive, and then we will also work in 4
21 additional key areas, which include education and
22 training, asset liability management, refinement of the
23 Enterprise Risk Management framework, which we'll go into
24 more detail on in the Item 9a, and finally establish an
25 enterprise-wide risk management program, which includes

1 the integration with strategic planning. So those are the
2 4 main areas that we're going to be working in. Do you
3 have any questions on any of those or would you like me to
4 go into more detail?

5 CHAIRPERSON LIND: We do have a question from Mr.
6 Jelincic.

7 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: When you do this next
8 time, you refer to the budget and said -- just said it's
9 coming out of the approved Enterprise Risk Divisions.
10 Next time, I think it would be helpful to identify what
11 that budget is, the resources you have.

12 And the other observation I would make is that at
13 the top of the page, one of your goals is establishing
14 risk appetites and tolerances. And I wish you good luck
15 on getting this Board to help you with that.

16 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Okay. Well, thank
17 you for that.

18 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Ms. Mathur.

19 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Thank you.

20 Well, I was going to say that I actually think
21 it's a very good next step for us to, as a Board -- and as
22 a Committee first and then as a Board to consider what our
23 risk appetite tolerances are in risk areas. It's a very
24 challenging thing to do, but I think it is absolutely
25 appropriate for us to consider what is -- how many -- how

1 much resources do we want to assign to mitigate a
2 particular risk and how much risk are we willing to
3 withstand?

4 And that is our job. It might be a difficult
5 one, but it is our job to consider that in collaboration
6 with the executive team. So I appreciate that that's The
7 next step in what we're going to do. And I also
8 appreciate what you mentioned about integration with the
9 strategic plan, because I do think clearly what we have
10 identified as key risks has to be considered in terms of
11 what we -- how we develop our strategy should feed into
12 that, but then also as part of our strategy we should
13 be -- some of -- our metrics should also reflect perhaps
14 risk mitigation, or the Reduction of risk in certain
15 areas.

16 So I think it's sort of an iterative thing, but
17 it is -- it is something that I hope is well integrated
18 this dime around and would mean a big step forward.

19 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Well, thank you for
20 your comments, Ms. Mathur. And I think that in 9a we'll
21 get into certainly the risk appetite concept in more
22 detail. And I think we're really coming to some logical
23 next steps of how to implement that.

24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Great. Thank you.

25 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Okay. No further questions.

2 Is there a --

3 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Move it.

4 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Okay. Motion by Mathur to
5 approve the plan. Is there a second?

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLLINGER: Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Second by Hollinger.

8 Anything on the motion?

9 All in favor say aye?

10 (Ayes.)

11 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Any opposed?

12 Motion carries. Thank you, Forrest.

13 Next up is the audit, the independent auditor's
14 2016 annual plan.

15 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
16 presented as follows.)

17 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Welcome to Rick and his team.

18 MR. GREEN: Thank you.

19 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Good
20 afternoon, Mr. Chair and members of the Committee. Young
21 Hamilton, CalPERS staff.

22 Agenda Item 7a is an action item. Staff is
23 requesting Risk and Audit Committee to approve the Board's
24 independent auditor, Macias, Gini & O'Connell, MGO's,
25 audit plan for the audit of CalPERS financial statement as

1 of and for the fiscal year-ending June 30, 2016. The
2 presentation is to provide the Risk and Audit Committee
3 the opportunity to hear from the independent auditor
4 regarding their approach, objectives, scopes, and
5 deliverables, and enable the Committee to ask questions.

6 Presenting with me today is Rick Green, the
7 engagement partner with MGO.

8 MR. GREEN: Yeah. Can you hand me the clicker
9 for the slides.

10 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
11 presented as follows.)

12 MR. GREEN: Well, thank you very much. Thank you
13 for the Opportunity, members of the Committee, to present
14 our audit plan for the fiscal year-ending June 30th, 2016.
15 In addition to myself, to my right is a partner in our
16 practice David Bullock and you guys -- you've seen Debbie
17 Chan a director in our practice as well. Both will be
18 joining us in performing our work this year.

19 --o0o--

20 MR. GREEN: I'd like to begin -- hopefully, we
21 can get this -- okay. There we go. I'd like to begin by
22 introducing our engagement team. These year, as we have
23 in the past, very robust engagement team designed to
24 address the complexities that this organization has from a
25 financial accounting and reporting perspective.

1 You'll see across the top line, there are 3
2 partners assigned to this engagement. Again, I'll be the
3 engagement partner, but we've added David Bullock this
4 year to the engagement, again because of some of the
5 unique and advancing complexities that are in the
6 accounting standards. Dave is 1 of 15 people nationwide
7 to sit on the AICPA's State and Local Government Expert
8 Panel that addresses the audit issues that the independent
9 auditor has to consider, and also they design the audit
10 standards guide. So Dave is a good addition to our team
11 this year. So, Dave, thank you, and welcome.

12 In addition to Dave, we have the two directors,
13 Heather and Debbie Chan, in addition to two audit
14 managers. All very seasoned in performing audits of
15 public employee retirement systems. You'll also see that
16 we have 3 actuaries that are part of our engagement team.
17 Again, each of those individuals experienced in the area
18 of defined benefit pension plans, as well as health and
19 long-term care obligations, as well as OPEB's. And then
20 finally, you'll see an IT professional who will be
21 addressing the IT issues associated with the work that we
22 perform.

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24 MR. GREEN: So with respect to the scope of our
25 work, again as I previously mentioned, we have been

1 engaged to perform the financial statement audit for
2 CalPERS for the year-ending June 30th, 2016. Now, as a
3 by-product of that effort, there are 3 products, the
4 independent auditor's report that accompanies the
5 financial statements, the report to the Risk and Audit
6 Committee, which is a separate document, but it has
7 conversations on communications that are required by the
8 audit standards setters, and then finally, the management
9 comments and recommendation letter as the third and final
10 product that we'll be delivering to you in November.

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12 MR. GREEN: As far as the independent auditor
13 responsibilities, I like to always remind the Audit
14 Committee of those responsibilities. Our responsibility
15 is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable
16 assurance that the financial statements are free of
17 material error. And in our opinion, that's what we look
18 at, free of material error.

19 And we do that, we draw that conclusion by
20 obtaining sufficient and appropriate audit evidence as a
21 by-product of our audit procedures. And once that is
22 done, we conclude. So primary responsibility is to opine
23 on the basic financial statements.

24 Now, within the financial reporting package,
25 you'll also have required supplementary information, it is

1 unaudited. And we say so in our report, but still this
2 information is required by the standard setters in order
3 to put full perspective around the basic financial
4 statements, okay. But the reason -- because we don't --
5 the reason why we don't opine or it's not audited is
6 because this information, in large part, is not derived
7 from the underlying books and records that we audit or
8 that is a by-product of the financial reporting process.
9 So it's outside of that.

10 And then finally there -- the area of the
11 supplementary information. This is information that is
12 not part of the basic financial statements. It's not
13 required by the standard setters, such as the RSI, but
14 still management has put it in to supplement the financial
15 statements. This information is a by-product of the books
16 and records that is subject to the audit process. So
17 thus, we render what's called an in-relation-to opinion,
18 okay?

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20 MR. GREEN: So those are our responsibilities.

21 Now, again, management's responsibilities in this
22 whole process to prepare the financial statements in
23 accordance with GAAP, which includes free of material
24 misstatement; to design, implement, and monitor internal
25 controls over financial reporting; and then finally, to

1 respond and implement an action plan on our comments
2 should they arise during the course of our work.

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4 MR. GREEN: The audit timeline very consistent
5 with that in the past. We've begun the planning process.
6 We'll rotate into interim, which we've just barely begun.
7 And then the year-end field work. By the way, the interim
8 work is work that we do, such as obtaining understanding
9 of the environment, updating our understanding of internal
10 controls, testing internal controls. All the work that
11 you can do prior to getting year-end numbers that
12 ultimately will be reflected in the financial statements.

13 The year-end testing will be done during the
14 year-end field work, which will end in October. And then
15 finally, the report issuance, the 3 documents in which I
16 referred to, the independent auditor's report, as well as
17 the communication with those charged with governance, and
18 management comments. A recommendation letter will be
19 issued in October, and then presented in the November
20 meeting.

21 Now, one thing that's different this year is
22 we've accelerated the completion and report -- of the
23 management comments and recommendation letter. If you
24 recall, typically we've presented that in February or
25 March, depending upon when the next meeting was subsequent

1 to November.

2 This year, management has committed, along with
3 our team, to get this before you, along with the other
4 products, so we'll get it all done in one time. Okay.

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6 MR. GREEN: The audit approach. I want to spend
7 a little bit of time on here, because this is the most
8 important part of what we do. The audit approach, in
9 large part, is a by-product of the audit standards that
10 are promulgated by the AICPA, but those are just -- that's
11 just the minimum hurdle.

12 What we do is we take the audit standards, and
13 then we tailor our audit approach given our knowledge
14 and -- our institutional knowledge of CalPERS. And so
15 what we do is put it in 3 phases, the planning phase, the
16 execution phase, and reporting. The planning is very
17 important. That is where we document our understanding of
18 internal and external factors that could influence the
19 financial reporting, the things that have changed from
20 last year, in this case, since we've been doing the audit,
21 Internally, or look at external factors, such as new
22 accounting standards.

23 We take into consideration those factors, and
24 then we update our understanding of the system of internal
25 control. And then once we have done that, we rotate or

1 transition into the risk assessment process. This is the
2 most important part of the audit process. It is the point
3 in time where we're we look at the operations, financial
4 reporting of this organization, and we identify areas that
5 have a high degree of inherent risk of material
6 misstatement in the financial statements, so we look for
7 risk indicators.

8 Things that would indicate risk are such as
9 complex transactions, complex accounting standards, where
10 the recording or measurement of the amounts are difficult,
11 or the disclosures are complicated, such as the investment
12 disclosures, for example.

13 We look at other areas where there -- it's a
14 voluminous transaction cycle. So the volume of
15 transactions are significantly, like the benefit payments.
16 That tends to give you a little higher degree of inherent
17 risk.

18 Any areas within the financial statements that
19 are by-products of estimates are another area where you
20 tend to have higher inherent risk. So we identify these
21 areas as part of the risk assessment process, and then we
22 respond to that risk through the design of our audit
23 procedures.

24 Once we get past that, we go into the execution
25 of our work, again interim and year-end field work, and

1 then finally into the reporting in the 3 documents, in
2 which I already referred to previously.

3 So as we transition, or as we are going through
4 our planning phase right now, some of the significant
5 audit areas that we anticipate having to address, as a
6 result of our risk assessment, are before you.
7 Investments, as you would expect, and related income,
8 estimated insurance claim liabilities in your proprietary.

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10 MR. GREEN: Contribution of Benefit payments.

11 And again, because of the voluminous nature of the
12 transaction cycle. Premium revenue, claims expenses, and
13 then actuarial valuations for your cost-sharing plan.
14 Again, with the implementation of GASB 67, the
15 cost-sharing plan, actual information for the net pension
16 liability and other related pension amounts are included
17 in there. So we do a lot of work with the actuarial
18 sciences.

19 And if -- active member census data testing is
20 another one. We do a lot of work in census data area for
21 the cost-sharing plans.

22 And finally, we've got a new accounting standard,
23 GASB 72, that speaks to fair value that Dave will cover in
24 a minute we'll be some -- an area, because it's a new
25 disclosure significant risk.

1 And finally, Management is contemplating the
2 early implementation of GASB 74, which relates to the
3 OPEB. So that -- should it be early implemented, it would
4 be addressed as well.

5 But in addition to this, I want you to know that
6 we're also continuing to build on other areas of our work
7 in the past. And, for example, we will be -- we will
8 be -- actually, let's go to the next slide.

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10 MR. GREEN: So as a result of these risk areas,
11 what we do is we design more tailored or robust audit
12 procedures, some of which will include bringing in
13 specialists to augment our own experience.

14 So with regard to some of the more significant or
15 robust audit procedures, we will be reviewing general
16 partner financial statements. This is primarily in the
17 area of private equity investments, because of the
18 valuation issues. And just in that area there, we look to
19 see that these financial statements have an unqualified
20 opinion. There are no material weaknesses in internal
21 control or significant deficiencies.

22 We look at the valuation methodology to make sure
23 that it's in accordance with GAAP. So we do much -- a lot
24 of work in there. We look at service organization
25 reports. This will affect the custodians for the assets

1 as well as health care providers. We do a lot of data
2 extraction, where -- especially in the area of benefits
3 and contributions, where we actually test 100 percent of
4 all transactions because of the use of the software as
5 opposed to a sample.

6 And then finally, we use the actuarial
7 consultants to a great degree for the defined benefit
8 plans, OPEB, as well as health care. They not only look
9 to make sure that the actuarial work that's done
10 internally here is in accordance with the actuarial
11 standards, but also complies with the audit -- or
12 accounting standards as well. And then again, the use of
13 a health care specialist.

14 So I'm just summarizing -- it's pretty -- this is
15 a summary level. It's a very robust audit approach, audit
16 plan, and we've got a lot of highly qualified people
17 assisting us this year. So with that, I'd like to turn it
18 over to Dave who will talk about some recent developments
19 in the accounting and financial reporting.

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21 MR. BULLOCK: Okay. So I'm just going to cover
22 some of the recent pronouncements.

23 GASB has been very busy. You'd think after 67
24 and 68, they'd give you a little bit of a break, but no.
25 They've been busy. They've issued about a dozen

1 statements over the last year. And so we've summarized 6
2 statements that will probably have some level of impact to
3 CalPERS. The first one is GASB 72. That's the fair value
4 standards. And fair value is not a new concept. It's
5 been around for about 20 years when they issued GASB 31.
6 But what 72 does is it actually gives you some guidance on
7 how to measure fair value, which was really missing from
8 the previous standards.

9 And so that will have a small impact, I think, to
10 your overall financial reporting. And management has been
11 working to identify implementation issues. And I think
12 that's pretty much done working with our team. But in
13 addition to the measurement of fair value, there's a lot
14 of additional disclosure, disclosure about the techniques
15 used to measure fair value, and the observable inputs,
16 meaning, you know, how easily it was to determine fair
17 value. And you'll classify your investments into 3
18 categories showing the hierarchy of those investments. So
19 that will be a change that will be implemented this year.
20 And you'll see the impacts of that when you see the
21 financial statements in November.

22 The second standard is GASB 73. And this is
23 really to capture pension benefits that weren't
24 administered through trusts. So basically, those pension
25 benefits that weren't part of a trust, which was GASB 67

1 and 68 really aren't being measured by employers, and
2 they're just doing a pay-as-you-go method for those
3 currently. And what GASB wanted is to capture all pension
4 benefits by the employers. So it doesn't impact you
5 directly. However, you know, one -- some of the benefits
6 that will be subject to this new standard are those
7 pension benefits that exceed the statutory limits under
8 the Internal Revenue Code 415, and therefore employers may
9 be looking to CalPERS for help in trying to determine the
10 value or the extent of those obligations and may need some
11 help there.

12 The other part of this standard is some
13 amendments to GASB 67 and 68. So they're already looking
14 at, you know, implementation issues that have been
15 observed over the past year in identifying areas that need
16 to be improved. And so they issued some information on
17 trend disclosures, separately finance the employer
18 liabilities, and some revenue recognition issues for
19 employers. So it provides some clarification there.

20 GASB 74 is the third one we're talking about, and
21 that's on OPEB standards. And so you have the CERBT
22 trust, the OPEB funds that will be affected by that.

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24 MR. BULLOCK: And 74 is really a mirror of 67, so
25 it's on the plan side and the plan reporting for those

1 OPEB benefits. And so, as Rick mentioned in the previous
2 slide, management is considering early implementing 74.
3 It's not required until fiscal year-end June 30th, 2017.
4 But earlier implementation may be a benefit for CalPERS.
5 And so I think management is determining whether or not
6 the information is available and whether or not it makes
7 sense to early implement GASB 74.

8 For 76, that's just establishing the hierarchy of
9 GASB -- or excuse me of GAAP, generally accepted
10 accounting principles. And so GASB is just trying to
11 define what they believe is the hierarchy that prepares
12 the financial information should be looking to as they
13 prepare financial statements.

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15 MR. BULLOCK: The fifth item is GASB 79 for
16 external investment pools. And these are very short term,
17 very secure investments, very low risk investments. And
18 so for those types of investment pools, they're 2a7-like
19 pools, where the fair value is very close to the amortized
20 cost basis. And so GASB is giving them the ability to
21 elect to report their investments and amortize costs. In
22 the event that CalPERS has any external investment pools
23 that measures their investments of amortized costs, you
24 would just follow suit on your financial statements and in
25 your disclosures.

1 And then finally, another amendment to GASB 67
2 and 68, and that's GASB 82. They redefined covered
3 payroll. One of the issues that came up during
4 implementation was that plans didn't have total payroll of
5 the employees. They only had what was reported as
6 pensionable payroll. And so they were unable to report
7 the information in accordance with the new definition. So
8 what GASB decided to do was just revert back to the old
9 definition to make the information more readily available.

10 It also brought up the standards on the actuarial
11 valuations in terms of what constitutes GAAP. And it
12 requires the actuaries follow the actuarial standards of
13 practice when they do their valuations. And any deviation
14 from that would be considered a departure from GAAP.

15 And finally, the last one is employer-paid member
16 contributions were an issue from employers. And, you
17 know, some of these contributions employers were trying to
18 treat as employer-paid contributions versus member
19 contributions. And so there was a clarification there
20 that however the plan defines member contributions should
21 be reported as such. And so the employer should really be
22 following how the plan defines those contributions. And
23 so those were a couple of clarifications GASB added to 67
24 and 68.

25 MR. GREEN: Thank you, Dave. So that completes

1 our presentation. More than happy to address questions
2 that you have.

3 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Mr. Jelincic.

4 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: So on the basic
5 financial statements, you audit that and you express an
6 opinion as to whether it's been reported in accordance
7 with GAAP. On the required supplemental information,
8 that's not really based on the financial records, so you
9 look at it, you see that it's reasonable, but you don't
10 really express an opinion.

11 MR. GREEN: Yeah. We mentioned that it doesn't
12 contain any information that would conflict with that
13 information contained in the basic financial statements.

14 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Okay. And then on
15 the other supplemental information, is that audited or not
16 audited?

17 MR. GREEN: Yeah. What it is, it -- we -- if you
18 were to look in a prior auditor's report, you'll see a
19 paragraph there that basically states that this
20 information comes or is a by-product of the underlying
21 books and records of the entity in which it was subjected
22 to the audit. And as a result what we do, is we say it's
23 fairly -- this information is fairly stated in relation to
24 the basic financial statements.

25 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Okay. And then, you

1 know, everybody in this room knows I've been concerned
2 about private equity and reporting it and accounting.

3 MR. GREEN: And I expected a question.

4 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: And probably most of
5 the people who are still hanging around watching it. And
6 I had warned you the question was coming. GASB 67 changed
7 the definition slightly of investment expense. And it's
8 something that CEM whose done our cost analysis has
9 pointed out. But it says that in investment-related
10 costs -- for the definition of an investment expense,
11 "Investment-related costs should be reported as an
12 investment expense if they are separable from, A,
13 investment income, and B, the administrative expenses of
14 the fund".

15 MR. GREEN: That's correct.

16 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: The management fees,
17 the carry in private equity - and I'll get to the other
18 assets later - really are separable, and yet we're not
19 reporting them. So you may want to explain the definition
20 of separable and we'll --

21 MR. GREEN: Yeah. No, I --

22 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: -- just so you're set
23 up, you know, the question I'm going to follow up with, if
24 we can't separate it, how do we know that we're actually
25 paying it appropriately? And I will throw those questions

1 to either you or our CFO, whichever is the appropriate
2 person.

3 MR. GREEN: Well, let me speak to the accounting
4 first, since you referred to GASB 67. And that is
5 correct, you know, the area where you cited was an area
6 that speaks to related -- or investment-related costs.
7 And the change -- the language changed a little bit from
8 the old standard to the new standard. The old standard
9 said that you should identify those costs that are readily
10 separable. Okay. And now it just used separable.

11 So the way that you look at it to determine if
12 something is separable is is it identifiable? Okay. Can
13 you identify that component of cost? And if you can, the
14 accounting standard says all right we should classify that
15 as an investment expense.

16 Okay. Now, there are certain investment costs,
17 as you mentioned, that the industry has had problems with,
18 the performance fee or otherwise carried interest at
19 times, and generally, tends to be netted with investment
20 income. And it becomes problematic in terms of meeting
21 the definition of separable, because you can't
22 specifically identify it as collapsed with the net income.
23 And then it's just part of the calculation for the net
24 asset value, which is the appropriate way to account for
25 those, by the way. It's reflected as part of the net

1 asset value, and ultimately rolls through the net and
2 realized gains and losses on the statement of changes and
3 fiduciary net position.

4 But anyway, to go to your -- the question is in
5 order to be -- to determine if it is separable, it must be
6 identifiable. You must be able to identify it and measure
7 it.

8 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: And so I don't know
9 if you're familiar with the new ILPA template.

10 MR. GREEN: I have seen it.

11 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: That clear -- once we
12 get everybody on that, clearly it becomes identifiable
13 is -- would you agree?

14 MR. GREEN: Well, it depends. It depends if all
15 the general partners are participating in it. See,
16 another issue that you have to consider, at least as from
17 an auditor's perspective, is where is it located? You
18 know, currently the general partners typically again will
19 net these amounts and not reflect them on their financial
20 statements -- their audited financial statements.

21 And so, for me, you know, there's no assurance
22 being given to those numbers. And so, for example, if you
23 were to extract out this number and show it on some
24 template, but yet as an independent auditor I can't go to
25 the general partners audited financial statements to get

1 comfortable that -- with this particular number, then it
2 becomes problematic from an audit perspective. Okay. So
3 you have to consider that as well, what the -- how the
4 general partner is accounting for this.

5 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Okay. But we -- we
6 have been told that 95 percent of our partners -- our
7 public equity partners are compliant with the previous
8 standard, the 2012 template. And yet, on the, you know,
9 capital call and distribution template, there is a
10 specific line for management fees, the gross calculation,
11 the waiver amount, fee offset, and the amount of money
12 they're calling.

13 MR. GREEN: Um-hmm.

14 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: So since we have that
15 for all of those distributions, wouldn't it be separable
16 and identifiable?

17 MR. GREEN: It would outside of the audited
18 financial statements of the general partner and certainly
19 outside of the internal controls and processes here at
20 CalPERS. So at this point, you know, for us, the haven't
21 been -- I have not seen anything within the general
22 partner's audited financial statements that would indicate
23 that it is readily separable, or separable.

24 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: When you do your
25 audit, I would encourage you to look at the capital call

1 and distribution templates, because that's what we pay
2 them

3 MR. GREEN: But on their audited financial
4 statements, it does not show -- I mean, they do net those
5 with the income, correct?

6 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: So --

7 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Excuse me, J.J., could you,
8 within 5 minutes, try to wrap-up this line of questioning.

9 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: I'm going to try.

10 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Because we're really just
11 trying to accept the plan, right, not totally investigate
12 the private equity piece.

13 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: So when you look at
14 those expenses, you look at the GP's financial statement,
15 you don't look at the documents that we use to generate
16 the money we're sending out?

17 MR. GREEN: No, when we -- at this point in time,
18 given the accounting that's done at CalPERS, what we do is
19 we'll look at the general partner's financial statements
20 predominantly to get comfortable with the calculation of
21 the net asset value for fair value testing.

22 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Okay. And X the --

23 MR. GREEN: Which, by the way, is the correct way
24 for those type of investments to be accounted for. So I
25 want to make it clear that CalPERS, in the -- with respect

1 to private equity, is accounting correctly for those
2 investments at net asset value, which does include the
3 netting of performance fees with income. I mean, that
4 is -- now, I recognize amongst industry, it's a
5 conversation to be able to more specifically identify
6 them, thus allowing them to become separable for
7 benchmarking purposes. But I just want to make clear that
8 CalPERS is following GAAP at this point in time.

9 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Well, I would
10 encourage you to look at particularly paragraph 27.

11 MR. GREEN: Okay.

12 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Okay. But the other
13 question -- outside of private equity, we've got a whole
14 list here of investment expenses to, you know, the various
15 outside managers X private equity, that runs up to a
16 billion dollars. And yet, we don't have any investment
17 expenses in the financial statement, so I would just
18 encourage you to look at that.

19 MR. GREEN: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Okay. Any other questions?

21 Can we have --

22 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Move approval.

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLLINGER: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Okay. That was a second.

25 Okay. Motion by Mathur, second by Hollinger.

1 Anything on the question?

2 All in favor say aye?

3 (Ayes.)

4 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Any opposed?

5 Motion carries. Thank you, Rick.

6 MR. GREEN: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Look forward to working with
8 you. Okay. Young, you're going to talk about the 2016-17
9 Office of Audit Services plan.

10 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Yes. Good
11 afternoon, Mr. Chairman.

12 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Your microphone, please.

13 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Good
14 afternoon, Mr. Chair and members of the Committee. Young
15 Hamilton, CalPERS staff.

16 Agenda Item 7b is an action item. Staff is
17 requesting Risk and Audit Committee to approve Office of
18 Audit Services proposed audit plan for fiscal year
19 2016-17. The International Standards for the Professional
20 Practice of Internal Auditing requires the Chief Auditor
21 to establish a risk-based audit plan to determine the
22 priorities of the internal audit activity consistent with
23 the organization's goals.

24 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
25 presented as follows.)

1 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: The office's
2 charter requires the Chief Auditor to submit at least
3 annually an internal audit plan to the Committee and the
4 Board for review and approval. In developing the
5 risk-based audit plan, Office first established an audit
6 universe. The audit universe is a list of all possible
7 audits that could be performed for the organization.

8 The office performed a risk assessment to
9 prioritize the auditable activities for the fiscal year.
10 Office has to 2 major audit programs, internal audit and
11 public agency audit. To perform the risk assessment for
12 internal audit, office took into consideration the CalPERS
13 strategic goals and objectives, changes in laws and
14 regulations, significance of operations to financial
15 reporting, complexity of processes, sensitivity of
16 information, and prior audit and findings. Office also
17 considered input from the Board, executive management, and
18 senior management.

19 For the public agency audit, office performed a
20 risk assessment to identify high risk compliance areas for
21 review. Using data analytics, office will determine the
22 high-risk agencies for these compliance areas to review in
23 fiscal year 2016-17. Office's goal is to identify a
24 minimum of 60 agencies for each compliance activity
25 selected for review.

1 In fiscal year 2016-17, full compliance
2 activities were identified for review. Office plans to
3 increase the number of activities reviewed in future
4 years. This presents a change to the public agency audits
5 in order to bring efficiencies to the audit process and
6 increase the utilization of business intelligence.

7 Office also provides assistance to management, so
8 we allocated resources toward responding to special
9 requests and consulting projects. Additionally, office
10 coordinates contracted external audit and reviews,
11 including the financial statement audit, Governmental
12 Accounting Standards Board Statement number 68 audit, real
13 asset and other specialty investment audits, and actuarial
14 valuation and certification services.

15 In fiscal year 2016-17, office will be performing
16 technical proposal evaluation for the Board's independent
17 financial statement auditor and request for the Board's
18 selection of the finalists to appear before the Risk and
19 Audit Committee in November for an oral interview.

20 The RFP was issued in May 2016 to initiate a
21 competitive bidding process to seek an external audit firm
22 for a new contract beginning January 1st, 2017. To remain
23 flexible and responsive to the changes in the
24 organization's business risk, operations, systems, and
25 controls. We will review and update the fiscal year

1 2016-17's audit plan as necessary. Proposed modifications
2 to the audit plan will be presented to the Committee as
3 needed during the year.

4 This concludes my presentation. I'm happy to
5 answer any questions.

6 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Thank you, Young.

7 I don't see any.

8 May I have a motion to approve the plan.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLLINGER: Motion to approve.

10 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Motion by Hollinger, second by
12 Mathur.

13 All in favor say aye?

14 (Ayes.)

15 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Any opposed?

16 That motion carries. Thank you.

17 That's it for the action items. We're now on to
18 the information agenda items. And first is 8a, the Audit
19 Resolution Policy Revision.

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Okay. Good
21 afternoon again, Mr. Chair, members of the Committee.
22 Young Hamilton, CalPERS staff.

23 Agenda Item 8a is an information item. In April
24 2016 Office of Audit Services presented the revisions made
25 to the existing audit resolution policy. We have

1 incorporated changes proposed by the Risk and Audit
2 Committee. This policy is consistent with the
3 International Standards for the Professional Practice of
4 Internal Auditing, which requires the Chief Auditor to
5 establish a follow-up process to monitor the disposition
6 of audit findings, and ensure that many management actions
7 have been effectively implemented or that executive staff
8 has accepted the risk of not taking action.

9 The Audit Resolution Policy is updated
10 periodically and was last updated in November 2013. The
11 key revisions are:

12 The acceptance of risk sections for both internal
13 audits and public agency reviews have been revised to
14 clarify the Audit Division may accept risk of not
15 implementing corrective action, unless it violates
16 applicable laws and regulations. The term "Deputy" was
17 clarified as meaning Deputy Executive Officer.

18 Other minor edits were made to add clarity and
19 ensure that consistent language was used throughout the
20 policy. I would like to bring to your attention that
21 under public agency reviews the Acceptance of Risk
22 Section. We will further modify to state, "Unless it
23 violates the public agency's retirement laws or applicable
24 regulations". In addition, we will make sure that usage
25 of "shall" and "will" is proper and consistent throughout

1 the policy.

2 This concludes my presentation. I'm happy to
3 answer any questions.

4 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Ms. Mathur.

5 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Well, I just wanted to
6 say thank you for the modifications. I think they do
7 clarify the policy. I recognize that it has now been
8 moved from being an action item to being an information
9 item, that it doesn't require the Committee's approval.
10 So I just wanted to thank you for those changes.

11 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Right. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Mr. Jelincic.

14 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: And thank you for
15 listening to my comments on the briefing.

16 On page 3 of 8, 99 of the iPad, "it" is still --
17 the antecedent to "it" in the second line of acceptance of
18 risk is still not clear. And that was it.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Okay. Thank you, everybody.
21 Thank you, Young, for the report.

22 ASSISTANT CHIEF AUDITOR HAMILTON: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON LIND: We're going to move on to 9a,
24 the Semi-annual Enterprise Risk Reports.

25 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: So while our

1 Chief Risk Officer Joins us, I'll just mention that this
2 is an update to our current state of the CalPERS
3 Enterprise Risk Management risk reporting efforts. And
4 Forrest and his staff have worked with the CalPERS
5 organization to review the 30 enterprise risks that you
6 would have originally seen by this Committee in November
7 2015.

8 And the intent was that we were going to go back
9 and refine those risks. That's what you're seeing in
10 attachment 3 of this item, the risk refinement map. We're
11 looking for review and feedback from the Committee. But
12 as part of this transformational effort, we'll -- we will
13 bring this -- the risk dashboard and all the reports back
14 in November with the refined risks. So with that, I'll
15 just let Forrest take over from here.

16 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Thank you, Cheryl.
17 Again, Forrest Grimes, CalPERS staff.

18 This item really describes the transition to the
19 revised risk management framework that Cheryl alluded to.
20 Basically, we will be reducing the number of enterprise
21 risks from the prior 30 risks to 11 more focused risks
22 that appear in your attachment 1.

23 Also, we're -- we will incorporate the risk
24 profile sheet for each risk. And there's a sample
25 included which is for the compliance risk and that's

1 included as attachment 2. We're excited about this
2 particular tool, because really it does a lot of things
3 that we think are very positive.

4 The risk profile sheets show the relationship to
5 the business objective. They list the risk drivers, shows
6 the current mitigations in place, reveals the residual
7 risk - and this work will be completed in Q1 and Q2 of
8 this fiscal year as we move forward - shows the future
9 mitigation planned for the near term. And I think
10 probably one of the most interesting things, and as we'd
11 touched on previously, this tool provides a platform for
12 more focused risk appetite development and discussion,
13 which I'm hoping will kind of help the Committee to engage
14 on that topic.

15 And as Cheryl mentioned, this will produce a new
16 risk dashboard in November of 2016. I do want to point
17 out that there is an error in the executive summary of the
18 memo which states 2017. Truly that was my mistake and I
19 apologize for that. But truly, we're targeting November
20 2016 for the new risk dashboard.

21 And with that, I'm going to ask if you have any
22 questions.

23 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Ms. Mathur.

24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Yeah. Well, I think
25 it's appropriate and practical to reduce down the key

1 risks from 30 to 11. Maybe it should even be fewer, but I
2 think given the complexity of the organization, maybe 11
3 is as far as we can go. With respect to the enterprise
4 risk profile, I think it will be a very useful tool. And
5 I appreciate the thought behind it, and that it will help
6 us to sort of in one page drill down on a particular risk.
7 And I expect -- you and I talked about this on the phone
8 that once we have established risk appetites and
9 tolerances, they will be added to the profiles on a
10 going-forward basis.

11 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Yes, that's accurate.

12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Great. And will there
13 be some way that this is -- I see that it's linked to the
14 business objective, but will there be somehow that these
15 are also linked to the strategic plan once that comes
16 on-line.

17 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Yes. We're actually
18 going to be performing -- that was kind of in the
19 presentation that I didn't quite cover due to the
20 interests of time. But basically, we're going to be
21 performing a gap analysis next with our strategic planning
22 group, and we will tie these risks to the appropriate
23 strategic plan and make sure that there's -- that there's
24 alignment and that we haven't really missed something is
25 the purpose of that exercise initially.

1 COMMITTEE MEMBER MATHUR: Terrific. Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Mr. Slaton.

3 COMMITTEE MEMBER SLATON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

4 In the interests of time, I don't want to go
5 through in detail, but I do want to raise 2 issues, and we
6 talked about it earlier. There's 2 of these that I'm not
7 sure belong on the list. When you compare each of these
8 and the ramifications of failure, it raises to a very high
9 level.

10 So the two that I would say that bears some
11 discussion later is the inability to offer high quality
12 accessible health care at a competitive price. So the way
13 I interpret that, that means that, especially for the
14 local agencies, they don't see it as a competitive
15 product. I don't view that as the same kind of risk like
16 inability to deliver benefits. I just think it's at a
17 totally different scale in terms of the issue.

18 The other one is the next to the last one.
19 "Inability to meet CalPERS strategic and business
20 objectives in a cost effective and efficient manner". You
21 know, I just again don't see that as a systemic risk
22 issue. It's a qualitative issue, and certainly one we
23 should pay attention to, but I'm not sure it bears being
24 on the list with the others.

25 So I'll just raise that. It doesn't have to be

1 resolved today, but that would be my concerns.

2 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Yeah. Thank you for
3 your comments.

4 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Mr. Jelincic.

5 COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: And on the risk
6 statements, you know, as we talked on the briefing, I
7 think some of them are misstated, although the intent is
8 right. And then on the enterprise risk profile, you know,
9 in terms of risk drivers, it's not the knowledge of
10 applicable laws and rules it's the lack of. And that
11 shows up a few times.

12 Thank you.

13 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Thank you for your
14 comments too, Mr. Jelincic.

15 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Mr. Lofaso.

16 ACTING COMMITTEE MEMBER LOFASO: Thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman. Just a quick question -- or statement. My
18 impression was last fall a lot of the different committees
19 were reviewing the particular risk domains in their area,
20 and that was an opportunity, in some of the committees, to
21 drill down. And I remember, and I think it was in Pension
22 and Health Benefits, there were 2 risk domains. And one
23 was sort of some -- what I thought was objective data. It
24 was rates of processing certain benefits, and another risk
25 domain the data source was more sort of survey data, which

1 perhaps it's not fair for me to call that subjective, but
2 maybe not as objective.

3 As we go forward, I'm wondering if you might
4 offer us a little insight as you refine the -- I don't
5 know if we're still calling them risk domains as we go
6 from -- sorry, is it 30 or 20? The sources of data we're
7 using to determine what the risks are as we categorize
8 them, I just offer that feedback.

9 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Certainly. And I
10 think the integrated assurance interviews are still really
11 in place, and that's one of the major sources of where
12 this information is coming from that would have produced
13 what you spoke to.

14 ACTING COMMITTEE MEMBER LOFASO: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Okay. I don't see any other
16 questions.

17 Forrest, I just wanted to say it's unfortunate
18 that we're rolling through this at 6:00 o'clock at night
19 and you had to truncate your presentation. This is
20 obviously very important work and you've got us off to a
21 great start with this tool that you've laid out. And so
22 we're looking forward to spending more time with you as we
23 go forward on the work.

24 CHIEF RISK OFFICER GRIMES: Thank you. And I
25 look forward to that too. And I just wanted to thank the

1 staff and many of who are still here with me this evening
2 for their hard work.

3 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Yeah. Thanks to all of you
4 for hanging in with us.

5 All right. I don't see any requests for public
6 comment. And I skipped over, Cheryl, do you have any sort
7 of Summary of Committee Direction?

8 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: No. I think I've
9 just made a couple of notes in terms of follow up just on
10 some of the items that I think we'd want to take back as
11 feedback. And those will be reflected when we bring those
12 items back next time.

13 CHAIRPERSON LIND: Okay. So we are going to
14 adjourn to closed session.

15 (Thereupon the California Public Employees'
16 Retirement System, Board of Administration,
17 Risk and Audit Committee open session
18 meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.)
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