



Finance and Administration Committee

Agenda Item 6a

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Item Name: Reporting on Participating Employers

Program: Pension Contract Management Services

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Executive Summary

This information item is presented as part of the quarterly update to the Committee regarding the status of participating employers. The presentation provides funded status breakdown information on the participating employer population, as well as rate plan types and process improvements the team has made in order to further strengthen and protect the Pension Fund.

Strategic Plan

This agenda item supports Fund Sustainability and Risk Management Goals of the CalPERS 2017-2022 Strategic Plan, which aims to strengthen the long-term sustainability of the pension fund. Pension and health funding are considered a strategic risk to the organization, and proper management of employer contracts and collection of payments are critical to ensuring long-term sustainability.

Background

In May 2017, the FAC received updated information on the status of contracting agencies that were significantly delinquent in payment of obligations to the California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CalPERS" or "System"). The FAC directed staff to refine the increments provided in the funded status report and rate plan types.

Analysis

The attached participating employers' quarterly report provides an update on the process improvements made to improve oversight of contracting employer partners. Process improvements include:

- Drafted proposed 2018 legislation changes to accelerate notifications to all members.
- Adopted a risk oversight and monitoring process to improve early detection of agencies with inactive plans.
- Continue monitoring to identify and quantify risks using standardized review criteria.

Budget and Fiscal Impacts

Not applicable

Benefits and Risks

Clearly defined processes for risk oversight, collections and contract terminations will provide the following benefits:

- Timely resolution of routine collections issues;

- Timely attention to and escalation of serious collections issues to CalPERS management;
- Improved long-term sustainability of the Pension Fund.

Potential risks could include:

- Misunderstanding of the Program and its purpose.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Reporting on Participating Employers

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