



Investment Committee

Agenda Item 11a

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Item Name: Review of Survey Results on Board Investment Consultants

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Executive Summary

CalPERS performed an annual evaluation of the Board Investment Consultants (Consultants) retained by the Investment Committee (IC) during the 2018-19 Fiscal Year. The objective of the annual evaluation process is to administer an equitable review and evaluation which provides useful feedback about the Consultants' performance.

Strategic Plan

The agenda item supports the CalPERS Strategic Plan goal to strengthen the long-term sustainability of the pension fund and cultivate a risk-intelligent organization. Annual consultant reviews also support the IC in its oversight capacity.

Background

The role of the Consultants is to act as independent fiduciary advisors to the IC. Annually, IC members are provided the opportunity to evaluate the Consultants on their effectiveness in the stated role. This year's survey included an evaluation of performance within the following categories:

- Strategic Analysis and Recommendation
- Communication and Responsiveness
- Overall Performance

CalPERS Enterprise Strategy and Performance Division (ESPD), acts as a neutral third-party administrator of the Board Investment Consultant surveys. An invitation is sent to all Board members to participate in an anonymous online survey and ESPD provides a high-level report out in IC Open Session.

Summaries of the IC's responses regarding the Board Consultants' performance are provided as attachments.

Budget and Fiscal Impacts

Not Applicable.

Benefits and Risks

The annual evaluation process informs and supports our efforts to fulfill the following Strategic Goals: Fund Sustainability and Risk Management. There are no known risks associated with continuing the annual evaluation process at this time.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Board Consultant Review & Evaluation – Wilshire Associates, Inc. (General Pension Investment), Pension Consulting Alliance, Inc. (Real Estate Investment), Meketa Investment Group (infrastructure Investment), Pension Consulting Alliance, Inc. (General Investment & Responsible Contractor Program), Meketa Investment Group (Private Equity)

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