

Office of Audit Services  
Employer Compliance Reviews - Open Findings Over 1 Year  
Period Ending September 30, 2025

Total Number of Aged Findings: 18

No.	CalPERS Program Area	Review	Report Issue Date	Name of Agency	Project Number	Located Under Finding # in Final Report	Finding Type	Description of Finding	Last Contact	UPDATED Status From Program as of September 30, 2025
1	PCPP	Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)	September 7, 2023	Buckeye Union School District	3P22-002	1	Net Savings Not Supported	The Employer offered the Golden Handshake benefit to two sampled employees that did not meet the Employer’s individual employee cost savings eligibility requirement. Specifically, the Employer’s California School Employees Association (CSEA) Contract, section 12.4.1 indicates that, “An employee who has served the District fifteen or more years and is at least fifty-five years of age can select to participate in the Golden Handshake program...Contingent upon the regulations in the PERS Golden Handshake Program, the Golden Handshake must result in net savings to the district in order to be approved.” As a result, for the Golden Handshake periods April 23, 2019 through August 1, 2019 and June 17, 2021 through September 17, 2021, the Employer’s individual employee net savings requirement was not supported for the following employees. (See final report)	9/30/2025	IN PROGRESS: PCPP will continue to follow up for the cost analysis
2	PCPP	Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)	September 7, 2023	Buckeye Union School District	3P22-002	2	Eligible Employee Not Offered Golden Handshake Benefit	The Employer did not offer the Golden Handshake benefit to one sampled employee who was eligible. Specifically, the employee retired during the Golden Handshake period of April 23, 2019 through August 1, 2019 and met the Employer’s individual employee cost savings eligibility requirement in accordance with the Employer’s CSEA contract. Initially, the Employer provided a Verification of Cost Savings document that did not identify net savings for the employee to support why the Employer did not offer the Golden Handshake benefit to the employee. However, our recalculation of the cost savings noted the employee had net savings and was eligible. During our audit, the Employer provided an updated Verification of Cost Savings document for the employee identifying net savings. As a result, the Employer should have offered the Golden Handshake benefit to the eligible employee.	9/30/2025	IN PROGRESS: PCPP will continue to follow up for the cost analysis
5	PCPP	Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)	September 7, 2023	City of California City	3P22-004	1	Permanent Vacancy Not Created	The Employer could not support the implementation of the Golden Handshake provision resulting in a permanent vacancy. The Employer’s governing body approved a resolution to implement the Golden Handshake for all eligible Miscellaneous and Safety members on March 23, 2021 for the designated period April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. The Employer’s intention at the time the Golden Handshake provision was implemented was to replace the vacated positions with lower-salary staff for the respective positions. Additionally, the Employer’s governing body did not approve a Certification of Compliance of GC section 20903 form. The Employer could not provide documentation to demonstrate at least one vacancy in any position in any department or other organizational unit remained permanently unfilled.	9/30/2025	IN PROGRESS: PCPP is still waiting for the city’s response.
6	PCPP	Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)	September 7, 2023	City of Culver City	3P22-005	1	Curtailment of, or Change in the Manner of Performing, Services Not Supported	The Employer could not support the existence of curtailment of, or change in the manner of performing, its services when the Golden Handshake provision was implemented for the designated period September 1, 2019 through December 1, 2019. The Employer’s governing body certified on August 12, 2019 that their election to exercise the Golden Handshake provision was because of impending mandatory transfers, demotions, and layoffs that constitute at least one percent of the job classification, department, or organizational unit resulting from the curtailment of, or change in the manner of performing its services. The Employer implemented the Golden Handshake provision for eligible Miscellaneous members in the Secretary position within the Police Department and Recreation Supervisor position within the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. The Employer provided a staff report indicating the implementation of the Golden Handshake was to achieve cost savings, which did not demonstrate the existence of an impending curtailment of or change in the manner of performing its services when the Golden Handshake provision was implemented.	9/10/2025	IN PROGRESS: The city provided additional documents for review. PCPP is reviewing the documents.
7	PCPP	Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)	September 7, 2023	City of Culver City	3P22-005	2	Ineligible Employee	The Employer provided the Golden Handshake benefit to one sampled employee who was ineligible. Specifically, the Employer provided the Golden Handshake benefit to the employee who was not employed during the designated Golden Handshake period of September 1, 2019 through December 1, 2019. The employee’s last day with the Employer was August 29, 2019, which was also the end date for the employee’s last payroll period reported; however, the Employer reported the separation date as September 2, 2019.	9/10/2025	IN PROGRESS: The city provided additional documents for review. PCPP is reviewing the documents.
10	PCPP	Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)	September 7, 2023	City of Montebello	3P22-007	1	Permanent Vacancy Not Created	The Employer could not support the implementation of the Golden Handshake provision resulted in a permanent vacancy for the designated Golden Handshake period. Specifically, the designated period was August 13, 2020 through December 11, 2020 and the Employer’s City Council certified on August 12, 2020, respectively, that their intent at time of enacting the Golden Handshake provision was to keep all vacancies created or at least one vacancy in any position permanently unfilled. The Employer implemented the Golden Handshake provision for eligible miscellaneous and safety members; however, the Employer could not provide documentation to demonstrate at least one vacancy in any position in any department or other organizational unit remained permanently unfilled for the designated period.	9/30/2025	IN PROGRESS: PCPP completed review the documented provided. PCPP will submit the documents to myCalPERS for OFAS review

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11	PCPP	Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)	September 7, 2023	Delano Mosquito Abatement District	3P22-014	1	Permanent Vacancy Not Created	The Employer could not support the implementation of the Golden Handshake provision resulted in a permanent vacancy for two designated periods. Specifically, the designated periods were January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 and March 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020. For each period, the Employer’s Board of Trustees certified on November 15, 2018 and February 20, 2020, respectively, that their intent at the time of enacting the Golden Handshake provision was to keep all vacancies created or at least one vacancy in any position permanently unfilled. The Employer implemented the Golden Handshake provision for district members in the Mosquito Control Division; however, the Employer could not provide documentation to demonstrate at least one vacancy in any position in any department or other organizational unit remained permanently unfilled for the two designated periods.	9/8/2025	IN PROGRESS: The district provided the response letter to CalPERS. PCPP will submit the documents to myCalPERS for OFAS review.
12	PCPP	Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)	September 7, 2023	Delano Mosquito Abatement District	3P22-014	2	Curtailment of, or Change in the Manner of Performing, Services Not Supported	The Employer could not support the existence of a curtailment of, or change in the manner of performing, its services at the time the Golden Handshake provision was implemented for three designated periods. Specifically, the designated periods were January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019, March 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020, and June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. The Employer’s Board of Trustees certified on November 15, 2018, February 20, 2020, and April 15, 2021, respectively, that their election to exercise the Golden Handshake provision was because of the impending mandatory transfers, demotions, and layoffs that constitute at least one percent of the job classification, department or organizational unit resulting from curtailment of, or change in the manner of performing its services. The Employer implemented the Golden Handshake for district members in the Mosquito Control Division; however, the Employer could not provide documentation to demonstrate the existence of an impending curtailment of or change in performing its services during the time the Golden Handshake provisions were implemented.	9/8/2025	IN PROGRESS: The district provided the response letter to CalPERS. PCPP will submit the documents to myCalPERS for OFAS review.
13	PCPP	Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)	September 7, 2023	Lake Tahoe Unified School District	3P22-019	1	Eligible Employee Not Offered Golden Handshake Benefit	The Employer did not offer the Golden Handshake benefit to one sampled employee who was eligible. Specifically, the Employer’s Golden Handshake resolution, dated March 15, 2022, identified all miscellaneous members as eligible for the benefit. The Employer had additional eligibility requirements for the Golden Handshake specified in their California School Employees’ Association Agreement (CSEA Agreement), effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, which states, “Eligible retirees are those unit members who retire no younger than age 50 with at least 15 years of service to the District.” The Employer offered the Golden Handshake benefit only to employees that met the additional requirement pursuant to the CSEA Agreement. However, the Employer was unable to demonstrate that the CSEA Agreement was approved by their Board of Education during the designated period of January 2, 2022 through June 30, 2022. As a result, the employee who had ten years of service with the Employer and retired on June 23, 2022 during the designated period was eligible for the Golden Handshake.	9/30/2025	IN PROGRESS: PCPP provided the additional eligible list to the district. PCPP is waiting for the district to response.