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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2006

Members Present: Maria DeAnda, Jim DeMartini, Mike Fisher, Gordon Ford, Darin Gharat, Wes Hall, and Ron Martin

Members Absent: Mike Lynch and Steve Yauch

Alternate Members Present: Linda Stotts-Burnett (Alternate Retiree Representative)

Others Present: Kelly Cerny, Deirdre McGrath, Michele Silva, and Tom Watson

1. Meeting called to order at 2:08 p.m. by Chair Darin Gharat
2. **Announcements**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Consent Items**

Motion was made by Maria DeAnda and seconded by Wes Hall to approve the following items as listed.

Motion carried.

- a. Approval of the February 28, 2006 Minutes
- b. Approval of Service Retirement(s) – Sections 31499.14. 31760.1, 31662.2 & 31810
 1. Mickie Adkins, CSA, Effective 03-17-06
 2. Iva Aras, BHRS, Effective 03-18-06
 3. Margaret S. Arwood, DER, Effective 03-31-06
 4. Kathy Carter, CSA, Effective 03-02-06
 5. Stanley Dobbs, Planning, Effective 03-31-06
 6. Vernon Freitas, Public Works, Effective 03-04-06
 7. Patricia Gillihan, CEO, Effective 03-31-06
 8. Hiroko Hanes, HSA, Effective 03-31-06
 9. Louise Hansen, CSA, Effective 03-31-06
 10. Jill Henry, Probation, Effective 03-30-06

4. **Consent Items (cont.)**

b. Approval of Service Retirement(s) – Sections 31499.14, 31760.1, 31662.2 & 31810 (cont.)

11. Richard Jensen, Assessor, Effective 03-31-06
12. Loretta Jones, Parks, Effective 02-22-06
13. Starrett Kreissman, Library, Effective 03-31-06
14. Delphine Kunz, HSA, Effective 03-25-06
15. Judy Knapp, Animal Svcs, Effective 03-31-06
16. Kenneth Lombardo, Sheriff, Effective 03-30-06
17. Adella Lopez, HSA, Effective 03-24-06
18. David Lopez, CSA, Effective 03-24-06
19. Josefa Loucks, HSA, Effective 03-31-06
20. Kathy Matt, DA, Effective 03-31-06
21. Elizabeth McDonald, Probation, Effective 03-25-06
22. Mary McDowell, CSA, Effective 03-30-06
23. Joe C. Millheim, CSA, Effective 03-30-06
24. Giles D. New, Sheriff, Effective 03-01-06
25. Darleen Newlin, Probation, Effective 03-25-06
26. Sherry Pennington, Public Works, Effective 03-31-06
27. Guadalupe Perez, BHRS, Effective 03-04-06
28. Joe Perry, Probation, Effective 03-31-06
29. Delores Pinto, BHRS, Effective 03-31-06
30. Thomas Powderly, Assessor, Effective 03-22-06
31. Sherilee Phillips, CSA, Effective 03-17-06
32. Christine Pulito-Colbert, BHRS, Effective 03-31-06
33. Ronald Richter, City of Ceres, Effective 03-31-06
34. Brenda Schultz, DET, Effective 03-31-06
35. Michael Serpa, Assessor, Effective 02-07-06
36. James R. Silva, Sheriff, Effective 03-31-06
37. Frank Silva, GSA, Effective 03-04-06
38. Michele Spafford, HSA, Effective 03-30-06
39. Francine Sutton-Bernardi, LAFCO, Effective 03-30-06
40. Gordon Sweeny, Ag Com., Effective 03-30-06
41. George Scott Tandy, CEO, Effective 03-31-06
42. Margaret Tellez, HSA, Effective 03-31-06
43. Janet Trapp, CSA, Effective 03-31-06
44. Rina Tury, DCSS, Effective 03-04-06
45. Wylie Walls, Sheriff, Effective 03-30-06
46. Mary Weir, Sheriff, Effective 03-31-06
47. Shirley Yamamura, HSA, Effective 03-31-06

c. Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) – Section 31700

1. Claudine Bettencourt, Sheriff, Effective 01-04-06
2. Marla Collier, HSA, Effective 07-30-05
3. Jack C. Hoke, Sheriff, Effective 02-06-05
4. Enedina Ibal, Sheriff, Effective 11-02-05
5. Judith Jantz, BHRS, Effective 02-04-06
6. Edwin Penfold, DET, Effective 01/21/06
7. Shannon K. Swenson, CSA, Effective 02-25-06
8. Jennie Weston, City of Ceres, Effective 12-27-05

4. **Consent Items (cont.)**

d. Approval of Deferred Retirement Refund(s) **Section 31701**

1. William C. Loree, SBT
2. Sheila McKay, DER
3. Souhail, Srouji, HSA

e. Approval of Disability Retirements – **Section 31724**

1. Hollie D. Hall, Service-Connected, Effective June 30, 2005

f. Approval of Death Benefit

1. Laura C. Owen, Deceased November 23, 2005, Deferred Member, Options Pursuant to Government Code Sections 31781, 31781.1 and 31781.3.

5. **Closed Session**

Motion was made by Maria DeAnda and seconded by Mike Fisher to adjourn to Closed Session at 2:11 p.m.

Motion carried.

Returned to Regular Session at 3:54 p.m.

6. **Administrator**

a. Discussion and Action on the “*What’s New*” article for the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Spring 2006 Conference

Tom Watson, Administrator, briefly discussed the “*What’s New*” article drafted for the SACRS Spring 2006 Conference. Board members and staff offered additions to the article that will be incorporated before sending to SACRS.

b. Post-Ventura/*Francis* Update

Tom Watson, Administrator gave a summary update of the Post-Ventura/*Francis* application processing as of March 3, 2006. Tom reported as of March 3, 2006, 761 applications had been received and research and processing of the applications is continuous. The goal remains to have payment of the retroactive benefits paid on September 1, 2006, and the prospective monthly increases paid on October 2, 2006 and subsequent retiree payrolls

7. **Correspondence**

- a. Note of Appreciation from a Retiree for the Special Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Darin Gharat, Chair, circulated a note of appreciation from a retiree for the special COLA received January 3, 2006.

8. **Committee Reports and Recommendations for Action**

STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Retiree Benefits Committee - Wes Hall, Chair

- i. Report of Retiree Health Insurance Issues

Wes Hall, Chair, said the Committee met today prior to the Board meeting. He distributed to Board members the Minutes of the February 28, 2006 Retiree Benefits Committee meeting. Wes shared that the Committee had completed a good deal of work in preparation of the April 12, 2006 Board meeting to present recommendations on retiree health insurance benefits. The Committee continues to discuss changes and the Board's concerns.

- ii. Discussion and Action on Language Content to be Included in the Notice to Retirees of Potential Retiree Health Insurance Benefit Changes Being Considered by the Board of Retirement

Wes Hall, Chair, distributed a draft notice of the April 12, 2006 Board meeting regarding the Committee's recommendations to the Board of Retirement of change to retiree health insurance benefits. Wes asked the Board for its direction on whether to proceed with the notice. Darin Gharat, Chair, asked for Deputy County Counsel's input. Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel, recommended that given the Board's recent concerns, the Board table action to a future date. The Board discussed options of how to proceed.

Motion was made by Ron Martin and seconded by Mike Fisher to approve the recommendation to postpone the April 12, 2006 Board of Retirement meeting at the Salida Library and that the notice to retirees reflect this.

Motion carried.

9. **Members' Forum (Information and Future Agenda Requests Only)**

Kelly Cerny reminded Board members and staff the Fair Political Practices Commission Form 700 is due by April 1, 2006.

Wes Hall thanked staff for receiving the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting," by the Government Finance Officers Association. StanCERA received the certificate for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and it is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson, Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK, COUNTY COUNSEL

Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel