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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

July 11, 2007

Members Present: Maria De Anda, Jim De Martini, Mike Fisher, Gordon Ford, Darin Gharat, Wes Hall, Mike Lynch, and Steve Yauch

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

Members Absent: *Ron Martin*

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

1. Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Wes Hall, Chair

2. **Announcements**

None.

3. **Public Comment**

None.

4. **Consent Items**

Motion was made by Steve Yauch and seconded by Mike Fisher to approve the following items as listed.

Motion carried.

- a. Approval of the June 26, 2007, Meeting Minutes
- b. Acceptance of the Report on the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems' (NCPERS) 2007 Annual Conference, May 18-24, 2007
- c. Approval of Service Retirement(s) – **Sections 31499.14, 31670, 31662.2 & 31810**
 1. Dorothy Miller, Alliance Worknet, Effective 07-07-07
 2. Kathryn Owens, HSA, Effective 06-28-07
 3. Burk Shook, DET, Effective 07-07-07
 4. Laura Tarlo, HSA, Effective 07-14-07

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

c. Approval of Service Retirement(s) – **Sections 31499.14, 31670, 31662.2 & 31810 (cont.)**

5. Janice Tavernas, SBT, Effective 06-26-07
6. Sandra Tune, CSA, Effective 07-01-07
7. Wanda Waln, DCSS, Effective 07-31-07
8. Larry White, GSA, Effective 07-31-07

d. Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) – **Section 31700**

1. Ellen Dunn, HSA, Effective 03-29-07
2. Katina Galles, Sheriff, Effective 02-26-07
3. Kara Guevara, CSA, Effective 04-17-07
4. Karen Robinson, CSA, Effective 06-02-07
5. Miguel Soto, Probation, Effective 03-16-07
6. Alice Su, District Attorney, Effective 03-17-07

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

1. Harry Benjamin Hirsch

f. Acceptance of Vena Volz' Withdrawal of Application For Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefits And Waiver of Rights

5. **Administrator**

a. Discussion and Action to Authorize The United Way as a Charitable Organization Retiree Payroll Deduction

Mike Lynch arrived at 2:04 p.m.

Tom Watson, Administrator, gave a brief summary of the written report Board members had received regarding a request from the Retired Employees of Stanislaus County (RESCO). In a letter to StanCERA dated January 26, 2007, Michael O'Neal, President, asked if it were possible to have a United Way charitable donation deduction from retirees through the retiree payroll. StanCERA staff explored and researched the possibility and processes. Government Code Section 31452.5, allows the Board of Retirement to comply with this request. Mr. Watson gave an overview of the cost (\$1,000 annually), staff time, and processes involved.

Motion was made by Maria De Anda and seconded by Steve Yauch to approve The United Way as a charitable organization for retirees to allow deductions from their monthly checks; and direct staff to prepare the Agenda Item for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Motion carried.

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

Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel, thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys' (NAPPA) 2007 Legal Education Conference, June 26-28, 2007. Ms. McGrath said the conference was informative and would have a report for the Board at a future meeting.

Maria De Anda, Trustee, inquired about the new janitorial service mentioned in the Administrative Update. Mr. Watson responded to maintain security and confidentiality within the office, a janitorial firm was chosen that could work during business hours and is less expensive. Previously, the county's maintenance staff had been used, however, due to increased staffing demands, they could only work after StanCERA's business hours. Darin Gharat, Trustee, asked if the service was bonded. Mr. Watson stated yes, and it is the same service that Tenth Street Place utilizes.

Mike Lynch, Trustee, informed the Board he had attended The Public Retirement Journal's 17th Annual Northern California Training Seminar, June 27, 2007, in Sacramento. Mike gave a brief overview of the seminar's content and provided the seminar's written material for Board and staff perusal.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson, Retirement Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK, COUNTY COUNSEL

Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel