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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

August 8, 2007

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

Alternate Member Absent: Linda Stotts-Burnett (*Alternate Retiree Representative*)

Members Absent: Mike Lynch, and Ron Martin

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

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Wes Hall, Chair

2. **Announcements**

Tom Watson, Retirement Administrator informed Board members they had received a written copy of an article published in the July 2007, The Public Retirement Journal, entitled, "Tax Reporting for the New Public Safety Officer – Health Insurance Premium Benefit." The article gives an update on how the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will allow tax exemption of the health insurance premiums paid by retired public safety officers to be reported on the 1040 form. Mr. Watson told Board members StanCERA will not have to change its reporting practice on the 1099R form.

Mr. Watson mentioned that an article from The Sacramento Bee, "Deputy union battles county," dated August 6, 2007, was distributed to board members.

3. **Public Comment**

None.

4. **Consent Items**

Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Maria De Anda to approve the following items as listed.

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the July 24, 2007, Meeting Minutes

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

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

1. Judith Andrews, GSA, Effective 08-01-07
2. Connie Earley, HSA, Effective 08-29-07
3. Shawn Donahue, HSA, Effective 08-16-07
4. Joanne Faber, CSA, Effective 08-01-07
5. Chanpheng Inthavong, CSA, Effective 08-18-07
6. Carol Lucchesi, BHRS, Effective 08-11-07
7. Shirley Mays, Env. Resources, Effective 08-05-07
8. Joanne McCarthy, CSA, Effective 07-11-07
9. Suzanne Neptune, CSA, Effective 08-02-07
10. Maxine Younger, DCCS, Effective 08-06-07

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

1. Rafael Avina, HSA, Effective 07-14-07
2. Yulonda Bardney, HSA, Effective 05-24-07
3. Carmencita Borillo, BHRS, Effective 07-08-07
4. Tony Camilleri, City of Ceres, Effective 07-01-07
5. Cynthia Coit, HSA, Effective 07-14-07
6. Kim Goodrum, BHRS, Effective 06-19-07
7. Craig Perry, Sheriff, Effective 06-20-07

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

1. Edwin Penfold

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

Darin Gharat, Trustee, said a member had mentioned to him that their beneficiary information on the recently distributed benefits statement was incorrect. Michele Silva, Benefits Manager, said there had been calls and new beneficiary forms returned as a result of the beneficiary information now being included on the statement. Ms. Silva said this is the first time the beneficiary information was included, and it will continue to appear on future statements. The purpose is to enable members to review their beneficiary information on a regular basis so it remains current and accurate. Ms. Silva said prior to placing the information on the statement, beneficiary information was inclined to be outdated and this is an approach to have the information updated for members.

Kelly Cerny, Secretary, said the State Association of County Retirement Systems' (SACRS) Fall 2007 Conference brochure had been distributed to the trustees and staff who were planning to attend.

Ms. Cerny also informed board members they received the paper insert of the 2007 edition of additions and amendments to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to add to their 1937 Act binders.

6. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson, Retirement Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK, COUNTY COUNSEL

Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel