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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 2003

Members Present: Kent Crawford, Maria DeAnda, Gary Dial, Mike Fisher, Darin Gharat, Wes Hall and Tom Watson

Members Absent: Nick Blom, Mike Fisher and Al Sarina

Others Present: John Gobel, Victoria Halliday, Jamie Borba, Lyn Bettencourt, Retiree and Jeannette Milligan, member.

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair, Tom Watson.

2. **Announcements**

John Gobel announced that Domencia Cindy Higby changed her retirement date from September 1, 2003 to September 19, 2003.

John Gobel passed copies of the Open Enrollment Kick off and Health Faire letter.

John Gobel informed the board that he had received a phone call from SIS regarding a question as to why Bank of New York is holding funds. Retirement Chair informed John to write Bank of New York to find out why funds are being held.

3. **Public Comments**

None

4. **Consent Items**

Motion was made by Wes Hall and seconded by Darin Gharat to approve the following items listed.

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the September 23, 2003 Regular and Closed Session Minutes

b. Approval of the August 13, 2003 **REVISED** Minutes

c. Approval of Service Retirement(s) - **Sections 31499.14, 31760.1 and 31810**

1. Sharon Bates, Effective 10-25-03
2. Cheryl Guzman, Effective 10-20-03
3. Robert Higday, Effective 10-01-03

4. **Consent Items**

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d. **Approval of Service Retirement(s) - Sections 31499.14, 31760.1 and 31810**

4. Domenica Cindy Higby, Effective 09-19-03
5. Budimka Kajer-Crain, Effective 10-04-03
6. Fred Ledbetter, Effective 09-01-03
7. Nancy Phipps, Effective 10-30-03
8. Mark Risk, Effective 10-04-03
9. Rosendo Verduzco, Effective 10-16-03
10. Douglas Wann, Effective 10-04-03

e. **Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) - Section 31700**

1. Dawn Cain, Effective 09-26-03
2. Rose Castellanos, Effective 09-06-03
3. Joan Eader, Effective 01-02-01
4. Baldeo Singh, Effective 07-12-03
5. Mark Pomi, Effective 08-02-03

5. **Closed Session**

Motion was made by Maria DeAnda and seconded by Wes Hall to adjourn to closed session at 2:05 p.m.

Due to the personnel matter being discussed staff members John Gobel and Jamie Borba were asked to leave the room during the closed session.

Motion carried.

After returning to regular session at 3:10 p.m., Victoria Halliday, County Counsel read the findings of the closed session:

The application of Alva C. Anderson was approved for a Service-Connected Death Benefit.

The application of Christopher Kemper for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefit was granted effective June 14, 2003, with medical call back at the discretion of the Administrator.

The application of Jeanette Milligan for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement

Benefit was granted effective June 14, 2003.

5. **Closed Session**

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The application of Anthony Neves for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefit was granted effective July 12, 2003 with medical call back at the discretion of the Administrator.

The application of Andrew Warren for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefit was granted effective April 18, 2003, with medical call back at the discretion of the Administrator.

The Administrator's Performance Evaluation was discussed.

6. **Administrator**

- a. Report and Recommendation from Retirement Board Chair on Trustee and Staff Purchasing Card Review.

Tom Watson, Retirement Board Chair along with Gary Dial reviewed the purchasing card receipts for the Trustees and staff. Tom stated that everything was in order including trip authorizations and receipts. Tom stated that there was nothing unusual found. All necessary reimbursements for meal allowance overages were made and the Board and staff are using the purchasing cards properly.

- b. Discussion and Action regarding Request from RESCO to be Designated as the "Qualified Retiree Organization"

At the September 23, 2003 Retirement Board meeting the Chair noted that a letter was received from the Retired Employees of Stanislaus County (RESCO) requesting recognition as the "qualified retiree organization" referred to in SB 270. The Retirement Board discussed the issues (such as notification of changes to retiree health insurance benefits) involved in naming one qualified retiree organization.

Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Maria DeAnda to designate RESCO as the "Qualified Retiree Organization" and to authorize the Administrator to notify RESCO as such.

Motion carried.

7. **Correspondence**

None

8. **Committee Reports And Recommendations For Action**

STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Benefits Committee - Wesley Hall, Chair

Wes noted that the retiree health insurance open enrollment starts on October 29, 2003 and wanted to thank the volunteers who came to stuff the envelopes on October 2, 2003.

b. Bylaws Committee - Maria DeAnda, Chair

No Report

c. Due Diligence Committee – Maria DeAnda, Chair

No Report

d. Education Committee - Gary Dial, Chair

1. Review of Guns and Hoses Conference

Darin Gharat requested that we put the Guns and Hoses conference review on the November meeting agenda, as he has been unable to complete his report due to illness.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

e. Independence Committee - Al Sarina, Chair

No report.

f. Disability Retirement Accountability Committee - Kent Crawford, Chair

No report.

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

Victoria Halliday is glad to be back.

Lyn Bettencourt announced that RESCO would be at the Pre-Retirement Seminar.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson, Retirement Board Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK
County Counsel

Victoria Halliday, Deputy County Counsel