

#### **AGENDA**

## BOARD OF RETIREMENT Boardroom 832 12<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 600 Modesto, CA 95353

November 23, 2021 1:30 p.m.

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Announcements
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Consent Items
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  - c. Information Technology Solutions (ITS) Project Update View
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  - g. StanCERA Committee Assignments View
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  - b. Investment Performance 2021 Quarter 3 View
- 8. Administrative
  - a. StanCERA Office Build Out
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## 10. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation One Case:
   O'Neal et al v. Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association
   Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. 648469
   Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation One Case: Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association v. Buck Consultants, LLC, Mediation Pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1115, 1119, 1152 Government Code Section 54956.9d)(4)
- 11. Members' Forum (Information and Future Agenda Requests Only)
- 12. Adjournment



### November 23, 2021

Retirement Board Agenda Item

TO: Retirement Board

FROM: Fred Silva, StanCERA General Counsel

Rick Santos, Executive Director

I. SUBJECT: A Resolution of the Board of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association Acknowledging the Proclamation of a State of Emergency and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association for the Initial Period of November 26, 2021 to December 25, 2021.

II. ITEM NUMBER: 6.a.

III. ITEM TYPE: Discussion and Action

- IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution of the Board of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by Executive Order N-15-20 issued on March 4, 2020, and Executive Order N-08-21 on June 11, 2021, which authorizes remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association for the period of November 26, 2021 through December 25, 2021.
- V. ANALYSIS: AB-361 allows local government entities to conduct meetings via teleconference without complying with certain Brown Act requirements when the following conditions are in place:

Condition 1: The Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency; and

Condition 2: State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

The first condition is satisfied by the Governor's March 4, 2020 state of emergency proclamation, which has now been extended three times, including most recently on November 10, 2021 (<u>Executive Order N-21-21</u>, extending state of emergency provisions through March 31, 2022).

The Resolution the Board approved at its October 2021 meeting identified two items that satisfy the second condition; one of them is still in effect:

1. <u>The Stanislaus County Public Health Department's September 2, 2021 order</u> requiring face coverings indoors until 24 hours after the County's 7-day average case rate drops below 20 cases per 100,000 per day.

This was rescinded November 15, 2021 and is no longer in effect.

2. <u>The Stanislaus County Public Health Officer's September 22, 2021 recommendation issued in response to AB-361</u>, stating "I recommend that physical/social distancing measures be practiced throughout our Stanislaus County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19, including implementation of the newly enacted AB 361 to maintain social distancing by

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legislative bodies of our local agencies. This recommendation is made due to the continued threat of COVID-19 in the community."

#### This remains in effect.

Even with the rescission of the September 2, 2021 face covering order, the September 22, 2021 recommendation from the Stanislaus County Public Health Officer allows local government entities to continue to conduct meetings via teleconference.

On September 17, 2021 Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) was signed and went into effect on October 1, 2021. AB 361 replaced some aspects of Executive Order N-29-20, which allowed local legislative bodies to hold remote teleconference meetings. Since the size of StanCERA's Board room prevents compliance with social distancing measures if the public were to attend meetings in person, attendance by the public in a County with high transmissivity rates creates potential health issues for StanCERA employees and the public. Therefore, to continue remote teleconference meetings, AB 361 requires that the Board consider the circumstances of the state of emergency and make findings via resolution by majority vote to hold remote teleconference meetings. If such findings are made, a resolution needs to be passed by a majority of the Board citing these circumstances. The Board will need to complete such recertification every 30 days or at each Board meeting following adoption of this Resolution, until Government Code section 54953 sunsets by operation of law on January 1, 2024 or if there is no longer a state of emergency in effect.

VI. RISK: NONE

VII. STRATEGIC PLAN: N/A

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET IMPACT: NONE

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE STANISLAUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM ON MARCH 4, 2020 AND ADDITIONAL ORDERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED BY THE STANISLAUS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE STANISLAUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 26, 2021 TO DECEMBER 25, 2021, PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Retirement ("Board") for the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association ("StanCERA") is committed to preserving and promoting public access and encouraging participation in meetings of the Board and its legislative bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of the Board and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code §§ 54950-54963), so that any member of the public may attend meetings and observe and participate in the conducting of business by the Board and its legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953(e) allows local government entities such as the Board and its legislative bodies to conduct meetings via teleconference without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3) when the following conditions are in place:

- A state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625 is in effect; and
- State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

**WHEREAS**, such conditions are currently in place for the Board and its legislative bodies, which operate in Stanislaus County:

• On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency for the State of California pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Gov. Code § 8625) based on an outbreak of respiratory and other illness due to the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. That State of Emergency has been extended three times, including by Executive Order N-21-21 signed by Governor Newson on November 10, 2021, which extends emergency provisions through March 31, 2022.

• On September 22, 2021, the Public Health Officer for Stanislaus County issued a recommendation stating: "I recommend that physical/social distancing measures be practiced throughout our Stanislaus County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19, including implementation of the newly enacted AB 361 to maintain social distancing by legislative bodies of our local agencies. This recommendation is made due to the continued threat of COVID-19 in the community. I will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis and will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation."

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953(e) allows local government entities such as the Board and its legislative bodies to conduct meetings when a state of emergency is in place without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), as long as such entities instead comply with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e)(2);

**WHEREAS**, StanCERA's offices, including its boardroom, are not large enough to accommodate the COVID-19 social distancing measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and others if members of the public were to attend StanCERA Board and/or committee meetings in person; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the public retains access to StanCERA Board and committee meetings during this state of emergency, StanCERA will post each Board or committee agenda on the StanCERA website and at its business office location at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, and such agenda will describe the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. In addition, persons requiring accommodations are asked to contact StanCERA prior to the meeting.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. <u>Recitals</u>. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Acknowledgment of Proclamation of Emergency and Local Orders. The Board hereby acknowledges that a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor of the State of California effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020, that the state of emergency has been extended through at least March 31, 2022, and that on September 22, 2021 the Stanislaus County Public Health Office recommended that physical and social distancing measures, including holding meetings via teleconference pursuant to AB-931, be practiced throughout the county.

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The StanCERA Retirement Administrator and his designee(s) and the legislative bodies of StanCERA are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. <u>Effective Date of Resolution</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until December 25, 2021.

Section 5. Reconsideration of Circumstances Every 30 Days. Government Code section 54953(e)(3) requires that the Board periodically recertify its decision to continue to hold remote teleconference meetings; in order to do so, the Board must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and make findings by majority vote as are necessary to continue to hold remote teleconference meetings. The Board will complete such recertification every 30 days or at each Board meeting following adoption of this Resolution, until Government Code section 54953 sunsets by operation of law on January 1, 2024 or there is no longer a state of emergency in effect.

5 5	s adopted by the Board of Retirement upon motion of Board
	, seconded by Board member, at a
regular meeting of this Board held on	November 26, 2021, by the following vote:
Ayes:	
Nays:	
Absent:	
Abstain:	
STANISLAUS COUNTY EMPLO	YEE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
Jeff Grover, Chair of the Board of	Kellie Gomes, Clerk of the Board of
Retirement	Retirement
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
Fred A. Silva, General Counsel	Rick Santos, Executive Director



# BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES October 26, 2021

Present by Conference Call:

Michael O'Neal.

Joshua Clayton

Darin Gharat.

- Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call

**Trustees Present** 

Jeff Grover-Chair Mike Lynch, Sam Sharpe, Mandip Dhillon

Rhonda Biesemeier

Trustees Absent: Donna Riley-Vice Chair, Terry Withrow

## Others Present by Conference Call:

Natalie Davis, Part time, Fiscal Services Manager

#### **Others Present**

Rick Santos, Executive Director Stan Conwell, Retirement Investment Officer Kellie Gomes, Executive Board Assistant Brittany Atkins-Smith, Fiscal Services Manager Lisa Fraser, Benefits Manager Fred Silva, General Legal Counsel Daniel Hennessy, NEPC Investment Consultant

- 4. Announcements
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. <u>Emergency Declaration</u>
  - a. AB-361

Motion was made by Trustee Dhillon and seconded by Trustee Sharpe to approve staff recommendation as follows:

Approve Resolution of the Board of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by Executive Order N-15-20 issued on March 4, 2020, and Executive Order N-08-21 on June 11, 2021, which authorizes remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association for the period of October 26, 2021 through November 25, 2021. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Trustee Grover	YES	Trustee Lynch	YES
Trustee O'Neal	YES	Trustee Dhillon	YES
Trustee Sharpe	YES	Darin Gharat	YES
Trustee Clayton	YES	Motion carried unanir	nously

## 7. Consent Items

- a. Approval of the September 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- b. Applications for Service Retirement(s) **Government Code Sections 31499.14**, **31670**, **31662.2**, **31810 31700** See attachment for details.
- c. Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement Government Code Section 31724
  - 1. Vera, Patti Stanislaus County Effective 10-01-21
  - 2. Sisco, Marnie Stanislaus Superior Court Effective 06-08-20
- d. Information Technology Solutions (ITS) Project
- e. Investment Matrix
- f. Private Markets Commitment Notice
- g. Legislation Update
- h. 2021 Executive Director Goals Update Quarter 3

Motion was made by Trustee Gharat and seconded by Trustee Dhillon to accept the consent items. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Trustee Grover	YES
Trustee O'Neal	YES
Trustee Sharpe	YES
Trustee Clayton	YES
Trustee Lynch	YES
Trustee Dhillon	YES
Darin Gharat	YES

Motion carried unanimously

## 8. NEPC – Investment Consultant

a. September Flash Report

Presented by Dan Hennessy, NEPC Investment Consultant

## 9. Investment

- a. Auxiliary Investment Report as of June 30,2021
  - 1. AB2833 Auxiliary Report
  - 2. Investment Fee Summary, Value Added and Cash Flow Reports

## 10. Administrative

a. 2021 SACRS Fall Business Meeting Proxy and Proxy Directives

Motion was made by Trustee Gharat and seconded by Trustee Sharpe to appoint Donna Riley as the voting delegate and Rhonda Biesemeier as the alternate for the 2021 SACRS FALL Business meeting.

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Trustee Grover	YES	Trustee Lynch YES
Trustee O'Neal	YES	Trustee Dhillon YES
Trustee Sharpe	YES	Darin Gharat YES
Trustee Clayton	YES	Motion carried unanimously

Motion was made by Trustee Dhillon and seconded by Trustee Sharpe to support a yes vote on the SACRS Business Packet as provided.

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Trustee Grover	YES	Trustee Clayton	YES
Trustee Lynch	YES	Trustee Dhillon	YES
Trustee Sharpe	YES	Darin Gharat	YES
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Trustee O'Neal YES Motion carried unanimously

b. Verbal Staff Update

## 11. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation One (1) Case:
   O'Neal et al v. Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association
   Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. 648469
   Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation One (1) Case: Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association v. Buck Consultants, LLC, Mediation Pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1115, 1119, 1152 Government Code Section 54956.9d)(4)

No closed session Items were heard at this meeting

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

None

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfally submitted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Rick Santos, Executive Fred Silva, GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL



# **PAS IMPLEMENTATION** LINEA BI-WEEKLY STATUS UPDATE

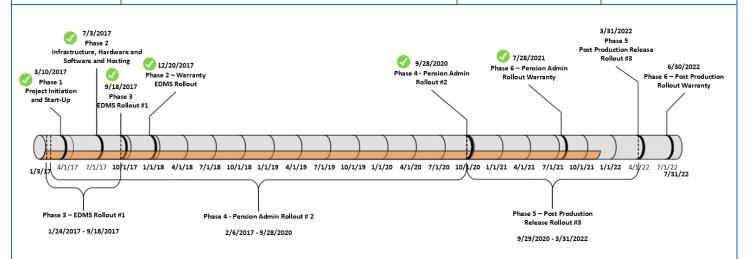


Sponsor:

**Rick Santos** 

REPORT DATE:

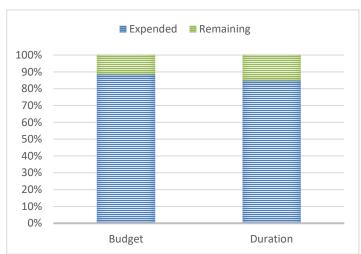
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## Baseline 12/01/2016

## **STATUS**

## **Risks & Issues:**



Following adjustment of the project schedule into 2022, the project team continues to monitor the following schedule risks.

- City of Ceres payroll system implementation
- W-4P change implementation

# **Accomplishments:**

Linea Budget as of 10/31/2021

- Continued progress was made toward development of functionality for R27 release.
- Preparations were made for R27 release to UAT on 11/12/2021 and subsequent testing of new functionality and resolved PIRs.
- Development and collaboration occurred in preparation for uncertainty of W-4P changes.

# **Upcoming:**

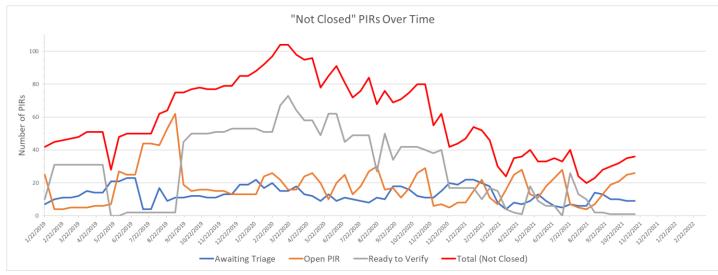
- Further testing of new Member Web Portal features and planning for Portal rollout process and user registrations.
- Completion of R27 testing prior to production release planned for 12/11/2021.
- Determination of revised project timeline, including content and release dates for R28.

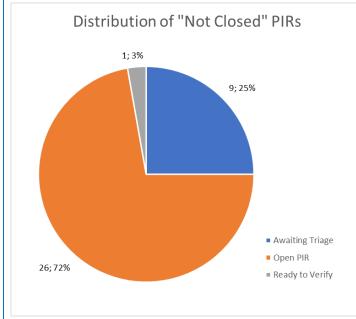
# **Ongoing Project Contributions**

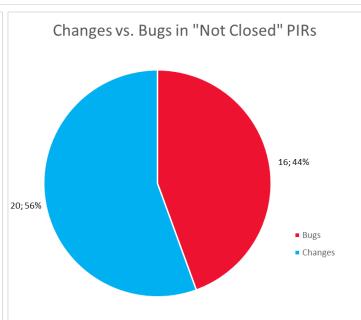
- Facilitate weekly Project Manager's meetings and create meeting minutes.
- ➤ Facilitate monthly Steering Committee Meetings and create meeting minutes.
- Participate in Tegrit work sessions, review meeting minutes, and compile resulting decision logs and action items.
- Regularly review action items for follow up and completion.

- Review and hold group review sessions for BSRD deliverables made by Tegrit.
- Track requirements, as discussed in work sessions and BSRDs, using the RTM and meet with StanCERA PM to update requirements confirmation.
- Manage and participate in system testing efforts, including review of test scripts, compiling of results, input of PIRs, and tracking of issue resolution.

# **Current PIR Summary**







# StanCERA Applications for Service Retirement(s) Government Code Sections 31499.14, 31670, 31662.2, 31810 & 31700

- 1. Abady, Camillo City of Ceres Effective 11/28/2021
- 2. Avants, Archie Stanislaus County Effective 11/06/2021
- 3. Burns, Wendy Stanislaus County Effective 10/13/2021
- 4. FUERST, WILLIAM Stanislaus County Effective 11/01/2021
- 5. Fletcher, Christina Stanislaus County Effective 11/02/2021
- 6. Funderburg, John Stanislaus County Effective 10/23/2021
- 7. Galvez, Miguel Stanislaus County Effective 11/06/2021
- 8. Gibson, Margie P Stanislaus County Effective 11/01/2021
- 9. Ibarra, Edward Stanislaus County Effective 11/01/2021
- 10. Kaps, Thomas Stanislaus County Effective 11/02/2021
- 11. Mc Culloch, Patrick Stanislaus County Effective 11/06/2021
- 12. Parrish, Wanda Stanislaus County Effective 11/01/2021
- 13. Peagler, Rodney Stanislaus County Effective 11/05/2021
- 14. Spradlin, Shawn Stanislaus County Effective 11/06/2021
- 15. Strode, Cris Stanislaus County Effective 11/02/2021
- 16. Teixeira, Linda Stanislaus County Effective 11/01/2021



## November 23, 2021

Retirement Board Agenda Item

TO: Retirement Board

FROM: Stan Conwell, Retirement Investment Officer

I. SUBJECT: Investment Matrix

II. ITEM NUMBER: 6.e.

III. ITEM TYPE: Information Only

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: N/A

V. ANALYSIS:

a) Investment Program Activities & Governance:

Phase 3 of the strategic asset allocation rebalance plan was completed in the last month. Trading began at the end of October and continued into the first week of November. Graham and Invesco, the two new liquid absolute return managers approved by the Board were added to the portfolio. With phase 3 of the rebalance plan now complete the portfolio is largely in line with the strategic asset allocation adopted by the Board in November of last year. After a brief pause, private market fund reviews in the infrastructure, private credit and private equity space are now underway. Staff also attended a few virtual annual general meetings and advisory council meetings to monitor manager activities and maintain awareness of general market conditions.

## b) Money Transfer Report:

#### October

	Fror	n	То			
Manager	Asset Class	Amount	Manager	Asset Class	Amount	
NT Russell 3000	Equity	\$-1,907,249.00	Clayton, Dubilier, & Rice XI	Private Equity	\$1,907,249.00	
StanCERA Cash	Cash	\$-72,837.51	Genstar Capital Partners X	Private Equity	\$72,837.51	
NT Russell 3000	Equity	\$-1,816,000.00	Clayton, Dubilier, & Rice XI	Private Equity	\$1,816,000.00	

AQR	Risk Parity	\$-51,000,000.00	Graham Proprietary Matrix	Liquid Absolute Return	\$51,000,000.00
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StanCERA Cash	Cash	\$-4,000,000.00	Proprietary	Absolute	\$4,000,000.00
Casn			Matrix	Return	

## c) Trainings/Conferences

Virtual Institutional Limited Partner Association (ILPA) Summit Conference November 9-11

Staff attended the 2021 ILPA Summit conference which was held virtually allowing for both time and cost savings. The purpose the ILPA summit is to build relationships among LPs as well as between LPs and GPs. Staff scheduled numerous one on one meetings with GPs based on the mutual preferences and priorities of both parties. One keynote speaker was SEC Chair Gary Gensler who provided some information on the priorities of the SEC in regard to private markets. He said the SEC is considering adding rules around what provisions can and cannot be part of side letter agreements between individual LPs and the GP. There was also a focus on greater transparency and prohibition of certain activities to reduce potential conflicts of interest.

VI. RISK: None

VII. STRATEGIC PLAN: N/A

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET IMPACT: NONE





## November 23, 2021

Retirement Board Agenda Item

TO: Retirement Board

FROM: Rick Santos, Executive Director

Stan Conwell, Retirement Investment Officer

I. SUBJECT: Annual Shortfall Reconciliation

II. ITEM NUMBER: 6.f

III. ITEM TYPE: Information Only

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None

## V. ANALYSIS:

## Background

Like many pension plans, StanCERA is currently cash flow negative. This means the contributions into the system are less than the benefits paid out of the system. It is normal for a mature plan, like StanCERA, to be cash flow negative and the Board adopted a program to address any potential negative impacts to the portfolio by being cash flow negative.

StanCERA has a liquidity sub-portfolio designed to mitigate any risks related to liquidity. The program pre-funds retiree benefit payments for a certain period and is meant to protect the portfolio from the forced selling of assets to pay out benefits. Currently there are six years of cash shortfall payments in the sub-portfolio in addition to a 1% target allocation to cash.

Each year a reconciliation of the program is performed to provide an update on the changes to the program and gauge it's overall effectiveness. The reconciliation focuses on the assets and the liabilities in the program. The estimated future benefits payments plus expenses less employer and employee contributions (shortfalls) are the liabilities and the bonds set aside to fund those liabilities are the assets. Both change with market conditions. How the two interact can provide insight into the program's effectiveness.

## Annual Shortfall Reconciliation

This year's reconciliation differs from prior years. Typically, a new estimate for each monthly cash shortfall is completed and provided to the manager annually to keep the assets closely matched to the liabilities. This year, the estimates from last year for the future cash shortfalls were kept intact and not changed. As a result of this decision, Insight (the manager of this strategy), did not have to adjust the portfolio, since the projected shortfall payments were kept static. Consequently, another result of this decision is that changes in interest rates between valuation years affected the asset values and liabilities in different ways. More explicitly, since Insight did not adjust the portfolio, it (the portfolio)

still reflects, and is built on what interest rates were last year. In addition, for StanCERA to properly value and reconcile its liabilities this year, it did so having to use *current interest rates*. As such, this creates a greater mismatch between the assets and liabilities.

The estimated cash shortfalls weren't updated this year for a couple reasons. The first is related to potential changes in the trend due to COVID-19. Staff observed unusual changes from the trendline in actual contributions and benefit payments used to forecast the cash shortfalls. This could be a short-term change that will revert back with time or it could be a permanent shift to a new trendline. Additional data is needed to fully interpret the change. The second reason relates to managing transaction costs. Updating all the monthly cash shortfalls every year achieves the goal of closely matching the assets to the liabilities but triggers the sale and purchase of bonds and the related transactions costs. By changing the cash shortfall estimates less frequently the expenses of the program are reduced due to less portfolio turnover. Thus, staff did not wish to incur additional transaction costs if the change in the trend in shortfall payments is transitory due to COVID-19 related behavior. The downside of this is that the mis-match between liabilities and assets is greater, however, it in no way affects the ability of the portfolio to meet our shortfall demands. The table below provides a summary of the changes that occurred during the year.

Summary Shortfall Reconciliation								
	Liabilities Assets					lus		
Shortfall June 30, 2020	\$	164,518,980	\$	164,861,852	\$	342,872		
Shortfall June 30, 2021	\$	166,175,382	\$	164,428,176	\$	(1,747,206)		
Change In the Surplus					\$	(2,090,078)		

Key takeaways and additional information on the summary reconciliation:

- 1. The increase in liabilities was driven mainly by an increase in the new year of estimated cash shortfalls that were added for the period. The new year added had fewer zero cash flow months meaning the liabilities increased because there was one more month of payments during the new six-year period of shortfalls.
- 2. Assets remained relatively unchanged during the year because Insight, our cashflow matched bond manager, wasn't instructed to alter the portfolio to the same degree. As a result, portfolio assets didn't change as much as it has in the past.
- 3. The change in "surplus" was negative and somewhat expected given the portfolio changed very little and wasn't adjusted to closely match the updated liabilities. Had the assets been updated, the contribution to Insight would have been higher. By changing the underlying assets less frequently, the program costs can be reduced while still maintaining a sufficient cushion of liquidity to achieve the goals of the program.

VI. RISK: None

VII. STRATEGIC PLAN: N/A

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET IMPACT: None

# <u>Internal Governance Committee - Standing Committee</u>

This committee shall consist of three (3)
Retirement Board members. At least one of
the Retirement Board members of the
committee shall have sufficient background in
accounting, financial or managerial matters to
understand, relate to and communicate
accounting and organizational matters
especially as they relate to audit reports. This
committee shall have the responsibility for
oversight of all financial audits (both external
and internal), compliance audits, Bylaw
revisions, Policy revisions, Retirement Board
member education and training (including
ethics) and other internal governance matters.

## 2022

- 1. Sam Sharpe
- 2. Rhonda Biesemeier
- 3. Mandip Dhillon Staff as needed

## <u>Due Diligence Committee - Standing</u> Committee

This committee may consist of the Vice-Chair as Chair, one (1) other Board member the Executive Director, the Investment Officer and one (1) staff member appointed by the Executive Director (or a designee of the Executive Director), to act as the recorder. This committee shall insure that Due Diligence visits are carried out with Investment managers and other vendor business. These are reviewed on a schedule as determined by the Bylaws and the committee.

#### 2022

- 1. Mandip Dhillon Chair
- 2. Joshua Clayton
- 3. Executive Director, Rick Santos
- 4. Investment Officer, Stan Conwell
- 5. Executive Assistant, Kellie Gomes

## <u>Performance Review and Compensation</u> <u>Committee (PRCC). Standing Committee</u>

This committee shall consist of current Chair, past Chair, and current Vice Chair. As needed, the PRCC will meet to discuss the performance and compensation of the position of Executive Director.

Areas of Responsibility:
Assessment of the performance and compensation recommendation for the positions of Executive Director

#### 2022

Donna Riley, Chair Mandip Dhillon, Vice Chair Jeff Grover, Past Chair Staff as needed

# <u>Strategic Planning Objectives Committee - Standing Committees</u>

## 2022

Volunteer Trustee **NOT** Needed for this year Volunteer Trustee **NOT** Needed for this year

## <u>Pension Administration System</u> <u>Implementation - Ad-Hoc Committee</u>

#### 2022

Michael O'Neal Darin Gharat

Enhanced PAS Committee Members
Donna Riley
Sam Sharpe



# **Stanislaus County ERA**

# **TOTAL FUND ASSET ALLOCATION VS. POLICY**

Policy	Current
1.0% 7.0%	1.0% 5.5%
16.0%	18.8%
4.0%	4.0%
20.0%	19.2%
6.5%	8.8%
6.0%	4.1%
7.5%	6.2%
5.0%	5.3%
8.0%	7.8%
10.0%	12.0%
6.0%	5.2%
3.0%	2.0%

Asset Allocation vs. Target									
	Current	Policy	Current	Policy Range	Within Range				
Cash	\$26,340,562	1.0%	1.0%	0.0% - 4.0%	Yes				
Cashflow-Matched Bonds	\$152,119,902	7.0%	5.5%	4.0% - 10.0%	Yes				
US Large Equity	\$520,041,697	16.0%	18.8%	12.0% - 20.0%	Yes				
US Small Equity	\$111,068,539	4.0%	4.0%	0.0% - 7.0%	Yes				
International Equity	\$530,065,773	20.0%	19.2%	14.0% - 26.0%	Yes				
Core Real Estate	\$243,422,443	6.5%	8.8%	0.0% - 10.0%	Yes				
Value-Add Real Estate	\$113,742,555	6.0%	4.1%	0.0% - 10.0%	Yes				
Infrastructure	\$172,162,157	7.5%	6.2%	0.0% - 12.0%	Yes				
Private Equity	\$146,966,386	5.0%	5.3%	0.0% - 8.0%	Yes				
Private Credit	\$216,747,924	8.0%	7.8%	0.0% - 10.0%	Yes				
Risk Parity	\$332,451,391	10.0%	12.0%	6.0% - 14.0%	Yes				
US Treasury Bonds	\$142,415,982	6.0%	5.2%	4.0% - 8.0%	Yes				
Liquid Absolute Return	\$55,000,000	3.0%	2.0%	0.0% - 5.0%	Yes				
Total	\$2,762,545,312	100.0%	100.0%						

<sup>-</sup> The Private Equity allocation includes the Private Equity Proxy account value.



# **Stanislaus County ERA**

# **TOTAL FUND NET PERFORMANCE DETAIL**

	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
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Total Fund	2,762,545,312	100.0	2.5	12.1	24.7	12.1	10.4	9.4	9.2	Jan-95
Policy Index			2.5	10.6	22.3	12.1	10.2	9.1	8.4	Jan-95
Allocation Index	470 400 407		2.9							Jan-95
Liquidity Sub-Portfolio	178,460,465	6.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	5.0	3.1			Apr-11
StanCERA Liquidity Blended BM			-0.5	-0.9	0.5	4.7	3.1	2.0	2.0	Apr-11
Cash	26,340,562	1.0	0.1	2.7	3.1	2.0	1.7			Apr-11
FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR			0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.5	Apr-11
Cashflow-Matched Bonds	152,119,902	5.5	-0.5	-0.8	-0.3	5.2			3.6	Jun-17
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR			-0.6	-1.4	-0.7	4.5	2.6	2.4	3.0	Jun-17
Insight	152,119,902	5.5	-0.5	-0.8	-0.3	5.2			3.6	Jun-17
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR			-0.6	-1.4	-0.7	4.5	2.6	2.4	3.0	Jun-17
Growth Sub-Portfolio	2,054,217,474	74.4	3.2	16.3	32.9	14.5	12.7	11.7	8.8	Dec-03
StanCERA Growth Blended BM			3.2	13.0	28.3	13.9	12.2			Dec-03
US Equities	631,110,236	22.8	6.3	25.3	48.9	20.4	17.9	15.6	10.8	Dec-03
Russell 3000			6.8	22.8	43.9	21.6	18.9	16.1	10.6	Dec-03
US Large Equity	520,041,697	18.8	6.8	24.8	46.5	22.2	19.4	16.6	13.4	Dec-94
Russell 1000			6.9	23.2	43.5	22.0	19.2	16.3	11.2	Dec-94
BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth	275,617,783	10.0	8.7	24.2	43.2	29.4	25.5	19.4	19.2	Jul-10
Russell 1000 Growth			8.7	24.2	43.2	29.4	25.5	19.4	19.1	Jul-10
BlackRock Russell 1000 Value	115,274,633	4.2	5.1	22.0	43.7	14.0	12.5	12.9	12.9	Jul-09
Russell 1000 Value			5.1	22.0	43.8	13.9	12.4	12.8	12.8	Jul-09
Dodge & Cox-Equity	129,149,282	4.7	4.5	29.7	58.6	16.0	15.5	15.1	12.5	Dec-94
Russell 1000 Value			5.1	22.0	43.8	13.9	12.4	12.8	10.3	Dec-94
US Small Equity	111,068,539	4.0	4.3	27.7	61.6	13.7	12.6	11.9	13.3	Dec-08
Russell 2000	· •		4.3	17.2	50.8	16.5	15.5	13.5	14.2	Dec-08
Attucks Small Cap	111,068,539	4.0	4.3	27.7	61.6	13.7	13.0	12.5	13.5	Dec-08
Russell 2000 Value	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		3.8	27.6	64.3	13.4	12.6	12.1	12.2	Dec-08



Allocation Index is estimated as of 10/31/2021, and is subject to change once finalized.
 Cash Composite includes the Transaction Account Value.

# **Stanislaus County ERA**

# **TOTAL FUND NET PERFORMANCE DETAIL**

	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
International Equity	530,065,773	19.2	2.0	10.8	34.4	12.2	9.9	7.4	7.0	Sep-04
MSCI ACWI ex USA	000,000,000		2.4	8.4	29.7	12.0	9.8	6.7	6.6	Sep-04
LSV Int'l Large Cap Value	263,805,898	9.5	1.1	12.4	37.8	9.3	8.2	6.5	6.4	Sep-04
MSCI ACWI ex USA Value	, ,		1.6	10.9	37.1	6.9	6.7	4.7	5.3	Sep-04
Fidelity Int'l Growth	266,259,876	9.6	2.9	9.5	31.5	15.1	11.4	8.0	5.2	Apr-06
MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth			3.1	5.8	22.7	16.8	12.7	8.5	5.6	Apr-06
Core Real Estate	243,422,443	8.8	3.7	15.0	18.7	7.7	6.7	6.1	3.1	Mar-08
NCREIF Property Index			0.0	10.9	12.2	6.7	6.8	9.0	6.2	Mar-08
Prime Property Fund	66,157,371	2.4	0.0	10.8	12.5	6.7	7.5		7.8	Sep-15
NCREIF ODCE			0.0	13.1	14.6	7.1	7.5	9.9	7.8	Sep-15
BlackRock Real Estate Securities	114,430,704	4.1	8.2	34.5	55.8	12.1	8.5		9.2	Sep-12
DJ US Select RESI TR USD			8.2	34.7	56.1	12.2	8.6	9.9	9.2	Sep-12
PGIM Real Estate US Debt Fund	62,834,367	2.3	0.0	4.2	5.5	5.5			5.2	Sep-18
Bloomberg US CMBS Investment Grade			-0.4	-0.6	1.0	5.8	3.4	4.0	5.1	Sep-18
Value-Add Real Estate	113,742,555	4.1	0.0	13.6	16.8	12.0	12.1		11.3	Jul-14
NCREIF Property Index +2%			0.2	12.7	14.4	8.8	9.0	11.2	10.4	Jul-14
American Strategic Value Realty	78,561,508	2.8	0.0	13.3	14.4	8.6	9.3		10.7	Dec-14
NCREIF Property Index			0.0	10.9	12.2	6.7	6.8	9.0	7.8	Dec-14
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VII	4,646,422	0.2	0.0	-2.8	7.5	9.0	10.9		10.4	Jul-14
NCREIF-ODCE +1%			0.1	14.0	15.7	8.1	8.6	11.0	10.1	Jul-14
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VIII	30,534,625	1.1	0.0	19.6	25.3	22.1			24.1	Apr-18
NCREIF-ODCE +1%			0.1	14.0	15.7	8.1	8.6	11.0	8.2	Apr-18
Infrastructure	172,162,157	6.2	0.0	1.2	2.8	5.8	9.2		6.1	May-15
CPI + 5% (Unadjusted)			1.2	10.6	11.5	8.2	7.9	7.1	7.5	May-15
MS Infrastructure Partners II	28,130,123	1.0	0.0	2.6	4.2	6.3	9.5		6.3	May-15
CPI + 5% (Unadjusted)			1.2	10.6	11.5	8.2	7.9	7.1	7.5	May-15
Northern Trust Infrastructure Fund	144,032,034	5.2	0.0	-					-0.9	Jul-21
67% STOXX Global Broad Infra / 33% Bloomberg US TIPS			0.0	5.1	14.7	9.6	7.0		-0.6	Jul-21

<sup>-</sup> LSV Int'l Large Cap Value and 67% STOXX Global Broad Infra / 33% Bloomberg US Tips are estimated as of 10/31/2021, and are subject to chance once finalized.



# Stanislaus County ERA TOTAL FUND PERFORMANCE DETAIL

	Market Value	% of	1 Mo	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Inception	Inception
	(\$)	Portfolio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	Date
Private Equity	146,966,386	5.3	5.0	21.9	42.4	-			23.0	Dec-18
Russell 3000 + 3%			7.0	25.8	48.1	25.2	22.4	19.5	25.1	Dec-18
Private Equity	38,884,235	1.4	0.0	26.0	33.3	-			24.8	Apr-20
Russell 3000 + 3%			7.0	25.8	48.1	25.2	22.4	19.5	53.1	Apr-20
Private Equity Proxy	108,082,152	3.9	6.8	22.8	44.0	23.6	20.0	16.7	11.0	Nov-03
Russell 3000			6.8	22.8	43.9	21.6	18.9	16.1	10.9	Nov-03
Private Credit	216,747,924	7.8	-0.1	6.9	7.1	-1.1	0.1		2.3	May-13
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index +2%			0.4	6.4	10.6	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.1	May-13
Private Credit	93,076,153	3.4	0.0	7.0	7.1	-1.1	0.1		2.3	May-13
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index +2%			0.4	6.4	10.6	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.1	May-13
Private Credit Proxy	123,671,771	4.5	-0.2			-			0.7	Jul-21
ICE BofA US HY Master II Constnd TR			-0.2	4.5	10.7	7.1	6.2	6.6	0.8	Jul-21
Risk-Diversifying Sub-Portfolio	529,867,373	19.2	1.0	4.0	4.3	5.4	3.6	3.9	4.8	Nov-03
StanCERA Risk-Diversifying Blended BM			-0.4	-1.2	-1.1	3.7	2.1	1.9		Nov-03
Risk Parity	332,451,391	12.0	1.4	7.6	18.3	12.5			8.0	Nov-17
60% MSCI ACWI (Net)/ 40% Bloomberg Global Agg			3.0	8.0	20.6	12.5	9.9	7.6	8.7	Nov-17
HFR Risk Parity Vol 10 Institutional Index			1.1	6.9	16.0	9.8	7.4	6.5	6.4	Nov-17
AQR Global Risk Premium - EL	138,108,620	5.0	1.4	8.5	17.9	10.9			8.5	Apr-18
60% MSCI ACWI (Net)/ 40% Bloomberg Global Agg			3.0	8.0	20.6	12.5	9.9	7.6	9.2	Apr-18
PanAgora Risk Parity Multi Asset	194,342,771	7.0	1.3	6.7	18.7	14.1			8.6	Nov-17
60% MSCI ACWI (Net)/ 40% Bloomberg Global Agg			3.0	8.0	20.6	12.5	9.9	7.6	8.7	Nov-17
US Treasury Bonds	142,415,982	5.2	0.2	-2.9	-2.8	5.5	3.5	3.8	4.8	Nov-03
Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr TR			-0.4	-3.8	-3.8	6.1	2.6	2.9		Nov-03
Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond	97,297,319	3.5	-0.6	-1.7	-1.6	3.7			2.3	Jul-17
Bloomberg US Govt Int TR			-0.6	-1.7	-1.5	3.8	2.0	1.8	2.4	Jul-17
Northern Trust Long Term Gov't Bond	45,118,663	1.6	1.8	-5.8	-5.8	10.8			6.2	Jul-17
Bloomberg US Govt Long TR			1.8	-5.7	-5.7	11.0	4.6	5.0	6.2	Jul-17
Liquid Absolute Return	55,000,000	2.0	0.0				-			Nov-21
30 Day T-Bill + 4%			0.3	3.4	4.0	5.1	5.1	4.6		Nov-21
Graham Global Investment Fund I SPC LTD	55,000,000	2.0								Nov-21
HFRI Macro (Total) Index			1.5	9.7	15.5	7.0	3.9	2.3		Nov-21

<sup>-</sup>Graham Global Investment Fund I SPC LTD funded as of 10/29/2021.



# Stanislaus County ERA NOTES

- All performance is shown net of investment management fees.
- Performance history is provided by Verus through June 2020. As of July 1, 2020 performance is calculated and reported by NEPC. Policy Index History:
- Policy Index makeup history:
  - Inception 6/30/2017: 14.4% Russell 1000 Value, 11.3% Russell 1000 Growth, 4.8% S&P 500, 4% Russell 2000 Value, 3.7% Russell 2000 Growth, 18% MSCI ACWI ex USA Gross, 29.8% Bloomberg US Aggregate TR, 3.5% DJ US Select RESI TR USD, 7.5% 9% Annual, 3% CPI + 4%
  - 7/1/2017 8/31/2018: 18.5% Russell 1000, 5.5% Russell 2000, 24% MSCI ACWI ex USA Gross, 19% Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Yr. TR, 1% FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR, 3% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr TR, 7.7% NCREIF Property Index, 1.7% NCREIF Property Index +2%, 0.6% CPI + 5%, 5% Bloomberg US High Yield + 2%, 14% 60% MSCI ACWI Net/40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate
  - 9/1/2018 5/30/2019: 10% Russell 1000, 3% Russell 2000, 6% Russell 3000 +3%, 27% MSCI ACWI ex USA Gross, 20% Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Yr. TR, 1% FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR, 3% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr TR, 5% NCREIF Property Index, 5% NCREIF Property Index +2%, 1% CPI + 5%, 6% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index+2%, 13% 60% MSCI ACWI Net/40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate
  - 6/1/2019 6/30/2020: 14% Russell 1000, 3% Russell 2000, 6% Russell 3000 + 3%, 23% MSCI ACWI ex-USA, 19% Bloomberg US Gov't/Credit 1-3 Yr, 1% Citi 1 Month T-Bills, 3% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr, 5% NCREIF Property, 5% NCREIF Property +2%, 2% CPI +5%, 6% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%, 13% 60% MSCI ACWI / 40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate
  - 7/1/2020 12/31/2020: 14% Russell 1000, 3% Russell 2000, 6% Russell 3000 + 3%, 23% MSCI ACWI ex-USA, 8% Bloomberg US Gov't/Credit 1-3 Yr, 1% Citi 1 Month T-Bills, 3% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr, 5% NCREIF Property, 5% NCREIF Property +2%, 2% CPI +5%, 6% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%, 13% 60% MSCI ACWI / 40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate, 11% Bloomberg US Intermediate.
  - 1/1/2021 06/30/2021: 16% Russell 1000, 3.5% Russell 2000, 6% Russell 3000 + 3%, 23% MSCI ACWI ex-USA, 8% Bloomberg US Gov't/Credit 1-3 Yr, 1% Citi 1 Month T-Bills, 5% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr, 6% NCREIF Property, 5% NCREIF Property +2%, 2% CPI +5%, 4.5% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%, 13% 60% MSCI ACWI / 40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate, 7% Bloomberg US Intermediate.
  - 07/01/2021 Present: 16% Russell 1000, 4% Russell 2000, 5% Russell 3000 + 3%, 20% MSCI ACWI ex USA Gross, 6.5% NCREIF Property Index, 6% NCREIF Property Index + 2%, 7.5% CPI + 5% (Unadjusted), 8% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index +2%, 6% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr TR, 10% 60% MSCI ACWI (Net)/ 40% Bloomberg Global Agg, 3% 30 Day T-Bill + 4%, 1% FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR, 7% Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR.
- Starting July 1, 2020, the small Capital Prospects transition cash balance is moved from the Cash composite to the Capital Prospects account. Historical performance for Capital Prospects, USSmall, US Equities, Growth Sub-Portfolio. Cash. and Liquidity Sub-Portfolio prior to July 1, 2020 reflects performance of these composites before this change.
- Private Equity investments are valued one quarter lagged and adjusted for capital calls and distributions between quarter-end months.
- Value-Add Real Estate managers are valued quarterly adjusted for current cash flows.



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Source of private fund performance benchmark data: Cambridge Associates, via Refinitiv









# RETURNS FOR KEY INDICES RANKED IN ORDER OF PERFORMANCE

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 32.17	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 39.39	BC AGGREGATE 5.24	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 78.51	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 29.09	BC AGGREGATE 7.84	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 18.22	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 43.30	S&P 500 13.69	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 5.67	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 31.74	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 37.28	BC AGGREGATE 0.01	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 36.39	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 38.49
MSCI EAFE 26.34	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 11.81	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE -28.92	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 37.21	RUSSELL 2000 26.85	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 2.64	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 18.05	RUSSELL 2000 38.82	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 13.45	S&P 500 1.38	RUSSELL 2000 21.31	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 30.21	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH -1.51	S&P 500 31.49	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 34.63
RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 23.48	MSCI EAFE 11.17	RUSSELL 2000 -33.79	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 34.47	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 24.5	S&P 500 2.11	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 17.51	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 34.52	RUSSELL 1000 13.24	RUSSELL 1000 0.92	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 17.34	MSCI EAFE 25.03	S&P 500 -4.38	RUSSELL 1000 31.43	RUSSELL 2000 19.96
RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 22.25	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 7.06	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE -36.85	MSCI EAFE 31.78	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 18.88	RUSSELL 1000 1.50	MSCI EAFE 17.32	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 33.48	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 13.05	BC AGGREGATE 0.55	RUSSELL 1000 12.05	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 22.17	RUSSELL 1000 -4.78	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 28.48	RUSSELL 1000 20.96
RUSSELL 2000 18.37	BC AGGREGATE 6.97	S&P 500 -37.0	RUSSELL 1000 28.43	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 16.71	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 0.39	RUSSELL 1000 16.42	RUSSELL 1000 33.11	BC AGGREGATE 5.97	MSCI EAFE -0.81	S&P 500 11.96	S&P 500 21.83	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE -8.27	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 26.54	S&P 500 18.40
S&P 500 15.8	RUSSELL 1000 5.77	RUSSELL 1000 -37.6	RUSSELL 2000 27.16	RUSSELL 1000 16.10	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH -2.91	RUSSELL 2000 16.35	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 32.53	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 5.60	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH -1.38	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 11.32	RUSSELL 1000 21.69	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH -9.31	RUSSELL 2000 25.52	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 18.31
RUSSELL 1000 15.46	S&P 500 5.49	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH -38.44	S&P 500 26.46	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 15.51	RUSSELL 2000 -4.18	S&P 500 16.00	S&P 500 32.39	RUSSELL 2000 4.89	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE -3.83	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 11.19	RUSSELL 2000 14.65	RUSSELL 2000 -11.01	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 22.39	MSCI EAFE 7.82
RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 13.35	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE -0.17	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH -38.54	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 20.58	S&P 500 15.06	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE -5.50	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 15.26	MSCI EAFE 22.78	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 4.22	RUSSELL 2000 -4.41	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 7.08	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 13.66	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE -12.86	MSCI EAFE 22.01	BC AGGREGATE 7.51
RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 9.07	RUSSELL 2000 -1.56	MSCI EAFE -43.38	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 19.69	MSCI EAFE 7.75	MSCI EAFE -12.14	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 14.59	BC AGGREGATE -2.02	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS -2.19	-7.46	BC AGGREGATE 2.65	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 7.84	MSCI EAFE -13.79	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 18.44	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 4.63
BC AGGREGATE 4.33	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE -9.78	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS -53.33	BC AGGREGATE 5.93	BC AGGREGATE 6.54	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS -18.42	BC AGGREGATE 4.21	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS -2.60	MSCI EAFE -4.90	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS -14.93	MSCI EAFE 1.00	BC AGGREGATE 3.54	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS -14.58	BC AGGREGATE 8.72	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 2.79

QTD	1 year	3 year	5 Year	10 Year
RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 1.16	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 63.92	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 22.00	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 22.84	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 19.68
S&P 500 0.58	RUSSELL 2000 47.68	S&P 500 18.67	S&P 500 17.65	RUSSELL 1000 16.76
RUSSELL 1000 0.21	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 35.01	RUSSELL 1000 16.43	RUSSELL 1000 17.11	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 15.74
BC AGGREGATE 0.05	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 33.26	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 11.70	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH 15.34	S&P 500 14.84
MSCI EAFE -0.45	RUSSELL 1000 30.96	RUSSELL 2000 10.54	RUSSELL 2000 13.45	RUSSELL 2000 14.63
RUSSELL 1000 VALUE -0.78	S&P 500 30.00	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 10.07	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 11.03	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 13.51
RUSSELL 2000 VALUE -2.98	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH 27.32	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 8.58	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE 10.94	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 13.22
RUSSELL 2000 -4.36	MSCI EAFE 25.73	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE 8.58	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 9.23	MSCI EAFE 8.10
RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH -5.65	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 18.20	MSCI EAFE 7.62	MSCI EAFE 8.81	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS 6.09
MSCI EMERGING MARKETS -8.09	BC AGGREGATE -0.9	BC AGGREGATE 5.36	BC AGGREGATE 2.94	BC AGGREGATE 3.01



# **ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT**

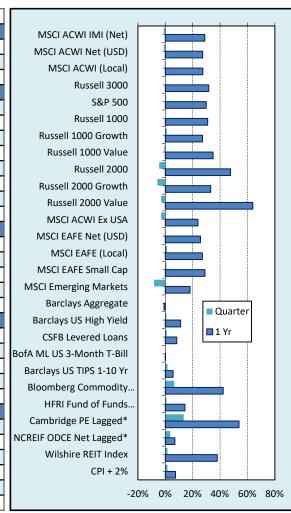
- Q3 Real GDP (advance estimate) grew at an annual rate of +2.0%.
  - Retail sales ended August at +11.95% on a YoY basis. In the same period last year the YoY growth rate was +8.22%.
  - Corporate profits as a percent of GDP ended Q1 2021 at 11.83, up from 8.1% on a YoY basis and remain elevated relative to historical levels.
  - The inventory-to-sales ratio ended August was 1.3. Levels have remained relatively constant since early 2010 with a spike to 1.7 in April 2020.
  - The U.S. trade deficit widened by 4.2 % (ended August).
- The unemployment rate was 4.8% in Q3, down from 5.4% in Q2; U-6, a broader measure of unemployment, decreased to 8.5% in Q3 from 9.8% in Q2.
  - The labor force participation rate ended Q3 at 61.6% and flat against Q2 after declining to 60.2% in April 2020 and is at levels below the 10 year pre-pandemic average of 63.0%.
- The Case-Shiller Home Price Index (ended August) increased to 268.62 from 261.06 in Q2 and remains at levels higher than that of pre-financial crisis levels of 150.9.
- Rolling 12-month seasonally-adjusted CPI was 5.44% in Q3, in the same period last year it was 1.41%;
   Capacity Utilization decreased to 75.2% in Q3 from 75.6% in Q2.
- Fed Funds rate remains at a targeted range of 0.00%-to-0.25%. The 10-year Treasury Yield (constant maturity) finished Q3 at 1.4% down from 1.5% in Q2.
- The Fed has begun to signal that it may be time to begin tapering of asset purchases. The Fed's balance sheet continues to grow in the wake of the pandemic.
- S&P price/earnings valuation decreased in Q3 to 37.1x from 37.4x in Q2 and remains higher than the 10-year average of 27.7x.
  - Cyclically adjusted Shiller PE ratio is 37.7x, well above the long-term average of 16.9x



# **MARKET ENVIRONMENT**

# Q3 2021 OVERVIEW

		Qtr.	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.
World Equity Benchmarks						
MSCI ACWI IMI (Net)	World with Small Cap	-1.11%	28.92%	12.38%	13.06%	11.96%
MSCI ACWI Net (USD)	World W/O Small Cap	-1.05%	27.44%	12.58%	13.20%	11.90%
MSCI ACWI (Local)	World (Local Currency)	-0.36%	27.45%	12.33%	13.27%	12.94%
Domestic Equity Benchmarks				_		_
Russell 3000	Domestic All Cap	-0.10%	31.87%	16.00%	16.85%	16.60%
S&P 500	Large Core	0.58%	30.00%	15.99%	16.89%	16.63%
Russell 1000	Large Core	0.21%	30.96%	16.43%	17.11%	16.76%
Russell 1000 Growth	Large Growth	1.16%	27.32%	22.00%	22.84%	19.68%
Russell 1000 Value	Large Value	-0.78%	35.01%	10.07%	10.94%	13.51%
Russell 2000	Small Core	-4.36%	47.68%	10.54%	13.45%	14.63%
Russell 2000 Growth	Small Growth	-5.65%	33.26%	11.70%	15.34%	15.74%
Russell 2000 Value	Small Value	-2.98%	63.92%	8.58%	11.03%	13.22%
International Equity Benchmarks						
MSCI ACWI Ex USA	World ex-US	-2.99%	23.91%	8.03%	8.94%	7.48%
MSCI EAFE Net (USD)	Int'l Developed	-0.45%	25.73%	7.62%	8.81%	8.10%
MSCI EAFE (Local)	Int'l Developed (Local Currency)	1.32%	27.20%	7.16%	9.01%	10.10%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	Small Cap Int'l	0.89%	29.02%	9.05%	10.38%	10.73%
MSCI Emerging Markets	Emerging Equity	-8.09%	18.20%	8.58%	9.23%	6.09%
Domestic Fixed Income Benchmarks				_		_
Barclays Aggregate	Core Bonds	0.05%	-0.90%	5.36%	2.94%	3.01%
Barclays US High Yield	High Yield	0.89%	11.28%	6.91%	6.52%	7.42%
CSFB Levered Loans	Bank Loans	1.13%	8.46%	4.09%	4.64%	5.04%
BofA ML US 3-Month T-Bill	Cash	0.01%	0.07%	1.18%	1.16%	0.63%
Barclays US TIPS 1-10 Yr	Inflation	1.68%	5.75%	6.41%	3.84%	2.58%
Alternative Benchmarks				_		
Bloomberg Commodity Index	Commodities	6.59%	42.29%	6.86%	4.54%	-2.66%
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index	Fund of Hedge Funds	0.83%	14.41%	6.53%	5.82%	4.47%
Cambridge PE Lagged*	Private Equity	13.54%	53.92%	20.79%	19.47%	15.31%
NCREIF ODCE Net Lagged*	Real Estate	3.68%	7.09%	4.60%	5.62%	8.60%
Wilshire REIT Index	REIT	1.64%	38.06%	10.39%	6.97%	11.30%
CPI + 2%	Inflation/Real Assets	1.67%	7.54%	4.94%	4.68%	3.97%





<sup>\*</sup> As of 6/30/2021

# **ASSESSING THE KEY MARKET THEMES**

AS OF 09/30/21

**Change in Status:** 

Neutral to Prevalent

#### **NEUTRAL PREVALENT DOMINANT DORMANT FADED Virus** Market sentiment has proven less sensitive to news related to the virus as vaccination **Trajectory** rates have improved in the U.S. and globally **Change in Status:** • The severity and prevalence of variants continues to be a risk to the timing and pace of a Prevalent to Neutral global economic recovery **NEUTRAL PREVALENT DOMINANT DORMANT FADED Permanent Interventions** Permanent Interventions continues to be a meaningful force influencing global markets **Change in Status:** The Federal Reserve has announced plans to begin tapering asset purchases given positive trends in economic data and increasing inflation pressures in the U.S. Dominant to Prevalent **PREVALENT DOMINANT NEUTRAL** DORMANT **FADED Globalization** The importance of this theme may increase as supply-chain disruptions and inflationary Backlash pressures strain the electorate and geopolitical relationships **Change in Status:** • The world will likely be faced with an amplified wealth divide given economic and labor None market disruptions, which has historically driven more volatile political outcomes **PREVALENT NEUTRAL DOMINANT DORMANT FADED** China • China introduced a wave of new regulations, implementing anti-monopoly, industry-**Transitions** specific, and consumer protection regulations

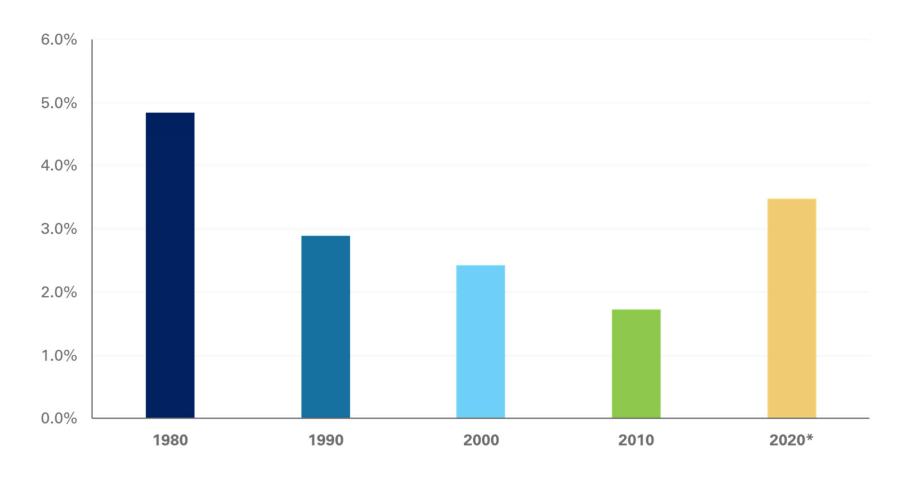


negatively impacted market sentiment for Chinese investments

While in-line with the longer-term economic goals, the string of regulatory actions has

# **REFRAMING INFLATION EXPECTATIONS**

# ANNUALIZED INFLATION BY DECADE

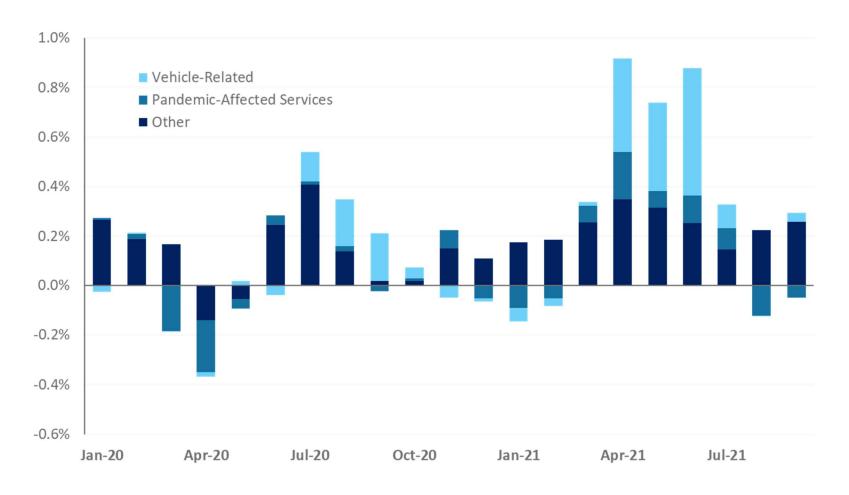




Notes: \*2020 reflects returns through September 30, 2021 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, FactSet, NEPC

# TRANSITORY FACTORS HAVE WANED...

# CONTRIBUTION TO MONTHLY CORE CPI-U



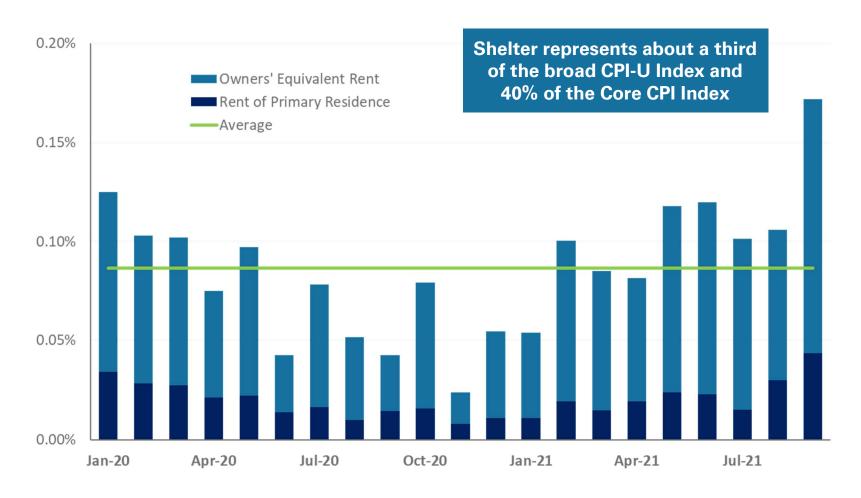






# ...STICKIER FACTORS MAY BE ON THE RISE

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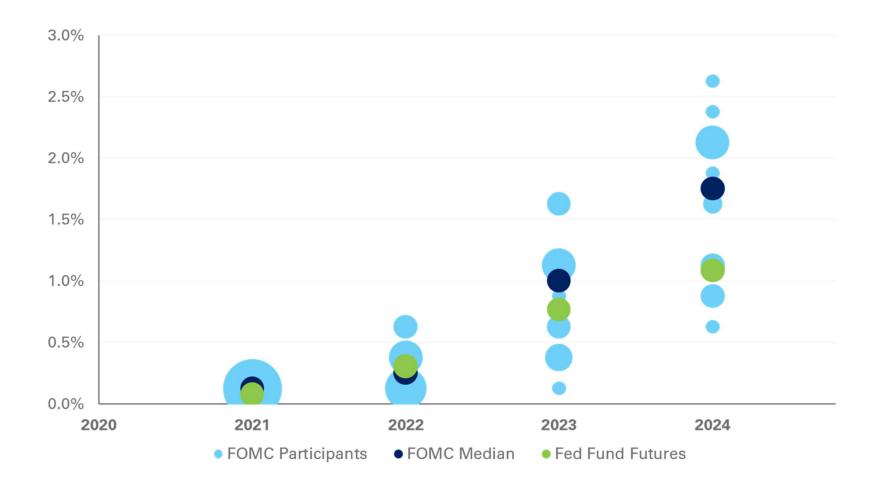




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### FED PROJECTING THREE RATE HIKES IN 2023

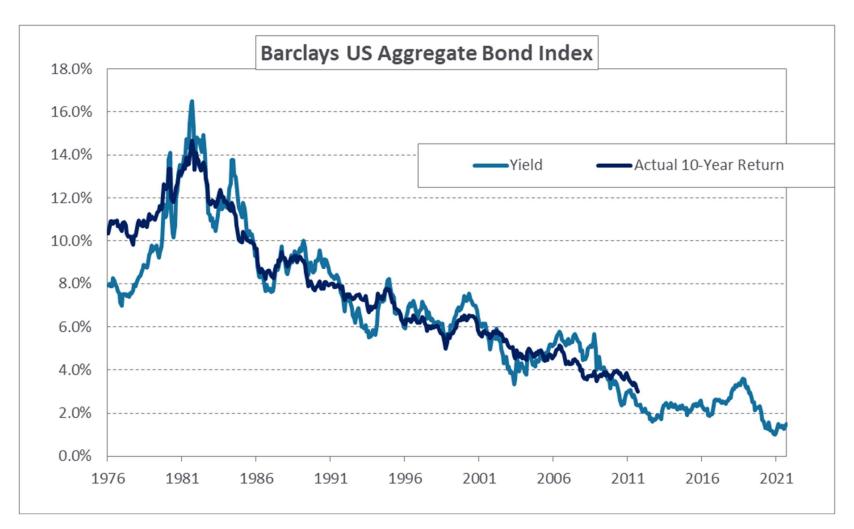
#### FED DOT PLOT VERSUS FED FUND FUTURES





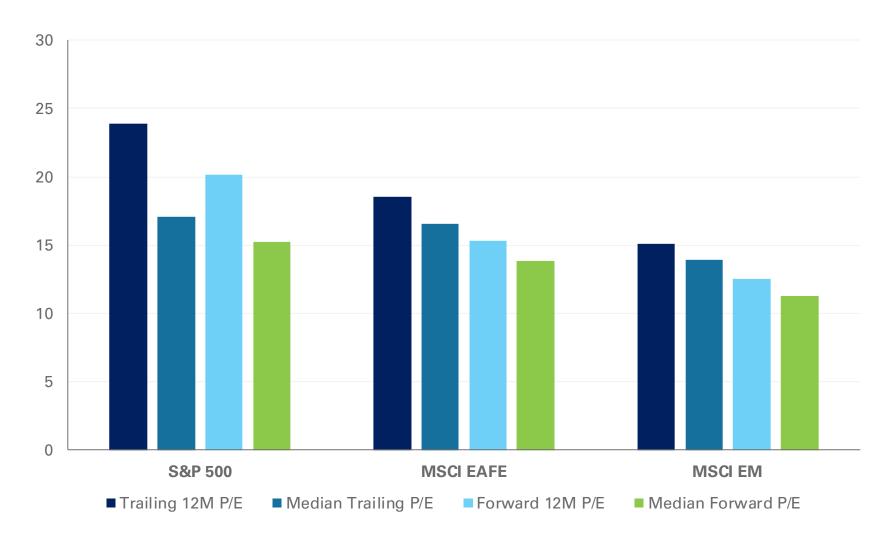
FOMC Participant dot size reflects the number of policymakers forecasts of federal fund rate at the end of each calendar year Source: FOMC, FactSet

# BOND YIELDS IMPLY LOW RETURNS GOING FORWARD





## **GLOBAL EQUITY VALUATIONS**

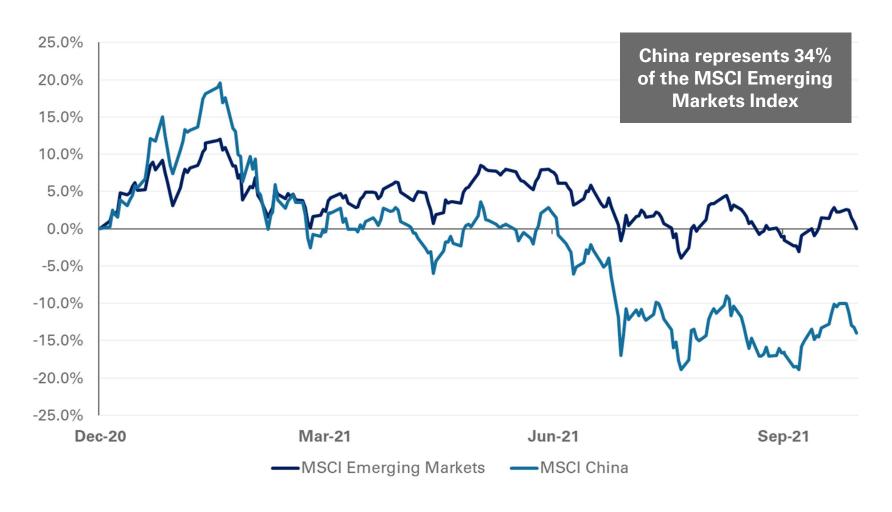




Median calculated based on 20-year monthly data Source: S&P, MSCI, FactSet

### **CHINESE EQUITIES HAVE WEIGHED ON EM**

#### YEAR-TO-DATE CUMULATIVE RETURNS



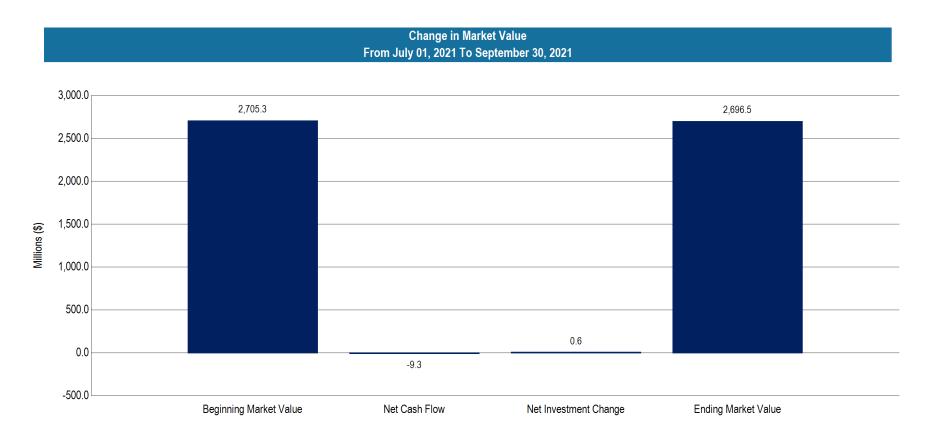


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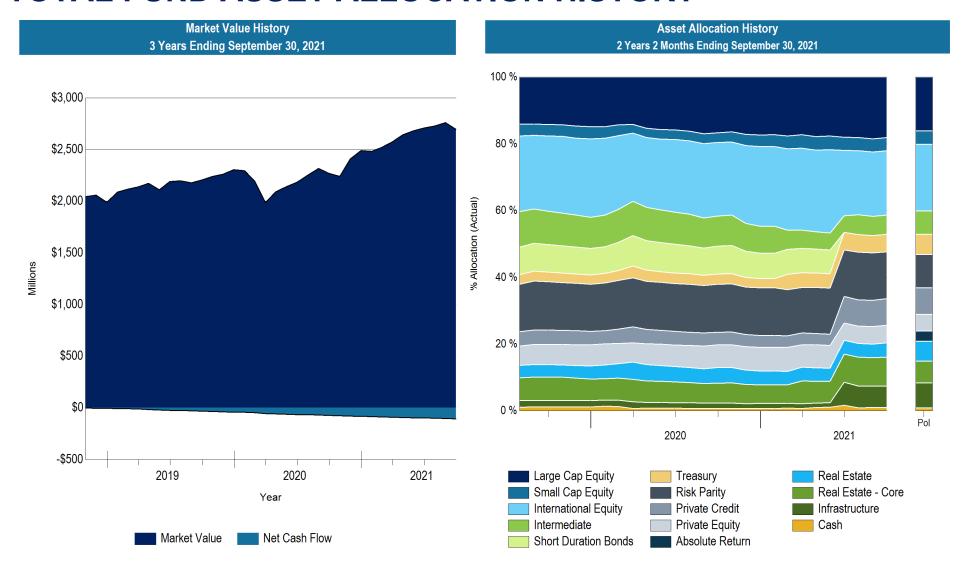
### **TOTAL FUND PORTFOLIO RECONCILIATION**

	Summary of Cash Flows							
	Third Quarter	Year-To-Date						
Beginning Market Value	\$2,705,299,622	\$2,490,365,345						
Net Cash Flow	-\$9,345,746	-\$24,758,325						
Net Investment Change	\$580,045	\$230,926,901						
Ending Market Value	\$2,696,533,921	\$2,696,533,921						





### **TOTAL FUND ASSET ALLOCATION HISTORY**





## **TOTAL FUND ASSET ALLOCATION VS TARGET**

Current	Policy
6.8%	8.0%
73.9%	73.0%
19.3%	19.0%

Allocation vs. Targets and Policy											
	Current Balance	Current Allocation	Policy	Policy	Policy Range	Within IPS Range?					
Liquidity Sub-Portfolio	\$182,873,272	6.8%	\$215,722,714	8.0%	4.0% - 14.0%	Yes					
Growth Sub-Portfolio	\$1,993,813,020	73.9%	\$1,968,469,763	73.0%	60.0% - 80.0%	Yes					
Risk-Diversifying Sub-Portfolio	\$519,847,630	19.3%	\$512,341,445	19.0%	15.0% - 24.0%	Yes					
Total	\$2,696,533,921	100.0%		100.0%							



### **TOTAL FUND ASSET ALLOCATION VS TARGET**

Current	Policy
1.0% 5.8%	1.0% 7.0%
18.1%	16.0%
3.9%	4.0%
19.3%	20.0%
8.7%	6.5%
4.3%	6.0%
6.4%	7.5%
5.2%	5.0%
8.0%	8.0%
14.0%	10.0%
5.3%	6.0%
J.3 70	3.0%

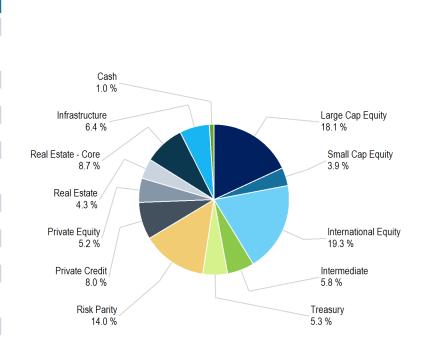
	Allocation	on vs. Target	s and Policy			
	Current Balance	Current Allocation	Policy	Policy	Policy Range	With IPS Rang
Cash	\$27,393,032	1.0%	\$26,965,339	1.0%	0.0% - 4.0%	Ye
Cashflow-Matched Bonds	\$155,480,239	5.8%	\$188,757,374	7.0%	4.0% - 10.0%	Ye
US Large Equity	\$486,976,146	18.1%	\$431,445,427	16.0%	12.0% - 20.0%	Ye
US Small Equity	\$106,450,022	3.9%	\$107,861,357	4.0%	0.0% - 7.0%	Υe
International Equity	\$519,806,118	19.3%	\$539,306,784	20.0%	14.0% - 26.0%	Ye
Core Real Estate	\$234,781,678	8.7%	\$175,274,705	6.5%	0.0% - 10.0%	Ye
Value-Add Real Estate	\$116,741,160	4.3%	\$161,792,035	6.0%	0.0% - 10.0%	Ye
Infrastructure	\$172,162,157	6.4%	\$202,240,044	7.5%	0.0% - 12.0%	Ye
Private Equity	\$139,927,232	5.2%	\$134,826,696	5.0%	0.0% - 8.0%	Ye
Private Credit	\$216,968,507	8.0%	\$215,722,714	8.0%	0.0% - 10.0%	Ye
Risk Parity	\$377,678,319	14.0%	\$269,653,392	10.0%	6.0% - 14.0%	Ye
US Treasury Bonds	\$142,169,311	5.3%	\$161,792,035	6.0%	4.0% - 8.0%	Ye
Liquid Absolute Return	-		\$80,896,018	3.0%	0.0% - 5.0%	Ye
Total	\$2,696,533,921	100.0%		100.0%		

<sup>-</sup> The Private Equity allocation includes the Private Equity Proxy account value.



# Stanislaus County ERA TOTAL FUND PERFORMANCE

			Ending	Septem	ber 30,	2021		
	QTD (%)	YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)		
Total Fund	0.0	9.3	20.3	9.5	9.6	9.8		
Policy Index	0.2	7.8	18.0	9.6	9.4	9.6		
InvMetrics Public DB > \$1B Net Rank	49	49	70	70	63	40		
Liquidity Sub-Portfolio	0.0	0.4	1.0	5.1	3.2			
StanCERA Liquidity Blended BM	0.1	-0.4	1.0	5.0	3.1	2.1		
Cash	0.3	2.7	3.1	2.0	1.7			
FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.6		
Cashflow-Matched Bonds	0.0	-0.2	0.4	5.2	-			
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR	0.0	-0.9	-0.4	4.6	2.6	2.5		
eV US Government Fixed Inc Net Rank	57	1	1	1				
Growth Sub-Portfolio	-0.1	12.8	27.0	11.0	11.7	12.5		
StanCERA Growth Blended BM	-0.5	9.5	22.6	10.7	11.2			
US Equities	-0.1	17.8	37.8	14.6	15.9	16.1		
Russell 3000	-0.1	15.0	31.9	16.0	16.9	16.6		
US Large Equity	0.1	16.9	33.7	16.6	17.5	17.1		
Russell 1000	0.2	15.2	31.0	16.4	17.1	16.8		
eV US Large Cap Equity Net Rank	45	33	29	34	31	26		
US Small Equity	-1.2	22.4	61.7	8.0	10.7	12.9		
Russell 2000	-4.4	12.4	47.7	10.5	13.4	14.6		
eV US Small Cap Value Equity Net Rank	32	49	38	60	55	62		
Attucks Small Cap	-1.2	22.4	61.7	8.0	11.5	13.6		
Russell 2000 Value	-3.0	22.9	63.9	8.6	11.0	13.2		
eV US Small Cap Value Equity Net Rank	32	49	38	60	39	44		
International Equity	-2.1	8.7	29.0	8.1	9.2	8.2		
MSCI ACWI ex USA	-3.0	5.9	23.9	8.0	8.9	7.5		
eV ACWI ex-US Large Cap Equity Net Rank	47	35	22	59	59	57		

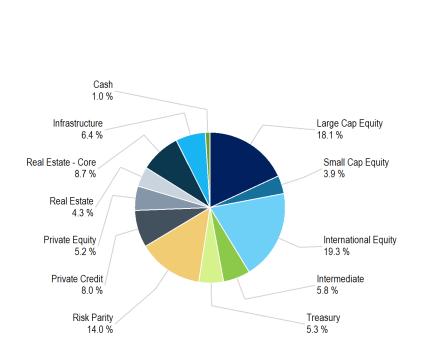


**Current Allocation** 



# Stanislaus County ERA TOTAL FUND PERFORMANCE

			Ending	Ending September 30, 2021						
	QTD (%)	YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)				
Core Real Estate	2.5	10.9	14.1	6.0	5.1	6.2				
NCREIF Property Index	5.2	10.9	12.2	6.7	6.8	9.0				
InvMetrics Public DB Real Estate Priv Net Rank	76	61	21	67	89	97				
Value-Add Real Estate	4.0	13.6	16.8	12.0	12.1					
NCREIF Property Index +2%	5.7	12.5	14.4	8.8	9.0	11.2				
Infrastructure	-0.8	1.2	2.8	6.4	9.1					
CPI + 5% (Unadjusted)	1.5	8.5	9.9	7.7	7.6	6.9				
eV Infrastructure Net Rank	67	93	99	80	18					
Private Equity	0.0	16.1	32.8							
Russell 3000 + 3%	0.6	17.5	35.7	19.4	20.3	20.1				
Private Equity	0.0	26.0	33.3							
Russell 3000 + 3%	0.6	17.5	35.7	19.4	20.3	20.1				
Private Equity Proxy	-0.1	15.0	31.9	18.0	18.0	17.1				
Russell 3000	-0.1	15.0	31.9	16.0	16.9	16.6				
eV US Large Cap Equity Net Rank	52	51	36	26	28	26				
Private Credit	0.5	7.0	7.2	-0.8	0.4					
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index +2%	1.6	6.0	10.6	6.2	6.7	7.0				
Private Credit	0.0	7.0	7.1	-0.8	0.4					
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index +2%	1.6	6.0	10.6	6.2	6.7	7.0				
Private Credit Proxy	0.9		-		-					
ICE BofA US HY Master II Constnd TR	0.9	4.7	11.5	6.6	6.3	7.3				

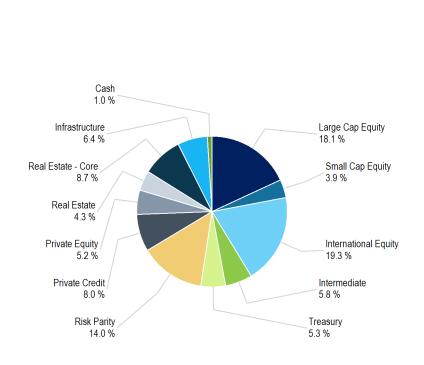


**Current Allocation** 



# Stanislaus County ERA TOTAL FUND PERFORMANCE

			Ending	2021		
	QTD (%)	YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)
Risk-Diversifying Sub-Portfolio	0.1	3.0	3.0	5.0	3.4	3.9
StanCERA Risk-Diversifying Blended BM	0.1	-0.9	-1.1	3.8	2.1	1.9
Risk Parity	0.2	6.1	15.1	10.3	-	
60% MSCI ACWI (Net)/ 40% Bloomberg Global Agg	-1.0	4.9	15.5	9.5	8.8	8.0
HFR Risk Parity Vol 10 Institutional Index	0.2	5.7	13.3	7.9	6.7	6.7
US Treasury Bonds	0.1	-3.1	-4.1	5.2	3.4	3.9
Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr TR	0.0	-3.4	-4.7	6.1	2.4	2.8
eV US Government Fixed Inc Net Rank	1	98	99	1	1	1
Liquid Absolute Return						

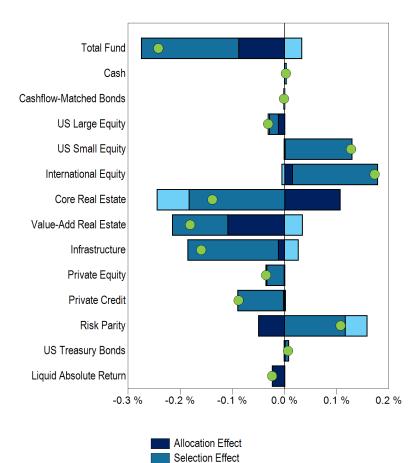


**Current Allocation** 



# Stanislaus County ERA ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

Attribution Effects
3 Months Ending September 30, 2021



Interaction Effects

Total Effect

Performance / Quarter Ending Sept	
	Quarter
Wtd. Actual Return	-0.04%
Wtd. Index Return *	0.20%
Excess Return	-0.23%
Selection Effect	-0.19%
Allocation Effect	-0.09%
Interaction Effect	0.03%

<sup>\*</sup>Calculated from benchmark returns and weightings of each component.

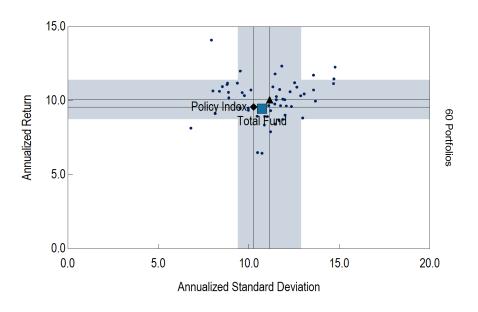
		Attribut	ion Summa	ıry			
	3 Mo	nths Ending	g Septemb	er 30, 2021			
	Wtd. Actual Return	Wtd. Index Return	Excess Return	Selection Effect	Allocation Effect	Interaction Effects	Total Effects
Cash	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Cashflow-Matched Bonds	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
US Large Equity	0.1%	0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
US Small Equity	-1.1%	-4.4%	3.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
International Equity	-2.0%	-2.9%	0.9%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Core Real Estate	2.5%	5.2%	-2.7%	-0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Value-Add Real Estate	4.2%	5.7%	-1.6%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.2%
Infrastructure	-0.8%	1.5%	-2.3%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%
Private Equity	0.0%	0.6%	-0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Private Credit	0.5%	1.6%	-1.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%
Risk Parity	0.2%	-1.0%	1.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
US Treasury Bonds	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Liquid Absolute Return					0.0%		
Total	0.0%	0.2%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.2%



## Stanislaus County ERA TOTAL FUND RISK/RETURN

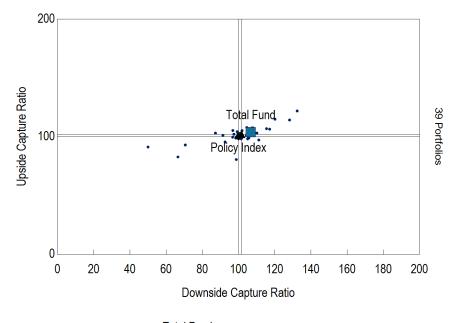
	3 Years Ending September 30, 2021										
	Anlzd Return	Ann Excess BM Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Anlzd Alpha	Beta	Tracking Error	R-Squared	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Up Mkt Capture Ratio	Down Mkt Capture Ratio
Total Fund	9.46%	-0.12%	10.73%	-0.49%	1.04	1.27%	0.99	0.78	-0.09	104.60%	106.79%
Policy Index	9.58%	0.00%	10.27%	0.00%	1.00	0.00%	1.00	0.83		100.00%	100.00%

### Annualized Return vs. Annualized Standard Deviation 3 Years Ending September 30, 2021



- Total Fund
- Policy Index
- ▲ Universe Median
- 68% Confidence Interval
- InvMetrics Public DB > \$1B Net

## Upside Capture Ratio vs. Downside Capture Ratio 3 Years Ending September 30, 2021



- Total Fund
- Policy Index
- ▲ Universe Median
- InvMetrics Public DB > \$1B Net



# Stanislaus County ERA TOTAL FUND PERFORMANCE DETAIL

									En	ding Se	eptemb	er 30, 2	2021		
	Market Value	% of	3 Mo	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Inception	
	(\$)	Portfolio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	Date
Total Fund	2,696,533,921	100.0	0.0	9.3	20.3	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.6	17.4	-4.4	15.3	7.8	9.1	Jan-95
Policy Index			0.2	7.8	18.0	9.6	9.4	9.6	11.7	16.9	-3.7	14.3	8.5	8.3	Jan-95
InvMetrics Public DB > \$1B Net Rank			49	49	70	70	63	40	69	35	64	54	44	4	Jan-95
Liquidity Sub-Portfolio	182,873,272	6.8	0.0	0.4	1.0	5.1	3.2		6.5	7.7	0.8	0.4	1.3	-	Apr-11
StanCERA Liquidity Blended BM			0.1	-0.4	1.0	5.0	3.1	2.1	10.6	3.9	1.6	0.8	1.2	2.1	Apr-11
Cash	27,393,032	1.0	0.3	2.7	3.1	2.0	1.7		1.3	1.6	1.6	0.9	1.3		Apr-11
FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR			0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.5	2.2	1.8	0.8	0.2	0.5	Apr-11
Cashflow-Matched Bonds	155,480,239	5.8	0.0	-0.2	0.4	5.2			6.8	8.5	0.6			3.8	Jun-17
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR			0.0	-0.9	-0.4	4.6	2.6	2.5	6.4	6.8	0.9	2.1	2.1	3.2	Jun-17
eV US Government Fixed Inc Net Rank			57	1	1	1			46	1	87			1	Jun-17
Insight	155,480,239	5.8	0.0	-0.2	0.4	5.2			6.8	8.5	0.6			3.8	Jun-17
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR			0.0	-0.9	-0.4	4.6	2.6	2.5	6.4	6.8	0.9	2.1	2.1	3.2	Jun-17
Growth Sub-Portfolio	1,993,813,020	73.9	-0.1	12.8	27.0	11.0	11.7	12.5	10.4	20.9	-6.1	19.3	8.9	8.7	Dec-03
StanCERA Growth Blended BM			-0.5	9.5	22.6	10.7	11.2		12.5	20.7	-4.9	19.1	8.1		Dec-03
US Equities	593,426,168	22.0	-0.1	17.8	37.8	14.6	15.9	16.1	17.8	29.4	-7.2	19.1	12.2	10.5	Dec-03
Russell 3000			-0.1	15.0	31.9	16.0	16.9	16.6	20.9	31.0	-5.2	21.1	12.7	10.3	Dec-03
US Large Equity	486,976,146	18.1	0.1	16.9	33.7	16.6	17.5	17.1	21.1	30.6	-4.0	21.1	10.8	13.2	Dec-94
Russell 1000			0.2	15.2	31.0	16.4	17.1	16.8	21.0	31.4	-4.8	21.7	12.1	11.0	Dec-94
eV US Large Cap Equity Net Rank			45	33	29	34	31	26	34	39	36	50	39	10	Dec-94
BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth	253,660,160	9.4	1.1	14.3	27.3	22.0	22.8	19.7	38.5	36.4	-1.5	30.2	7.2	18.4	Jul-10
Russell 1000 Growth			1.2	14.3	27.3	22.0	22.8	19.7	38.5	36.4	-1.5	30.2	7.1	18.4	Jul-10
BlackRock Russell 1000 Value	109,702,987	4.1	-0.8	16.1	35.0	10.2	11.0	13.6	3.0	26.7	-8.2	13.8	17.3	12.5	Jul-09
Russell 1000 Value			-0.8	16.1	35.0	10.1	10.9	13.5	2.8	26.5	-8.3	13.7	17.3	12.4	Jul-09
Dodge & Cox-Equity	123,612,999	4.6	-1.2	24.2	49.0	12.1	14.4	15.9	5.6	23.9	-6.5	16.9	21.2	12.3	Dec-94
Russell 1000 Value			-0.8	16.1	35.0	10.1	10.9	13.5	2.8	26.5	-8.3	13.7	17.3	10.1	Dec-94
US Small Equity	106,450,022	3.9	-1.2	22.4	61.7	8.0	10.7	12.9	4.5	25.1	-16.7	14.8	16.2	13.0	Dec-08
Russell 2000			-4.4	12.4	47.7	10.5	13.4	14.6	20.0	25.5	-11.0	14.6	21.3	13.9	Dec-08
eV US Small Cap Value Equity Net Rank			32	49	38	60	55	62	50	35	67	16	95	62	Dec-08
Attucks Small Cap	106,450,022	3.9	-1.2	22.4	61.7	8.0	11.5	13.6	4.5	25.1	-16.7	14.7	27.1	13.2	Dec-08
Russell 2000 Value			-3.0	22.9	63.9	8.6	11.0	13.2	4.6	22.4	-12.9	7.8	31.7	12.0	Dec-08
eV US Small Cap Value Equity Net Rank			32	49	38	60	39	44	50	35	67	17	39	57	Dec-08



# Stanislaus County ERA TOTAL FUND PERFORMANCE DETAIL

									En	ding S	eptemb	er 30, 2	2021		
	Market Value	% of	3 Mo	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs		10 Yrs	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Inception	Inception
	(\$)	Portfolio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	Date
International Equity	519,806,118	19.3	-2.1	8.7	29.0	8.1	9.2	8.2	9.2	21.8	-15.8	27.4	5.3	6.9	Sep-04
MSCI ACWI ex USA			-3.0	5.9	23.9	8.0	8.9	7.5	10.7	21.5	-14.2	27.2	4.5	6.5	Sep-04
eV ACWI ex-US Large Cap Equity Net Rank			47	35	22	59	59	57	68	66	58	61	17	64	Sep-04
LSV Int'l Large Cap Value	260,926,026	9.7	-1.5	11.2	32.3	5.7	8.0	7.4	0.8	20.8	-16.9	27.5	8.2	6.4	Sep-04
MSCI ACWI ex USA Value			-2.3	9.1	31.4	3.8	6.4	5.5	-0.8	15.7	-14.0	22.7	8.9	5.3	Sep-04
Fidelity Int'l Growth	258,880,092	9.6	-2.6	6.4	26.1	10.5	10.3	8.8	17.7	22.8	-14.7	27.0	1.8	5.1	Apr-06
MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth			-3.6	2.7	17.0	11.9	11.2	9.3	22.2	27.3	-14.4	32.0	0.1	5.4	Apr-06
Core Real Estate	234,781,678	8.7	2.5	10.9	14.1	6.0	5.1	6.2	-0.7	10.0	1.6	5.2	5.2	2.9	Mar-08
NCREIF Property Index			5.2	10.9	12.2	6.7	6.8	9.0	1.6	6.4	6.7	7.0	8.0	6.3	Mar-08
InvMetrics Public DB Real Estate Priv Net Rank			76	61	21	67	89	97	80	6	99	89	94	85	Mar-08
Prime Property Fund	66,157,371	2.5	5.8	10.8	12.5	6.7	7.5		1.3	6.2	8.0	8.8	9.2	7.9	Sep-15
NCREIF ODCE			6.6	13.1	14.6	7.1	7.5	9.9	1.2	5.3	8.3	7.6	8.8	7.9	Sep-15
BlackRock Real Estate Securities	105,789,939	3.9	1.2	24.4	40.3	8.2	5.6		-11.3	23.1	-4.2	3.7	6.6	8.3	Sep-12
DJ US Select RESI TR USD			1.3	24.5	40.6	8.3	5.7	10.5	-11.2	23.1	-4.2	3.8	6.6	8.4	Sep-12
PGIM Real Estate US Debt Fund	62,834,367	2.3	1.4	4.2	5.5	5.5			4.5	6.0				5.3	Sep-18
Bloomberg US CMBS Investment Grade			0.0	-0.2	1.0	5.7	3.4	4.2	7.6	8.3	1.0	3.5	3.5	5.4	Sep-18
Value-Add Real Estate	116,741,160	4.3	4.0	13.6	16.8	12.0	12.1		12.4	9.0	11.7	11.9	8.8	11.5	Jul-14
NCREIF Property Index +2%			5.7	12.5	14.4	8.8	9.0	11.2	3.6	8.5	8.8	9.1	10.1	10.5	Jul-14
American Strategic Value Realty	78,561,508	2.9	6.0	13.3	14.4	8.6	9.3		2.7	8.5	9.2	10.1	11.7	10.9	Dec-14
NCREIF Property Index			5.2	10.9	12.2	6.7	6.8	9.0	1.6	6.4	6.7	7.0	8.0	7.9	Dec-14
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VII	7,213,595	0.3	0.0	-2.8	7.5	9.1	11.0		15.4	15.4	12.9	14.7	6.1	10.6	Jul-14
NCREIF-ODCE +1%			6.9	13.9	15.7	8.1	8.6	11.0	2.2	6.4	9.4	8.7	9.9	10.2	Jul-14
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VIII	30,966,057	1.1	0.0	19.6	25.3	21.5			43.0	6.4				24.8	Apr-18
NCREIF-ODCE +1%			6.9	13.9	15.7	8.1	8.6	11.0	2.2	6.4	9.4	8.7	9.9	8.3	Apr-18
Infrastructure	172,162,157	6.4	-0.8	1.2	2.8	6.4	9.1		3.4	13.1	8.3	20.9	4.1	6.1	May-15
CPI + 5% (Unadjusted)			1.5	8.5	9.9	7.7	7.6	6.9	6.4	7.4	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.3	May-15
eV Infrastructure Net Rank			67	93	99	80	18		26	99	1	25	99	39	May-15
MS Infrastructure Partners II	28,130,123	1.0	0.0	2.6	4.2	6.9	9.4		3.4	13.1	8.3	20.9	4.1	6.3	May-15
CPI + 5% (Unadjusted)			1.5	8.5	9.9	7.7	7.6	6.9	6.4	7.4	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.3	May-15
Northern Trust Infrastructure Fund	144,032,034	5.3	-0.9											-0.9	Jul-21
67% STOXX Global Broad Infra / 33% Bloomberg US TIPS			-0.6	5.1	11.9	8.6	6.5		5.6	20.2	-5.6	11.6	7.3	-0.6	Jul-21



# Stanislaus County ERA TOTAL FUND PERFORMANCE DETAIL

									En	ding Se	eptemb	er 30, 2	2021		
	Market Value	% of	3 Mo	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs		2020	2019	2018	2017			
	(\$)	Portfolio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	Date
Private Equity	139,927,232	5.2	0.0	16.1	32.8	-			20.4	31.1				21.6	Dec-18
Russell 3000 + 3%			0.6	17.5	35.7	19.4	20.3	20.1	24.5	34.9	-2.4	24.7	16.1	22.9	Dec-18
Private Equity	35,088,148	1.3	0.0	26.0	33.3									26.4	Apr-20
Russell 3000 + 3%			0.6	17.5	35.7	19.4	20.3	20.1	24.5	34.9	-2.4	24.7	16.1	49.9	Apr-20
Private Equity Proxy	104,839,084	3.9	-0.1	15.0	31.9	18.0	18.0	17.1	20.8	31.1	-0.2	21.2	11.7	10.7	Nov-03
Russell 3000			-0.1	15.0	31.9	16.0	16.9	16.6	20.9	31.0	-5.2	21.1	12.7	10.5	Nov-03
eV US Large Cap Equity Net Rank			52	51	36	26	28	26	34	37	14	50	34	39	Nov-03
Private Credit	216,968,507	8.0	0.5	7.0	7.2	-0.8	0.4		-13.6	4.8	4.2	-0.4	1.9	2.3	May-13
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index +2%			1.6	6.0	10.6	6.2	6.7	7.0	5.2	10.8	2.4	6.2	12.3	6.1	May-13
Private Credit	93,076,153	3.5	0.0	7.0	7.1	-0.8	0.4		-13.6	4.8	4.2	-0.4	2.1	2.3	May-13
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index +2%			1.6	6.0	10.6	6.2	6.7	7.0	5.2	10.8	2.4	6.2	12.3	6.1	May-13
Private Credit Proxy	123,892,354	4.6	0.9		-									0.9	Jul-21
ICE BofA US HY Master II Constnd TR			0.9	4.7	11.5	6.6	6.3	7.3	6.1	14.4	-2.3	7.5	17.5	0.9	Jul-21
Risk-Diversifying Sub-Portfolio	519,847,630	19.3	0.1	3.0	3.0	5.0	3.4	3.9	4.6	5.9	1.1	3.8	5.2	4.8	Nov-03
StanCERA Risk-Diversifying Blended BM			0.1	-0.9	-1.1	3.8	2.1	1.9	5.1	5.3	1.4	1.3	1.3		Nov-03
Risk Parity	377,678,319	14.0	0.2	6.1	15.1	10.3			9.4	22.0	-7.0			7.8	Nov-17
60% MSCI ACWI (Net)/ 40% Bloomberg Global Agg			-1.0	4.9	15.5	9.5	8.8	8.0	14.0	18.6	-6.0	17.1	5.7	8.1	Nov-17
HFR Risk Parity Vol 10 Institutional Index			0.2	5.7	13.3	7.9	6.7	6.7	4.0	21.0	-6.5	13.4	11.3	6.3	Nov-17
AQR Global Risk Premium - EL	185,959,497	6.9	0.3	7.0	14.8	8.9			5.6	21.9				8.2	Apr-18
60% MSCI ACWI (Net)/ 40% Bloomberg Global Agg			-1.0	4.9	15.5	9.5	8.8	8.0	14.0	18.6	-6.0	17.1	5.7	8.5	Apr-18
PanAgora Risk Parity Multi Asset	191,718,822	7.1	0.0	5.3	15.3	11.8			13.4	22.1	-7.6			8.4	Nov-17
60% MSCI ACWI (Net)/ 40% Bloomberg Global Agg			-1.0	4.9	15.5	9.5	8.8	8.0	14.0	18.6	-6.0	17.1	5.7	8.1	Nov-17
US Treasury Bonds	142,169,311	5.3	0.1	-3.1	-4.1	5.2	3.4	3.9	8.8	7.6	0.7	5.0	5.2	4.8	Nov-03
Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr TR			0.0	-3.4	-4.7	6.1	2.4	2.8	10.0	8.5	0.9	2.6	1.1		Nov-03
eV US Government Fixed Inc Net Rank			1	98	99	1	1	1	2	1	86	1	1	1	Nov-03
Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond	97,860,233	3.6	0.0	-1.2	-1.4	4.0			5.7	5.2	1.4			2.5	Jul-17
Bloomberg US Govt Int TR			0.0	-1.1	-1.3	4.0	2.0	1.8	5.7	5.2	1.4	1.1	1.1	2.6	Jul-17
Northern Trust Long Term Gov't Bond	44,309,077	1.6	0.4	-7.4	-10.2	9.1			17.3	14.7	-1.7			5.9	Jul-17
Bloomberg US Govt Long TR			0.5	-7.4	-10.1	9.2	3.3	4.4	17.6	14.7	-1.8	8.5	1.4	5.9	Jul-17
Liquid Absolute Return															



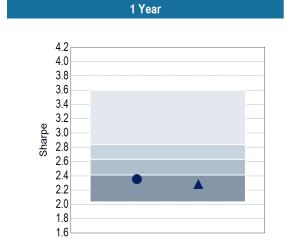
# Stanislaus County ERA PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

	3 Years Ending September 30, 2021										
	Anlzd Return	Ann Excess BM Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Anlzd Alpha	Beta	Tracking Error	R-Squared	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Up Mkt Capture Ratio	Down Mkt Capture Ratio
BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth	22.00%	0.00%	20.17%	0.02%	1.00	0.03%	1.00	1.04	0.12	99.92%	99.92%
BlackRock Russell 1000 Value	10.18%	0.11%	20.16%	0.13%	1.00	0.06%	1.00	0.45	1.84	100.16%	99.78%
Dodge & Cox-Equity	12.13%	2.06%	23.09%	0.80%	1.13	4.89%	0.97	0.48	0.42	117.88%	105.03%
Channing	9.11%	0.53%	28.72%	0.32%	1.02	7.86%	0.93	0.28	0.07	108.44%	102.65%
InView	-4.96%	-13.54%	34.96%	-15.05%	1.18	15.44%	0.82	-0.17	-0.88	98.02%	120.32%
Pacific Ridge	7.59%	-3.84%	30.68%	-4.26%	1.04	9.30%	0.91	0.21	-0.41	98.92%	105.72%
Walthausen	7.99%	-0.59%	26.68%	-0.31%	0.97	5.58%	0.96	0.26	-0.11	100.66%	101.31%
Capital Prospects Transition	0.01%	-8.58%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00	26.99%	0.00	-104.30	-0.32	0.01%	
LSV Int'l Large Cap Value	5.74%	1.93%	20.31%	1.91%	1.01	2.39%	0.99	0.23	0.81	111.52%	100.71%
Fidelity Int'l Growth	10.50%	-1.44%	17.98%	-2.13%	1.06	4.45%	0.94	0.53	-0.32	97.32%	103.47%
Prime Property Fund	6.71%	-0.34%	4.33%	0.46%	0.89	1.06%	0.96	1.31	-0.32	96.66%	119.06%
BlackRock Real Estate Securities	8.23%	-0.09%	20.66%	-0.08%	1.00	0.06%	1.00	0.35	-1.55	99.62%	100.04%
PGIM Real Estate US Debt Fund	5.46%	-0.25%	2.25%	6.11%	-0.11	5.03%	0.04	1.96	-0.05	32.99%	-79.02%
American Strategic Value Realty	8.65%	1.93%	4.78%	0.78%	1.17	1.00%	0.98	1.59	1.92	125.93%	31.46%
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VII	9.14%	1.02%	9.83%	10.73%	-0.20	11.33%	0.01	0.82	0.09	106.12%	
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VIII	21.51%	13.39%	15.04%	16.53%	0.61	14.87%	0.04	1.36	0.90	280.88%	
MS Infrastructure Partners II	6.87%	-1.07%	6.62%	-6.15%	1.64	6.37%	0.09	0.88	-0.17	94.11%	768.33%
Medley Capital	-11.03%	-17.25%	11.03%	-9.98%	-0.17	15.01%	0.02	-1.09	-1.15	-57.47%	38.89%
Raven Opportunity I	-28.95%	-35.17%	34.70%	-28.40%	-0.09	35.98%	0.00	-0.86	-0.98	-149.44%	-6.57%
Raven Opportunity III	6.15%	-0.07%	5.59%	5.79%	0.06	9.98%	0.01	0.91	-0.01	38.65%	-15.34%
White Oak Pinnacle	3.67%	-2.55%	10.63%	5.23%	-0.25	15.14%	0.04	0.25	-0.17	21.79%	-11.30%
AQR Global Risk Premium - EL	8.90%	-0.65%	9.65%	1.97%	0.73	5.56%	0.78	0.81	-0.12	72.95%	69.95%
PanAgora Risk Parity Multi Asset	11.83%	2.28%	10.89%	4.08%	0.81	5.71%	0.77	0.99	0.40	82.13%	60.67%
Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond	3.96%	-0.02%	2.56%	-0.08%	1.01	0.20%	0.99	1.14	-0.13	99.32%	99.34%
Northern Trust Long Term Gov't Bond	9.09%	-0.08%	13.42%	-0.24%	1.02	1.19%	0.99	0.60	-0.07	100.78%	101.21%



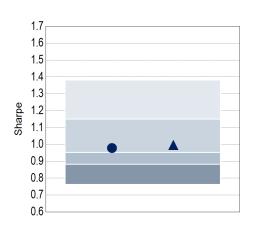
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### **TOTAL FUND SHARPE RATIO RANKINGS**



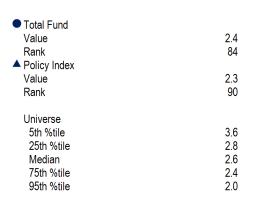


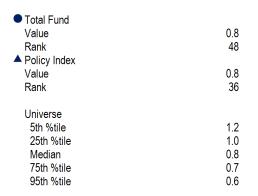
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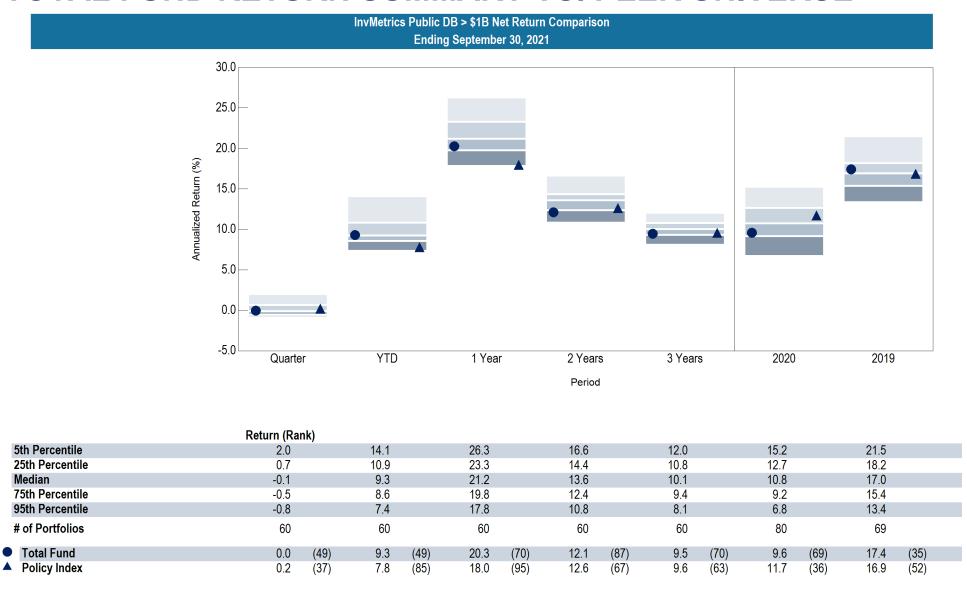


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### TOTAL FUND RETURN SUMMARY VS. PEER UNIVERSE





# Stanislaus County ERA INVESTMENT MANAGER FEES

Account	Fee Schedule	Market Value As of 9/30/2021	Est. Minimum Annual Fee (\$)	Estimated Annual Fee (\$)	Estimated Annual Fee (%)
Cash Account	0.10% of Assets	\$27,226,388		\$27,226	0.10%
Transition Account	No Fee	\$166,644		-	
Insight	0.12% of Assets	\$155,480,239		\$186,576	0.12%
BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth	0.02% of Assets	\$253,660,160		\$50,732	0.02%
BlackRock Russell 1000 Value	0.02% of Assets	\$109,702,987		\$21,941	0.02%
Dodge & Cox-Equity	0.40% of First 10.0 Mil, 0.20% of Next 90.0 Mil, 0.15% Thereafter	\$123,612,999		\$255,419	0.21%
Channing	0.50% of Assets	\$30,425,201		\$152,126	0.50%
Pacific Ridge	0.60% of Assets	\$19,554,693		\$117,328	0.60%
Walthausen	0.50% of Assets	\$25,872,547		\$129,363	0.50%
LSV Int'l Large Cap Value	0.25% of Assets	\$260,926,026		\$652,315	0.25%
Fidelity Int'l Growth	0.25% of Assets	\$258,880,092		\$647,200	0.25%
Prime Property Fund	0.84% of Assets	\$66,157,371		\$555,722	0.84%
BlackRock Real Estate Securities	0.09% of First 100.0 Mil, 0.07% Thereafter	\$105,789,939		\$94,053	0.09%
American Strategic Value Realty	0.75% of First 25.0 Mil, 0.65% of Next 25.0 Mil, 0.55% of Next 50.0 Mil, 0.45% Thereafter	\$78,561,508		\$507,088	0.65%
Northern Trust Infrastructure Fund	No Fee	\$144,032,034			<del>-</del>
Vista Foundation Fund IV	No Fee	\$7,390,184			
Insight Partners XI	No Fee	\$17,967,167			
Gryphon Partners VI LP	0.02% of Assets	\$7,526,681		\$1,505	0.02%
Clayton, Dublier, & Rice	No Fee	\$2,204,116			
Northern Trust Russell 3000	0.02% of Assets	\$104,839,084		\$20,968	0.02%



# Stanislaus County ERA INVESTMENT MANAGER FEES

Account	Fee Schedule	Market Value As of 9/30/2021	Est. Minimum Annual Fee (\$)	Estimated Annual Fee (\$)	Estimated Annual Fee (%)
Medley Capital	No Fee	\$6,129,803			
Owl Rock First Lien Fund	0.70% of Assets	\$8,088,755		\$56,621	0.70%
Raven Opportunity I	No Fee	\$4,645,399			
Raven Opportunity III	No Fee	\$47,282,175			
White Oak Pinnacle	No Fee	\$25,680,021			
Strategic Values Special Situations Fund V, L.P.	No Fee	\$1,250,000			
Blackrock High Yield Fund	No Fee	\$123,892,354			
AQR Global Risk Premium - EL	0.38% of Assets	\$185,959,497		\$706,646	0.38%
PanAgora Risk Parity Multi Asset	0.35% of Assets	\$191,718,822		\$671,016	0.35%
Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond	0.05% of First 25.0 Mil, 0.04% Thereafter	\$97,860,233		\$41,644	0.04%
Northern Trust Long Term Gov't Bond	0.05% of First 25.0 Mil, 0.04% Thereafter	\$44,309,077		\$20,224	0.05%
Investment Management Fee		\$2,536,792,199		\$4,915,714	0.19%

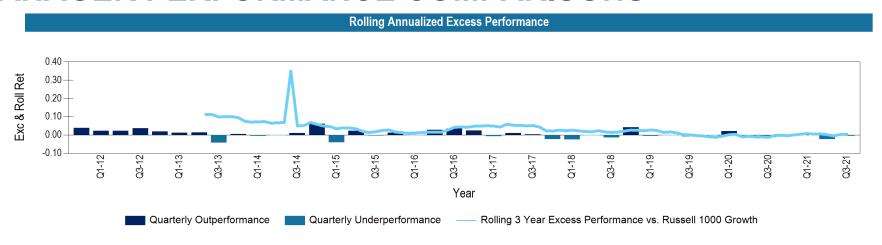
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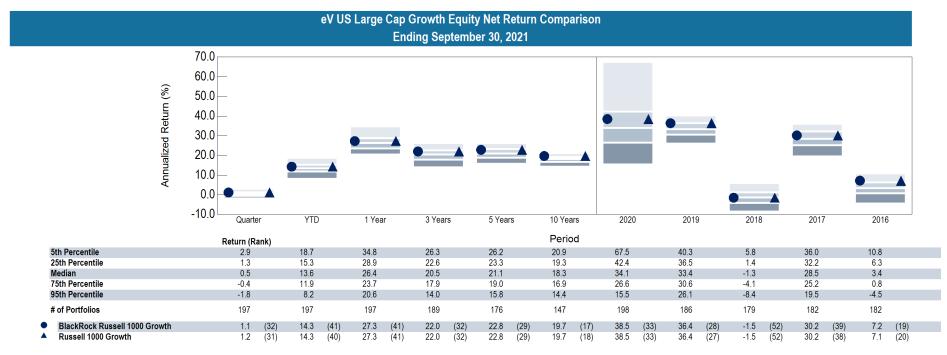




#### **BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth**

### MANAGER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS



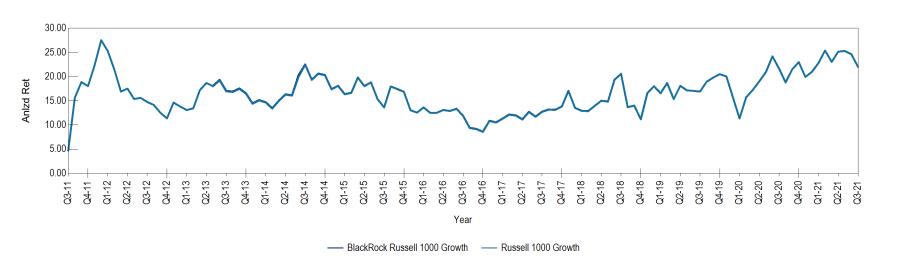




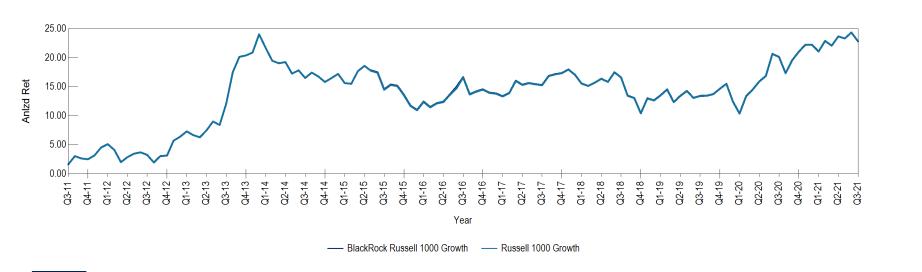
#### **BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth**

### **MANAGER PERFORMANCE - ROLLING 3 & 5 YEAR**

Rolling 3 Year Annualized Return (%)

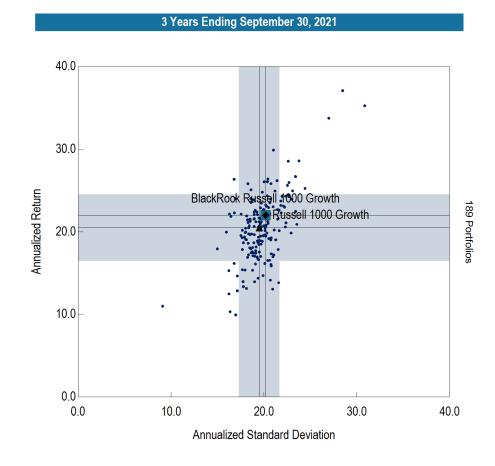


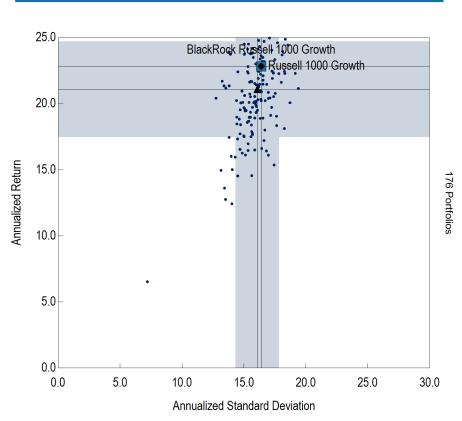
#### Rolling 5 Year Annualized Return (%)





# BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth RISK VS. RETURN 3 & 5 YEAR





5 Years Ending September 30, 2021

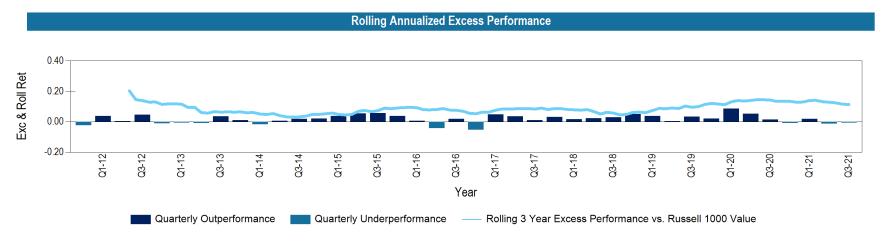
3 Years Ending September 30, 2021							
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio				
BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth	22.00%	20.17%	1.04				
Russell 1000 Growth	22.00%	20.19%	1.04				
eV US Large Cap Growth Equity Net Median	20.50%	19.51%	1.00				

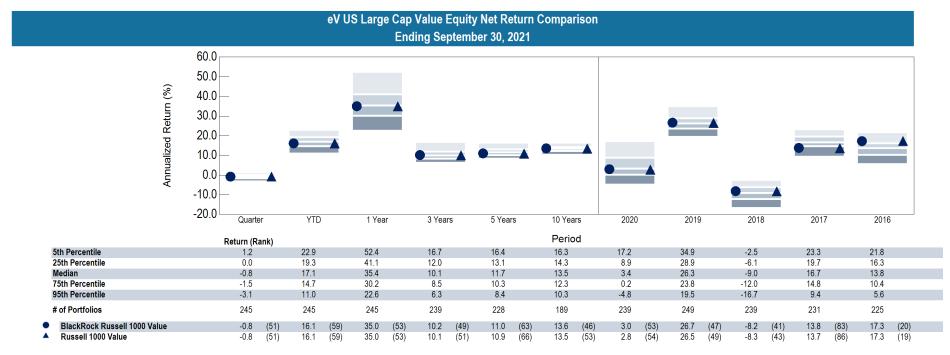
5 Years Ending September 30, 2021						
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio			
BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth	22.83%	16.38%	1.33			
Russell 1000 Growth	22.84%	16.40%	1.33			
eV US Large Cap Growth Equity Net Median	21.09%	16.08%	1.24			



#### BlackRock Russell 1000 Value

### MANAGER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS



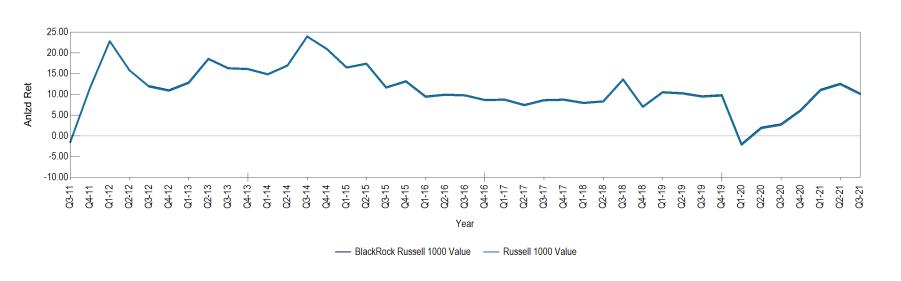




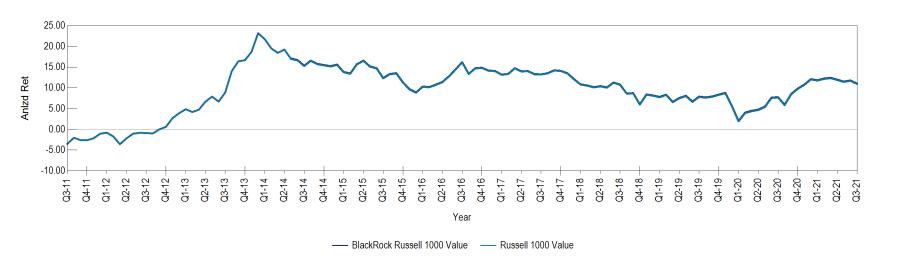
#### BlackRock Russell 1000 Value

### **MANAGER PERFORMANCE - ROLLING 3 & 5 YEAR**

Rolling 3 Year Annualized Return (%)

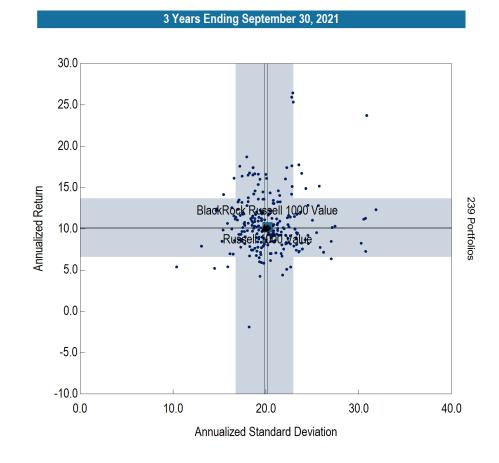


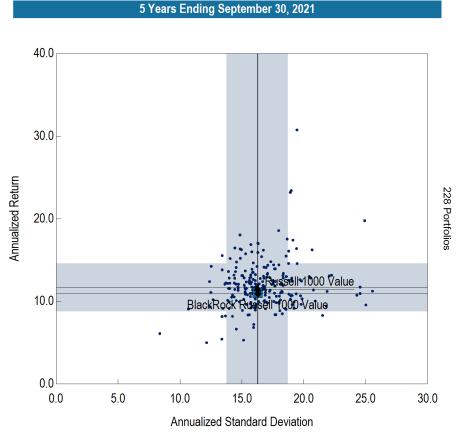
#### Rolling 5 Year Annualized Return (%)





# BlackRock Russell 1000 Value RISK VS. RETURN 3 & 5 YEAR





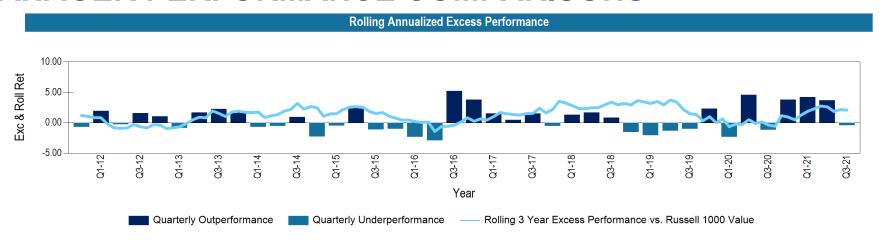
3 Years Ending September 30, 2021							
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio				
BlackRock Russell 1000 Value	10.18%	20.16%	0.45				
Russell 1000 Value	10.07%	20.18%	0.45				
eV US Large Cap Value Equity Net Median	10.13%	19.87%	0.45				

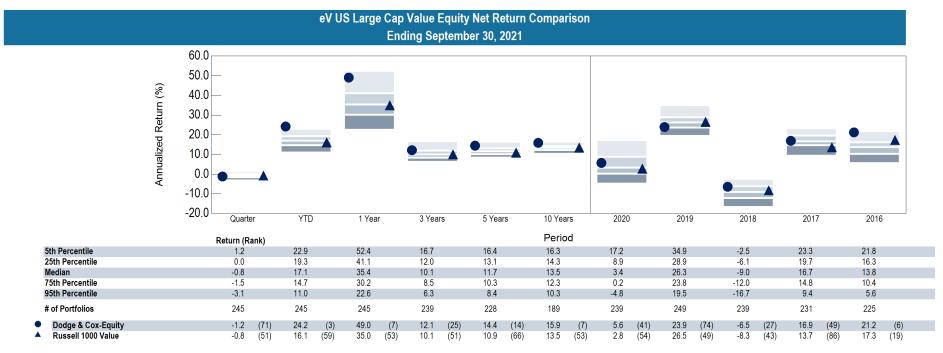
5 Years Ending September 30, 2021						
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio			
BlackRock Russell 1000 Value	11.04%	16.28%	0.61			
Russell 1000 Value	10.94%	16.30%	0.60			
eV US Large Cap Value Equity Net Median	11.70%	16.25%	0.65			



### **Dodge & Cox-Equity**

### MANAGER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS



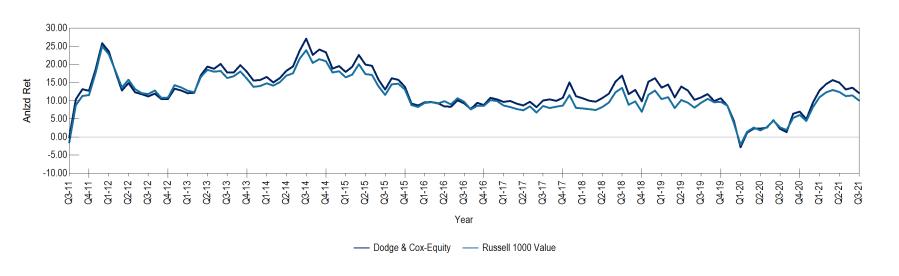




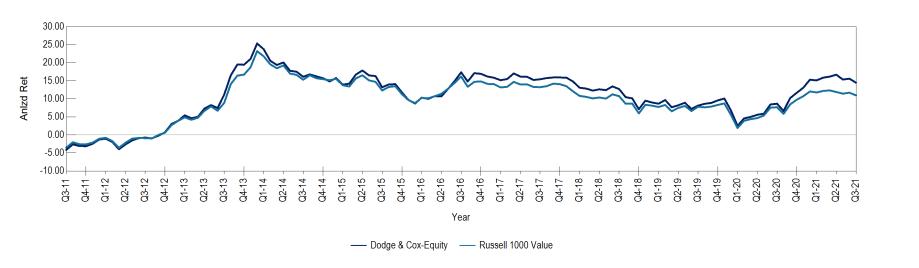
#### **Dodge & Cox-Equity**

### **MANAGER PERFORMANCE - ROLLING 3 & 5 YEAR**

Rolling 3 Year Annualized Return (%)

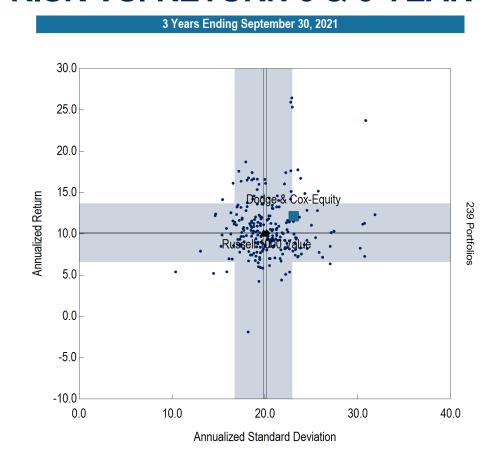


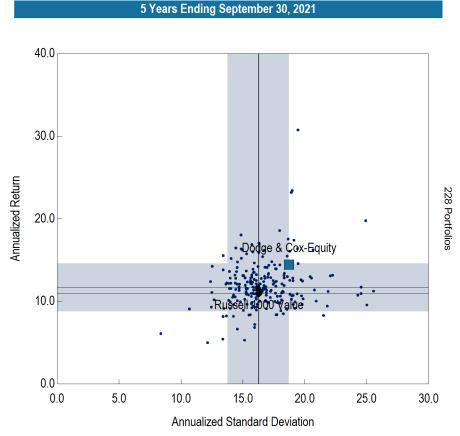
#### Rolling 5 Year Annualized Return (%)





# Dodge & Cox-Equity RISK VS. RETURN 3 & 5 YEAR





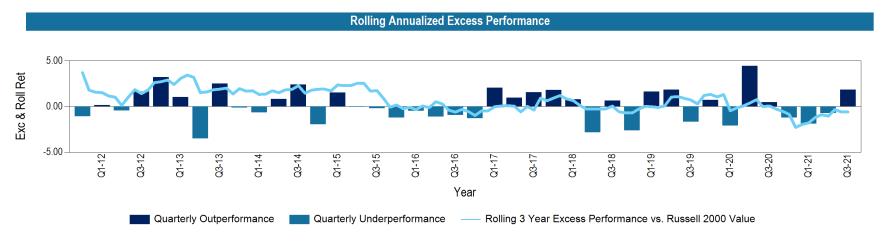
3 Years Ending September 30, 2021							
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio				
Dodge & Cox-Equity	12.13%	23.09%	0.48				
Russell 1000 Value	10.07%	20.18%	0.45				
eV US Large Cap Value Equity Net Median	10.13%	19.87%	0.45				

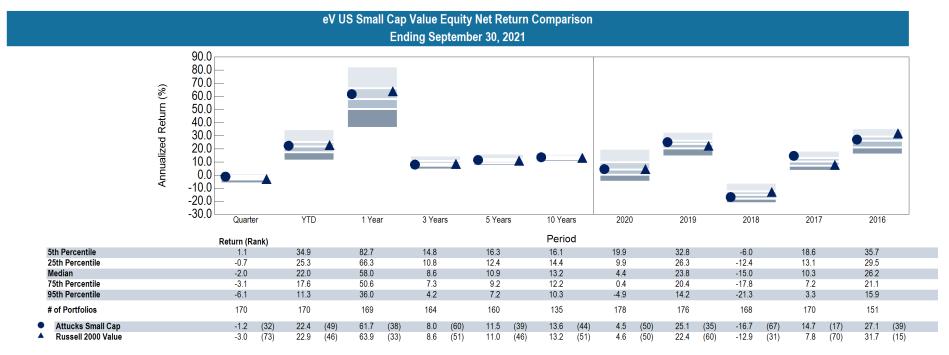
5 Years Ending September 30, 2021						
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio			
Dodge & Cox-Equity	14.44%	18.73%	0.71			
Russell 1000 Value	10.94%	16.30%	0.60			
eV US Large Cap Value Equity Net Median	11.70%	16.25%	0.65			



#### **Attucks Small Cap**

### MANAGER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS



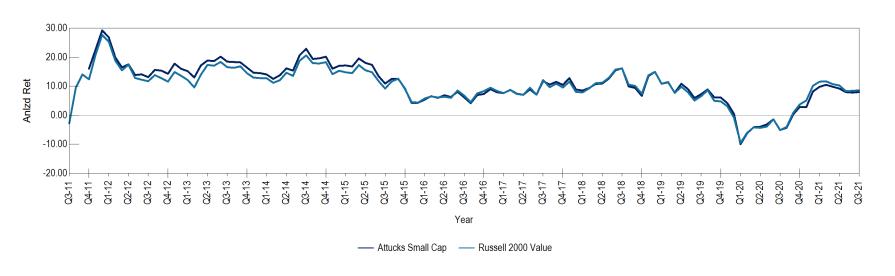




#### **Attucks Small Cap**

### **MANAGER PERFORMANCE - ROLLING 3 & 5 YEAR**

Rolling 3 Year Annualized Return (%)



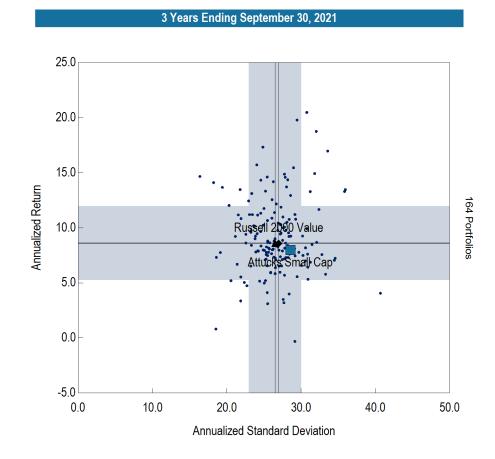
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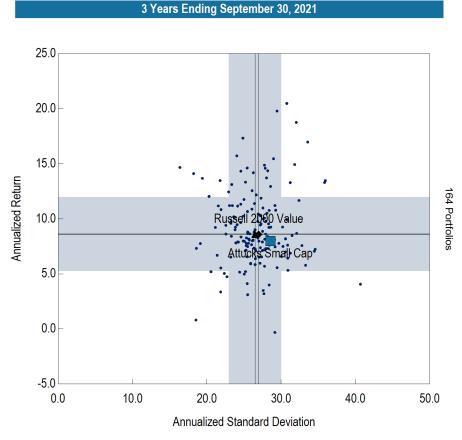




### **Attucks Small Cap**

### **RISK VS. RETURN 3 & 5 YEAR**





1 Year Ending September 30, 2021				
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	
Attucks Small Cap	61.73%	19.77%	3.12	
Russell 2000 Value	63.92%	20.93%	3.05	
eV US Small Cap Value Equity Net Median	57.98%	18.98%	3.06	

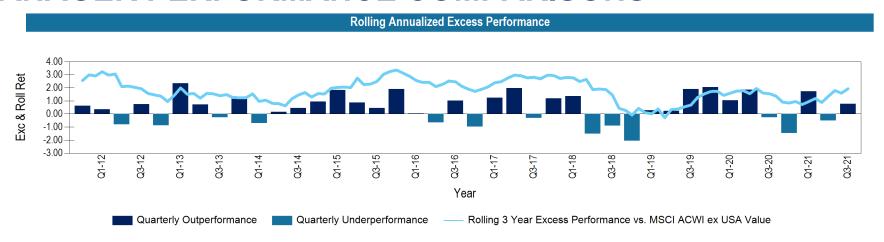
5 Years Ending September 30, 2021			
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	
Attucks Small Cap	11.49%	23.13%	
Russell 2000 Value	11.03%	22.39%	
eV US Small Cap Value Equity Net Median	10.88%	22.18%	

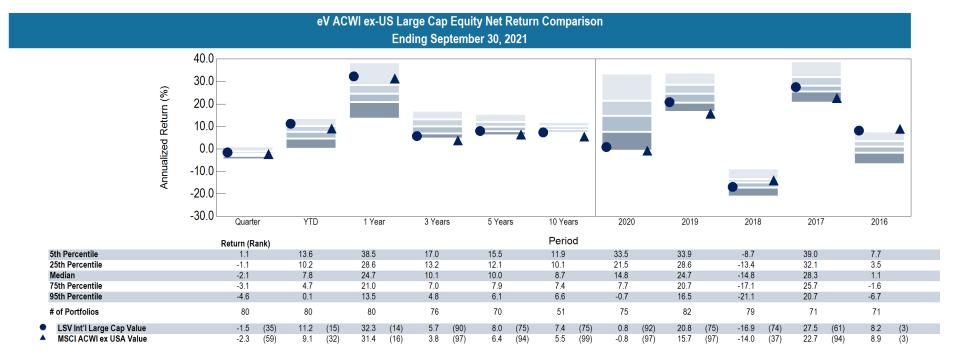




## **LSV Int'l Large Cap Value**

## MANAGER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS



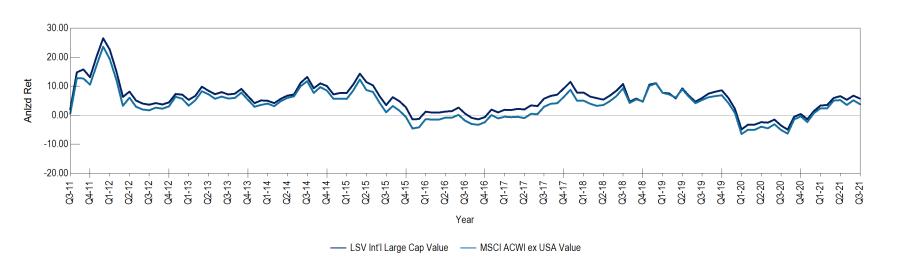




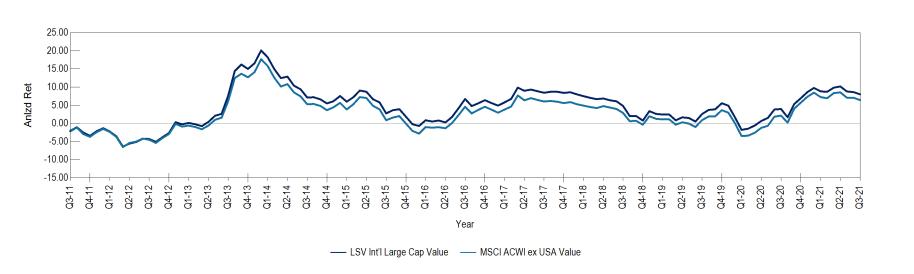
## LSV Int'l Large Cap Value

## **MANAGER PERFORMANCE - ROLLING 3 & 5 YEAR**

Rolling 3 Year Annualized Return (%)

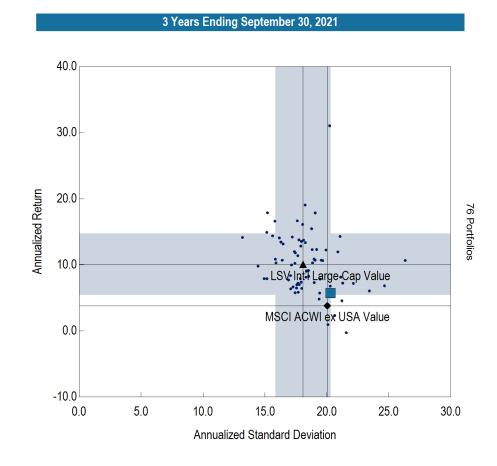


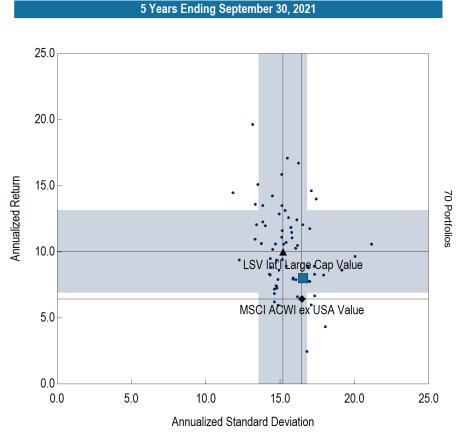
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# LSV Int'l Large Cap Value RISK VS. RETURN 3 & 5 YEAR





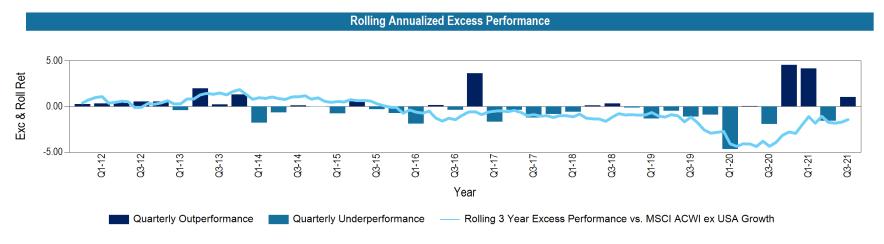
3 Years Ending September 30, 2021			
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio
LSV Int'l Large Cap Value	5.74%	20.31%	0.23
MSCI ACWI ex USA Value	3.81%	20.05%	0.14
eV ACWI ex-US Large Cap Equity Net Median	10.10%	18.08%	0.49

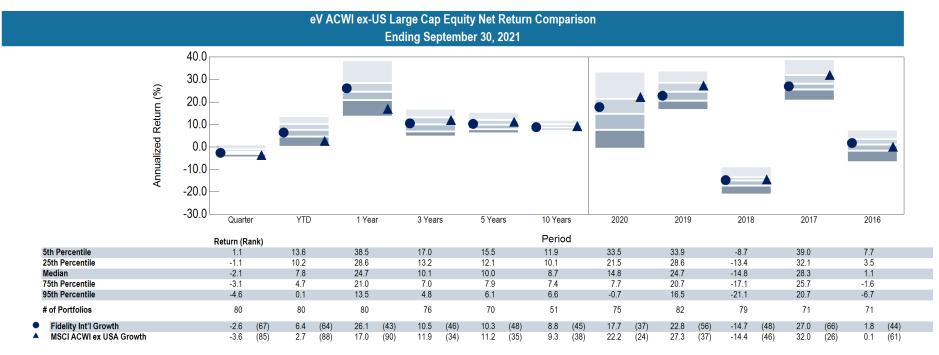
5 Years Ending September 30, 2021			
Anlzd Return Anlzd Standard Sharpe Ratio Deviation			
LSV Int'l Large Cap Value	8.01%	16.55%	0.42
MSCI ACWI ex USA Value	6.43%	16.47%	0.32
eV ACWI ex-US Large Cap Equity Net Median	10.01%	15.20%	0.58



## **Fidelity Int'l Growth**

## MANAGER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS







## Fidelity Int'l Growth

# **MANAGER PERFORMANCE - ROLLING 3 & 5 YEAR**

Rolling 3 Year Annualized Return (%)

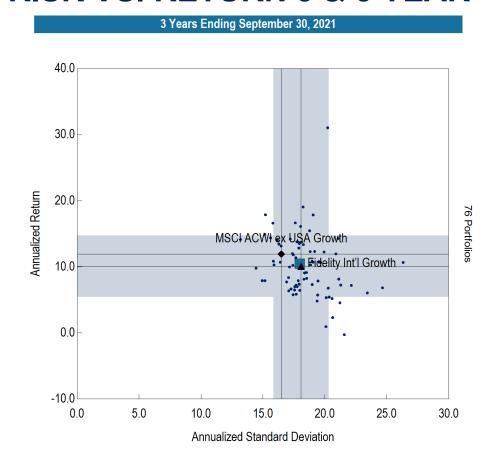


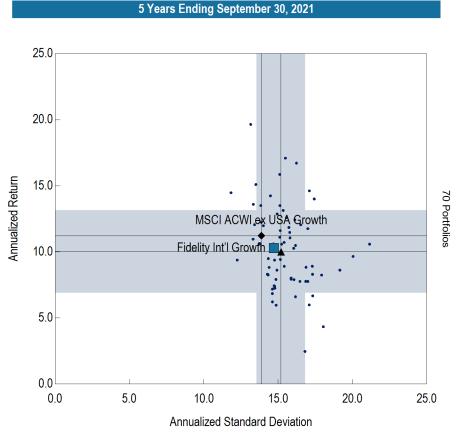
### Rolling 5 Year Annualized Return (%)





# Fidelity Int'l Growth RISK VS. RETURN 3 & 5 YEAR





3 Years Ending September 30, 2021			
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio
Fidelity Int'l Growth	10.50%	17.98%	0.53
MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth	11.94%	16.49%	0.66
eV ACWI ex-US Large Cap Equity Net Median	10.10%	18.08%	0.49

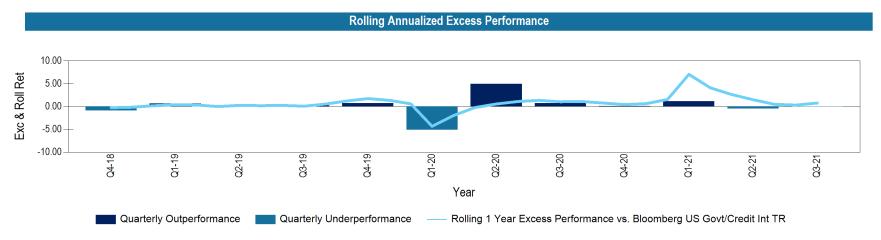
5 Years Ending September 30, 2021			
Anlzd Return Anlzd Standard Sharpe Rat Deviation			
Fidelity Int'l Growth	10.29%	14.71%	0.62
MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth	11.22%	13.88%	0.73
eV ACWI ex-US Large Cap Equity Net Median	10.01%	15.20%	0.58

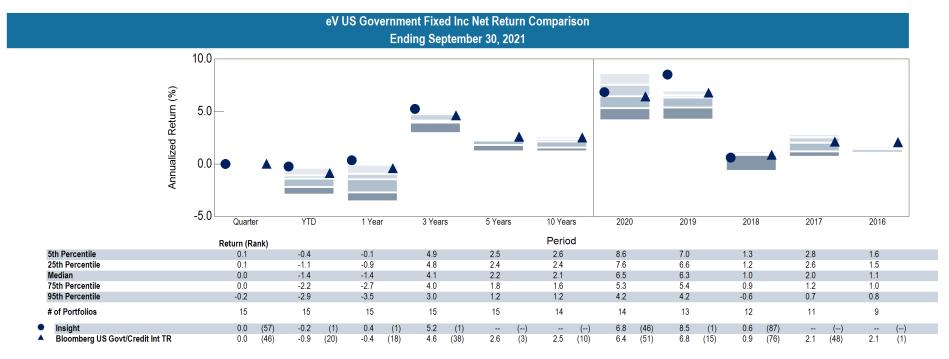




## Insight

## MANAGER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS



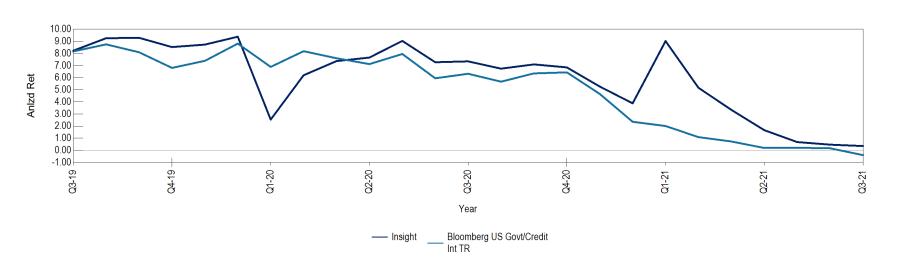




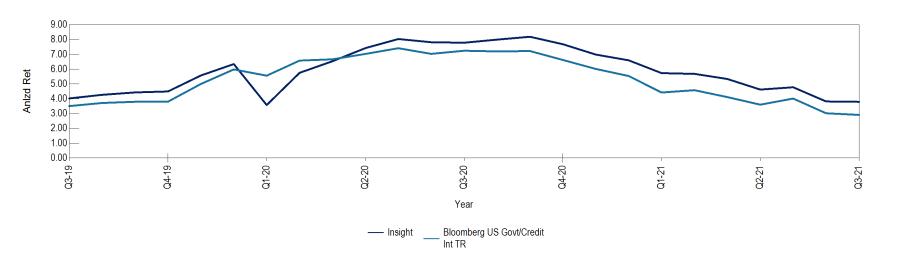
## Insight

# **MANAGER PERFORMANCE - ROLLING 1 & 2 YEAR**

### Rolling 1 Year Annualized Return (%)



### Rolling 2 Year Annualized Return (%)

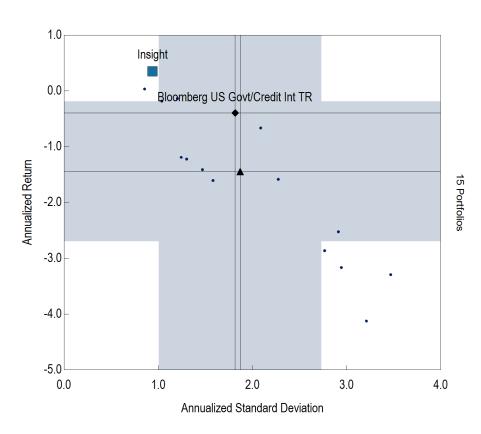




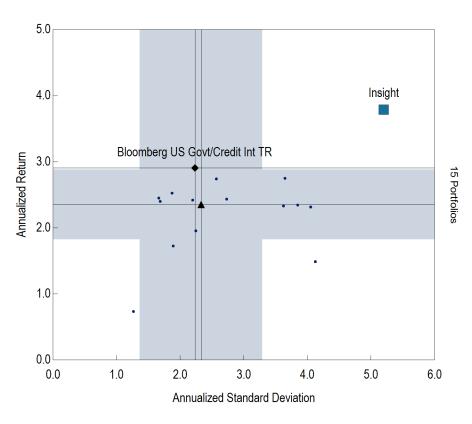
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# **RISK VS. RETURN 1 & 2 YEAR**





### 2 Years Ending September 30, 2021



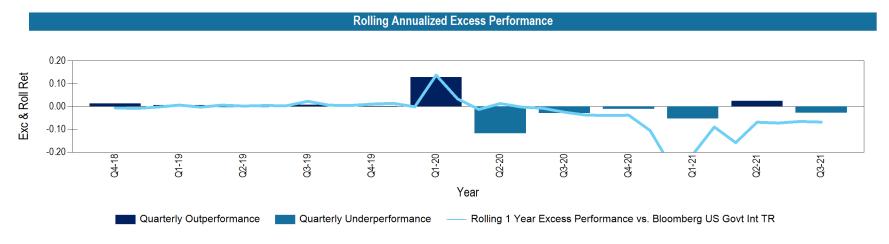
1 Year Ending September 30, 2021			
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio
Insight	0.35%	0.94%	0.33
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR	-0.40%	1.82%	-0.24
eV US Government Fixed Inc Net Median	-1.44%	1.87%	-0.96

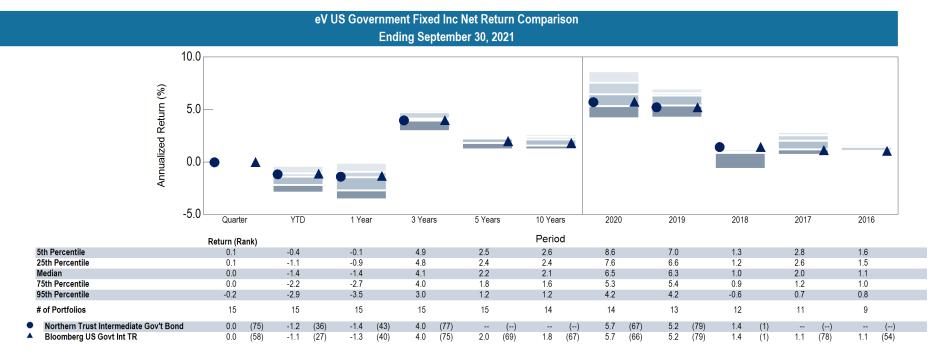
2 Years Ending September 30, 2021			
Anlzd Return Anlzd Standard Sharpe Rai Deviation			
Insight	3.79%	5.20%	0.65
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR	2.91%	2.23%	1.11
eV US Government Fixed Inc Net Median	2.35%	2.33%	0.68



# Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond

## MANAGER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS



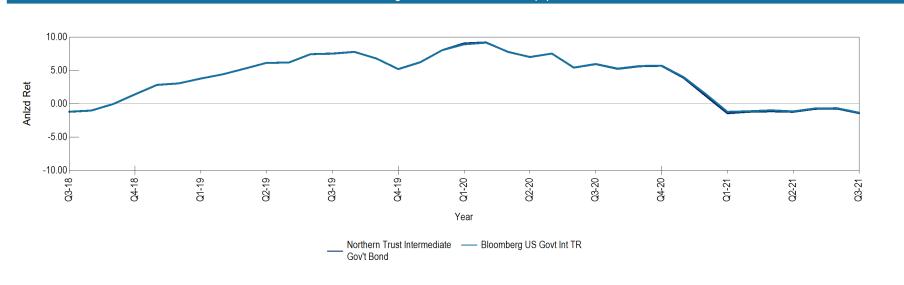




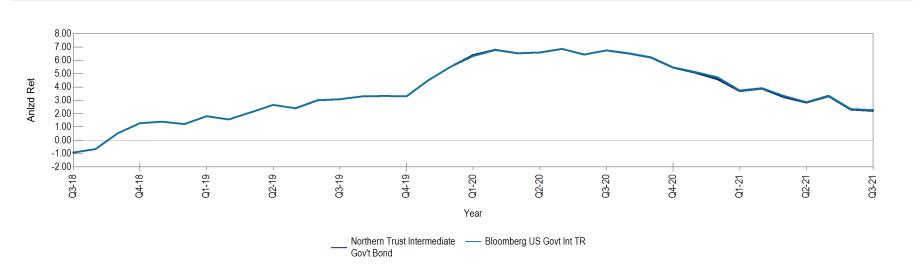
## **Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond**

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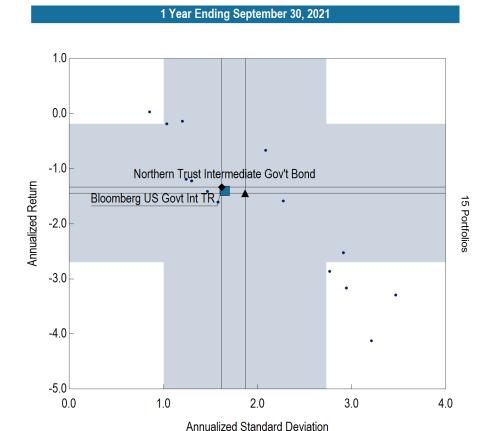


### Rolling 2 Year Annualized Return (%)





# Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond RISK VS. RETURN 1 & 2 YEAR



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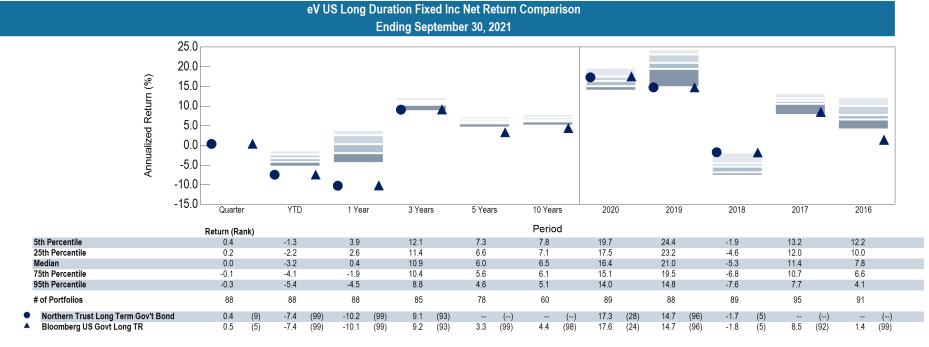
1 Year Ending September 30, 2021			
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio
Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond	-1.40%	1.65%	-0.88
Bloomberg US Govt Int TR	-1.33%	1.62%	-0.85
eV US Government Fixed Inc Net Median	-1.44%	1.87%	-0.96

2 Years Ending September 30, 2021			
Anlzd Return Anlzd Standard Sharpe Rati Deviation			
Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond	2.21%	2.46%	0.72
Bloomberg US Govt Int TR	2.26%	2.39%	0.76
eV US Government Fixed Inc Net Median	2.35%	2.33%	0.68



# Northern Trust Long Term Gov't Bond MANAGER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS



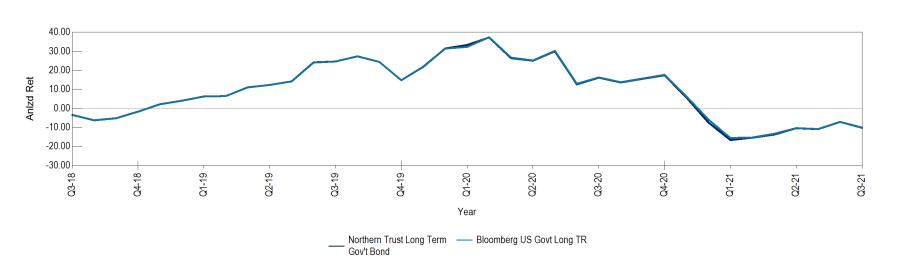




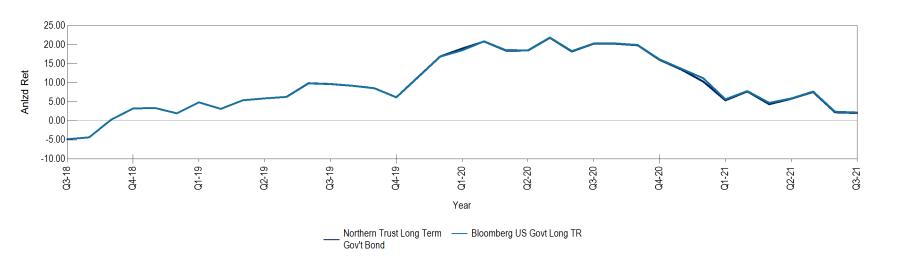
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# **MANAGER PERFORMANCE - ROLLING 1 & 2 YEAR**

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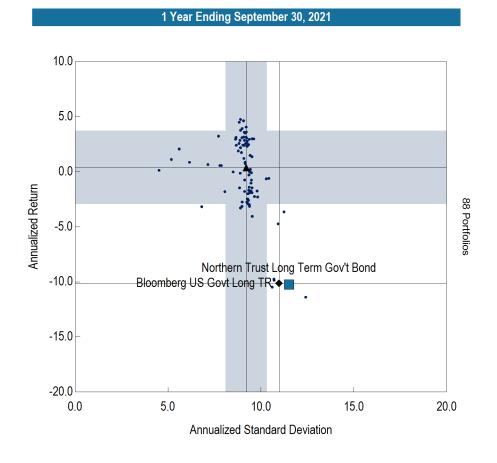


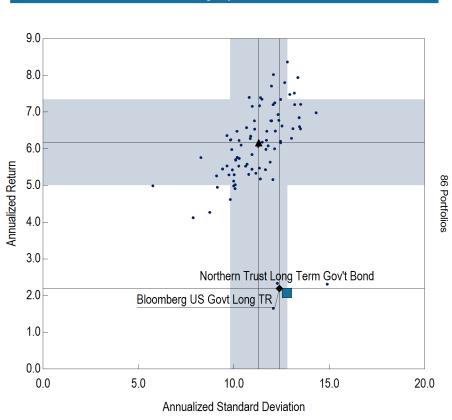
### Rolling 2 Year Annualized Return (%)





# Northern Trust Long Term Gov't Bond RISK VS. RETURN 1 & 2 YEAR





2 Years Ending September 30, 2021

1 Year Ending September 30, 2021			
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio
Northern Trust Long Term Gov't Bond	-10.25%	11.51%	-0.89
Bloomberg US Govt Long TR	-10.13%	10.97%	-0.93
eV US Long Duration Fixed Inc Net Median	0.39%	9.21%	0.04

2 Years Ending September 30, 2021			
	Anlzd Return	Anlzd Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio
Northern Trust Long Term Gov't Bond	2.07%	12.79%	0.13
Bloomberg US Govt Long TR	2.19%	12.39%	0.14
eV US Long Duration Fixed Inc Net Median	6.17%	11.31%	0.50



# Stanislaus County ERA NOTES

- All performance is shown net of investment management fees.
- Performance history is provided by Verus through June 2020. As of July 1, 2020 performance is calculated and reported by NEPC. Policy Index History:
- Policy Index makeup history:
  - Inception 6/30/2017: 14.4% Russell 1000 Value, 11.3% Russell 1000 Growth, 4.8% S&P 500, 4% Russell 2000 Value, 3.7% Russell 2000 Growth, 18% MSCI ACWI ex USA Gross, 29.8% Bloomberg US Aggregate TR, 3.5% DJ US Select RESI TR USD, 7.5% 9% Annual, 3% CPI + 4%
  - 7/1/2017 8/31/2018: 18.5% Russell 1000, 5.5% Russell 2000, 24% MSCI ACWI ex USA Gross, 19% Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Yr. TR, 1% FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR, 3% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr TR, 7.7% NCREIF Property Index, 1.7% NCREIF Property Index +2%, 0.6% CPI + 5%, 5% Bloomberg US High Yield + 2%, 14% 60% MSCI ACWI Net/40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate
  - 9/1/2018 5/30/2019: 10% Russell 1000, 3% Russell 2000, 6% Russell 3000 +3%, 27% MSCI ACWI ex USA Gross, 20% Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Yr. TR, 1% FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR, 3% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr TR, 5% NCREIF Property Index, 5% NCREIF Property Index +2%, 1% CPI + 5%, 6% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index+2%, 13% 60% MSCI ACWI Net/40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate
  - 6/1/2019 6/30/2020: 14% Russell 1000, 3% Russell 2000, 6% Russell 3000 + 3%, 23% MSCI ACWI ex-USA, 19% Bloomberg US Gov't/Credit 1-3 Yr, 1% Citi 1 Month T-Bills, 3% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr, 5% NCREIF Property, 5% NCREIF Property +2%, 2% CPI +5%, 6% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%, 13% 60% MSCI ACWI / 40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate
  - 7/1/2020 12/31/2020: 14% Russell 1000, 3% Russell 2000, 6% Russell 3000 + 3%, 23% MSCI ACWI ex-USA, 8% Bloomberg US Gov't/Credit 1-3 Yr, 1% Citi 1 Month T-Bills, 3% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr, 5% NCREIF Property, 5% NCREIF Property +2%, 2% CPI +5%, 6% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%, 13% 60% MSCI ACWI / 40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate, 11% Bloomberg US Intermediate.
  - 1/1/2021 06/30/2021: 16% Russell 1000, 3.5% Russell 2000, 6% Russell 3000 + 3%, 23% MSCI ACWI ex-USA, 8% Bloomberg US Gov't/Credit 1-3 Yr, 1% Citi 1 Month T-Bills, 5% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr, 6% NCREIF Property, 5% NCREIF Property +2%, 2% CPI +5%, 4.5% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%, 13% 60% MSCI ACWI / 40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate, 7% Bloomberg US Intermediate.
  - 07/01/2021 Present: 16% Russell 1000, 4% Russell 2000, 5% Russell 3000 + 3%, 20% MSCI ACWI ex USA Gross, 6.5% NCREIF Property Index, 6% NCREIF Property Index + 2%, 7.5% CPI + 5% (Unadjusted), 8% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index +2%, 6% Bloomberg US Treasury 7-10 Yr TR, 10% 60% MSCI ACWI (Net)/ 40% Bloomberg Global Agg, 3% 30 Day T-Bill + 4%, 1% FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR, 7% Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR.
- Starting July 1, 2020, the small Capital Prospects transition cash balance is moved from the Cash composite to the Capital Prospects account. Historical performance for Capital Prospects, USSmall, US Equities, Growth Sub-Portfolio. Cash. and Liquidity Sub-Portfolio prior to July 1, 2020 reflects performance of these composites before this change.
- Private Equity investments are valued one quarter lagged and adjusted for capital calls and distributions between quarter-end months.
- Value-Add Real Estate managers are valued quarterly adjusted for current cash flows.



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A "since inception" return, if reported, begins with the first full month after funding, although actual inception dates (e.g. the middle of a month) and the timing of cash flows are taken into account in Composite return calculations.

NEPC's preferred data source is the plan's custodian bank or record-keeper. If data cannot be obtained from one of the preferred data sources, data provided by investment managers may be used. Information on market indices and security characteristics is received from additional providers. While NEPC has exercised reasonable professional care in preparing this report, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of all source information contained within. In addition, some index returns displayed in this report or used in calculation of a policy index, allocation index or other custom benchmark may be preliminary and subject to change.

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Source of private fund performance benchmark data: Cambridge Associates, via Refinitiv





### November 23, 2021

Retirement Board Agenda Item

TO: Retirement Board

FROM: Brittany Smith-Atkins, Fiscal Services Manager

Rick Santos, Executive Director

I. SUBJECT: StanCERA Office Buildout

II. ITEM NUMBER: 8.a

III. ITEM TYPE: Discussion and Action

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Enter into an agreement with Menghetti Construction, Inc. and Warden's (Office Supply) and approve an additional allocation of \$312,000 to complete StanCERA's office buildout and cubicle redesign.

V. ANALYSIS: Roughly 5 to 6 years ago it was determined that StanCERA, along with other tenants in the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Condominium needed some security upgrades (Attachment 1-confidential *District Attorney's Security Assessment Report*, Attachment 2 Confidential 12<sup>th</sup> Street Office Security Project). For StanCERA's part, this acknowledgement centered mostly around the first-floor lobby and our lobby doors on the sixth floor (StanCERA is responsible for part of the common area on the first floor and in some respects, may be just as vulnerable to negative events due to its work with members and their retirement benefits and Raymond James' presence on the sixth floor).

Over the past several years, for reasons unbeknownst to StanCERA, the County/GSA has not completed this security revamp throughout the building. Ultimately, StanCERA has put this project off while waiting to coordinate efforts with the County/GSA, however, given today's security environment, it does not seem prudent to wait any longer. StanCERA has budgeted \$250,000 each year for the past 3 years to help cover its costs to build out the 1st floor lobby and to make the necessary changes to our own lobby, but of course has not tapped those funds to date.

Today, given the nature of our own security issues and implications from the pandemic, it was also determined that StanCERA's needs go beyond what's noted in Attachments 1 and 2. Based on staff's self-assessment and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Office Security Project (Attachment 2), it has been determined that the vulnerability in the lobby doors, the counter area, the small offices surrounding the office area and the counter design itself invite security risks that cannot be easily mitigated by our lobby's current form or provide protection protocol for our members that wish to conduct business face-to-face.

Over the past year, staff also realized that since considerable effort and resources will be spent on demolition and revamping the lobby, now might also be a good time to modernize and reconfigure the entire office area. Further, in keeping with the idea that future growth at StanCERA is inevitable and the fact that we will shortly be adding another manager position, transforming the unused breakroom (near the old Board room) into another walled office and separate lactation room would be beneficial.

Below is the breakdown of the estimated costs for each element of the buildout and a short description:

Menghetti Construction Inc. (Attachment 3, Bid Proposal, \$347,000):

- Rebuild the west interview room off the lobby
  - Safety and space protocol
  - ADA Compliance
- Rebuild the south interview room off the lobby
  - o Convert to a mail room, copy room and counter workspace
  - Create entrance only accessible from the inner office area
- Reconfigure entire lobby counter
  - Securitize half-door
  - Securitize counter and install glass partitions
- Transform and convert the smaller StanCERA breakroom near the old Boardroom into a walled office and a separate lactation room (estimate approximately, \$97,000)
- Re-carpet the entire office
- Paint the entire office
- Movement of data and electrical lines

Warden's (Attachment 4, Bid Proposal, \$165,000):

- > Reconfigure cubicle space in the office
  - o Cubicle, half walls
  - Sit-stand desks for all staff
  - Add 4 more workstations
- Demolish and haul away all old materials
- > Temporary storage of documents
- Refurnishing the Executive Director's office

Currently, there is \$200,000 already allocated in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget for the 6<sup>th</sup> floor lobby upgrade and cubicle redesign. Consequently, the additional figure of \$312,000 that staff is asking the Board for breaks down as follows:

Menghetti Construction:\$347,000Warden's Office Supply:165,000Less:\$200,000 already allocated:200,000Total Request:\$312,000

The additional costs can be mostly attributed to the conversion of the old break room into an office/lactation room and a substantial increase in labor and materials cost. The above costs also do not include any contributions to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby security revamp, however, there would remain an additional \$50,000 left in the budget for this project should the County consider reprising this project.

Should any trustee wish to see the confidential Attachment 1, Attachment 2 and/or the design plans they are available for viewing at the StanCERA office.

- VI. RISK: There is a potential liability risk in not completing this project in the event of a security breach in the StanCERA 6<sup>th</sup> floor lobby
- VII. STRATEGIC PLAN: Strategic Plan Objective # 3 Rebrand and market StanCERA
- VIII. Develop an Organizational Structure reflective of our operational capabilities and succession planning needs.
- IX. ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET IMPACT: This project would add an additional \$312,000 to the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

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### FORM OF BID

#### STANISLAUS COUNTY GSA PURCHASING DIVISION

ITEM	UNIT OF MEASURE	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	ITEM PRICE (IN FIGURES)	TOTAL (IN FIGURES)
		Renovation	of StanCERA Office Lobby	
Labor	LUMP SUM	1	\$ 150,000	
Materials	LUMP SUM	1	\$ 150,000	
Overhead & Profit	LUMP SUM	1	\$ 47,000	
Total	LUMP SUM	1		\$347,000
	Labor Materials Overhead & Profit	Labor LUMP SUM Materials LUMP SUM Overhead & Profit LUMP SUM	MEASURE   QUANTITY	NEASURE   QUANTITY   TEM PRICE (IN FIGURES)   Renovation of StanCERA Office Lobby

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		PROJECT TOTAL \$
	Prompt Payment Discount	
I	Cash discount of% for payment within	calendar days, which will be computed from the date delivery is made and accepted by the
ı	County, or the date a proper invoice is received, which	hever is later. Discount offered with payment terms of less than (20) calendar days will not b
		n, then it shall be assumed that none is offered and that the terms are Net 30 days.

#### **Payment and Invoicing**

Payment for services rendered and accepted will be made on a monthly basis, in arrears, after receipt of a proper detailed invoice approved by County-authorized representative. All invoices must be submitted in duplicate to facilitate payment.

The undersigned Bidder has examined the site and all of the documents, plans, and specifications, and shall perform all work and provide all labor, equipment, and materials for the completion and operation of the project for which this bid is made, all as set forth in the specifications provided by County, at bid amounts as stated above. The undersigned Bidder further agrees as follows:

- Within ten (10) calendar days from the date the Notice of Acceptance of Bid is issued, shall execute the Contract and furnish to Stanislaus County GSA Purchasing (Purchasing) satisfactory insurance and contract bonds guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work and General Conditions thereto.
- Begin work on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed letter and prosecute said work in such a manner as to complete it within SEVENTY-FIVE (75) Working Days

The work shall be so scheduled that existing facilities shall not be disrupted, but shall remain in continuous operation on present schedules.

Accompanying this bid is Bidder's security issued in the form of a bond, a cashier check, or a certified check. Refer to the section of this document titled "GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDER" for additional information about bonding requirements.

Menchetti Construction Inc.

Name of Bidder:	Menghetti Con	struction, inc.	
Business Address:	PO Box 577510	6 Modesto CA 95357	Telephone: (209) 524-2465
City, State, Zip Code	e:		
License #:	697651	License Expiration Da	te: 31 May 2022
Classification: A8	В	DIR Registration #:	1,000,028,880
Dated: 02 Nov	2021 Fax: 209	665-0120	Email: Charlie@Menghetti.com
By: Chark	les A Mengles s A Menghetti, F	etti	
Name: Charle	s A Menghetti, F	President (Signat	ure)
	(Printed)		(Title)
Note: If incorpo	rated, President, Secr	stary or Treasurer should sign	as such (if partnership, by all partners thereto).

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## **ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Bidder shall complete the	e below and return with the	FORM OF BID:		
Addendum No. 001	<sub>Dated</sub> 27 Sep 21	Date Received	Initials	CM
Addendum No. 002	<sub>Dated</sub> 12 Oct 21	Date Received	Initials	СМ
Addendum No. 003	<sub>Dated</sub> 01 Nov 21	Date Received	Initials	СМ
Addendum No	Dated	Date Received	Initials	
Addendum No.	Dated	Date Received	Initials	
Addendum No.	Dated	Date Received	Initials	
Bidder's Name (Printed): Bidder's Signature: Bidder's Title:	Menghetti Constructi Charles A Menghett Charles A Menghett	ghetti		
	В	OND REQUIREMENTS	S *	
Bid Security required Performance bond require Payment bond required	ed	YES YES YES	Amount \$10% of Amount \$100%  Amount \$100%	the Project Price
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### SUBCONTRACTOR LIST

Each bid shall have listed therein the name and address of each subcontractor to whom Bidder proposes to subcontract portions of the work in an amount in excess of half of one percent (.5%) of the total bid, or \$10,000, whichever is greater. This is in accordance with the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act, commencing with Section 4100 of the Public Contract Code. Bidder's attention is invited to other provisions of said Act related to the imposition of penalties for failure to observe its provisions by using unauthorized subcontractors or by making unauthorized substitutions.

NOTE: A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, or be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this Section, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code. It is not a violation of this Section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code at the time the contract is awarded.

SUBCONTRACTOR TYPE	LICENSE NO. NAME & ADDRESS OF SUBCONTRACTOR DLC, Stockton 621509	DIR# 3,843
Demolition		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Custom Casework	Sierra Casework, Modesto 802541	71
Insulation	Alcal, Stockton 815286	2,150
Doors, Frames, Hardw	are KC&S, Modesto 1048604	63,244
Storefront Systems	Mountain Valley Glass, 887953	6,847
Metal Studs & Drywall	CDI Modesto 1000810	48,830
Acoustic Ceiling	Ceiling Experts, Sacramento 917529	6,305
Floor Covering	HWT, Stockton 258611	5,820
Painting	DC Vient, Modesto 258350	6,060
Fire Sprinkler Mods	JR Wagner, Modesto 968003	1,930
HVAC Mods	CIC, Modesto 174777	287
Electrical	CVE, Modesto 663863	22,574
/9:	Charles A Menghetti	-
(Sig	Bidder / Prime Contractor	

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### NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

TO BE EXECUTED BY BIDDER AND SUBMITTED WITH BID

(Title 23 United States Code Section 112 and Public Contract Code Section 7106)

To the County of Stanislaus, Stanislaus County Purchasing Division: In accordance with Title 23 United States Code Section 112 and Public Contract Code 7106 the bidder declares that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly on indirectly colluded, conspired, connived or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and, further, that the bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

#### **DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

The undersigned Bidder declares and certifies under the penalty of perjury: that the only persons or parties interested in this bid as principals are those named herein as Bidder, that he/she either holds the position indicated below as a corporate officer or the owner or a partner in the business entity submitting this bid or has been duly authorized by a person holding such a position; that the undersigned has examined the "General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders" and the specifications; that the undersigned is informed of all the relevant facts surrounding the preparation and submission of this bid, that the undersigned the contract) will execute and fully perform the contract for which the bids are called; that the undersigned will perform all the work and/or furnish all the materials specified in the contract, in the manner and time therein prescribed, and according to the requirements as therein set forth; and that the undersigned will take in full payment therefore, the prices set forth in the attached schedule "Form of Bid" and "Paragraph 2 and Exhibit B" of the contract; that the undersigned knows and represents and warrants to the County of Stanislaus that this bid is prepared and submitted without collusion with any other person, business entity, or corporation with any interest in this bid.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Menghetti Construction, Inc. Name of Bidder: XXX \*Type of Business: ☐ Individual doing business under own name □ Corporations Individual doing business using a firm name Partnership Joint Venture (Please attach Joint Venture Agreement) PO Box 577516 Modesto CA 95357 **Business Address:** City, State, Zip Code: Tuesday 02 November 2021 Dated: harles A Menghetti By: Charles A Menghetti, Rossident (Print Initials) Name: (Type or Print Name) Title: Charlie@Menghetti.com **Email Address:** CSLB/Business License #: 697651 DIR Registration #:1,000,028,880 (209) 524-2465 (209) 665-0120 Fax Number: \_ Telephone Number: \*To be signed by authorized corporate officer or partner or individual submitting the bid. **EXAMPLE** If Bidder is: An individual doing business under own name......Your name only Blank Company, By John Doe, partner The above Non-collusion Affidavit is part of the Bid. Signing this Bid on the signature portion thereof shall also constitute signature Note: of this Non-collusion Affidavit. Bidders are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the certifier to criminal

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prosecution.

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#### **COUNTY OF STANISLAUS**

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

In compliance with 29 U.S.C. 794 and 42 U.S.C. 12132, it is the policy of the County of Stanislaus that it will not aid or perpetuate discrimination against a qualified individual with a disability by funding an agency, organization, or person that discriminates on the basis of disability in providing any aid, benefit, or service to beneficiaries of the program or activity.

The County is committed to provide access to all County services, programs, and meetings open to the public to people with disabilities.

In this regard, County and all of its contractors and subcontractors will take all reasonable steps in accordance with 29 U.S.C. 794 and 42 U.S.C. 12132 to ensure that individuals with disabilities have the maximum opportunity for the same level of aid, benefit, or service as any other individual.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Each agency, organization, or person seeking a bid, contract, or agreement with the County of Stanislaus shall sign a Certification of Compliance with 29 U.S.C. 794 and 42 U.S.C. 12132.

## CERTIFICATION OF BIDDER REGARDING NON-DISCRIMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

The Bidder hereby certifies that he/she/it is in compliance with 29 U.S.C. 794, 42 U.S.C. 12132,, the applicable administrative requirements promulgated in response thereto, and any other applicable Federal laws and regulations relating to discrimination and participation of individuals with disabilities.

Name (	Menghetti Construct	Menghetti Construction, Inc.				
Ву:	Charles A Menghetti					
Name:	Charles A Menghetti, President	(Signature)				
Title:		(Printed)				
Dated:	Tuesday 02 November 2021					

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### **PROPOSAL**

**Customer:** 

Company: StanCERA

Name: Kellie/Lisa

Email:

City, State: Modesto, Ca

Address: 832 12th Street Suite 600

Zip: 95354

Quote Date: 8/19/2021

Fax #:

Quote #: M081121B

Phone #: 525-6393

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Product	Description	Qty	<b>Unit Price</b>	TOTAL
HAW	Lot of Haworth Product per drawings/see specs List Price \$459,297.01 Grey elm/ graphite for cubes Asian Night/charcoal/ graphite for Private offices Asian night/Charcoal for tops of common area	1	\$152,985.29	\$152,985.29
	MAKE PO TO HAWORTH C/O WARDENS In accordance with US Communites/Omnia Partners Contract # 2020000606			
wow	Delivery, assembly, installation & removal of packing on Separate quote  Tear down on separate quote			
Account Ma	nager:		SUB TOTAL	\$152,985.29

Name: Melissa "Mo" Gascon

Direct#: 209-758-6721

Sales Tax

7.875%

\$12,047.59

\$165,032.88

Email: melissag@wardensworks.com

**GRAND TOTAL** 

Notes:

data plates, keyboard trays, monitor arms, & chairs not included on this quote 8 week leadtime once PO is provided.

Acceptance:

Date:

Authorized Signature:

50% NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT on all factory ordered products. 25% RESTOCKING FEE for in stock product returned.

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Company: StanCERA

Name: Kellie/Lisa

Email:

Address: 832 12th Street Suite 600

City, State: Modesto, Ca

Zip: 95354

Phone #: 525-6393

Quote #: M081121CR

Quote Date: 8/19/2021

Fax #:

Product	Description	Qty	Unit Price	TOTAL
ANX	Data Plates, Black	16	\$5.99	\$95.84
MVD	Directors 36x72 desk w 24x54 sit stand return  Expresso silver Handles & base	1	\$1,483.14	\$1,483.14
MVD	Directors lateral files 36" wide  Expresso silver Handles.	2	\$494.19	\$988.38
MVD	Directors Table 42" round Expresso/silver base	1	\$659.99	\$659.99
MVD	Directors storage Cabinet 36" wide 29" h Expresso	1	\$442.89	\$442.89
	MAKE PO TO WARDENS In accordance with Haworth Quote # M081121B			
WOW	PREVAILING WAGES APPLIED  Delivery, assembly, installation of cubicle, private offices & removal of packing, design included with use of elevator	1	\$25,050.00	\$25,050.00
			SUB TOTAL	\$28,720.24
	nager: ssa "Mo" Gascon Direct#: 209-758-6721 ssag@wardensworks.com	Sales Tax	7.875%	\$2,261.72
Notes:		G	RAND TOTAL	\$30,981.96
	d trays, monitor arms, & chairs not included on this quote			
	nce PO is provided.			
- Acceptance	:			
Date:	Authorized Signature:			

50% NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT on all factory ordered products. 25% RESTOCKING FEE for in stock product returned.

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Quote Date: 8/23/2021

Quote #: M082321A

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**Customer:** 

Company: StanCERA

Name: Kellie/Lisa

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Email:				
Address: 832 12	2th Street Suite 600	Phone #:	525-6393	
City, State: Modes	sto, Ca Zip: 95354	Fax #:		
Product	Description	Qty	Unit Price	TOTAL
<b>/</b> OW	MAKE PO TO WARDENS  PREVAILING WAGES APPLIED Delivery, assembly, installation of cubicle, private offices & removal of packing, design included with use of elevator & taking to salvage, dump on site in bin 4400.00	1	\$5,280.00	\$5,280.00
— Account Mana	nger:	Sales	SUB TOTAL	\$5,280.00
	a "Mo" Gascon Direct#: 209-758-6721	Tax		\$0.00
- Notes: -		G	RAND TOTAL	
	ar down with your electrical/data team.			
— Acceptance:				
Date:	Authorized Signature:			

50% NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT on all factory ordered products. 25% RESTOCKING FEE for in stock product returned.



## **OMNIA Partners US Communities Contract Customer Pricing**

## Stan CERA Furn Plan Rev2 Spec

Item Mfg. Qty. Product TAG 2 Extended 1 HAW 3 BFM-0006-B \$448.11 \$1,344.33 List: Base, Power, Basefeed, Places, 3 Cir, 332, 72In. /1828.8mm Contract Disc %: 71.00000 \$129.95 \$389.85 List: \$63.40 \$443.80 2 HAW 7 E2CC-90-4 90Deg Top Cap, For 2-, 3-, Or 4-Way, 4 Tab Contract Disc %: 71.00000 ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A \$18.39 \$128.73 3 HAW 13 E2FC-62 \$210.48 \$2,736.24 90Deg Finish Post, Fabric, 64In. H, Full Hgt Contract Disc %: 71.00000 (L5) CLASSIC GRD B \$61.04 \$793.52 ,L5-AS SONG GRD B ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A List: \$191.65 \$3,258.05 4 HAW 17 E2FS-62 UniGroup Too,180 Deg Finish Post,Fab,64In H,Full Hgt Contract Disc %: 71.00000 (L5) CLASSIC GRD B Sell: \$55.58 \$944.86 ,L5-AS SONG GRD B ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A \$849.95 5 HAW 16 E2MN-238-B \$13,599.20 Mono Panel,Sq Top Cap,No-Pwr,24In.Wx40In.H,Base Trim Contract Disc %: 71.00000 (L5) CLASSIC GRD B \$246.49 \$3,943.84 ,L5-AS SONG GRD B (L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A 6 HAW 16 E2MN-538-B List: \$1,213.19 \$19,411.04 Mono Panel,Sq Top Cap,No-Pwr,60ln.WxX 40ln.H,Base Trim Contract Disc %: 71.00000 (L5) CLASSIC GRD B Sell: \$351.83 \$5,629.28 ,L5-AS SONG GRD B (L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A 7 HAW 12 E2MP-438-B List: \$1,446.87 \$17,362.44 Mono Panel,Sq Top Cap,3 Cir,332,48ln.Wx40ln.H,Base Trim Contract Disc %: 71.00000 (L5) CLASSIC GRD B \$419.59 \$5,035.08 ,L5-AS SONG GRD B (L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A

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,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A



tem	Mfg.	Qty.	Product	G 2	Unit	Extended
8	HAW	12	E2MP-438-BE	List:	\$1,338.04	\$16,056.48
			Mono Panel,Sq Top Cap,3 Cir,332,48In.Wx40In.H,No Base Trim	Contract	Disc %: 71.00	0000
			(L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B (L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$388.03	\$4,656.36
			,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A			
9	HAW	16	E2MP-462-B	List:	\$1,769.43	\$28,310.88
			Mono Panel,Sq Top Cap,3 Cir,332,48In.Wx64In.H,Base Trim	Contract	Disc %: 71.00	0000
			(L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B (L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$513.13	\$8,210.08
10	HAW	4	E2MP-462-BE	List:	\$1,660.60	\$6,642.40
			Mono Panel,Sq Top Cap,3 Cir,332,48In.Wx64In.H,No Base Trim	Contract I	Disc %: 71.00	0000
			(L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B (L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$481.57	\$1,926.28
11	HAW	16	E2MP-538-B	List:	\$1,567.95	\$25,087.20
			Mono Panel,Sq Top Cap,3 Cir,332,60In.WxX 40In.H,Base Trim	Contract L		
			(L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B (L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$454.71	\$7,275.36
12	HAW	16	HTB-4816	List:	\$395.51	\$6,328.16
			Places, Tackboard 48In. X 16In.	Contract [	Disc %: 71.00	000
			(L5) CLASSIC GRD B ,L5-AS SONG GRD B	Sell:	\$114.70	\$1,835.20
13	HAF	32	JFFA-15	List:	\$38.16	\$1,221.12
			X Series, Lateral File, Front-To-Back Hanging Bars, 15.5"D	Contract E	Disc %: 63.00	000
				Sell:	\$14.12	\$451.84
14	HAW	16	JLPD-0242-SJA	List:	\$1,366.89	\$21,870.24
			X Series,27.5"H x 42"W,Lateral File,File,Ptd Drawer Front,Proud,Ptd Lock	Contract D	Disc %: 63.00	000
			Bar,Attached,J Pull,Glides	Sell:	\$505.75	\$8,092.00
			,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,LR-BL BLACK GRD A			
15	HAW	16	JPAH-24-SJ	List:	\$718.46	\$11,495.36
			X Series,Pedestal,Attached,B/B/F,24"D,PtdDrwFrt, Stl Lkrl,J Pull	Contract D	0isc %: 63.00	000
			,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,LR-BL BLACK GRD A	Sell:	\$265.83	\$4,253.28

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HAF	1	JTRL-3672-JYJYS  X Series, Common Top, Inset Frnt, Lam Top, 36Dx72W, 3mm Plstc Usr, 1mm LH,3mm Bck,1mm RH	List: Contract	\$1,413.90 Disc %: 63.0	\$1,413.90
HAF		Bck,1mm RH	Contract	Disc %: 63.0	0000
HAF					2000
HAF		,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B	Sell:	\$523.14	\$523.14
HAF		,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A			
	1	JTRL-36C0-JYJYS	List:	\$2,318.70	\$2,318.70
		X Series, Common Top, Inset Frnt, Lam Top, 36Dx120W, 3mm Plstc Usr, 1mm LH,3mm Bck,1mm RH	Contract	8	
		,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A	Sell:	\$857.92	\$857.92
HCC	16	LSET-2	List:	\$0.00	\$0.00
		HW,Lock Set, Keyed Alike,Lock Plug And Key, Qty Of 2	Contract	Disc %: 0.00	0000
		,LX-BL BLACK GRD A	Sell:	\$0.00	\$0.00
HCC	16	LUTT-0031-11ULDN	List:	\$232.59	\$3,721.44
		Light, Task, LED, Adapt, 31", Starter, 65 Watt, 11' Cord	Contract	Disc %: 48.75	5000
			Sell:	\$119.20	\$1,907.20
IAW	16	PRCP-1148-B	List:	\$150.20	\$2,403.20
		UniGroup,Ported Rway Cvr Power,1 Info Opening On One Side 48In.W,3 Cir	Contract	Disc %: 71.00	0000
		,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$43.56	\$696.96
ΙΔ\Λ/	11	PRD-3-B	List:	\$196.37	\$2,160.07
			Contract		
		,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$56.95	\$626.45
nc.	16	SDI E 7270	list:	\$1 238 66	\$19,818.56
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					\$5,747.36
		,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A			
SPC	32	SPLE-8470	List:	\$1,679.28	\$53,736.96
		Add-On Panel,Glazed,60In.W X 24In.H,Fabric Conn	Contract	Disc %: 71.00	0000
		,SK-1C CLEAR GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$486.99	\$15,583.68
SPC	24	SPLG-2521	List:	\$2,060.25	\$49,446.00
		Add-On Panel, Glazed, 48In. Wx24In. H, Fabric Conn	Contract	Disc %: 71.00	0000
		,SK-1C CLEAR GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$597.47	\$14,339.28
	AW SPC	AW 16  AW 11	HW, Lock Set, Keyed Alike, Lock Plug And Key, Qty Of 2  JX-BL BLACK GRD A  HCC 16 LUTT-0031-11ULDN  Light, Task, LED, Adapt, 31", Starter, 65 Watt, 11' Cord  AW 16 PRCP-1148-B  UniGroup, Ported Rway Cvr Power, 1 Info Opening On One Side 48In. W, 3 Cir  JR-J GRAPHITE GRD A  AW 11 PRD-3-B  Duplex Receptacles (Box Of 6), 3 Cir, 332, No ctrl  JR-J GRAPHITE GRD A  Add-On Panel, Glazed, 24In. W X 24In. H, Fabric Conn  SK-1C CLEAR GRD A  JR-J GRAPHITE GRD A  Add-On Panel, Glazed, 60In. W X 24In. H, Fabric Conn  SK-1C CLEAR GRD A  JR-J GRAPHITE GRD A  Add-On Panel, Glazed, 60In. W X 24In. H, Fabric Conn  SK-1C CLEAR GRD A  JR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	HW, Lock Set, Keyed Alike, Lock Plug And Key, Qty Of 2   Contract	List:   So.00   HW, Lock Set, Keyed Alike, Lock Plug And Key, Qty Of 2   Contract Disc %:   0.00

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tem Mf	100	Qty.		TAG 2		Unit	Extended
<i>25</i> SP	PC	32	SPLH-9516		List:	\$145.51	\$4,656.32
			SIDE RAIL 40" - 24", ADD ON PANELS	Cor	ntract D	isc %: 71.0	00000
			,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A		Sell:	\$42.20	\$1,350.40
<i>26</i> SP	PC	8	TS00-44YG		List:	\$3,402.62	\$27,220.96
			Hop, Table, Cr90wt, Lam, 58"x 70", Eb3, Std, Co: none, C, Eadjdlp, Gld, L	Con	ntract D	isc %: 50.0	00000
			,H-KN GREY ELM GRD B ,HP-KN GREY ELM GRD A ,TR-K CHARCOAL GRD A		Sell:	\$1,701.31	\$13,610.48
27 SP	PC	8	TS00-30HJ		List:	\$3,404.88	\$27,239.04
			Hop,Table,Cr90wt,Lam,58"x70",Eb3,Std,Co:none,C,Eadjdlp,Gld,R	Con	ntract Di		0000
			,H-KN GREY ELM GRD B ,HP-KN GREY ELM GRD A ,TR-K CHARCOAL GRD A		Sell:	\$1,702.44	\$13,619.52
28 HA	W	16	UESN-0848-PM		List:	\$307.64	\$4,922.24
			UPPER STORAGE, UNIGROUP, STD MT SHELF, SQ END PNL 48IN.	Con	tract Di	isc %: 71.0	0000
			,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A		Sell:	\$89.22	\$1,427.52
<i>29</i> HA\	١W	32	WURA-2460-LISA		List:	\$573.09	\$18,338.88
		Worksurface, Rect,24Dx60W,Lam,Edgeband,Std Core,Notched	Con	tract Di	sc %: 71.0	0000	
			,H-KN GREY ELM GRD B ,HP-KN GREY ELM GRD A	ŝ	Sell:	\$166.20	\$5,318.40
<i>30</i> HA\	w	16	WURA-2472-LISA		List:	\$658.53	\$10,536.48
			Worksurface, Rect,24Dx72W,Lam,Edgeband,Std Core,Notched	Con	tract Di	sc %: 71.0	0000
			,H-KN GREY ELM GRD B ,HP-KN GREY ELM GRD A		Sell:	\$190.97	\$3,055.52
31 HAV	W :	18	ZEBA-0000-PL		List:	\$23.63	\$425.34
			Bracket,Side,For Unigroup/Too/Places,LH		tract Dis Sell:	sc %: 71.0 \$6.85	\$123.30
32 HAV	.W :	18	ZEBA-0000-PR		List:	\$23.63	\$425.34
			Bracket,Side,For Unigroup/Too/Places,RH	Cont	tract Dis	sc %: 71.0	0000
					Sell:	\$6.85	\$123,30
33 HAV	W 3	34	ZEBD-1600-PP		List:	\$124.57	\$4,235.38
			Unigroup/Too/Places,Cntlvr Brkt,Standard,16.5In.D,BH	Cont	tract Dis	sc %: 71.00	0000
				5	Sell:	\$36.13	\$1,228.42

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em Mfg			luct TAG 2		Unit	Extended
4 HA	W 3	2 ZUE	F-0000-PN	List:	\$27.38	\$876.16
		Flus	h Mount Plate	Contract	Disc %: 71.00	0000
				Sell:	\$7.94	\$254.08
E 11A	NF.	3 100			44.00.00	
85 HA	AF.		R-0230-SJ	List:	\$1,974.22	\$3,948.44
			ries,Combo Unit,27.5"H x 30"W,Box,Box(L),File(R),LatFile,Ptd Drw Frnt,Ptd Lock I Pull,TchLtch,FS,Glides	Contract I	Disc %: 63.00	0000
		,TR		Sell:	\$730.46	\$1,460.92
		,LR-I	BL BLACK GRD A			
6 HA	۱F	2 JCP1	-0230-SJ	List:	\$1,974.22	\$3,948.44
			ies,Combo Unit,27.5"H x 30"W,File(L),Box,Box(R),LatFile,Ptd Drw Frnt,Ptd Lock	Contract L		
			Pull,TchLtch,FS,Glides	Sell:	\$730.46	
			GRAPHITE GRD A	Jen.	3730.40	\$1,460.92
		,LK-l	BL BLACK GRD A			
7 HA	F	L JDAI	-4872-JFLSBN44	List:	\$2,390.55	\$2,390.55
			ies, Corner Wrap Ext, Lam,48X72,End Panel/Support Stl,Lh,1/3 Mod,No Cable	Contract D	Disc %: 63.00	000
		Mgt,		Sell:	\$884.50	\$884.50
		H-E8, HP-8,	BN ASIAN NIGHT GRD B BJ CHARCOAL GRD A		and research of the control of the c	ALE TO CONTRACT AND STREET CONTRACT.
		,TR-J	GRAPHITE GRD A			
		,TR-J				
8 HAI	r .		-4872-JFRSBN44	List:	\$2,390.55	\$2,390.55
		X Ser Mgt,	ies, Corner Wrap Ext, Lam,48X72,End Panel/Support Stl,Rh,1/3 Mod,No Cable 24 D	Contract D		
		,H-E8		Sell:	\$884.50	\$884.50
		,HP-8				
		,TR-J ,TR-J	GRAPHITE GRD A GRAPHITE GRD A			
9 HAF	F 10	JFFA	15	List:	\$38.16	\$381.60
		X Ser	ies,Lateral File,Front-To-Back Hanging Bars,15.5"D	Contract D	isc %: 63.00	000
				Sell:	\$14.12	\$141.20
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O HAF	F 3		0242-SJ	List:	\$1,575.86	\$4,727.58
			es,27.5"H x 42"W,Lateral File,File,Ptd Drawer Front,Proud,Ptd Lock reestanding,J Pull,Glides	Contract D	isc %: 63.000	000
		,TR-J	GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$583.07	\$1,749.21
			L BLACK GRD A			
1 HAF	= 3	JSPV.	0242-SJ	List:	\$1,486.12	\$4,458.36
1 HAF	3		es,2H x 42"W,Closed Cabinet,Two Doors,Ptd Dr Front,Ptd Lock Bar,Freestanding			
		Mour	The state of the s	Contract Di		
		,TR-J	GRAPHITE GRD A	Sell:	\$549.86	\$1,649.58
		,LR-B	BLACK GRD A			
2 HAF	1	JTPL-	1830-JYJYS	List;	\$367.76	\$367.76
			es, Common Top, Prd Frnt, Lam Top, 18.75Dx30W, 3mm Plstc Usr, 1mm	Contract Di		
			ım Bck,1mm RH	Sell:	\$136.07	\$136.07
		,H-E8			7130.07	7130.07
		,HP-8	CHARCOAL GRD A			

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43 HAI	g. Qty.	Product TAG 2		Unit	Extended
	F 3	JTPL-1884-JYJYS	List:	\$876.71	\$2,630.13
		X Series, Common Top, Prd Frnt, Lam Top, 18.75Dx84W, 3mm Plstc Usr, 1mm	Contract D	isc %: 63.00	0000
		LH,3mm Bck,1mm RH	Sell:	\$324.38	\$973.14
		,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A			
4 HAV	W 3	KUAF-1648	List:	\$331.27	ć002.81
4 HAV	VV 3	Tackboard, Wall-Mounted, Universal 16In. X 48In.			\$993.81
		(L5) CLASSIC GRD B	Contract D		
		,L5-AS SONG GRD B	Sell:	\$96.07	\$288.21
5 HCC	C 1	LSET-1	List:	\$0.00	\$0.00
		HW,Lock Set, Keyed Alike,Lock Plug And Key, Qty Of 1	Contract Di		0000
		,LX-BL BLACK GRD A	Sell:	\$0.00	\$0.00
				ψ0.00	90.00
6 HCC	C 3	LSET-5	List:	\$0.00	\$0.00
		HW,Lock Set, Keyed Alike,Lock Plug And Key, Qty Of 5	Contract Di	sc %: 0.00	000
		,LX-BL BLACK GRD A	Sell:	\$0.00	\$0.00
7 HCC	<b>3</b>	LUTN-0031-19ULDN	List:	\$207.95	\$623,85
		Light, Task, LED,Adapt,31", Stand Alone,18 Watt,9' Cord	Contract Di	sc %: 48.75	000
			Sell:	\$106.57	\$319.71
8 SPC		SPLK-4610		ć240.00	<b>4240.00</b>
8 SPC	1		List:	\$319.98	\$319.98
		Worksurface, Rect,24Dx24W,Lam,Edgeband,Std Core,No Cbl Mgt,Front to Back Grain	Contract Dis	sc %: 71.00	000
		,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A	Sell:	\$92.79	\$92.79
			Sell:	\$92.79	\$92.79
9 PTT	- 4		Sell: List:		
9 PTT	- 4	,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A  TAOM-1360-LF	List:	\$299.23	\$1,196.92
PTT	4	,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A	List: Contract Dis	\$299.23 cc %: 58.00	\$1,196.92 000
PTT	4	TAOM-1360-LF Planes,Modesty Panel,13lnX60ln,Lam,Full	List:	\$299.23	\$1,196.92
		,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A  TAOM-1360-LF  Planes,Modesty Panel,13InX60In,Lam,Full ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B	List: Contract Dis Sell:	\$299.23 cc %: 58.00	\$1,196.92 000
		TAOM-1360-LF Planes,Modesty Panel,13lnX60ln,Lam,Full ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A	List: Contract Dis Sell:	\$299.23 c %: 58.000 \$125.68 \$1,426.10	\$1,196.92 000 \$502.72 \$1,426.10
		TAOM-1360-LF Planes,Modesty Panel,13lnX60ln,Lam,Full ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A  TS00-2E96  X Series,Return,Lam,2448,Open,End Stl Pnl,1/3 Modesty,No Cab,1/2 Leg Left ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B	List: Contract Dis Sell: List:	\$299.23 c %: 58.000 \$125.68 \$1,426.10	\$1,196.92 000 \$502.72 \$1,426.10
		TAOM-1360-LF Planes,Modesty Panel,13InX60In,Lam,Full ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A  TS00-2E96  X Series,Return,Lam,2448,Open,End Stl Pnl,1/3 Modesty,No Cab,1/2 Leg Left ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A	List: Contract Dis Sell: List: Contract Dis	\$299.23 cc %: 58.000 \$125.68 \$1,426.10 cc %: 63.000	\$1,196.92 000 \$502.72 \$1,426.10
		TAOM-1360-LF Planes,Modesty Panel,13lnX60ln,Lam,Full ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A  TS00-2E96  X Series,Return,Lam,2448,Open,End Stl Pnl,1/3 Modesty,No Cab,1/2 Leg Left ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B	List: Contract Dis Sell: List: Contract Dis	\$299.23 cc %: 58.000 \$125.68 \$1,426.10 cc %: 63.000	\$1,196.92 000 \$502.72 \$1,426.10
) SPC	1	TAOM-1360-LF Planes,Modesty Panel,13InX60In,Lam,Full ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A  TS00-2E96  X Series,Return,Lam,2448,Open,End Stl Pnl,1/3 Modesty,No Cab,1/2 Leg Left ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	List: Contract Dis Sell: List: Contract Dis Sell:	\$299.23 cc %: 58.000 \$125.68 \$1,426.10 cc %: 63.000	\$1,196.92 000 \$502.72 \$1,426.10
9 SPC	1	TAOM-1360-LF Planes,Modesty Panel,13InX60In,Lam,Full ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A  TS00-2E96  X Series,Return,Lam,2448,Open,End Stl Pnl,1/3 Modesty,No Cab,1/2 Leg Left ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A	List: Contract Dis Sell: List: Contract Dis Sell:	\$299.23 cc %: 58.000 \$125.68 \$1,426.10 cc %: 63.000 \$527.66	\$1,196.92 0000 \$502.72 \$1,426.10 0000 \$527.66

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tem	Mfg.	Qty.	Product	TAG 2	Unit	Extended
52	HAW	3	UUKS-1648-PWL	Lis	st: \$1,601.89	\$4,805.67
			Adaptable, Upper Storage, 48"W, Painted Front, Wall Mount, Hinge, Swing, Loc	cking Contro	act Disc %: 71.00	0000
			,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,TR-J GRAPHITE GRD A ,LR-BL BLACK GRD A	Se	ell: \$464.55	\$1,393.65
53 I	HAW	1	WUCD-4872-LJSCL4	Lis	st: \$1,346.51	\$1,346.51
			Worksurface,Corner 90 Deg Wrap D-Shape,48Dx72W,Lam,Edgeband,Std Co Mgt,Left,24 ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A	ore,No Cbl Contro Se	act Disc %: 71.00 II: \$390.49	\$390.49
54	HAW	2	WUCD-6072-LJSCL4	Lis	st: \$1,420.07	\$2,840.14
			Worksurface,Corner 90 Deg Wrap D-Shape,60Dx72W,Lam,Edgeband,Std Core,No Cbl Mgt,Left,24 ,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A	ore,No Cbl Contra Se:	act Disc %: 71.00 II: \$411.82	\$823.64
55	HAW	N 1	1 WUCD-6072-LISCR4 Worksurface, Corner 90 Deg Wrap D-Shape, 60Dx72W, Lam, Edgeband, Std Core, No Cbl Mgt, Right, 24	Lis	t: \$1,420.07	\$1,420.07
					act Disc %: 71.00	600
				,H-E8N ASIAN NIGHT GRD B ,HP-8J CHARCOAL GRD A	Sei	ll: \$411.82
56	SPC	1	TS00-32C5	Lis	t: \$915.88	\$915.88
			Planes Table Disc Base Only, 39.5"H	Contra	ct Disc %: 58.00	000
			,TR-K CHARCOAL GRD A	Sel	II: \$384.67	\$384.67

**Total List:** 

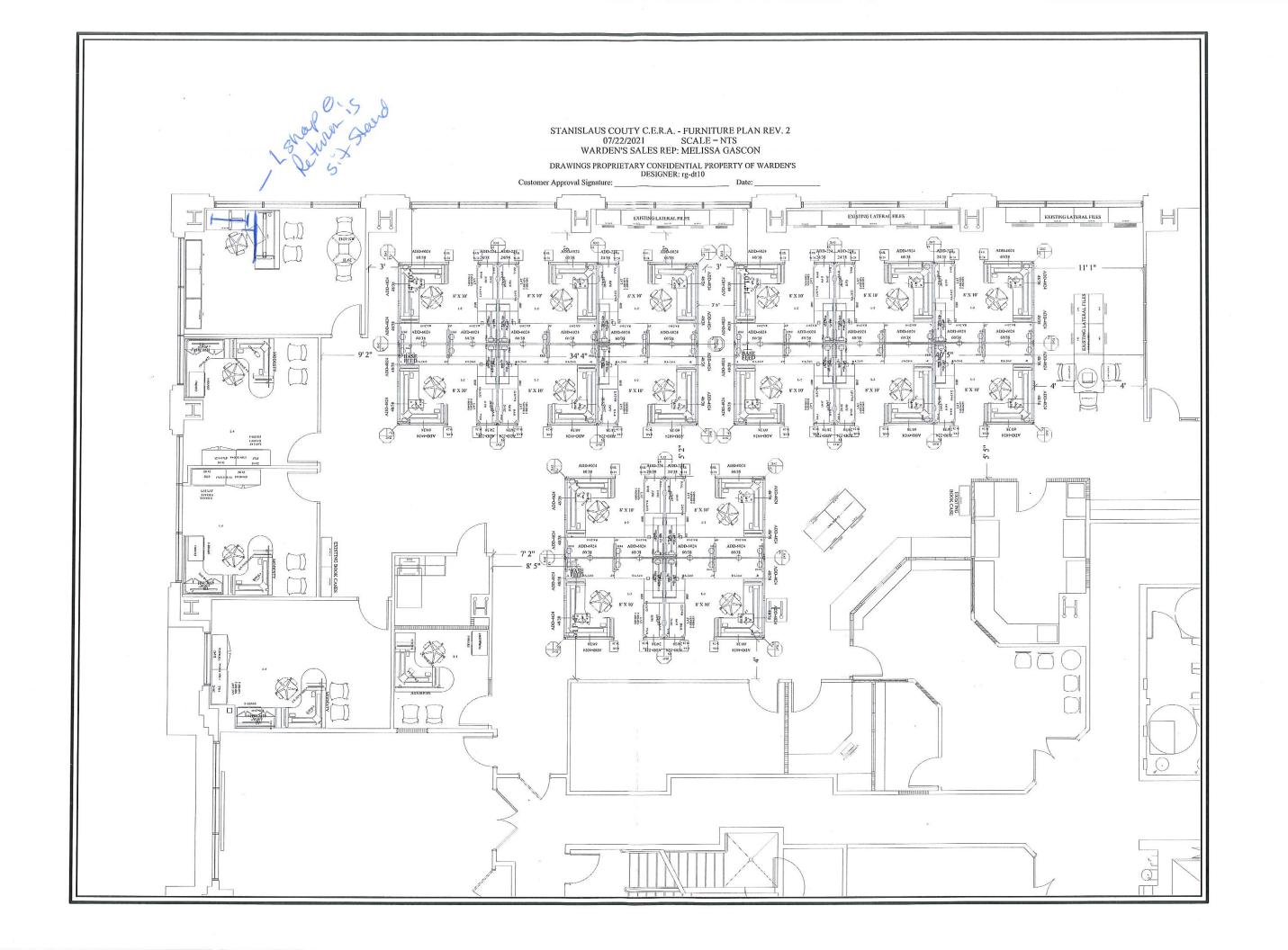
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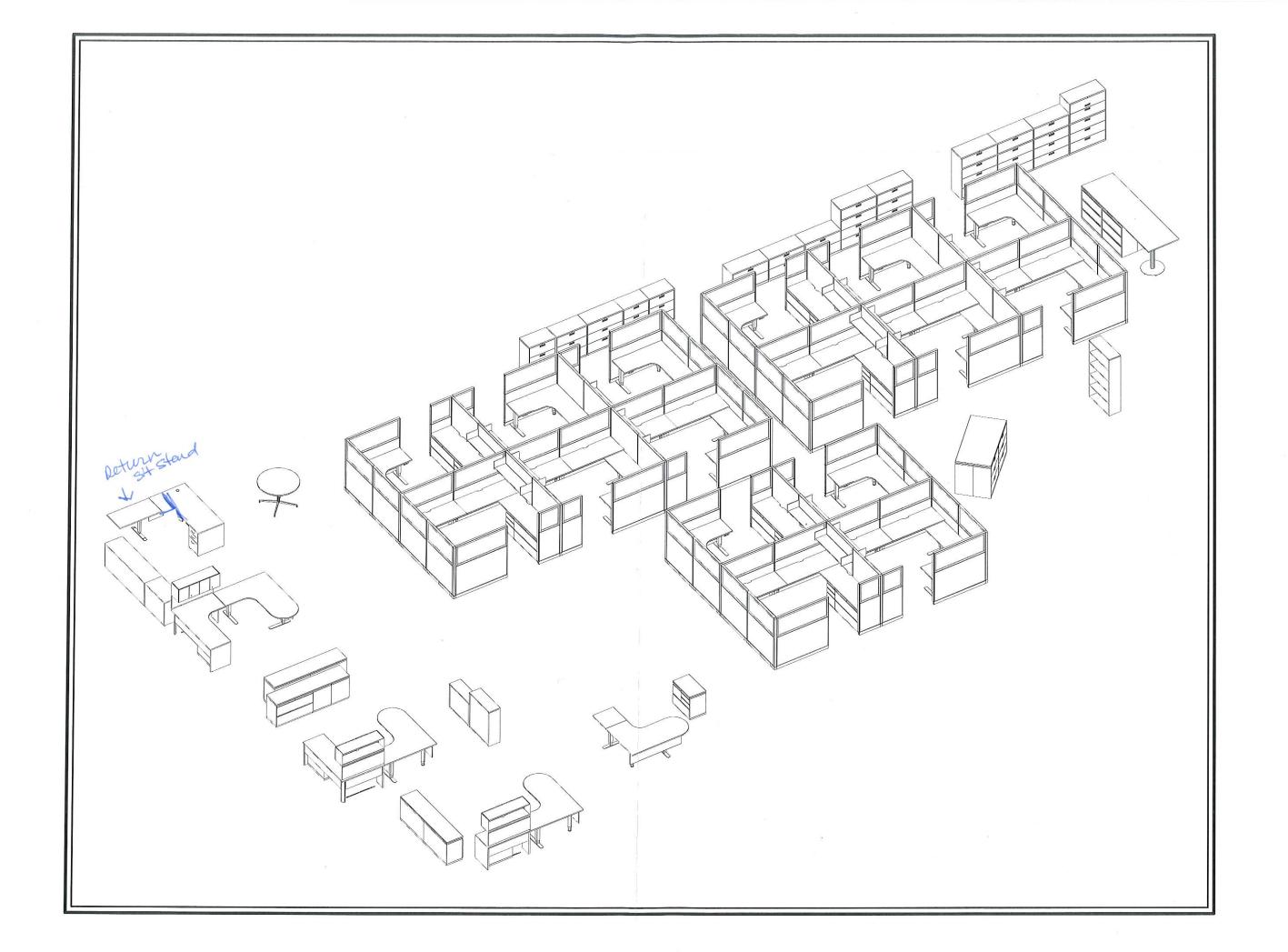
**Total Customer Sell:** 

\$152,985.29

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#### November 23, 2021

Retirement Board Agenda Item

TO: Retirement Board

FROM: Sam Sharpe, Internal Governance Chair

I. SUBJECT: Internal Governance Committee – Approval of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Statements for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

II. ITEM NUMBER: 9.a.1

III. ITEM TYPE: Discussion and Action

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Accept Committee's Recommendation for Receipt of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Years. (Attachment 1)

#### V. ANAYLSIS:

The Internal Governance Committee met November 17, 2021, with Staff and a partner from the Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation.

Brown Armstrong conducted its audit in accordance with generally accepted in the United States of America auditing standards. Brown Armstrong did not provide any opinion regarding internal controls; however, Brown Armstrong noted that they did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls which would have been consider material weaknesses during the audit.

StanCERA received an unqualified opinion that the basic financial statements (beginning on page 18) present fairly the financial position of StanCERA in accordance with generally accepted in the United States of America accounting principles.

In the Management Letter received, it was noted that the recommendations from the prior year's audit have been implemented and there were no further recommendations.

VI. RISK: None

VII. STRATEGIC PLAN: N/A

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET IMPACT: None

# Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020



# Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association (StanCERA)

(Pension Trust Fund of the County of Stanislaus, California)

#### Vision:

Empowering our members through education and technology to play a proactive role in understanding and managing their retirement benefits

#### Mission:

Provide and promote comprehensive and financially sound retirement in a professional, efficient and courteous manner

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# Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association

(Pension Trust Fund of the County of Stanislaus, California)

**Annual Comprehensive Financial Report** 

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

**Issued By** 

Rick Santos, CFA, ASA, MAAA

Executive Director

Produced by StanCERA Staff

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# Introduction Section

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#### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

November 08, 2021

Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association Modesto, CA 95354

**Dear Board Members and Members:** 

Please find enclosed the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association (StanCERA or the Plan) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. As of June 30, 2021, it is StanCERA's 73<sup>rd</sup> year of operations.

The ACFR is a detailed financial report established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for publicly disclosing the viability of a defined benefit public retirement system. The ACFR is intended to provide users with extensive reliable information for making management decisions, determining compliance with legal provisions, and demonstrates the responsible management and stewardship of StanCERA. StanCERA management is responsible for both the accuracy of the data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation of financial information within this ACFR, including all disclosures.

StanCERA is a multiple employer public employees' retirement system, established by Stanislaus County on July 1, 1948. StanCERA is operated and administered by the Board of Retirement (the Board) to provide retirement, disability, death and survivor benefits for its members under the California State Government Code, Section 31450 et seq. known as the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL) and the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA).

#### StanCERA and Its Services

StanCERA was established by Stanislaus County to provide retirement allowances and other benefits to general and safety members employed by Stanislaus County. Currently, Stanislaus County and eight participating agencies are members of StanCERA. The participating agencies are:

City of Ceres

Stanislaus Council of Governments Stanislaus County Superior Court East Side Mosquito Abatement District Hills Ferry Cemetery District Keyes Community Services District Salida Sanitary District Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority

#### StanCERA and Its Services (continued)

StanCERA is governed by the California Constitution; the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL); the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act; and the bylaws, regulations, policies, and procedures adopted by the Board of Retirement. The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors may also adopt resolutions, as permitted by the CERL, which may affect benefits to Stanislaus County members.

The Board of Retirement is responsible for the management of StanCERA and is comprised of nine members and two alternate members, one of whom is a safety alternate and the other a retiree alternate. The safety alternate seat is not currently filled. Four members are appointed by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, one member and the alternate safety member are elected by the safety members, two members are elected by the general members, while the retiree and alternate retiree members are elected by the retired members. The Stanislaus County Treasurer serves as an ex-officio member. Members, with the exception of the Stanislaus County Treasurer, serve three-year terms with no term limits.

#### **Financial Information**

The accompanying financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions from employers and members are recognized when received or when due pursuant to legal requirements. Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Expenses are recorded when corresponding liabilities are incurred regardless of when payment is due or made. Investments are recorded at the fair value of the asset.

An overview of StanCERA's fiscal operations for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, is presented in the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) located in the financial section of the ACFR. This transmittal letter, together with the MD&A, provides an expanded view of the activities of StanCERA.

Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation, StanCERA's independent auditor, has audited the accompanying financial statements. Management believes an adequate system of internal controls is in place and the accompanying statements, schedules, and tables are fairly presented and free from material misstatement. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that first, the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and that second, the valuation of the cost and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

Internal controls over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives because of its inherent limitations. Internal controls over financial reporting are processes that involve human diligence and compliance and are subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal controls over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Because of such limitations, there is a risk that material misstatements may not be prevented or detected within a timely basis by internal controls over financial reporting. However, these inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process. Therefore, it is possible to design safeguards into the process to reduce, but not eliminate, this risk.

#### **Net Pension Liability and Actuarial Funding**

StanCERA's funding objective is to meet long-term benefit obligations by maintaining a well-funded plan status and obtaining optimum investment returns. Pursuant to the CERL, StanCERA engages an independent actuary to perform an actuarial valuation of the Plan on an annual basis. Economic assumptions are normally reviewed every three years. Additionally, every three years, a triennial experience study is conducted, at which time non-

#### **Net Pension Liability and Actuarial Funding (continued)**

economic assumptions are also updated. The most recent triennial experience study was conducted as of June 30, 2018 by Cheiron, Inc. Cheiron, Inc. conducted the last actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020, the results of which were rolled forward to StanCERA's fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and determined the Plan's Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability to be 86.5% using the recommended assumptions.

#### **Investments**

The Board of Retirement has exclusive control of all StanCERA investments and is responsible for establishing investment objectives, strategies, and policies. The California Constitution and Government Code Sections 31594 and 31595 authorize the Board of Retirement to invest in any investment deemed prudent in the Board's informed opinion.

The Board has adopted an Investment Policy, which provides a framework for the management of StanCERA's investments. This policy establishes StanCERA's investment objectives and defines the duties of the Board of Retirement, investment managers, and custodial bank. The asset allocation is an integral part of the Investment Policy and is designed to provide an optimum mix of asset classes with return expectations to ensure growth of assets to meet future liabilities, minimize employer contributions, and defray reasonable administrative costs. StanCERA engages an Investment Consultant to analyze the Investment Policy and strategy and to conduct periodic asset allocation and asset/liability studies on behalf of StanCERA. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Plan's investments provided a 25.2% and 1.3% rate of return, respectively. A summary of the asset allocation can be found in the Investment Section of this report.

#### **Awards**

StanCERA is the recipient of several awards. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to StanCERA for its ACFR for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports. This was the seventeenth consecutive year StanCERA has achieved this prestigious award.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized ACFR, the contents of which meet or exceed program standards. The ACFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA for evaluation.

StanCERA received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. This report provides all StanCERA members more concise and condensed information that can be found in the ACFR.

StanCERA also received the Public Pension Coordinating Council's Public Pension Standards 2020 Award, in recognition of meeting professional standards for plan design and administration as set forth in the Public Pension Standards.

#### **Awards (continued)**

The Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC) is a coalition of the following associations that represent public pension funds that cover the vast majority of public employees in the U.S.:

- National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)
- National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR)
- National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS)

The Public Pension Standards are intended to reflect minimum expectations for public retirement systems management and administration, and serve as a benchmark by which all defined benefit public plans should be measured.

#### **Service Efforts and Accomplishments**

Written communication for members continues to be a focus for StanCERA. Non retired members receive statements twice a year. Retirees receive monthly, printed, advice notices which contain critical information. Annually, to communicate the health of the fund, an easy-to-read Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is distributed to all members.

StanCERA sponsors an annual one half-day pre-retirement seminar for potential retirees, participates in the Stanislaus County new employee orientation workshop and continues to provide group educational programs at the work site for interested employees.

In addition, StanCERA continues to increase its website presence. Audio recordings of education seminars and Board of Retirement meetings are available. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted timely. Policies, bylaws, member services and forms can be easily identified and downloaded. Members continue to visit the contribution and benefit calculators regularly.

#### **Acknowledgement**

The compilation of this report reflects the combined efforts of many people on StanCERA's staff. It is intended to provide reliable information as the basis for making management decisions, as a means for determining compliance with legal provisions, and as a means of determining responsible stewardship of the funds of StanCERA. Both the accuracy of the data presented and the completeness and fairness of the presentation of the ACFR are the responsibility of the management of StanCERA.

I congratulate the Board, staff and service providers of StanCERA for their commitment and for their diligent work to ensure the continued successful operation of StanCERA.

Sincerely,

Rick Santos, CFA, ASA, MAAA

**Executive Director** 

#### BOARD OF RETIREMENT JUNE 30, 2021



Seat # 1 **Donna Riley**Vice Chair, Treasurer/Tax Collector



Seat # 3 Sam Sharpe
Trustee, Elected by Active General Membership



Seat # 5 *Mike Lynch*Trustee, Appointed by the Board of Supervisors



Seat # 7 Joshua Clayton
Trustee, Elected by Active Safety Membership



Seat #8 **Michael O'Neal**Trustee, Elected by Retired Membership



Seat # 9 **Jeff Grover**Chair, Appointed by the Board of Supervisors



Seat # 2 *Mandip Dhillon*Trustee, Elected by Active General Membership



Seat # 4 **Darin Gharat**Trustee, Appointed by the Board of Supervisors



Seat # 6 *Terry Withrow*Trustee, Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

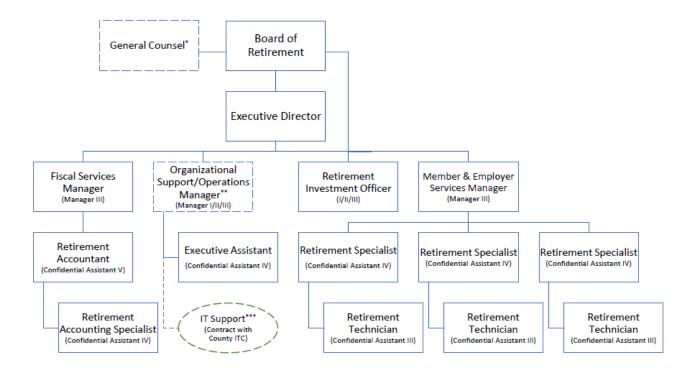
Seat # 7a **Vacant**Alternate Trustee, Elected by Active Safety Membership



Seat # 8a **Rhonda Biesemeier**Alternate Trustee, Elected by Retired Membership

### StanCERA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

#### Effective 2021



<sup>\*</sup>General Counsel position is allocated for - remains vacant

<sup>\*\*</sup>Organizational Support/Operations Manager is allocated for – remains vacant

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> IT Support position is allocated for - remains vacant

<sup>\*</sup> Retirement Board utilizes private general legal counsel for administrative legal services.

# PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS JUNE 30, 2021

#### **Consulting Services**

**Actuary** 

Cheiron, Inc.

**Auditors** 

**Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation** 

**Investment Custodian** 

Northern Trust

**Investment Consultant** 

Verus, Inc. NEPC

Legal Counsel

Damrell Nelson Schrimp Pallios & Silva (General Legal Counsel) Law Office of Ted M Cabral Hansen Bridgett LLP Reed Smith LLP Rein & Rein

**Technical & Data Services** 

Tegrit SBT, County of Stanislaus

#### **Investment Management Services\***

**Fixed Income** 

Insight
Dimensional Fund Advisors
Northern Trust Intermediate Bond
Northern Trust Long Term Bond

Large Cap Value Equity

Dodge & Cox BlackRock R1000 Value

Large Cap Growth Equity

BlackRock R1000 Growth Northern Trust Russell 1000

**Small Cap Value Equity** 

Capital Prospects

#### **Investment Management Services\***

International Equity

LSV Asset Management (Value)
Fidelity Asset Management (Growth)

**Real Estate Securities** 

Black Rock US Real Estate Index

**Private Credit** 

Medley Opportunity
Raven Capital Management, LLC
White Oak Global Advisors, LLC
Owl Rock First Lien
Special Situations Fund V
Black Rock High Yield

**Private Equity** 

Insight Partners XI
Vista Foundation IV Fund
Clayton, Dubilier & Rice XI
Genstar Capital Partners X
Gryphon Partners VI

**Private Real Estate** 

American Realty Advisors Greenfield Acquisition Partners Grandview Partners Morgan Stanley Prime Property PGIM Real Estate U.S. Debt

Infrastructure

North Haven Partners II LP NTAM Infrastructure

Risk Parity

AQR PanAgora

\*Refer to the Investment Section for the Schedule of Investment Management Fees (Page 57) and Schedule of Investment Broker Commissions (Page 58).



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June 30, 2020

Christopher P. Morrill

Executive Director/CEO



## **Public Pension Coordinating Council**

## Public Pension Standards Award For Funding and Administration 2020

Presented to

## Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association

In recognition of meeting professional standards for plan funding and administration as set forth in the Public Pension Standards.

Presented by the Public Pension Coordinating Council, a confederation of

National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)

National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS)

National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR)

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Retirement and Internal Governance Committee of Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association Modesto, California

#### **Report on the Basic Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying Statements of Fiduciary Net Position of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association (StanCERA) as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the related Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for the fiscal years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise StanCERA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Basic Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the basic financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to StanCERA's preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of StanCERA's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of StanCERA as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in fiduciary net position for the fiscal years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information (RSI), as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis and RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise StanCERA's basic financial statements. The other supplemental information and the introductory, investment, actuarial, and statistical sections, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplemental information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory, investment, actuarial, and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 8, 2021, on our consideration of StanCERA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of StanCERA's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering StanCERA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Brown Armstrong Secountaincy Corporation

Stockton, California November 8, 2021

Financial Section Page 1

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This discussion and analysis of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association's (StanCERA or the Plan) financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities and funding conditions for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. Please review information presented here in conjunction with the Letter of Transmittal and additional information provided.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- Fiduciary Net Position increased by \$524.7 million (or 23.8%) during fiscal year 2021 as a result of the fiscal year's activities.
- Contributions (employer and member), in total, increased by \$530.5 thousand (or 0.4%) during fiscal year 2021.
- Net investment income (including Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments) increased by \$537.7 million (or 2907.0%) during fiscal year 2021.
- Benefit payments increased by \$10.8 million (or 7.8%) during fiscal year 2021 from the prior fiscal year.

#### **Plan Highlights**

- Benefit plans for Tiers 2 and 3 were closed to new hires and Tiers 4 and 5 were adopted effective March 9, 2002, to provide retirement formulas commonly known as 2% at age 55 for active general members and 3% at age 50 for active safety members. One district did not implement the new benefit plans. Members in the non-contributory Tier 3 were allowed to transfer into a contributory plan. Effective January 1, 2011, Tier 5 was closed and Tier 2 was re-opened for all new hires for Stanislaus County with the reduced benefit formulas of 2% at age 61 for most general members and 2% at 50 for safety members. Tier 2 was closed and Tier 6 was adopted effective January 1, 2013, for all new hires and provides 2% at 62 for general members and 2.7% at age 57 for safety members.
- In April of 2021 and 2020, a 2.0% and 2.5%, respectively, cost-of-living increase was given to all retired, disabled, and beneficiary members receiving a recurring allowance except those retirees who received pensions for service as a Tier 3 non-contributory member.
- Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority selected Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association as its public employees' retirement system effective July 1, 2021.
- Beginning August 1, 2021, the City of Ceres Fire Department exited the City of Ceres. This resulted in an employer rate increase for the City of Ceres which was vetted with StanCERA's actuary.

#### **Using the Annual Report**

The financial statements reflect the activities of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association and are composed of the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. These statements are presented on an accrual basis of accounting and reflect all trust activities as incurred.

#### **Overview of the Basic Financial Statements**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to StanCERA's basic financial statements, which are comprised of the following three components:

- 1. Statements of Fiduciary Net Position
- 2. Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
- 3. Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

StanCERA's basic financial statements and the note disclosures to the basic financial statements are in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted for governments (GAAP) within the United States as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Financial Analysis**

#### Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

The Statements of Fiduciary Net Position show the assets available for future payments to retirees and liabilities as of the fiscal year-end. The following condensed comparative summary of Fiduciary Net Position demonstrates that the pension trust is primarily focused on the cash and investments and the restricted net position. This statement is also a good indicator of the financial strength of StanCERA.

Fiduciary Net Position, as of					
June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019				\$ Change	\$ Change
	2021	2020	2019	2021-2020	2020-2019
Current Assets	\$ 194,395,097	\$ 87,551,117	\$ 70,667,937	\$ 106,843,980	\$ 16,883,180
Investments	2,708,970,681	2,221,404,069	2,290,474,787	487,566,612	(69,070,718)
Capital Assets, Net	9,022,200	7,763,618	6,609,873	1,258,582	1,153,745
Total Assets	2,912,387,978	2,316,718,804	2,367,752,597	595,669,174	(51,033,793)
Total Liabilities	181,790,108	110,852,565	159,511,165	70,937,543	(48,658,600)
Total Fiduciary Net Position Restricted					
for Pension Benefits	\$2,730,597,870	\$2,205,866,239	\$ 2,208,241,432	\$ 524,731,631	\$ (2,375,193)

#### **Financial Analysis (continued)**

#### Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

**Additions To Fiduciary Net Position** 

Total Additions

The Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position provide an account of the fiscal years' additions to and deductions from Fiduciary Net Position.

For The Fiscal Years Ended								
June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019				\$ Change		\$ Change	\$ Change	
	2021		2020		2019		2021-2020	2020-2019
Employer Contributions	\$ 93,307,629	\$	92,684,609	\$	88,589,381	\$	623,020	\$ 4,095,228
Plan Member Contributions	29,553,123		29,645,645		27,742,863		(92,522)	1,902,782
Net Investment Income	556,195,649		18,496,773		99,280,525		537,698,876	(80,783,752)

\$ 679,056,401 \$ 140,827,027 \$ 215,612,769 \$ 538,229,374 \$

(74,785,742)

<b>Deductions From Fiduciary Net Position</b>
For The Fiscal Years Ended
June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019

Benefit Payments	\$	149,015,287	\$ 138,223,922	\$ 129,100,668	\$ 10,791,365	\$ 9,123,254
Member Refunds - Termination		1,610,897	1,351,779	1,826,145	259,118	(474,366)
Member Refunds/Payouts - Death		304,717	409,894	847,878	(105,177)	(437,984)
Administrative Expenses		3,393,869	3,216,625	2,557,391	177,244	659,234
Total Deductions	\$	154,324,770	\$ 143,202,220	\$ 134,332,082	\$ 11,122,550	\$ 8,870,138
	-					

Change in Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for						
Pension Benefits	\$ 524,731,631	\$ (2,375,193)	\$ 81,280,687	\$ 527,106,	824 \$	(83,655,880)
Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits						
Beginning of Year	2,205,866,239	2,208,241,432	2,126,960,745	(2,375,	193)	81,280,687
End of Year	\$2,730,597,870	\$2,205,866,239	\$2,208,241,432	\$ 524,731,	631 \$	(2,375,193)

#### Additions to Fiduciary Net Position

A review of the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position shows that June 30, 2021, closed with assets exceeding liabilities by \$2.7 billion, with all of the Fiduciary Net Position restricted for StanCERA's ongoing obligations to plan participants and their beneficiaries. The fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, closed with assets exceeding liabilities by \$2.2 billion. The \$524.7 million increase and \$2.4 million decrease, respectively, in Fiduciary Net Position is a direct result of the changes in the financial market over the past two years. StanCERA remains in good financial condition.

#### **Financial Analysis (continued)**

#### Additions to Fiduciary Net Position (continued)

The primary sources to finance the benefits StanCERA provides are accumulated through return on investments and through the collection of member and employer contributions. The total for these income sources for fiscal year 2020-2021 resulted in an increase of \$538.2 million, where fiscal year 2019-2020 resulted in a decrease of \$74.8 million. The increase is primarily a result of the rebalance of the investment portfolio and activity in the broad market, as discussed in the Investment Analysis below. Employer and member contributions increased by \$530,405 (or 1%) from the contributions made in 2019-2020. Employer contribution increases in 2021 and 2020 are due to changes to the economic and demographic assumptions adopted for the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation.

#### Deductions from Fiduciary Net Position

The primary uses of StanCERA's assets are the payment of benefits to retirees and their beneficiaries, refunds of contributions to terminated employees, and the costs of administering the Plan. These expenses for fiscal year 2020-2021 were \$154.3 million, an increase of \$11.1 million from prior year. This increase is due to the increased number of retirees, an increase in the average benefit payment received, and the acquisition of a new pension system. For fiscal year 2019-2020, the expenses were \$143.2 million, an increase of \$8.9 million from prior year due to the increase in the number of retirees and the average amount they are paid. For fiscal year 2020-2021, administrative expense increased by 5.5% from fiscal year 2020-2021. Total administrative expense represented 0.1036% of the accrued actuarial liability (funding basis) for fiscal year 2020-2021 and 0.1038% for fiscal year 2019-2020.

#### **Overall Financial Condition**

#### Investment Analysis

StanCERA's investment activity is a function of the underlying marketplace for the period measured and the Investment Policy's asset allocation. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, StanCERA's investments were reported by the three functional portfolios per the Investment Policy restated and approved by the Board of Retirement on May 28, 2019.

The Plan's domestic equity returns for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, outperformed their benchmark by 550 basis points and international equity outperformed their benchmark by 300 basis points. Domestic equity returns for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, underperformed their benchmark by 433 basis points and international equity underperformed their benchmark by 87 basis points.

The Plan's fixed income returns for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, outperformed their benchmark by 180 basis points. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Plan's fixed income returns underperformed their benchmark by 200 basis points.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, StanCERA's total portfolio outperformed its policy benchmark by 180 basis points with an overall return of 25.2%. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, StanCERA's total portfolio underperformed its policy benchmark by 200 basis points with an overall return of 1.3%. Management believes the Plan remains in a very strong financial position to meet its obligations to the Plan participants and beneficiaries.

#### **Overall Financial Condition (continued)**

#### Net Pension Liability

The primary concern to most pension plan participants is the amount of resources available to pay benefits. Historically, pension plans have been under-funded when the employer fails to make actuarially determined contributions. All StanCERA employers have traditionally contributed the actuarially determined contribution as determined by the Plan's actuary.

An indicator of funding status is the ratio of the Fiduciary Net Position to the Total Pension Liability (TPL). An increase in the percentage over time usually indicates a plan is becoming financially stronger; however, a decrease will not necessarily indicate a plan is in financial decline. Changes in actuarial assumptions can significantly impact the Net Pension Liability (NPL). Performance in the stock and bond markets can have a material impact on the fair value of assets and Fiduciary Net Position.

The NPL as of June 30, 2020, rolled forward to StanCERA's fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, was \$427.7 million using the entry age normal cost method. The Board of Retirement approves the assumptions used by the actuary to perform their calculation. As of the most recent actuarial valuation dated June 30, 2020, rolled forward to June 30, 2021, StanCERA's Fiduciary Net Position was 86.5% of the TPL. The next actuarial valuation is scheduled for June 30, 2021 to be rolled forward to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

#### StanCERA's Fiduciary Responsibilities

StanCERA's Board of Retirement and management staff are fiduciaries of the pension trust fund. Under the California Constitution, the Fiduciary Net Position can only be used for the exclusive benefit of plan participants and their beneficiaries.

#### Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide the Board of Retirement, plan participants, taxpayers, investment professionals and creditors with a general overview of StanCERA's financial condition and to demonstrate StanCERA's accountability for the funds under its stewardship.

Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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# STANISLAUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION As of June 30, 2021 and 2020

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 4):	\$82,503,136	\$ 73,474,225
Receivables:		
Interest and Dividends	5,961,917	6,367,746
Securities Transactions	101,809,628	414,882
Contributions (Note 3)	4,093,616	7,270,478
Total Receivables	111,865,161	14,053,106
Prepaid Items	26,800	23,786
Capital Assets, Net (Note 2):	9,022,200	7,763,618
Investments at Fair Value (Note 4):		
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations	164,326,018	114,025,363
Corporate Bonds	67,775,457	199,848,144
Emerging Market / Non-US Bonds	38,949,757	130,606,093
Domestic Stocks	229,355,227	139,456,101
Domestic Equity Index Fund	361,332,537	265,087,986
International Equity	520,295,575	463,894,174
Real Estate Securities	104,485,885	17,918,244
Private Credit	216,383,761	85,029,245
Private Real Estate	237,150,895	218,955,534
Private Equity	143,759,880	140,588,335
Infrastructure	182,047,547	36,156,708
Risk Parity	376,887,462	313,455,483
Securities Lending Collateral	66,220,680	96,382,659
Total Investments	2,708,970,681	2,221,404,069
Total Assets	2,912,387,978	2,316,718,804
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	13,927,586	13,167,410
Securities Transactions	101,246,842	907,496
Securities Lending Obligation (Note 4)	66,220,680	96,382,659
Total Current Liabilities	181,395,108	110,457,565
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Grant Deed Extension Fee	395,000	395,000
Total Liabilities	181,790,108	110,852,565
Fiduciary Net Position Restricted For Pension Benefits (Note 6)	\$2,730,597,870	\$ 2,205,866,239

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# STANISLAUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	June 30, 20	)21	June 30, 2020		
ADDITIONS					
Contributions (Note 5):					
Employer	\$93,30		\$	92,684,609	
Plan Members		3,123		29,645,645	
Total Contributions	122,86	0,752		122,330,254	
Investment Income:					
Net Appreciation/(Depreciation) in Fair					
Value of Investments	528,07	7,801		(15,166,254)	
Interest and Dividends	43,33	5,298		44,752,966	
Total Investment Gain	571,41	3,099		29,586,712	
Net Income from Commission Recapture	2	8,983		25,624	
Less: Investment Expense (Note 4)	(15,88	6,559)		(11,703,204)	
Net Investment Income	555,55			17,909,132	
Other Investment Income:					
Net Litigation Recovery Income	5	0,276		982	
Rental Income		5,372		102,921	
Other Investment Income		2,064		127,520	
Net Other Investment Income		7,712		231,423	
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Securities Lending Activities (Note 4):	50	0.400		500.040	
Securities Lending Income		0,422		508,646	
Less: Securities Lending Expense	(16	8,008)		(152,428)	
Net Securities Lending Income	39	2,414		356,218	
Total Investment Income	556,19	5,649		18,496,773	
Total Additions	679,05	6,401		140,827,027	
DEDUCTIONS					
Benefit Payments and Subsidies	149,01	5 287		138,223,922	
Member Refunds - Termination		0,897		1,351,779	
Member Refunds - Termination  Member Refunds - Death		4,717		409,894	
		3,869		3,216,625	
Administrative Expenses (Note 2) Total Deductions	154,32			143,202,220	
Net Change in Fiduciary Net Position	524,73			(2,375,193)	
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Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits (Note 6)					
Beginning of Year	2,205,86			2,208,241,432	
End of Year	\$ 2,730,59	7,870	\$	2,205,866,239	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### **NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

#### **Description of System and Applicable Provisions of the Law**

The Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association (StanCERA or the Plan) is an integrated public employee retirement system established under and subject to the legislative authority of the State of California as enacted and amended in the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (Chapter 677 Statutes of 1937) (CERL) and the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act. It is a cost-sharing multiple-employer pension plan. StanCERA was established by the County of Stanislaus Board of Supervisors on July 1,1948, and was integrated with Social Security on January 1,1956.

#### Membership

StanCERA consists of employees from the County of Stanislaus, East Side Mosquito Abatement District, Hills Ferry Cemetery District, Keyes Community Service District, City of Ceres, Salida Sanitary District, Stanislaus County Superior Court, and Stanislaus Council of Governments. Each person entering employment full-time or permanent part-time (50% or more of the regular hours) becomes a member on the first day of employment. The structure of the Membership with StanCERA is as follows:

	Ju	June 30, 2020				
	General Safety Total		General	Safety	Total	
Active Members:						
Vested & Non-vested	3,549	796	4,345	3,653	806	4,459
Total Active	3,549	796	4,345	3,653	806	4,459
Inactive Members:						
Deferred Members	643	148	791	856	210	1,066
Unclaimed Contributions	764	129	893	483	66	549
Total Inactive	1,407	277	1,684	1,339	276	1,615
Retired Members:						
Service Retirements	3,185	538	3,723	3,143	518	3,661
Disability Retirements	202	174	376	206	173	379
Survivor Payments	42	11	53	43	10	53
Total Retired	3,429	723	4,152	3,392	701	4,093
Total	8,385	1,796	10,181	8,384	1,783	10,167

#### **Active**

StanCERA has Tiers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for General Members and Tiers 2, 4, 5 and 6 for Safety Members. All tiers are closed with the exception of Tier 6 for both General and Safety Members. Members of the Plan receive a 100% vested interest in the Plan after 5 years of service, except Tier 3 which requires 10 years of service.

#### **NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (continued)**

#### **Benefits**

StanCERA provides for retirement, disability, death, beneficiary, cost-of-living, and ad-hoc retirement benefits.

#### Service Retirement Benefit

Members of Tiers 1, 2, 4, and 5 with 10 years of service, who have attained the age of 50, are eligible to retire. Tier 3 members are eligible to retire with 10 years of service at age 55. Tier 6 members are eligible to retire with 5 years of service at age 50 for Safety members and age 52 for General members. Members of Tiers 1, 2, 4, and 5 with 30 years of service (20 years for safety), regardless of age, are eligible to retire. The benefit is a percentage of monthly final average salary (FAS) per year of service, depending on age at retirement, and is illustrated below for representative ages. Government Code Section 31462 of the CERL defines the FAS as a member's average monthly compensation earned during any consecutive 12 months (applicable to members of Tiers 1, 4, and 5). Government Code Sections 31462.1 and 7522.32 use the member's average monthly compensation earned during any 36 consecutive months (applicable to members of Tiers 2, 3, and 6). For members integrated with Social Security, the benefit is reduced by 1/3 of the percentage shown below times the first \$350 of the monthly FAS per year of service credited after January 1, 1956. Tier 6 is not integrated with Social Security.

#### Percentage of FAS:

General								Safety	
Age	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Tiers 1&2	Tiers 4&5	Tier 6
50	1.34	1.18	N/A	1.48	1.48	N/A	2.00	3.00	2.00
55	1.77	1.49	0.68*	1.95	1.95	1.30	2.62	3.00	2.50
60	2.34	1.92	1.14*	2.44	2.44	1.80	2.62	3.00	2.70
65	2.62	2.43	2.00*	2.62	2.62	2.30	N/A	N/A	2.70

<sup>\* 1%</sup> of FAS for each year of service over 35 reduced by 1/35 of Social Security Benefits at age 65 not to exceed 35 years

Retiring members may choose from 4 different beneficiary retirement allowances. Most retirees elect to receive an unmodified allowance, which includes a continuation of 60% of the allowance to the retirees' surviving spouse or registered domestic partner.

#### **Death Benefit-Before Retirement**

#### Employed Less Than 5 Years

In addition to the return of contributions, a death benefit is payable to the member's beneficiary or estate equal to 1 month of salary for each completed year of service under the retirement system, based on the final year's average salary, not to exceed 6 months of salary (except Tier 3 members).

#### NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (continued)

#### **Death Benefit-Before Retirement (continued)**

#### Employed More than 5 Years

If a member dies while eligible for service retirement or non-service connected disability, the spouse or registered domestic partner receives 60% of the allowance that the member would have received for retirement benefits on the day of his or her death (except Tier 3 members).

If a member dies in the performance of duty, the spouse or registered domestic partner receives a monthly benefit of 50% of the member's FAS (except Tier 3 members).

#### **Death Benefit-After Retirement**

If a member dies after retirement, a burial allowance of \$5,000 is paid to the beneficiary or estate (except Tier 3 members).

If the retirement benefit is for service connected disability, 100% of the member's allowance as it was at death is continued to the surviving spouse or registered domestic partner for Tiers 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. Tier 3 Members have no allowance continued to the surviving spouse or registered domestic partner.

If the retirement benefit is for other than service connected disability, 60% of the member's allowance is continued to the surviving spouse or registered domestic partner for Tiers 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6, and 60% of the member's allowance is continued to the surviving spouse or registered domestic partner if the unmodified option is chosen at time of retirement.

#### **Disability Benefit**

Members with 5 years of service, regardless of age, are eligible for non-service connected disability (except Tier 3 members). The benefit may be up to 1/3 of FAS. If the disability is service connected, the member may retire regardless of length of service, and the benefit is 50% of FAS (except Tier 3 members).

#### **Cost-of-Living Benefit**

The current maximum increase in retirement allowance is 3% per year (except Tier 3). The increases are based on the change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the San Francisco Bay area from January 1 to December 31, effective the following April 1.

#### **Ad-Hoc Benefits**

Ad-hoc benefits are non-vested benefits which are determined by the Board of Retirement subject to funding availability.

#### **NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (continued)**

#### **Ad-Hoc Benefits (continued)**

No ad-hoc benefits are currently being paid (effective since January 1, 2010). Changes in the excess earnings policy, approved by the Board of Retirement (Board) on May 25, 2012, placed additional restrictions on the Board's ability to grant these benefits. The greatest restriction currently is the Plan must be 100% funded on a market basis prior to funding any ad-hoc benefit.

#### **Contribution Rates**

The CERL establishes the basic obligations for employer and member contributions to the retirement system. The actual employer and member contribution rates in effect each year are based on recommendations made by an independent actuary and adopted by the Board.

StanCERA's policy for contributions states that actuarially determined rates expressed as a percentage of annual covered payroll are required to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded liability. Level percentage of payroll employer contribution rates are determined using the entry age actuarial cost method. For funding purposes, StanCERA also uses the level entry age normal cost method with the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) to amortize the unfunded liability. StanCERA's actuarially determined composite employer contribution rates for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 were 31.45% and 30.38%, respectively, of annual payroll. Employee contribution rates are based on age of entry for Tiers 1, 2, 4 and 5 and range between 3.45% and 17.75% for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020. Tier 6 employer rates are based on 50% of the total normal cost. Tier 6 employee contribution rates are not based on age of entry and are a flat rate ranging between 8.73% and 13.72% for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Reporting Entity**

StanCERA is governed by the Board and is considered an independent legal entity. StanCERA is a component unit of Stanislaus County (the County) and is being reported as a Pension Trust Fund in the County's Financial Report in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

StanCERA follows GASB accounting principles and reporting guidelines. The financial statements are prepared on a full accrual basis of accounting, which recognizes income when earned and expenses when incurred. Contributions from employers and members are recognized when received or when due pursuant to legal requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan.

#### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash includes deposits with a financial institution and pooled cash with the Stanislaus County Treasurer. Pooled cash is reported at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Income on pooled cash is allocated on StanCERA's average daily balance in relation to total pooled assets.

#### **Investments**

The Board has exclusive control of the investments of StanCERA. Statutes authorize the Board to invest, or to delegate the authority to invest, in any investment allowed by statute and considered prudent in the informed opinion of the Board.

Investments are stated at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 25.* Values for stocks, publicly traded bonds, issues of the U.S. Government and its agencies, and real estate securities are valued according to sale prices of recognized exchanges as of the fiscal year-end, with international securities reflecting currency exchange rates in effect at June 30, 2021 and 2020. Both domestic and international investments are denominated in U.S. currency. Private Credit Partnerships, Private Real Estate and Infrastructure investments are valued using their respective Net Asset Value (NAV) and are audited annually. The most significant input into the NAV of such an entity is the fair value of its investment holdings. These holdings are valued by the partnerships on a quarterly basis and the assumptions are based upon the nature of the investment and the underlying business. The valuation techniques vary based upon investment type and involve a certain degree of expert judgment.

#### Securities Transactions and Related Investment Income

Securities transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income is recognized when earned and dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Stock dividends or stock splits are recorded as memo items and do not affect the total value of the securities.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, consisting of software development, the purchase of a condominium interest in one floor of an office building, and office equipment are presented at historical cost. StanCERA occupies 60% of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the office building, and 40% has been developed as office space which is currently leased out. Total cost of the capital assets as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 were \$11,199,744 and \$9,797,084, respectively, with accumulated depreciation of \$2,177,544 and \$2,033,466, respectively. Out of the total amount, \$5,558,306 and \$4,207,583, respectively, were not being depreciated due to the assets not being placed in service as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020. Depreciation expense for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 totaled \$144,078 and \$135,356, respectively. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method with an estimated life of 10 years for the software development, an estimated life of 99 years for the office space, an estimated life of 10 years for the leasehold improvements, and an estimated life of 5 years for office equipment.

#### **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

#### **Capital Assets (continued)**

	Balance at e 30, 2020	R	Reclassifications & Additions	Reclassifications & Deletions	Dej	Less preciation	Balance at ne 30, 2021
Capital Assets, not being depreciated							
Tenant Improvements	\$ 390,438	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 390,438
Pension Administration System	3,772,728		1,385,624	-		-	5,158,352
Rebranding Cost	44,417		-	44,417		-	_
6th Floor Lobby Upgrade	_		9,516	-		_	9,516
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	 4,207,583		1,395,140	44,417		-	5,558,306
Capital Assets, being depreciated				•			
Tyler Software	_		-	-		_	-
Real Estate Occupied	1,611,569		_	_		18,976	1,592,591
Real Estate Leased	1,075,100		_	_		12,653	1,062,447
Leasehold Improvements	34,845		_	_		6,586	28,259
Office Equipment	767		_	-		767	-
Formax Machine FD6104	_		7,522	-		1,076	6,446
Video Conferencing Equipment	1,151		, -	-		864	287
Imaging System	462,754		-	-		57,844	404,910
Microfiche Scanner	2,314		_	-		1,111	1,203
Board Room Expansion	74,745		_	_		3,917	70,828
Board Room Expansion TI	226,330		_	_		24,917	201,413
Rebranding Cost	_		44.417	_		4,442	39,975
Audio Video System	66,460			_		10,925	55,535
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	 3,556,035		51,939	_		144,078	3,463,894
TOTAL	\$ 7,763,618	\$		\$ 44,417	\$	144,078	\$ 9,022,200
	Balance at e 30, 2019	R	Reclassifications & Additions	Reclassifications & Deletions		Less preciation	Balance at ne 30, 2020
Capital Assets, not being depreciated							
Tenant Improvements	\$ 390,438	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 390,438
Pension Administration System	2,553,885		1,218,843	-		-	3,772,728
Rebranding Cost			44,417	-		_	44,417
Board Room Expansion	78,335		· -	78,335		_	· -
Board Room Expansion TI	245,749		_	245,749		_	_
Audio Video System	62,888		_	62,888		_	_
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	 3,331,295		1,263,260	386,972		-	4,207,583
Capital Assets, being depreciated	 -,,		1,=11,=11	,			.,==:,===
Tyler Software	_		_	_		_	_
Real Estate Occupied	1,630,546		_	_		18,977	1,611,569
Real Estate Leased	1,087,753		_	_		12,653	1,075,100
Leasehold Improvements	32,452		8,833	_		6,440	34,845
Office Equipment	1,789		-	_		1,022	767
Video Conferencing Equipment	2,015		_	_		864	1,151
Imaging System	520,598		_	_		57,844	462,754
Microfiche Scanner	3,425		_	_		1,111	2,314
Board Room Expansion	0,120		78,335	_		3,590	74,745
Board Room Expansion TI			249,171	-		22,841	226,330
Audio Video System	_		76,474	-		10,014	66,460
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	 3.278.578		412,813	<u> </u>		135,356	3,556,035
TOTAL	\$ 6,609,873	\$		\$ 386,972	\$	135,356	\$ 7,763,618

#### **Administrative Expenses**

StanCERA's administrative expense is funded by the investment income and is limited to 0.21% of StanCERA's Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) pursuant to Government Code Section 31580.2. The law provides exemption from the limitation for the cost of computer consultation, hardware, and software. Total administrative expenses for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 were \$3,393,869 and \$3,216,625, respectively, of which \$392,090 and \$362,870, respectively, were not subject to the administrative expense limitation.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Administrative Expenses (continued)**

Administrative expenses subject to the limitation amounted to 0.1036% of AAL for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and 0.1038% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

#### **Income Taxes**

StanCERA qualifies as a pension trust under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. No provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements as the Plan is exempt from Federal and State income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 and the California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 23701, respectively.

#### **Management's Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, contingent assets and liabilities, revenue, and expenses as of the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, which establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. This statement improves accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. The requirements of this statement were originally effective for StanCERA's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. However, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB postponed implementation of this statement by one year of its effective date. Management is evaluating the requirements of this GASB Statement and its impact to StanCERA financial statements, which will be effective in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

#### Reclassifications

Certain fiscal year 2020 amounts have been reclassified to conform with the fiscal year 2021 presentation.

#### **NOTE 3 – CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE**

Contributions receivable represents withdrawals from employees' salaries and liabilities due by employers for retirement contributions for the month of June that were received in July. Contributions receivable as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 were \$4,093,616 and \$7,270,478, respectively.

#### **NOTE 4 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The California State Constitution and the CERL give the Board the exclusive authority to invest the assets of StanCERA and the Board may, at its discretion, invest or delegate the authority to invest such assets through

the purchase, holding, or sale of any form or type of investment, financial instrument, or financial transaction when deemed prudent in the informed decision of the Board. StanCERA invests the assets according to a written Investment Policy established by the Board and currently employs external investment managers to manage the assets subject to the guidelines in the Investment Policy.

#### **Deposits in Stanislaus County Treasury**

Cash needed for StanCERA's daily operational purposes is pooled with other County funds by the County Treasurer for short-term investment purposes. The County is responsible for the control and safekeeping of all instruments of title and for all investments of the pooled funds. Investments in the County Investment Pool are managed according to the Investment Policy established by the County and are subject to regulatory oversight by the County's Treasury Oversight Committee. Participation in the County Investment Pool is not mandatory. The fair value of StanCERA's shares in the pooled funds is the same as the value of the County Investment Pool. StanCERA's cash invested with the County Treasurer is reported at amortized cost, which approximates fair value totaling \$21,518,055 and \$23,197,533 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Cash and investments included within the County Treasurer's Pool are described in the County's Financial Report.

#### **Investments**

*Investment Policy* – StanCERA's policy in regards to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Board. The investments of the Plan are trust funds and are held for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to the participants in the Plan and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the Plan. The investments shall be diversified so as to minimize the risk of loss and to maximize the rate of return.

StanCERA's Investment Program employs three functional sub-portfolios to construct the comprehensive asset allocation: the Liquidity Sub-portfolio, the Growth Sub-portfolio and the Diversifying Sub-portfolio. The Liquidity Sub-portfolio will ensure adequate assets are available to pay benefits over an extended timeframe. The Growth Sub-portfolio will grow the invested assets over the long-term in order to pay future benefits. The Diversifying Sub-portfolio is to offset the investment risk of the Growth Sub-portfolio. The allocations to the Liquidity, Growth and Diversifying Sub-portfolios will vary over time and will be reviewed on an annual basis. The adopted asset allocation for the three Sub-portfolios is:

Asset Class	June 30, 2021 Target Allocation	June 30, 2020 Target Allocation
Domestic Equities	19.50%	17.00%
International Equities	23.00%	23.00%
Fixed Income	20.00%	22.00%
Real Estate Securities	6.00%	5.00%
Alternatives:		
Private Credit	4.50%	6.00%
Private Equity	6.00%	6.00%
Private Real Estate	5.00%	5.00%
Infrastructure	2.00%	2.00%
Risk Parity	13.00%	13.00%
Cash	1.00%	1.00%
	100.00%	100.00%

Rate of Return – For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, the annual money-weighted rate of return on StanCERA's investments was 25.2% and 1.3%, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

#### **Fair Value Measurement**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an investment in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. StanCERA follows GASB Statement No. 72 (GASB 72), Fair Value Measurement and Application, which addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurement

StanCERA classifies the fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value measurements are classified according to the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices for identical investments in active markets.
- Level 2 Quoted prices for similar investments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar investments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable.
- Level 3 Investments with valuations derived from valuation techniques in which significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable.

Inputs used to measure fair value might fall in different levels of the fair value hierarchy; in which case, StanCERA defaults to the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. In determining the appropriate levels, a detailed analysis was performed of the assets and liabilities that are subject to GASB 72.

#### **Fair Value Measurement (continued)**

The following tables present fair value measurements as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020:

#### Investments Measured at Fair Value

Investments by Fair Value Level		06/30/21		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Fixed Income Securities								
Corporate and Other Credit	\$	70,298,973	\$	-	\$	70,298,973	\$	
Emerging Market Non-U.S. Bonds		38,949,757		-		38,949,757		
U.S. Government Agency		143,847,856		-		143,847,856		
U.S. Treasury		17,954,646				17,954,646		
Total Fixed Income Securities		271,051,232		-		271,051,232		
Equity Securities								
Non-U.S. Equity		434,280,599		434,280,599		_		
U.S. Equity		229,355,227		229,355,227		-		
Commingled Equity Funds		361,332,537		-		361,332,537		
Emerging Market Equity		86,014,976		-		86,014,976		
Commingled Real Estate Funds		104,485,885		-		104,485,885		
Total Equity Securities	1	,215,469,224		663,635,826		551,833,398		
Collateral from Securities Lending		66,220,680				66,220,680		
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	\$ 1	,552,741,136	\$	663,635,826	\$	889,105,310	\$	-
Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value (NAV)								
Private Credit	\$	216,383,761						
Private Equity		143,759,880						
Private Real Estate		237,150,895						
Infrastructure		182,047,547						
Risk Parity		376,887,462						
Total Investments Measured at the NAV	1	,156,229,545						
Total Investments	\$ 2	,708,970,681						

#### **Fair Value Measurement (continued)**

#### Investments Measured at Fair Value

Investments by Fair Value Level		06/30/20		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Fixed Income Securities								
Corporate and Other Credit	\$	199,848,144	\$	-	\$	199,848,144	\$	
Emerging Market Non-U.S. Bonds		130,606,093		-		130,606,093		
U.S. Government Agency		75,749,356		-		75,749,356		
U.S. Treasury		38,276,007		-		38,276,007		
Total Fixed Income Securities		444,479,600		-		444,479,600		
Equity Securities								
Non-U.S. Equity		394,502,195		394,502,195		-		
U.S. Equity		139,456,101		139,456,101		-		
Commingled Equity Funds		265,087,986		-		265,087,986		
Emerging Market Equity		69,391,979		_		69,391,979		
Commingled Real Estate Funds		17,918,244		-		17,918,244		
Total Equity Securities		886,356,505		533,958,296		352,398,209		
Collateral from Securities Lending	_	96,382,659				96,382,659		
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	\$	1,427,218,764	\$	533,958,296	\$	893,260,468	\$	
nvestments Measured at the Net Asset Value (NAV)								
Private Credit	\$	85,029,245						
Private Equity		140,588,335						
Private Real Estate		218,955,534						
Infrastructure		36,156,708						
Risk Parity		313,455,483						
Total Investments Measured at the NAV		794,185,305						
Total Investments	\$	2,221,404,069						

#### **Fixed Income Securities**

Asset-Backed Securities, Mortgage-Backed Securities, and Non-U.S. Bonds are valued using a combination of the discounted cash flow income model and the matrix market model. Two proprietary discounted cash flow models are used: non-volatile tranche and volatile tranche. Prepayment speeds are derived from market participant quotes along with terms and conditions of the tranche and both are entered into the model to determine the evaluated price. Matrices are developed based on trade and quote activity of bonds with similar features including issuer, vintage and purpose of the underlying loan, prepayment speeds and credit ratings in order to identify trades and quotes for similar securities. Corporate Bonds and Municipal Bonds are valued using the matrix market model. Model inputs are derived from the market, brokers, dealer, mutual funds, and vendor client base. Model inputs include, but are not limited to:

#### **Fair Value Measurement (continued)**

spread benchmark curves, prepayment speeds, inputs to build curves/spreads, comparable trades, bid price or spread, discount rates, quotes, trade reports, and financial reports. US Government Agency and US Treasury Bills are valued using the consensus evaluation model and the matrix evaluation model. These model inputs come from market sources and integrate relative credit information, observed market movements, and sector news.

Prices are updated regularly by obtaining dealer quotes and other market information including live trading levels, when available.

#### **Equity Securities**

Equity securities are valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price which determines the market specific closing price for NASDAQ listed issues. For equity securities listed on exchanges, the last trade price is used. The last trade price is the price at which a specific security was last traded on the primary exchange. If the NASDAQ Official Closing Price or the last trade price is not available, a bid, ask/offer quote, is obtained from a third-party vendor.

Commingled funds are valued using the NAV which is the fair value of all securities owned by the fund, minus its total liabilities, divided by the number of shares issued. Funds that are valued using the NAV are usually not reported within the fair value hierarchy. However, StanCERA's commingled funds are supported by audited financial statements which provide observable market data. Commingled funds are legally or contractually required to redeem at the NAV and therefore are classified as Level 2.

#### Investments Measured at the NAV

Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy.

The following tables present fair value measurements as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020:

	6/30/2021	Unfunded	Redemption Frequency	Remption
Investments Measured at NAV	Fair Value	Commitment	If Curruently Eligible	Notice Period
Private Credit	\$ 216,383,761	\$ 22,274,373	Not Eligible	Not Applicable
Private Equity	143,759,880	65,119,188	Not Eligible	Not Applicable
Private Real Estate	237,150,895	18,295,430	Quarterly, Not Eligible	5-90 Days, Not Applicable
Infrastructure	182,047,547	6,666,768	Not Eligible	Not Applicable
Risk Parity	376,887,462		Monthly	5-15 Days
Total Investment Measured at NAV	\$1,156,229,545	\$ 112,355,759		

#### **Investments Measured at the NAV (continued)**

	6/30/2020	Unfunded	Redemption Frequency	Remption
Investments Measured at NAV	 Fair Value	 commitment	lf Curruently Eligible	Notice Period
Private Credit	\$ 85,029,245	\$ 18,772,135	Not Eligible	Not Applicable
Private Equity	140,588,335	32,750,000	Not Eligible	Not Applicable
Private Real Estate	218,955,534	24,972,809	Quarterly, Not Eligible	5-90 Days, Not Applicable
Infrastructure	36,156,708	7,116,066	Not Eligible	Not Applicable
Risk Parity	313,455,483	-	Monthly	5-15 Days
Total Investment Measured at NAV	\$ 794,185,305	\$ 83,611,010		

Private Credit Funds consist of investments in four limited partnerships. The types of partnership strategies included in these funds are venture capital, growth equity, buyouts, special situations, mezzanine, and distressed debt. These funds are not eligible for redemption. Distributions are received as the underlying funds are liquidated, which can occur over the span of three to seven years. Total commitments for these funds as of June 30, 2021 are \$170.0 million, of which \$22.2 million is unfunded.

Private Equity consists of investments in two limited partnerships. The types of partnership strategies included in these funds are growth equity and buyouts. These funds are not eligible for redemption. Distributions are received as the underlying funds are liquidated, which can occur over the span of ten years. Total commitments for these funds as of June 30, 2021 are \$90.0 million, of which \$65.1 million is unfunded.

Private Real Estate consists of investments in five limited partnerships. These funds are mainly invested in US commercial real estate. Shares of three of these funds can be redeemed at the request of the shareholders after a lockout period of up to two years. Distributions from each of these funds will be received as the underlying investments are liquidated. Three of these funds are open-ended and the distributions are reinvested. Liquidation of the underlying investments for one fund can occur over time up to eight years. Total commitments for these funds as of June 30, 2021 are \$217.0 million, of which \$18.8 million is unfunded.

Infrastructure consists of one investment in a limited partnership. This fund is focused on opportunities in the energy, utilities and transportation sectors, and target investments in infrastructure assets globally within the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries. The funds are not eligible for redemption. Distributions from this fund will be received as the underlying investments are liquidated, which can occur over the span of twelve years. Total commitments for this fund as of June 30, 2021 are \$50.0 million, of which \$6.7 million is unfunded.

Risk Parity are mutual funds that invest in multiple asset classes represented by equity, fixed income, and commodities strategies in order to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns over time. These are open-ended funds and shares can be redeemed at the end of any given month at the request of the shareholder. Distributions for this fund are reinvested into the fund. Total commitments for this fund as of June 30, 2021 are \$280.0 million, and they are fully funded.

#### **Securities Lending Program**

The Board permits StanCERA to participate in a securities lending program. StanCERA lends bonds and equities to various brokers for collateral that will be returned for the same securities plus a fee in the future. Transactions are collateralized at 102% of fair value for domestic securities and 105% of fair value for international securities.

#### **Securities Lending Program (continued)**

Collateral received may include cash, letters of credit, or securities. Because the loans were terminable-at-will, their duration did not match the duration of the investments made with cash collateral. Either StanCERA or the borrower can terminate all securities loaned on demand. There are no restrictions on the amount of securities that may be lent.

StanCERA's custodial bank administers its securities lending program. The cash collateral is reported on the financial statements as an asset and as a liability of StanCERA while the non-cash collateral is reported neither as an asset nor a liability in accordance with GASB Statement No. 28. StanCERA does not have the ability to pledge or sell collateral securities delivered absent a borrower default. The contract with the securities lending agent requires them to indemnify StanCERA if the borrower fails to return the securities (or if the collateral is not sufficient to replace the securities lent) or if the borrower fails to pay StanCERA for income distributions while the securities are on loan.

Investments made with cash collateral are classified by risk category. The average maturity of the loans is one week and are rated at least "A1" or "P1" by two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations or, if unrated, are determined by the bank to be of comparable quality. As of June 30, 2021, the fair value of securities on loan was \$64.1 million, with collateral received of \$66.2 million and non-cash collateral of \$18.2 million. As of June 30, 2020, the fair value of the securities on loan was \$94.3 million, with collateral received of \$96.4 million and non-cash collateral of \$21.2 million.

As of June 30, 2021, and 2020, StanCERA had no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amount StanCERA owes the borrower exceeds the amount the borrower owes StanCERA. StanCERA's pro-rata share of net income derived from the securities lending transactions during fiscal years 2021 and 2020 was \$392,414 and \$356,218, respectively. These are separate investments made on StanCERA's behalf and not StanCERA's share of pooled investments. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, StanCERA had the following securities out on loan:

	June 30, 2021					June 30, 2020				
		Fair Value		_		Fair Value		_		
	0	f Securities		Collateral	(	of Securities		Collateral		
		on Loan	Received		on Loan		Received			
U.S. Equities	\$	29,326,175	\$	30,248,026	\$	30,344,235	\$	30,909,774		
U.S. Corporate Fixed		11,199,572		11,439,424		42,892,732		43,822,033		
U.S. Government Fixed		12,183,766		12,449,352		13,318,027		13,607,754		
Non-U.S. Equities		11,458,065		12,083,878		7,702,115		8,043,098		
Total Securities		64,167,578		66,220,680		94,257,109		96,382,659		
Total Non-Cash Collateral		17,398,150		18,171,887		20,423,240		21,172,485		
Total	\$	81,565,728	\$	84,392,567	\$	114,680,349	\$	117,555,144		

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Duration is a measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed income portfolio to changes in market interest rates. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates.

Highly sensitive investments are certain debt investments whose terms may cause their fair value to be highly sensitive to market interest rate changes. Terms include such variables as embedded options, coupon multipliers, benchmark indices and reset dates. StanCERA's fixed income investments have embedded prepayment options that will typically cause prepayments by the obliges of the underlying investments when interest rates fall. Prepayments eliminate the stream of future interest payments and, therefore, diminish the fair value of the fixed income investment.

The following table shows the effective duration of StanCERA's fixed income investments by investment type.

		June 3	0, 2021	June 30, 2020			
	·		Effective Duration		Effective Duration		
Fixed Income Securities		Fair Value	(in years)	Fair Value	(in years)		
Corporate and Other Credit	\$	70,298,973	2.5	\$ 199,848,144	3.2		
Emerging Market / Non-U.S. Bonds		38,949,757	2.3	130,606,093	2.4		
Government Bonds		17,954,646	2.6	38,276,007	1.7		
Government Agencies		143,847,856	0.0	75,749,356	0.5		
Total Fixed Income Securities	\$	271,051,232		\$ 444,479,600			

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. In cases where credit ratings differ among rating agencies, the manager shall use the lowest of the ratings provided. StanCERA's custodial bank provided ratings for Moody's Investor Service (Moody's) and Standard & Poor's (S&P). Should the rating of a fixed income security fall below investment grade, the manager may continue to hold the security if they believe the security will be upgraded in the future, there is a low risk of default, and buyers will continue to be available throughout the anticipated holding period. The manager has the responsibility of notifying the Board whenever an issue falls below investment grade. Investment grade quality is defined as a Standard & Poor's rating of BBB or higher. The notification should include the manager's assessment of the issue's credit rating and its ongoing role in the portfolio. The Stanislaus County Investment Pool and the short-term investment funds held with fiscal agent are unrated.

#### **Credit Risk (continued)**

The following table shows the quality of StanCERA's investments in fixed income securities.

	June 30	0, 2021	June 3	June 30, 2020				
	Percentage of		Percentage of	_				
S&P/Moody's	Total	StanCERA's Fix	ed Total	StanCERA's Fixed				
Credit Rating	Fixed Income	Income Securiti	es Fixed Income	Income Securities				
Aaa / AAA	0.50%	\$ 1,357,8	65 2.58%	\$ 11,466,221				
Aa1 / AA+	1.31%	3,540,9	14 2.02%	8,993,876				
Aa2 / AA	0.59%	1,598,9	47 1.27%	5,635,174				
Aa3 / AA-	0.41%	1,097,9	56 2.30%	10,236,651				
A1 / A+	1.39%	3,758,4	27 4.41%	19,622,991				
A2 / A	1.45%	3,937,9	71 1.43%	6,353,399				
A3 / A-	4.31%	11,688,3	52 11.15%	49,574,360				
Baa1 / BBB+	13.88%	37,628,1	97 16.36%	72,695,876				
Baa2 / BBB	9.53%	25,821,3	88 20.06%	89,142,189				
Baa3 / BBB-	3.39%	9,189,6	00 8.58%	38,149,311				
Ba1 / BB+	0.00%		-	7,286,198				
Ba2 / BB	0.00%		-	825,288				
N/R	56.84%	154,093,1	96 0.97%	4,308,123				
N/A	6.40%	17,338,4	19 27.04%	120,189,943				
Total	100.00%	\$ 271,051,2	98.18%	\$ 444,479,600				

N/R represents securities that are not rated.

N/A represents securities that are not applicable to the rating disclosure requirements.

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss due to a large concentration of investments in any one issuer. Investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments are exempt from the disclosure requirements. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, for separately managed investment accounts, StanCERA did not have investments in any one issuer representing 5% or more of the total portfolio.

#### **Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. StanCERA does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk for deposits. Under California Government Code, a financial institution is required to secure deposits in excess of \$250,000 made by state or local government units by pledging securities held in the form of an undivided collateral pool. The fair value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure governmental deposits by pledging first deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secure public deposits. Such collateral is held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in StanCERA's name. At fiscal year-end, StanCERA had no custodial credit risk exposure to any depository financial institution. All deposits are placed with a custodial bank.

#### **Custodial Credit Risk (continued)**

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counter-party (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. StanCERA does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk for investments. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, not registered in the governmental entity's name, and held by the counter-party. StanCERA's investment securities are not exposed to custodial credit risk because all securities held by StanCERA's custodial bank are in StanCERA's name.

#### **Foreign Currency Risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates may adversely affect the fair value of an investment. StanCERA's external investment managers may invest in international securities and must follow StanCERA's Investment Guidelines pertaining to these types of investments.

American Depositary Receipts (ADR) are included in the U.S. Dollars. ADR represents underlying securities of non-U.S. companies traded on the US stock exchanges. Although the transactions are denominated in U.S. Dollars and not subject to foreign currency risk, these securities are reflected as part of the non-U.S. equities within International Equity Investments reported in the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position.

StanCERA's exposure to foreign currency risk in U.S. dollars is as follows:

	Jı	une 30, 2021	June 30, 2020		
Currency	Fair \	Value (in U.S. \$)	Fair \	/alue (in U.S. \$)	
Australian Dollar	\$	15,885,572	\$	14,513,605	
Brazilian Real		2,883,532		2,141,074	
British Pound		42,182,299		37,370,983	
Canadian Dollar		37,158,510		27,806,723	
Chilean Peso		834,042		1,447,634	
Danish Krone		1,824,244		3,550,556	
Euro Dollars		123,351,213		108,549,683	
Hong Kong Dollar		44,322,242		39,516,247	
Hungarian Forint		1,333,539		1,348,048	
Indonesian Rupiah		1,219,020		1,269,921	
Japanese Yen		77,543,468		77,771,561	
Malaysian Renggit		636,465		431,379	
Mexican Peso		158,916		-	
New Isreali Shekel		698,096		843,805	
New Taiwan Dollar		12,515,690		10,824,858	
New Zealand Dollar		653,974		664,198	
Norwegian Krone		5,893,885		5,403,543	
Singapore Dollar		3,150,925		2,682,440	
South African Rand		1,138,487		653,271	
South Korean Won		13,156,049		10,571,559	
Swedish Krona		13,426,127		11,608,036	
Swiss Franc		23,717,217		25,917,412	
Thailand Baht		480,632		512,845	
Turkish Lira		1,759,192		1,409,977	
U.S. Dollar		94,372,239		77,084,816	
TOTAL	\$	520,295,575	\$	463,894,174	

#### **Commitments to Private Credit**

At June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, StanCERA's total capital commitments to private credit partnerships was \$170,000,000 for both fiscal years. Of this amount, \$22,274,373 and \$18,772,135, respectively, remained unfunded and is not recorded on StanCERA's Statements of Fiduciary Net Position.

#### **Commitments to Private Equity**

At June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, StanCERA's total capital commitments to private equity partnerships was \$90,000,000 and \$35,000,000, respectively. Of this amount, \$65,119,188 and \$32,750,000, respectively, remained unfunded and is not recorded in StanCERA's Statement of Fiduciary Net Position.

#### **Commitments to Private Real Estate**

At June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, StanCERA's total capital commitments to private real estate partnerships was \$217,000,000 for both fiscal years. Of this amount, \$18,295,430 and \$24,972,809, respectively, was unfunded and is not recorded in StanCERA's Statement of Fiduciary Net Position.

#### **Commitments to Infrastructure**

At June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, StanCERA's total capital commitments to infrastructure was \$50,000,000 for both fiscal years. Of this amount, \$6,666,768 and \$7,116,066, respectively, was unfunded and is not recorded in StanCERA's Statement of Fiduciary Net Position.

#### **Commitments to Risk Parity**

At June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, StanCERA's total commitments to risk parity was \$280,000,000 for both fiscal years. Risk Parity was 100% funded for both fiscal years.

#### **Investment Expense**

Investment expense includes fees paid for investment consulting services, fund evaluation services, and securities custodian services. Fees paid are charged against the StanCERA's investment earnings pursuant to Government Code Sections 31596.1 and 31592.5.

#### **Investment Expense**

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Investment Managers	\$ 12,437,583	\$ 8,239,710
Investment Consultants	524,347	514,264
Custodial Fees	342,344	333,477
Investment Attorney	179,113	112,140
Other Investment Costs	2,299,994	2,427,312
Total Other Investment Expenses	15,783,381	11,626,903
Actuarial Fees	103,178	76,301
Total Investment Expenses	\$ 15,886,559	\$ 11,703,204

#### **NOTE 5 – CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### **Contribution Rates**

The CERL establishes the basic obligations for employer and member contributions to the retirement plan. The actual employer and member contribution rates in effect each year are based on recommendations made by an independent actuary and adopted by the Board.

StanCERA's policy for employer contributions states that actuarially determined rates expressed as a percentage of annual covered payroll are required to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Level percentage of payroll employer contribution rates are determined using the entry age actuarial cost method. StanCERA also uses the level entry age normal cost method with an UAAL to amortize any unfunded liability.

Member basic rates are based on a formula reflecting the age at entry into the Plan. For Tier 5 Safety, the rates are such as to provide an average monthly annuity at age 50 equal to 1/100 of the FAS. Tier 1 General Members pay rates that will provide an average annuity at age 60 of 1/100 of the FAS. Tier 4 General Members pay rates that will provide an average annuity at age 55 of 1/120 of the FAS. County (and former County agency) Safety and General Members in Tiers 1 and 4 pay one half of the aforementioned rates. General Members in Tier 2 pay rates to provide an average annuity of 1/120 of FAS at age 60. General Members in Tier 3 pay no member contributions. General Members in Tier 5 pay rates to provide an average annuity at age 55 of 1/120 of FAS. Both General and Safety Tier 6 Members pay approximately half of the actuarial determined normal cost rate for the benefit.

Member cost-of-living contributions, expressed as a percentage of their basic rates, are designed to pay for one-half of the cost-of-living liabilities for future service. For members integrated with Social Security, the above contributions are reduced by 1/3 of that portion of such contribution payable with respect to the first \$350 of monthly salary. Member contributions are refundable upon termination from the retirement system.

Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, are shown in the following table:

Employer	C	Employer ontributions	Co	Member ontributions	Employer Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll		
Stanislaus County	\$	82,951,113	\$	26,410,202	27.8318%		
City of Ceres		5,217,995		1,483,294	1.7507%		
Stanislaus Superior Court		4,209,592		1,344,005	1.4124%		
Stanislaus Council of Governments		358,164		134,641	0.1202%		
East Side Mosquito Abatement District		209,301		70,410	0.0702%		
Salida Sanitary District		191,998		57,870	0.0644%		
Keyes Commuinity Services District		103,812		31,944	0.0348%		
Hills Ferry Cemetery District		65,654		20,757	0.0220%		
	\$	93,307,629	\$	29,553,123	31.3066%		
Covered Payroll	\$	298,044,207					

#### **NOTE 5 – CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)**

Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, are shown in the following table:

		Employer		Member	<b>Employer Contributions</b>
Employer	C	ontributions	Co	ontributions	as a % of Covered Payroll
Stanislaus County	\$	82,421,317	\$	26,410,956	27.4415%
City of Ceres		5,281,755		1,557,866	1.7585%
Stanislaus Superior Court		4,126,485		1,384,729	1.3739%
Stanislaus Council of Governments		300,600		117,414	0.1001%
East Side Mosquito Abatement District		206,310		68,984	0.0687%
Salida Sanitary District		182,768		54,719	0.0609%
Keyes Commuinity Services District		102,249		31,230	0.0340%
Hills Ferry Cemetery District		63,125		19,747	0.0210%
	\$	92,684,609	\$	29,645,645	30.8586%
Covered Payroll	\$	300,352,383			

#### **NOTE 6 - RESERVES**

As required by the CERL or the Board's policies, the following reserves from Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits must be established and used to account for the members' (employees and retirees) contributions.

#### **Active Members' Reserve**

This reserve represents the cumulative contributions made by active members (employees), after deducting refunds to the members, plus the investment earnings credited to the reserve at the assumed rate of return determined by the actuary. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the actuarial assumed rate of return was 6.75 % and 7.00%, respectively. Based on Retirement Board policy, when the Plan is below 100% funded on a market basis, the percentage allocated to Active Members' Reserve is capped at the actuarial assumed rate of return and will determine the semi-annual percent of interest to be posted to individual member account balances in the subsequent fiscal year.

#### **Employer Reserves**

These reserves represent the cumulative contributions made by the County and other employers. Interest earnings are credited to these reserves based on StanCERA's excess earnings policy.

Upon the retirement of an active member, an actuarially determined amount of the member's vested interest is transferred from the Employer Advance Reserve to the Retired Members' Pension Reserve.

#### **NOTE 6 – RESERVES (continued)**

#### **Retired Members' Pension Reserve**

These reserves are established to account for the unpaid retirees' pension benefits. Upon the retirement of an employee, member contributions plus the interest earnings credited to the member's account are transferred from the Active Members' Reserve account to the Retired Members' Annuity and Cost-of-Living Reserve accounts. From these reserves, StanCERA pays the retiree benefits in an amount computed in accordance with the CERL. Interest earnings are credited to this reserve based on StanCERA's excess earnings policy.

#### **Retiree Burial Allowance Reserve**

The burial allowance reserve is a benefit the Board offers which pays the family member of a deceased retiree a lump sum death benefit. This benefit is available for all retirees whose last work in a 1937 Act Retirement System or California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) was with StanCERA. Interest earnings are credited to this reserve based on StanCERA's excess earnings policy.

#### **Contingency Reserve**

This optional reserve represents earnings in excess of the total interest credited to contributions of the employer and employee and is funded at a minimum 1% of total valuation reserves prior to excess earnings distribution (Government Code Section 31592). It is used as a reserve against deficiencies in interest earnings in other years, losses on investments, and other contingencies. The Board set this reserve to 1% in May 2012 and it is reviewed and adjusted annually.

#### **Undistributed Earnings/(Losses)**

This "designation" account was established on June 30, 2003. It was used to minimize the impact of actuarial smoothing of assets and contains an accumulation of earnings or losses, which have not been distributed to any other reserve. This reserve has undistributed losses of \$0 and \$2,233,184 as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively.

#### **Other Reserves**

These reserves are for Retirees' Special Cost-of-Living, Tier 3 Disability and Legal Contingencies.

Reserve Account Balances are as follows:

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Active Members' Reserve	\$ 646,410,932	\$ 602,434,277
Employer Advance Reserve	364,512,382	275,348,308
Employer Transfer from Non-Valuation Reserve	221,295,870	167,007,137
Retired Members' Pension Reserve	1,470,565,580	1,135,722,429
Valuation Reserve (Loss)	-	(2,233,184)
Retiree Burial Allowance Reserve	4,508,184	3,874,727
Contingency Reserve	21,586,063	21,813,486
Other Reserves		
Legal Contingency Reserve	1,717,299	1,897,499
Tier 3 Disability Reserve	1,560	1,560
Total Reserves	\$ 2,730,597,870	\$ 2,205,866,239

#### **NOTE 7 – LITIGATION**

StanCERA is a defendant in various lawsuits and claims arising in the ordinary course of its operations. StanCERA's management and legal counsel estimate the ultimate outcome of such litigation will not have a material effect on StanCERA's financial statements.

#### NOTE 8 - NET PENSION LIABILITY OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Measurements as of the reporting date are based on the fair value of assets as of June 30, 2021, and the Total Pension Liability as of the valuation date, June 30, 2020, using update procedures to roll forward to StanCERA's fiscal year-end of June 30, 2021. There were no significant events between the valuation date and the measurement date, so the roll forward procedures only included the addition of service cost offset by actual benefit payments.

The components of the Net Pension Liability of StanCERA at June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 were as follows:

	June 30, 2021		June 30, 2020
Total Pension Liability	\$	3,158,273,535	\$ 3,021,191,459
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	\$	(2,730,597,870)	\$ (2,205,866,239)
Net Pension Liability	\$	427,675,665	\$ 815,325,220
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of th Total Pension Liability	е	86.5%	73.0%

#### NOTE 8 - NET PENSION LIABILITY OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS (continued)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions (continued)**

The Total Pension Liability was determined based on the June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 actuarial valuations rolled forward to June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

ACTUARIAL VALUATION ASSUMPTIONS							
Measurement Date	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020					
Investment Rate of Return	6.75%, net of investment expenses	7.00%, net of investment expenses					
Projected Salary Increases	2.75%, per year plus merit component based on employee classification and years of service	3.00%, per year plus merit component based on employee classification and years of service					
Attributed to Inflation	2.50%	2.75%					
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	100% of Consumer Price Index (CPI) up to 3.0% annually with banking, 2.4% annual increases assumed	100% of Consumer Price Index (CPI) up to 3.0% annually with banking, 2.6% annual increases assumed					

Post-retirement mortality rates for active Members are specified by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Pre-Retirement Non-Industrial Mortality table adjusted by 97.2% for males and 101.6% for females with generational mortality improvements projected from 2009 using Scale MP-2018. Duty related mortality rates are only applicable for Safety Active Members and are based on the CalPERS Pre-Retirement Industrial Death table without adjustment or projection.

Rates of mortality for retired Members and their beneficiaries are specified by the CalPERS Healthy Annuitant table adjusted by 97.2% for males and 104.1% for females with generational mortality improvements projected from 2009 using Scale MP-2018.

The long-term defined benefit pension plan return expectations were determined using a building-block approach. An inflation forecast is the baseline and various real return premiums (e.g., bonds, equities, etc.) are added to create nominal return expectations for each asset class. These expectations are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected nominal rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and including an expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

#### NOTE 8 - NET PENSION LIABILITY OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS (continued)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions (continued)**

Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

	2021	2020			
	Long-Term Expected	Long-Term Expected			
Asset Class	Real Rate of Return	Real Rate of Return			
Domestic Equities					
U.S. Large Cap	6.20%	6.30%			
U.S. Small Cap	6.30%	6.80%			
International Equities					
Int'l Development	4.83%	6.70%			
Emerging Market Equity	2.07%	9.10%			
U.S. Fixed Income					
Core fixed income	3.20%	1.30%			
U.S. Treasury	2.60%	0.60%			
Short-term Gov/Credit	2.90%	1.70%			
Real Estate					
Core	5.60%	4.40%			
Value-add	7.77%	5.30%			
Risk Parity	5.10%	3.60%			
Private Equity	9.90%	10.40%			
Private Credit	7.80%	6.80%			
Infrastructure	7.10%	5.90%			
Cash	2.30%	0.60%			

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 were 6.75% and 7.00%, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from the employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

#### NOTE 8 – NET PENSION LIABILITY OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS (continued)

#### Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of StanCERA calculated using the discount rate of 6.75% and 7.00%, respectively, as well as what the Plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.75%) or one percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate for fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	Sensitivity of Net Pension Li	abilit	y to Changes in I	Disco	unt Rate			
			1% Decrease 5.75%	С	Current Discount Rate 6.75%	1% Increase 7.75%		
June 30, 2021	Net Pension Liability	\$	867,409,238	\$	427,675,665	\$	68,884,070	
	Fiduciary Net Postion as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability		75.9%		86.5%		97.5%	
			1% Decrease 6.00%		iscount Rate 7.00%		1% Increase 8.00%	
June 30, 2020	Net Pension Liability	\$	1,237,265,070	\$	815,325,220	\$	470,881,948	
	Fiduciary Net Postion as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability		64.1%		73.0%		82.4%	

#### **NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority selected Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association as its public employees' retirement system effective July 1, 2021. Beginning August 1, 2021, the City of Ceres Fire Department exited the City of Ceres. This resulted in an employer rate increase for the City of Ceres which was vetted with StanCERA's actuary. StanCERA has evaluated events through November 08, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were issued.

#### REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Total Pension Liability								
Service cost	\$ 63,478,900	\$ 63,771,013	\$ 59,957,490	\$ 58,007,036	\$ 57,465,280	\$ 55,351,509	\$ 48,242,363	\$ 46,209,346
Interest (includes interest on service cost)	208,474,350	198,170,462	198,460,567	190,493,637	179,875,553	171,938,615	154,850,353	147,384,248
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	7,977,049	30,766,201	15,206,475	(12,172,006)	28,801,984	(6,424,597)	2,148,638	-
Changes of assumptions (3)	8,082,679	-	(46,047,924)	-	-	269,752,272	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(150,930,902)	(139,985,594)	(131,774,689)	(123,172,116)	(116,843,858)	(108,165,810)	(101,858,156)	(94,782,471)
Net change in total pension liability	137,082,076	152,722,082	95,801,919	113,156,551	149,298,959	382,451,989	103,383,198	98,811,123
Total pension liability - beginning	3,021,191,459	2,868,469,377	2,772,667,458	2,659,510,907	2,510,211,948	2,127,759,959	2,024,376,761	1,925,565,638
Total pension liability - ending	\$3,158,273,535	\$3,021,191,459	\$2,868,469,377	\$2,772,667,458	\$2,659,510,907	\$2,510,211,948	\$2,127,759,959	\$2,024,376,761
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Fiduciary Net Position Contributions - employer	\$ 93,307,629	\$ 92,684,609	\$ 88,589,381	\$ 76,966,471	\$ 63,024,560	\$ 58,196,310	\$ 53,849,031	\$ 46,763,996
Contributions - employer  Contributions - member (1)	29,553,123	29,645,645	27,742,863	26,746,289	25,463,745	23,916,508	22,960,235	21,867,911
Total investment income (loss)	556,195,650	18,496,772	99,280,525	154,988,199	252,309,705	(31,322,276)		274,896,108
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(150,930,902)	(139,985,594)	(131,774,691)			(108,165,810)		(94,782,471)
Administrative expense	(3,393,869)	(3,216,625)	(2,557,391)	(2,791,409)	(2,644,554)	(2,315,223)	(2,378,966)	(2,249,260)
Net change in fiduciary net position	524,731,631	(2,375,193)	81,280,687	132,737,434	221,309,598	(59,690,491)		246,496,284
Fiduciary net position - beginning	2,205,866,239	2,208,241,432	2,126,960,745	1,994,223,311	1,772,913,713	1,832,604,204	1,791,309,279	1,544,812,995
Fiduciary net position - ending	\$2,730,597,870	\$ 2,205,866,239	\$2,208,241,432	\$2,126,960,745	\$1,994,223,311	\$1,772,913,713	\$1,832,604,204	\$1,791,309,279
Net pension liability - ending	\$ 427,675,665	\$ 815,325,220	\$ 660,227,945	\$ 645,706,713	\$ 665,287,596	\$ 737,298,235	\$ 295,155,755	\$ 233,067,482
Fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total								
pension liability	86.5%	73.0%	77.0%	76.7%	75.0%	70.6%	86.1%	88.5%
Covered payroll (2)	\$ 298,044,207	\$ 300,352,383	\$ 281,979,654	\$ 268,009,042	\$ 255,646,515	\$ 245,751,576	\$ 237,263,160	\$ 221,863,110
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	143.5%	271.5%	234.1%	240.9%	260.2%	300.0%	124.4%	105.1%

Note: Trend Information: Schedule will ultimately show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

<sup>(1)</sup> In accordance with GASB Statement No. 82, employer-paid member contributions are classified as Member Contributions.

<sup>(2)</sup> In accordance with GASB Statement No. 82, Covered Payroll is the payroll on which contributions are based.

<sup>(3)</sup> In 2016, amounts reported as changes of assumptions resulted primarily from changes to the assumed earnings rate from 7.75% to 7.25% and from adjustments to assumed life expectancies as a result of adopting mortality tables with generational improvements. In 2019, amounts reported as changes of assumptions resulted primarily from changes to the assumed earnings rate from 7.25% to 7.00% and from adjustments to mortality rates, disability rates, and retirement rates. In 2021, amount reported is due to changes in economic assumptions.

#### **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (continued)**

#### **Schedule of Employer Contributions**

Last 10 Fiscal Years for Fiscal Years Ending June 30 (Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Actuarially Determined Contributions Contributions in Relation to the	\$ 93,308	\$ 92,685	\$ 88,589	\$ 76,966	\$ 63,025
Actuarially Determined Contributions	 93,308	 92,685	 88,589	76,966	63,025
Contribution Deficiency/(Excess)	\$ 	\$ 	\$ -	\$ _	\$ 
Covered Payroll (1) Contributions as a Percentage of	\$ 298,044	\$ 300,352	\$ 281,980	\$ 268,009	\$ 255,647
Covered Payroll	31.31%	30.86%	31.42%	28.72%	24.65%
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Actuarially Determined Contributions Contributions in Relation to the	\$ 58,196	\$ 53,849	\$ 46,764	\$ 39,077	\$ 41,614
Actuarially Determined Contributions	 58,196	 53,849	 46,764	 39,077	41,614
Contribution Deficiency/(Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ _	\$ 	\$ 
Covered Payroll (1) Contributions as a Percentage of	\$ 245,752	\$ 237,263	\$ 221,863	\$ 217,491	\$ 215,057
Covered Payroll	23.68%	22.70%	21.08%	17.97%	19.35%

<sup>(1)</sup> In accordance with GASB Statement No. 82, Covered Payroll is the payroll on which contributions are based.

#### **Schedule of Investment Returns**

Last 10 Fiscal Years for Fiscal Years Ending June 30

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	25.20%	1.30%	5.10%	8.10%	14.40%
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	-1.70%	4.20%	18.20%	14.50%	0.70%

#### NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### Changes of benefit terms

There were no changes of benefit terms for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

#### **Changes of assumptions**

There were changes in economic assumptions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

#### Methods and Assumptions Used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions

The actuarially determined contribution amounts in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated using the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule:

#### **ACTUARIAL VALUATION METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

Valuation Date June 30, 2019

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age Normal

Amortization Method Level Percent of Pay

Remaining Amortization Period Closed period - 17 Years

Asset Valuation Method Actuarial value: Excess earnings smoothed over five years, 80% / 120% corridor around

market

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%, net of investment expenses

Projected Salary Increases 3.00%, plus service-based rates

Attributed to Inflation 2.75%

Cost-of-Living Adjustments 100% of CPI to 3.0% annually with banking, 2.6% annual increases assumed

Mortality Rates of ordinary death for active Members are specified by the CalPERS Pre-Retirement

Non-Industrial Mortality table, adjusted by 97.2% for males and 101.6% for females, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2009 using Scale MP-2018. Duty related mortality rates are only applicable for Safety Active Members, and are based on the CAIDERS are Retirement Individual Dooth table without adjustment or projection.

CalPERS Pre-Retirement Individual Death table without adjustment or projection.

Rates of motality for healthy retired Members and their beneficiaries are specified by the CalPERS Healthy Annuitant table, adjusted by 97.2% for males and 104.1% for females, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2009 using Scale MP-2018.

Separate mortality assumptions are used for disabled retirees.

A complete description of the methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates for the year ending June 30, 2021 can be found in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation report located on StanCERA's website, www.stancera.org.

#### OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Personnel Services:		
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 1,981,131	\$ 1,703,135
Total Personnel Services	1,981,131	1,703,135
Professional Services:		
Computer and Software Services and Support	340,267	302,702
Outside Legal Counsel	438,747	534,068
Disability Hearing Officer/Medical Exams and Reviews	26,445	6,500
External Audit Fees	46,608	48,182
Other Professional Services	2,018	9,549
Total Professional Services	854,085	901,001
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Office Expenses:	40.005	44.054
Office Supplies	12,665	14,654
Minor Equipment and Computer Supplies	15,397	28,370
Stanislaus County Support Services	162,416	156,540
Contract Services	30,094	40,955
Communications	53,530	72,868
Publications	3,018	6,579
Total Office Expenses	277,120	319,966
Miscellaneous:		
Fiduciary and Staff - Education/Travel	8,406	57,086
Fiduciary and Staff - Meetings/Other Travel	6,700	8,200
Insurance	109,979	79,187
Memberships	12,370	12,694
Depreciation	144,078	135,356
Total Miscellaneous	281,533	292,523
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 3,393,869	\$ 3,216,625

# OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (continued) SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES AND OTHER INVESTMENT EXPENSES For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Investment Management Fees:		
Domestic Equity	\$ 914,752	\$ 736,104
International Equity	1,951,169	1,290,164
Fixed Income	453,779	497,084
Private Credit	1,256,507	696,650
Private Equity	924,556	294,894
Private Real Estate	5,183,644	3,077,952
Infrastructure	433,202	406,933
Real Estate Securities & Special Situations	62,513	90,412
Risk Parity	 1,257,461	 1,149,517
Total Investment Management Fees	12,437,583	8,239,710
Investment Consulting Fees	524,347	514,264
Investment Custodian Fees	342,344	333,477
Investment Legal Fees	179,113	112,140
Other Investment Related Expenses	2,299,994	 2,427,312
Total Other Investment Expenses	3,345,798	3,387,193
Actuarial Fees	 103,178	 76,301
TOTAL INVESTMENT EXPENSES	\$ 15,886,559	\$ 11,703,204

# SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Investment Professional Service Fees:	 	
Investment Consultants	\$ 524,347	\$ 514,264
Custodial Fees	342,344	333,477
Investment Attorney	179,113	112,140
Actuarial Fees	103,178	76,301
Total Investment Professional Service Fees	\$ 1,148,982	\$ 1,036,182
Administrative Professional Services Fees:		
Administrative Professional Services Fees:		
Computer and Software Services and Support	\$ 340,267	\$ 302,702
Outside Legal Counsel	438,747	534,068
Disability Hearing Officer/Medical Exams and Reviews	26,445	6,500
External Audit Fees	46,608	48,182
Other Professional Services	 2,018	 9,549
Total Administrative Professional Services Fees	\$ 854,085	\$ 901,001

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### **Investment Section**

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September 22, 2021

Board of Retirement Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement System 832 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 600 Modesto, CA 95354

#### Dear Board Members:

The overall objective of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement System (StanCERA) is to ensure continued access to retirement, disability and survivor benefits for current and future StanCERA participants. To ensure a solid foundation for the future of the Fund, StanCERA carefully plans and implements an investment program designed to produce superior long-term investment returns, while prudently managing the risk in the portfolio. Investment policy and asset allocation are reviewed and revised by the Board of Retirement, at least annually, to reflect the Fund's actuarial assumptions, accrued liabilities, and economic and investment outlook. The following is a report on the performance of the Fund for the year ended June 30, 2021 with background on the underlying capital market environment.

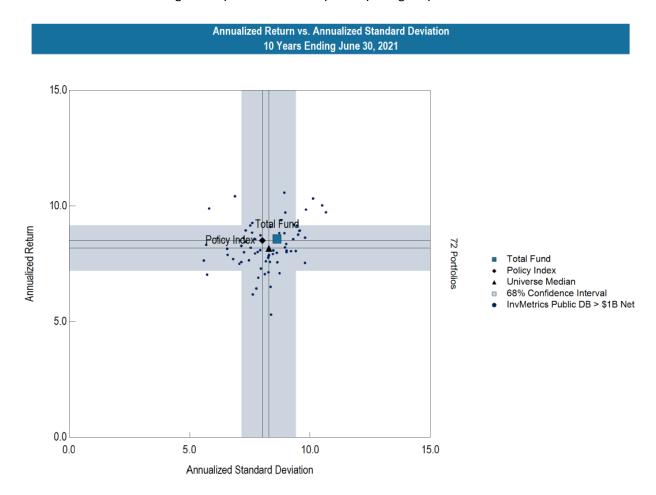
#### Market Review for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

The U.S. economic recovery took hold in the fiscal year ended 6/30/2021, a result of re-opening measures enacted in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, along with optimism surrounding the vaccine rollout to combat the virus. Global governments supported their economies through continued fiscal stimulus measures, including the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan passed in March 2021. The Federal Reserve remained accommodative, leaving the Fed Funds Rate in a targeted range of 0.00% -to- 0.25%, and continued its quantitative easing program. Similar actions were taken by central banks globally. These stimulus measures, along with the vaccine rollout for COVID-19 and easing of lockdown restrictions, provided strong tailwinds for risk assets during the fiscal year. U.S. stocks posted their twelfth consecutive year of positive returns and outperformed international equities, returning a robust 40.8% as measured by the S&P 500 Index. International developed-markets equities (+32.3% for the year) performed well but lagged domestic equities significantly. Emerging markets equities returned 40.9%, outperforming both U.S. equities and international-developed markets equities. U.S. equity outperformance was driven in large part by economically sensitive sectors like Financials, Industrials, and Energy which were expected to benefit from re-opening measures. Reflecting a steepening yield curve over the year, U.S. high quality fixed income returns were modestly negative, returning -0.3% in the fiscal year as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

#### The StanCERA Investment Portfolio

The StanCERA total investment portfolio return, net of fees, was +25.2% for the year ended June 30, 2021. The median fund in the Investor Force peer group universe of large Public Funds returned 27.4% for the period, with StanCERA's total fund return ranking in the 72<sup>nd</sup> percentile. The Fund's five-year return for the period ended June 30, 2021 was +10.5% per year net of fees, outperforming the actuarial assumed rate of 7% and ranking in the 51<sup>st</sup> percentile of the large Public Fund peer group. The Fund's ten-year return for the period ended June 30, 2021 was +8.6%% per year net of

fees, again outperforming the actuarial assumed rate of 7% and ranking in the 37<sup>th</sup> percentile of the large Public Fund peer group. The plan's ten-year average volatility was also slightly greater than most of its peer group, resulting in a risk-adjusted return (as measured by the Sharpe Ratio) of 0.93, which matched the average Sharpe Ratio for the plan's peer group.



With most global capital markets exhibiting relatively high valuations and divergent relative economic strength, and reported inflation increasing, the potential for downside risk and volatility are increasingly likely. Lower public equity exposure and broader diversification can help protect portfolios from significant declines. StanCERA's Board, staff, and NEPC have taken steps to further diversify the portfolio to protect the Fund from future equity declines, with increased policy targets for Treasuries, Private Credit, and Real Assets.

NEPC, LLC serves as StanCERA's independent investment consultant and provides StanCERA with asset allocation guidance, quarterly economic and investment market updates and performance reviews, together with investment manager monitoring and selection advice. In preparing our performance analysis for the Plan, we rely on the accuracy of financial data provided by the Plan's custodian bank and investment managers. Investment performance analysis and comparisons produced by NEPC have been calculated using standard performance evaluation methodologies and are consistent with industry standards, including calculation of returns using a time-weighted rate-of-return methodology based on market values reported by the custodian. The Plan's goals are measured against stated policy objectives, appropriate benchmarks and comparative universes over

multiple time periods. This review process allows the Plan to evaluate whether established goals are being achieved on an absolute, relative, and risk-adjusted basis.

Sincerely,

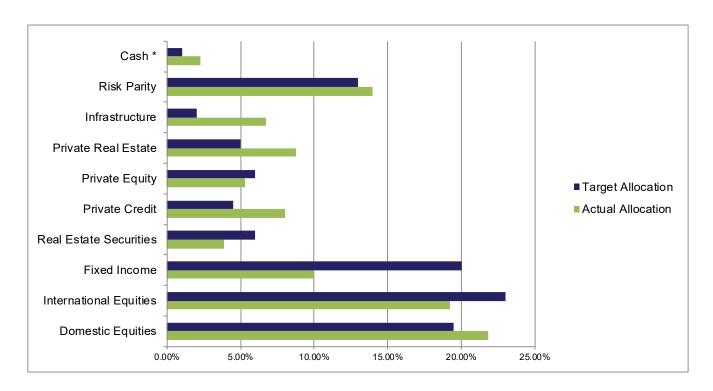
Daniel Hennessy, Senior Consultant

### ASSET ALLOCATION JUNE 30, 2021

		Actual	Target
Asset Class	Fair Value	Allocation	Allocation
Domestic Equities	\$ 590,687,764	21.85%	19.50%
International Equities	520,295,575	19.24%	23.00%
Fixed Income	271,051,232	10.03%	20.00%
Real Estate Securities	104,485,885	3.86%	6.00%
Private Credit	216,383,761	8.00%	4.50%
Private Equity	143,759,880	5.32%	6.00%
Private Real Estate	237,150,895	8.77%	5.00%
Infrastructure	182,047,547	6.73%	2.00%
Risk Parity	376,887,462	13.94%	13.00%
Cash *	60,985,081	2.26%	1.00%
TOTAL PORTFOLIO**	\$ 2,703,735,082	100.00%	100.00%

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes Pooled Cash in County Treasury of \$21,518,055.

#### StanCERA's Asset Allocation



<sup>\*</sup> Excludes Pooled Cash in County Treasury of \$21,518,055.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Excludes Securities Lending Cash Collateral.

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS As of June 30, 2021

Investment Managers	One Year	Three Year	Five Year	Ten Yea
DOMESTIC EQUITY  Northern Trust Russell 3000	49.7%	17.0%	17.4%	14.0%
Russell 3000	44.2%	18.7%	17.4%	14.0%
Russell 1000	43.1%	19.2%	18.0%	14.9%
eV US Large Cap Equity Net Rank	22.0%	33.0%	28.0%	27.0%
Russell 2000	62.0%	13.5%	16.5%	12.3%
eV US Small Cap Value Equity Net Rank	42.0%	60.0%	57.0%	64.0%
Dodge & Cox	57.6%	15.0%	16.7%	13.6%
Russell 1000 Value Index	43.7%	12.4%	11.9%	11.6%
BlackRock R1000 Value	43.7%	12.5%	12.0%	11.7%
Russell 1000 Value Index	43.7%	12.4%	11.9%	11.6%
BlackRock R1000 Growth	42.5%	25.1%	23.7%	17.9%
Russell 1000 Growth Index	42.5%	25.1%	23.7%	17.9%
Attucks Small Cap	68.6%	9.2%	13.5%	11.1%
Russell 2000 Value Index	73.3%	10.3%	13.6%	10.8%
FIXED INCOME				
Northern Trust Intermediate Gov't Bond	-1.2%	3.9%	N/A	N/A
BBgBarc US Govt Int TR	-1.1%	3.9%	1.9%	2.1%
Northern Trust Long Term Gov't Bond	-10.5%	7.9%	N/A	N/A
BBgBarc US Govt Long TR	-10.4%	8.0%	3.2%	6.6%
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY				
LSV Asset Management	37.1%	6.6%	10.2%	5.1%
Fidelity Asset Management	40.1%	11.5%	12.1%	6.6%
MSCI ACWI ex US Index	35.7%	9.4%	11.1%	5.4%
REAL ESTATE SECURITIES				
BlackRock US Real Estate Index	39.8%	8.0%	5.1%	N/A
DJ US Select RESI TR USD	40.0%	8.1%	5.2%	8.6%
				,
PRIVATE CREDIT *	N1/A	N1/A	N1/ A	N1/A
Black Rock High Yeild	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bloomberg US High Yield TR	15.4%	7.4%	7.5%	6.7%
Medley Opportunity Fund II	-3.2%	-11.4%	-6.9%	N/A
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2% Owl Rock First Lien	<i>13.9%</i> 18.8%	6.5% N/A	7.1% N/A	6.5% N/A
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%	13.9%	6.5%	7.1%	6.5%
Raven Opportunity Fund I	-40.5%	-30.7%	-19.3%	N/A
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%	13.9%	6.5%	7.1%	6.5%
Raven Opportunity Fund III	1.8%	6.8%	3.8%	N/A
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%	13.9%	6.5%	7.1%	6.5%
Strategic Values Special Solutions Fund V, L.P.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%	13.9%	6.5%	7.1%	6.5%
White Oak Global Advisors	15.8%	4.1%	4.3%	N/A
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index + 2%	13.9%	6.5%	7.1%	6.5%
PRIVATE EQUITY *				
Northern Trust Russell 3000	45.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Russell 3000	48.4%	22.2%	21.4%	18.1%
Gryphon Partners VI LP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Insight Patners XI	67.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vista Foundation Fund IV	-80.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Russell 3000 + 3%	48.4%	22.2%	21.4%	18.1%
PRIVATE REAL ESTATE * Prime Property Fund	7.4%	5.4%	6.7%	N/A
NCREIF ODCE	7.4% 8.0%	5.4%	6.6%	9.6%
PGIM Real Estate U.S. Debt Fund	5.4%	N/A	N/A	9.0% N/A
BBgBarc US CMBS Investment Grade	2.9%	5.9%	3.5%	4.1%
American Strategic Value Realty	8.5%	7.2%	8.5%	N/A
NCREIF Property Index	7.4%	5.5%	6.1%	8.8%
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VII	9.9%	10.8%	11.0%	N/A
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VIII	44.5%	29.4%	N/A	N/A
NCREIF ODCE +1%	9.1%	6.6%	7.6%	10.7%
NFRASTRUCTURE *				
North Haven Partners II	-1.7%	6.3%	8.4%	N/A
Northern Trust Infrastructure Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CPI + 5%	10.6%	7.7%	7.5%	7.0%
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RISK PARITY	10.00/	0.00/	NI/A	N1/A
AQR Global Risk Premium - EL	19.0%	8.8%	N/A	N/A
PanAgora Risk Parity Multi Asset	20.8% 23.6%	11.0%	N/A 0.8%	N/A 6.0%
	C.3 D70	10.7%	9.8%	6.9%
60% MSCI ACWI	20.070			
TOTAL FUND	25.2%	10.1%	10.5%	8.6%

Note: % taken from NEPC Quarterly Report presented to Board of Retirement on 8/24/2021.

Using time-weighted rate of return based on the market rate of return.

Does not include Securities Lending Collateral.

<sup>\*</sup> Investment Rate of Return (IRR) since inception is reported. One, three, five, and ten year returns are not available for these investments.

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS BY ASSET CLASS AND MANAGER As of June 30, 2021

		Assets Under	
nvestment Managers	Asset Class	Management	% of Fund
DOMESTIC EQUITY			
Dodge & Cox	Large Cap Value	\$ 124,449,065	4.60%
BlackRock R1000 Value	Large Cap Value	110,567,825	4.09%
BlackRock R1000 Growth	Large Cap Growth	250,764,712	9.27%
Northern Trust Russell 1000	Large Cap Growth	-	0.00%
Capital Prospects	Small Cap Value	104,906,162	3.88%
IXED INCOME			
Dimensional Fund Advisors	Core Bond	-	0.00%
Insight	Core Bond	128,795,097	4.76%
NT Intermediate Bond	Core Bond	97,873,782	3.62%
NT Long Term Bond	Core Bond	44,132,182	1.63%
NT Long Term Bond	Core Bond	250,171	0.00%
NTERNATIONAL EQUITY			
LSV Asset Management	Equity Value	258,878,919	9.57%
Fidelity Asset Management	Equity Growth	261,416,656	9.67%
REAL ESTATE SECURITIES			
BlackRock US Real Estate	Real Estate Index	104,485,885	3.86%
PRIVATE CREDIT			
BlackRock High Yield	Private Credit	122,480,740	4.53%
Medley Opportunity Fund II	Private Credit	6,138,059	0.23%
• • •	Private Credit	4,157,656	0.15%
Raven Opportunity Fund I			
Raven Opportunity Fund III	Private Credit	48,132,681	1.78%
White Oak Global Advisors	Private Credit	26,008,555	0.96%
Owl Rock First Lien	Private Credit	8,966,070	0.33%
Special Situations Fund	Private Credit	500,000	0.02%
PRIVATE REAL ESTATE			
American Realty Advisors	Private Real Estate	74,082,262	2.74%
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VII LP	Private Real Estate	7,605,806	0.28%
Grandview I-A	Private Real Estate	30,966,057	1.15%
PGIM	Private Real Estate	61,981,263	2.29%
Prime Property Fund	Private Real Estate	62,515,507	2.31%
DRIVATE FOLLITY			
PRIVATE EQUITY Clayton, Dubilier & Rice XI	Private Equity	420,177	0.02%
Gryphon Partners VI	Private Equity	6,776,765	0.25%
••			0.70%
Insight Partners XI	Private Equity	18,829,655	
Northern Trust Russell 3000	Private Equity	112,522,092	4.16%
Vista Foundation IV Fund	Private Equity	5,211,191	0.19%
NFRASTRUCTURE			
NTAM Infrastructure	Infrastructure	144,644,134	5.35%
North Haven Partners II LP	Infrastructure	37,403,413	1.38%
RISK PARITY			
AQR	Risk Parity	185,409,446	6.86%
PanAgora	Risk Parity	191,478,016	7.08%
Total Assets Under Management		2,642,750,001	
Cash and Short-Term Investments	90 Day T-Bill	60,985,081	2.26%

Note: Does not include Securities Lending Collateral.

Does not include cash in Treasury Pool.

# LARGEST BOND HOLDINGS (BY FAIR VALUE) JUNE 30, 2021

Shares	Bond	Fair Value
2,800,000	PVTPL ENEL FIN INTL DUE 09-14-2025	\$ 3,175,608
2,845,000	CAMPBELL SOUP CO DUE 03-15-2025	3,137,969
2,693,000	COLUMBIA PIPELN DUE 06-01-2025	3,022,876
2,641,000	THERMO FISHER DUE 12-15-2025	2,913,284
2,552,000	BARCLAYS PLC DUE 01-12-2026	2,857,452
2,503,000	CIGNA CORP NEW DUE 02-25-2026 BEO	2,848,671
2,690,000	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS WITREASURY DUE 11-30-2023	2,806,321
2,419,000	CAP 1 FINL CORP DUE 02-05-2025	2,599,882
2,500,000	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS DTD DUE 11-30-2024	2,579,590
2,333,000	DAIMLER FIN N AMER DUE 08-01-2024	2,491,924
2,298,000	WELLS FARGO & CO DUE 09-09-2024	2,477,535
2,200,000	APPLE INC DUE 05-13-2025	2,399,413
2,193,000	GRUPO BIMBO SAB DE CV GTD NT DUE 07-06-2024	2,363,807
2,204,000	STARBUCKS CORP DUE 06-15-2026	2,319,466
2,003,000	GENERAL MLS INC DUE 10-17-2023	2,143,312
2,039,000	WILLIAMS PARTNERS DUE 08-15-2022	2,087,919
2,058,000	SUMITOMO MITSUI DUE 10-19-2021	2,071,799
1,891,000	PVTPL BNP PARIBAS DUE 01-09-2025	2,028,216
1,983,000	AMGEN INC DUE 05-11-2022	2,016,872
2,000,000	PVTPL GMF FLOORPLAN OWNER REVOLVING DUE 09-15-2023	2,013,586

### LARGEST STOCK HOLDINGS (BY FAIR VALUE) JUNE 30, 2021

Shares	Stock	Fair V	'alue
16,600	ROCHE HLDGS AG GENUSSCHEINE NPV	\$ 6,	259,458
124,500	WELLS FARGO & CO	5,	638,605
74,000	SAMSUNG ELECTRONIC	5,	302,846
68,500	SCHWAB CHARLES CORP	4,	987,485
390,400	AIA GROUP LTD NPV	4,	851,188
30,500	CAPITAL ONE FINL CORP	4,	718,045
36,501	NESTLE SA CHF	4,	549,841
1,800	ALPHABET INC	4,	511,376
11,177	ROCHE HLDGS AG GENUSSCHEINE NPV	4,	214,576
38,700	SANOFI	4,	055,223
5,720	ASML HOLDING NV	3,	930,272
68,500	COMCAST CORP	3,	905,870
192,600	GLAXOSMITHKLINE ORD	3,	776,559
140,600	NIPPON TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE CORP NPV	3,	666,697
60,000	METLIFE INC COM	3,	591,000
66,800	SANOFI	3,	517,688
117,500	KON AHOLD DELHAIZE	3,	493,335
49,600	JOHNSON CTLS INTL PLC	3,	404,048
83,100	ADR GLAXOSMITHKLINE PLC	3,	309,042
108,805	HP INC	3,	284,823

A complete list of portfolio holdings is available on StanCERA's website at <a href="www.stancera.org">www.stancera.org</a> or upon request.

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

Demostic Families		2021	2020
Domestic Equities BlackRock		\$ 46,872	\$ 55,767
Capital Prospects		658,157	537,413
Dodge & Cox		226,029	172,683
NT Russell 1000		30,566	26,009
	Total Domestic Equities	961,624	791,872
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International Equities			
LSV Asset Management		675,113	602,051
Fidelity Asset Management		1,276,056	688,113
	Total International Equities	1,951,169	1,290,164
Fixed Income		205 004	000 444
Dimensional Fund Advisors		205,991	209,144
Insight NT Intermediate Bond		212,990	259,436
NT Long Term Bond		24,477 10,321	20,591
NT Long Term Bond	Total Fixed Income	453,779	7,913 <b>497,084</b>
	Total Fixed IIICome	455,779	437,004
Real Estate Securities			
BlackRock US Real Estate Index		15,641	34,644
	Total Real Estate Securities	15,641	34,644
		•	•
Private Credit			
Medley Opportunity Fund li		39,424	93,622
Raven Opportunity Fund I		-	72,508
Raven Opportunity Fund III		716,407	666,129
Owl Rock First		141,916	193,015
White Oak Global Advisors		358,760	(328,624)
	Total Private Credit	1,256,507	696,650
Private Real Estate			
American Realty Advisors		791,272	576,229
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VII		626,341	231,113
Grandview I-A		2,577,972	1,244,094
Prime Property Fund PGIM		715,258	574,932
FGIIVI	Total Private Real Estate	472,801 <b>5,183,644</b>	451,584 <b>3,077,952</b>
Private Equity	Total Filvate Neal Estate	3,103,044	3,011,332
Clayton, Dubilier & Rice XI		195,044	_
Gryphon Partners VI		67,287	_
Insight Partners XI		262,225	150,938
Vista Foundation IV		400,000	143,956
	Total Private Equity	924,556	294,894
<u>Infrastructure</u>		,	,
North Haven Partners, LP		433,202	406,933
	Total Infrastructure	433,202	406,933
Risk Parity			
AQR		639,736	600,047
PanAgora		617,725	549,470
	Total Risk Parity	1,257,461	1,149,517
	Total law advant Management Force	40 407 500	0.000.740
	Total Investment Management Fees	12,437,583	8,239,710
Other Investment Fees and Expenses			
Consultant Fees	:	524,347	514,264
Custodial Fees		342,344	333,477
Investment Attorney		179,113	112,140
Other Investment Costs		2,299,994	2,427,312
Actuarial Fees		103,178	76,301
	Total Other Investment Fees and Expenses	3,448,976	3,463,494
Total Investment Fees and Expenses	·	\$15,886,559	\$11,703,204
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### **Schedule of Investment Broker Commissions**

StanCERA participates in a commission recapture program administered by Cowen. The strategic objective of the Commission Recapture Program is to recapture a portion of trade commissions paid to brokers. The primary goal is to ensure that investment managers provide the best effort to optimize use of StanCERA's assets for the benefit of the members and beneficiaries by recapturing commissions paid on a specific percentage of trades sent to correspondent brokers on a timely basis. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and 2020, Commission Recapture Income was \$28,983 and \$25,624, respectively.

Below are the commissions paid by StanCERA for the fiscal years ended June 30:

			2	2021		
		# Shares	Con	nmissions	Per	Share
Domestic Equities Capital Prospects	Total Domestic Equities	519,406 <b>519,406</b>	\$	14,789 <b>14,789</b>	\$	0.028 <b>0.028</b>
International Equities Fidelity Asset Management		15,344,560		167,647		0.011
	Total International Equities	15,344,560		167,647		-
	Total Investment Broker Commissions	15,863,966	\$	182,436	\$	0.012
		".01		2020		
Domostia Favitica		# Shares	Con	nmissions	Per	Share
Domestic Equities Capital Prospects	Total Domestic Equities	570,990 <b>570,990</b>	\$	15,104 <b>15,104</b>	\$	0.026 <b>0.026</b>
International Equities Fidelity Asset Management		12,447,623		96,438		0.008
	Total International Equities	12,447,623	-	96,438		0.008
	Total Investment Broker Commissions	13,018,613	\$	111,542	\$	0.009

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### **Actuarial Section**

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#### Via Electronic Mail

September 17, 2021

### **Actuarial Certification**

This is the Actuary's Certification Letter for the Actuarial Section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the StanCERA Retirement Plan (the Plan) as of June 30, 2021. This letter includes references to two documents produced by Cheiron for the Plan: the Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2020 (transmitted January 21, 2021) and the GASB 67/68 Report as of June 30, 2021 (transmitted September 16, 2021).

### Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2020

The purpose of the annual Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2020 is to determine the actuarial funding status of StanCERA on that date and to calculate recommended contribution rates for the participating employers and Plan members for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The prior review was conducted as of June 30, 2019, and included recommended contribution rates for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Actuarial funding is based on the Entry Age Normal Cost Method. Under this method, the employer contribution rate provides for current cost (normal cost) plus a level percentage of payroll to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) plus expected administrative expenses. As of the valuation date (June 30, 2020), the amortization period is 16 years.

The funding objective of the Plan is to accumulate sufficient assets over each Member's working life to provide for Plan benefits after termination of employment or retirement. For actuarial valuation purposes, Plan assets are valued at actuarial value. Under this method, the assets used to determine employer contribution rates take into account market value by spreading all investment gains and losses (returns above or below expected returns) over a period of five years. The actuarial value is limited to no less than 80% and no more than 120% of market value.

The Board of Retirement is responsible for establishing and maintaining the funding policy of the Plan, subject to the laws of the State of California enacted under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 and subsequent legislation.

We prepared the following schedules, which we understand will be included in the Actuarial Section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, based on the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation. All historical information prior to the June 30, 2008 actuarial valuation shown in these schedules is based on information reported by the prior actuary, Buck Consultants.

• Summary of Current Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

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- Membership Information (Active, Deferred, and Retired)
- Schedule of Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls
- Analysis of Financial Experience: Change in Unfunded Actuarial Liability
- Schedule of Funded Liabilities by Type (formerly referred to as the Solvency Test)
- Schedule of Funding Progress
- Summary of Plan Provisions

We reviewed the actuarial assumptions shown in the schedules and found them to be reasonably appropriate for use under the Plan. The assumptions used in this report reflect the results of an Experience Study performed by Cheiron covering the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, and approved by the Board. The assumptions used in the most recent valuation are intended to produce results that, in the aggregate, reasonably approximate the anticipated future experience of the Plan. The next experience analysis is expected to cover the years through 2021.

We certify that the valuation was performed in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices. In particular, the assumptions and methods used for funding purposes meet the requirements of the Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOPs), in particular ASOPs No. 4, 27, 35, and 44.

### **GASB 67/68 Report as of June 30, 2021**

The purpose of GASB 67/68 Report as of June 30, 2021 is to provide accounting and financial reporting information under GASB 67 for StanCERA and under GASB 68 for Stanislaus County and the other participating employers. This report is not appropriate for other purposes, including the measurement of funding requirements for StanCERA.

For financial reporting purposes, the Total Pension Liability is based on the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation updated to the measurement date of June 30, 2021. Between the valuation date and the measurement date, the Board adopted new economic assumptions, so the update procedures included calculating the June 30, 2020 liability under the new economic assumptions, then the addition of service cost and interest cost offset by actual benefit payments, to calculate the June 30, 2021 liability.

Please refer to our GASB 67/68 report as of June 30, 2021 for additional information related to the financial reporting of the System. We prepared the following schedules for inclusion in the Financial Section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report based on the June 30, 2021 GASB 67/68 report:

- Change in Net Pension Liability
- Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability to Changes in Discount Rate
- Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
- Schedule of Employer Contributions



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• Notes to the Schedule of Employer Contributions

We certify that the report was performed in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices. In particular, the assumptions and methods used for disclosure purposes have been prepared in accordance with our understanding of generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by the GASB.

### **Disclaimers**

In preparing our reports, we relied on information (some oral and some written) supplied by StanCERA. This information includes, but is not limited to, the plan provisions, employee data, and financial information. We performed an informal examination of the obvious characteristics of the data for reasonableness and consistency in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 23.

Cheiron utilizes ProVal, an actuarial valuation application leased from Winklevoss Technologies (WinTech), to calculate liabilities and project benefit payments. We have relied on WinTech as the developer of ProVal. We have reviewed ProVal, have a basic understanding of it, and have used it in accordance with its original intended purpose. We have not identified any material inconsistencies in assumptions or output of ProVal that would affect this report.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; and, changes in plan provisions or applicable law.

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Cheiron's reports were prepared solely for StanCERA for the purposes described herein, except that the Plan's auditor may rely on these reports solely for the purpose of completing an audit related to the matters herein. They are not intended to benefit any third party, and Cheiron assumes no duty or liability to any such party.

These reports and their contents have been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices and our understanding of the Code of Professional Conduct and applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice set out by the Actuarial Standards Board as well as applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, as credentialed actuaries, we meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the opinions contained in these reports. These reports do not address any contractual or legal issues. We are not attorneys and our firm does not provide any legal services or advice.



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### SUMMARY OF ASSUMPTIONS AND FUNDING METHODS

The following assumptions, along with the post-retirement and pre-retirement demographic experiences, are based on StanCERA's actuarial experience study from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, approved by the StanCERA Board of Retirement on January 22, 2019. The actuarial valuation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 was approved by the StanCERA Board of Retirement on January 26, 2021, which incorporated the following assumptions. The purpose of the annual actuarial valuation report as of June 30, 2020 is to determine the actuarial funding status of StanCERA on that date and to calculate recommended contribution rates for the participating employers and StanCERA members for the fiscal year 2021-2022. The prior actuarial valuation conducted as of June 30, 2019 included recommended contribution rates for the fiscal year 2020-2021 which was approved by the StanCERA Board of Retirement on February 19, 2020.

### **Plan Description**

A summary of plan provisions can be found in Note 1 of the Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

#### **Actuarial Methods**

#### **Actuarial Cost Method**

Annual contributions are computed under the Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method, computed to the final decrement. A schedule of actuarially determined contributions compared to actual contributions can be found in the Required Supplementary Information Section following the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

The excess of the Actuarial Accrued Liability over Plan assets is the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. The liability for each valuation group is amortized as a level percentage of payroll over a closed period (16 years as of the current valuation).

#### Actuarial Value of Plan Assets

The Actuarial Value of Plan Assets is a modified market-related value. The fair value of assets is adjusted to recognize, over a five-year period, differences between actual investment earnings and the assumed investment return. The Actuarial Value of Plan Assets is limited to no less the 80% and no more than 120% of the fair value. As of June 30, 2011, the Actuarial Value was reset to equal fair value.

ACTUARIAL VALUATION METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS			
Valuation Date	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay	Level Percent of Pay	
Remaining Amortization Period	16 Years	17 Years	
Asset Valuation Method	Modified Market-Related Value smoothed over a five year period	Modified Market-Related Value smoothed over a five year period	

### **Actuarial Assumptions**

- 1. Rate of Return The annual rate of return is assumed to be 6.75% net of investment expenses.
- 2. Cost-of-Living (COLA) The COLA is assumed to be 2.50% per year as measured by the Consumer Price Index.
- 3. Administrative Expenses An allowance of \$2,983,171 has been included in the annual cost calculation.
- 4. Interest Credited to Employee Accounts 0.25% annually.
- 5. Increases in Pay Base salary increase is assumed at 2.75%. Assumed pay increases for active Members consist of increases due to salary adjustments (as noted above), plus service-based increases due to longevity and promotion, as shown below.

Service	Safety	General
0	7.00%	5.00%
1	6.00%	5.00%
2	5.00%	5.00%
3	4.00%	5.00%
4	3.00%	5.00%
5	2.00%	3.50%
6	1.75%	2.50%
7	1.50%	1.50%
8	1.25%	1.25%
9	1.00%	1.00%
10	0.75%	0.75%
11+	0.50%	0.50%

- 6. Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) Compensation Limit Assumption used for increasing the compensation limit that applies to PEPRA members is 2.75%.
- 7. Post Retirement COLA 100% of Consumer Price Index up to 3% annually with banking, 2.6% annual increases assumed.
- 8. Social Security Wage Base For projecting the Social Security Benefit, the annual Social Security Wage Base increase is assumed to be 3.00% per year. General Tier 3 members have their benefits offset by an assumed Social Security Benefit.
- 9. Internal Revenue Code Section 415 Limit have been applied to the benefits for members currently in pay status, as the limited benefits have been provided by StanCERA for valuation purposes.
- 10. Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(17) not reflected in the valuation for funding purposes.
- 11. Family Composition Spouses of male members are assumed to be three years younger than the member. Spouses of female members are assumed to be two years older than the member.

Percent Married		
Gender	Percentage	
Males	80%	
Females	50%	

- 12. Accumulated Vacation Time Load Active members' service retirement and related benefits are loaded by 1.75% for Safety Members and 1.00% for General Members.
- 13. Rates of Separation Separate rates of termination are assumed among Safety and General Members. Termination rates do not apply once a member is eligible for retirement.

	Safety	General
Service	All	All
0	18.0%	18.0%
1	12.0%	14.0%
2	9.0%	11.7%
3	7.0%	9.4%
4	6.0%	7.1%
5	5.0%	5.0%
10	5.0%	3.5%
15	3.4%	2.9%
20	0.0%	1.5%
25	0.0%	1.3%
30+	0.0%	0.0%

- 14. Withdrawal Rates of withdrawal apply to active Members who terminate their employment and withdraw their member contributions. 50% of all General Member terminations with less than ten years of service and 20% of those with ten or more years of service are assumed to take a refund of contributions. 35% of all Safety Member terminations with less than ten years of service and 10% of those with ten or more years of service are assumed to take a refund of contributions.
- 15. Vested Termination Rates of vested termination apply to active Members who terminate their employment after five years of service and leave their member contributions on deposit with the Plan. Tier 3 General Members are assumed to begin receiving benefits at age 65; all other General Members at age 58. Safety Members are assumed to begin receiving benefits at age 53. 50% of vested terminated General members are assumed to be reciprocal, and 65% of vested Safety members are assumed to be reciprocal. Reciprocal members are assumed to receive 3.75% annual pay increases from the date of transfer to the assumed retirement date.
- 16. Service Connected Disability Separate rates are assumed among Safety and General Members. Rates for both sexes for Safety Members are combined.

Service Connected Disability			
	Safety	Ger	neral
Age	All	Female	Male
20	0.0020%	0.0002%	0.0043%
25	0.0760%	0.0004%	0.0102%
30	0.1700%	0.0008%	0.0211%
35	0.2640%	0.0024%	0.0284%
40	0.3600%	0.0056%	0.0401%
45	0.4570%	0.0101%	0.0613%
50	0.5570%	0.0162%	0.0897%
55	0.6580%	0.0249%	0.1227%
60	0.7620%	0.0349%	0.1637%
65	0.8690%	0.0000%	0.0000%

17. Non-Service Connected Disability - Separate rates are assumed among Safety and General Members. Rates for both sexes for Safety Members are combined. Rates shown are applied after five years of service.

Non-Service Connected Disability			
	Safety	Ger	neral
Age	All	Female	Male
20	0.0100%	0.0100%	0.0170%
25	0.0100%	0.0100%	0.0170%
30	0.0200%	0.0240%	0.0190%
35	0.0300%	0.0710%	0.0390%
40	0.0400%	0.1350%	0.1020%
45	0.0500%	0.1880%	0.1510%
50	0.0800%	0.1990%	0.1580%
55	0.1300%	0.1490%	0.1580%
60	0.2000%	0.1050%	0.1530%
65	0.2000%	0.0880%	0.1280%
70+	-	0.0840%	0.1020%

18. Rates for Mortality for Healthy Lives – Rates of mortality for active Members are specified by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Pre-Retirement Non-Industrial Mortality table, adjusted by 97.2% for males and 101.6% for females, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2009 using SOA Scale MP-2018.

Mortality Rates			
	Duty Death	Ordinary Death - Ge	neral & Safety
Age	Safety All	Female	Male
20	0.0030%	0.0215%	0.0320%
25	0.0070%	0.0248%	0.0413%
30	0.0100%	0.0269%	0.0505%
35	0.0120%	0.0378%	0.0588%
40	0.0130%	0.0539%	0.0774%
45	0.0140%	0.0766%	0.1094%
50	0.0150%	0.1079%	0.1600%
55	0.0160%	0.1550%	0.2353%
60	0.0170%	0.2261%	0.3446%
65	0.0180%	0.3324%	0.4949%
70	0.0190%	0.4747%	0.6891%

19. Disabled Member Mortality -

Non-Service Connected Disability Members are specified by the CalPERS Non-Industrial Disable Annuitant Mortality table, adjusted 104.5% for females, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2009 using SOA Scale MP-2018.

Service Connected Disability Members are adjusted by 101.9% for males using the same table and scale.

Disabled Mortality Rates				
	Non-Servic	e Connected	Service	Connected
Age	Female	Male	Female	Male
45	0.892%	1.297%	0.298%	0.344%
50	1.285%	1.784%	0.495%	0.542%
55	1.327%	2.095%	0.460%	0.648%
60	1.578%	2.634%	0.633%	0.884%
65	2.138%	3.120%	1.066%	1.455%
70	2.941%	3.890%	1.775%	2.254%
75	4.041%	5.398%	2.952%	3.908%
80	6.287%	8.230%	4.978%	6.754%
85	10.327%	13.166%	7.959%	10.587%
90	16.806%	18.469%	12.335%	16.493%

20. Retired Member and Beneficiary Mortality - specified by the CalPERS Non-Industrial Disable Annuitant Mortality table, adjusted by 97.2% for males and 104.1% for females, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2009 using Scale MP-2018.

Retired Mortality Rates			
Age	Female	Male	
45	0.221%	0.234%	
50	0.515%	0.517%	
55	0.479%	0.618%	
60	0.556%	0.794%	
65	0.779%	1.026%	
70	1.317%	1.717%	
75	2.283%	2.900%	
80	3.847%	5.128%	
85	6.949%	9.165%	
90	12.841%	15.733%	

21. Mortality Improvement – The mortality assumptions employ a fully generational mortality improvement projection from base year 2009 using Scale MP-2018.

22. Service Retirement – Assumed to occur among eligible members in accordance with the following table for non-PEPRA Tiers 1 through 5.

Service Retirement - General					
	Years of Service				
Age	0-9	10-29	30+		
40-44	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
45-49	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%		
50-54	0.00%	5.00%	10.00%		
55	0.00%	7.50%	20.00%		
56	0.00%	7.50%	20.00%		
57	0.00%	7.50%	20.00%		
58	0.00%	12.50%	20.00%		
59	0.00%	12.50%	20.00%		
60	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%		
61	0.00%	20.00%	25.00%		
62	0.00%	25.00%	40.00%		
63	0.00%	20.00%	25.00%		
64	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%		
65	0.00%	35.00%	35.00%		
66	0.00%	45.00%	45.00%		
67	0.00%	20.00%	25.00%		
68	0.00%	20.00%	25.00%		
69	0.00%	20.00%	25.00%		
70	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%		
71	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%		
72	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%		
73	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%		
74	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%		
75+	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		

Service Retirement - Safety						
	Years of Service					
Age	0-9	10-19	20+			
40-48	0.00%	0.00%	5.00%			
49	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%			
50	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%			
51	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%			
52	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%			
53	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%			
54	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%			
55	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%			
56	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%			
57	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%			
58	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%			
59	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%			
60	0.00%	25.00%	100.00%			
61	0.00%	25.00%	100.00%			
62	0.00%	25.00%	100.00%			
63	0.00%	25.00%	100.00%			
64	0.00%	25.00%	100.00%			
65	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%			
66	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%			
67	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%			
68	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%			
69	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%			
70+	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%			

23. PEPRA – Retirement for members in PEPRA, Tier 6, are assumed to occur among eligible members in accordance with the sample rates below, from the full tables CALPERS Public Agency Miscellaneous 2% @ 62 table for General and the CALPERS Public Agency Safety Police 2.7% @ 57 table for Safety:

Serv	ice Retir	ement - C	General (F	PEPRA)
		Years o	of Service	-
Age	5	10	25	35
50-51	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
52	0.50%	0.80%	1.90%	3.80%
53	0.70%	1.10%	2.10%	4.80%
54	0.70%	1.10%	2.30%	5.40%
55	1.00%	1.90%	6.10%	15.20%
56	1.40%	2.60%	7.50%	16.70%
57	1.80%	2.90%	7.40%	14.30%
58	2.30%	3.50%	7.30%	13.50%
59	2.50%	3.80%	9.20%	17.50%
60	3.10%	5.10%	11.10%	18.30%
61	3.80%	5.80%	12.10%	23.20%
62	4.40%	7.40%	16.40%	27.10%
63	7.70%	10.50%	19.20%	26.60%
64	7.20%	10.10%	18.70%	27.60%
65	10.80%	14.10%	23.90%	34.80%
66	13.20%	17.20%	29.20%	42.60%
67	13.20%	17.20%	29.20%	40.50%
68	12.00%	15.60%	26.50%	38.70%
69	12.00%	15.60%	26.50%	36.80%
70	12.00%	15.60%	26.50%	38.70%
71	12.00%	15.60%	26.50%	38.70%
72	12.00%	15.60%	26.50%	38.70%
73	12.00%	15.60%	26.50%	38.70%
74	12.00%	15.60%	26.50%	38.70%
75+	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Ser	vice Reti	rement -	Safety (P	PEPRA)
		Years o	of Service	
Age	5	10	25	35
50	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	11.00%
51	4.00%	4.00%	5.75%	13.92%
52	3.80%	3.80%	5.80%	13.21%
53	3.80%	3.80%	7.74%	28.98%
54	3.80%	3.80%	9.31%	33.25%
55	6.84%	6.84%	13.40%	38.76%
56	6.27%	6.27%	12.28%	34.49%
57	6.00%	6.00%	11.75%	32.00%
58	8.00%	8.00%	13.75%	35.00%
59	8.00%	8.00%	14.00%	40.00%
60	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%	35.00%
61	14.40%	14.40%	14.40%	26.40%
62	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%	33.00%
63	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%	40.00%
64	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%	52.50%
65+	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

24. Changes in actuarial assumptions – Details of all assumption changes can be found in the Actuarial Experience Study Report on StanCERA's website at <a href="http://www.stancera.org">http://www.stancera.org</a> for the period covering July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. The proposed assumptions were summarized and reviewed with the Board at the January 22, 2019 Board meeting, at which the Board provided direction to proceed with the valuation based on those assumptions.

Participant data on active and inactive Members and their beneficiaries as of the valuation date was supplied by the Plan staff on direction of the Executive Director on electronic media. Member data was neither verified nor audited.

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVE MEMBER VALUATION DATA (FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30)

Valuation				А	verage	% Increase (Decrease) in	Number of
Date	Plan Type	Number	Annual Salary		ual Salary	Average Salary	Employers
6/30/2011	General	3,232	\$ 184,906,498	\$	57,211	-1.99%	
	Safety	637	41,800,298		65,621	-3.60%	
	Total	3,869	\$ 226,706,796	\$	58,596	-2.30%	8
6/30/2012	General	3,233	\$ 179,260,736	\$	55,447	-3.08%	
0,00,20.2	Safety	661	41,657,273	Ψ	63,022	-3.96%	
	Total	3,894	\$ 220,918,009	\$	56,733	-3.18%	8
6/30/2013	General	3,230	\$ 176,437,755	\$	54,625	-1.48%	
0/30/2013	Safety	694	42,590,563	Ψ	61,370	-2.62%	
	Total	3,924	\$ 219,028,318	\$	55,818	-1.61%	8
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6/30/2014	General Safety	3,303	\$ 179,606,090	\$	54,377 63,022	-0.45% 2.69%	
	Total	3,992	43,422,198 \$ 223,028,288	\$	55,869	0.09%	8
	Total	3,992	φ 223,020,200	Ψ	33,009	0.0970	- 0
6/30/2015	General	3,421	\$ 188,550,804	\$	55,116	1.36%	
	Safety	723	49,166,923		68,004	7.91%	
	Total	4,144	\$ 237,717,727	\$	57,364	2.68%	8
6/30/2016	General	3,521	\$ 198,457,059	\$	56,364	2.26%	
	Safety	727	52,020,521	*	71,555	5.22%	
	Total	4,248	\$ 250,477,580	\$	58,964	2.79%	8
6/30/2017	General	3,552	\$ 201,758,423	\$	56,801	0.78%	
0,00,20	Safety	757	54,385,261	Ψ	71,843	0.40%	
	Total	4,309	\$ 256,143,684	\$	59,444	0.81%	8
6/30/2018	General	3,658	\$ 211,919,963	\$	57,933	1.99%	
0/00/2010	Safety	794	58,835,257	Ψ	74,100	3.14%	
	Total	4,452	\$ 270,755,220	\$	60,817	2.31%	8
6/30/2019	General	3,690	\$ 220,393,008	\$	59,727	3.10%	
0/00/2018	Safety	3,090 814	63,615,295	Ψ	78,151	5.47%	
	Total	4,504	\$ 284,008,303	\$	63,057	3.68%	8
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6/30/2020	General	3,652	\$ 221,652,587	\$	60,693	1.62%	
	Safety	806	63,673,695		79,000	1.09%	
	Total	4,458	\$ 285,326,282	\$	64,003	1.50%	8

Note: The annual salary presented here is annualized historical salary. The covered payroll shown in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements is actual pensionable salaries. Salary shown in the Schedule of Funding Progress is based on projected salary from the actuarial valuation.

Note: The employers participating in the Plan include Stanislaus County, Stanislaus County Superior Court, City of Ceres and five small districts.

### SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGESS (FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30)

Actuarial		Actuarial				Unfunded AAL
Valuation	Valuation	Accrued Liability	Unfund	ded Funded	Covered	as a % of
Date	Assets 1	(AAL)	AAL	. Ratio	Payroll	Covered Payroll
2011	\$1,372,046,000	\$1,757,718,000	\$ 385,67	72,000 78.1%	\$ 226,706,796	170.1%
2012	\$1,451,764,000	\$1,888,713,000	\$ 436,94	19,000 76.9%	\$ 220,918,009	197.8%
2013	\$1,524,076,000	\$1,919,227,000	\$ 395,15	51,000 79.4%	\$ 219,028,318	180.4%
2014	\$1,644,077,000	\$2,026,371,000	\$ 382,29	94,000 81.1%	\$ 223,028,288	171.4%
2015	\$1,763,629,000	\$2,391,522,000	\$ 627,89	93,000 73.7%	\$ 237,717,727	264.1%
2016	\$1,845,764,000	\$2,537,067,000	\$ 691,30	03,000 72.8%	\$ 250,477,580	276.0%
2017	\$1,968,231,000	\$2,648,162,000	\$ 679,93	31,000 74.3%	\$ 256,143,684	265.4%
2018	\$2,100,278,000	\$2,749,068,000	\$ 648,79	90,000 76.4%	\$ 270,755,220	239.6%
2019	\$2,199,956,000	\$2,897,223,000	\$ 697,26	67,000 75.9%	\$ 284,008,303	245.5%
2020	\$2,290,287,000	\$3,028,647,000	\$ 738,36	60,000 75.6%	\$ 285,326,282	258.8%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes value of Non-Valuation Reserves.

### RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES ADDED TO AND REMOVED FROM RETIREE PAYROLL (FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30)

Actuarial	At	Added			Removed					% Increase	Average
Valuation	Beginning	During	F	Allowances	During	P	llowances	At End	Retiree	in Retiree	Annual
Date	of Year	Year		Added	Year		Removed	of Year	Payroll	Payroll	Allowance
2011	2,830	263	\$	4,724,416	78	\$	1,194,042	3,015	\$ 74,826,404	4.70%	\$ 25,732
2012	3,015	226	\$	3,565,634	99	\$	978,729	3,142	\$ 80,157,222	7.12%	\$ 26,737
2013	3,142	198	\$	6,036,138	91	\$	1,144,584	3,249	\$ 89,975,736	12.25%	\$ 27,694
2014	3,249	222	\$	6,703,273	86	\$	1,725,066	3,385	\$ 96,405,454	7.15%	\$ 28,480
2015	3,385	237	\$	7,778,716	83	\$	2,043,313	3,539	\$ 104,052,097	7.93%	\$ 29,402
2016	3,539	211	\$	7,066,750	99	\$	2,160,689	3,651	\$ 111,260,240	6.93%	\$ 30,474
2017	3,651	202	\$	6,749,973	107	\$	2,471,229	3,746	\$ 117,901,627	5.97%	\$ 31,474
2018	3,746	233	\$	7,555,825	123	\$	3,109,178	3,856	\$ 124,995,337	6.02%	\$ 32,416
2019	3,856	242	\$	8,421,538	97	\$	2,580,158	4,001	\$ 133,601,799	6.89%	\$ 33,392
2020	4,001	283	\$	11,277,136	107	\$	3,164,436	4,177	\$ 144,745,530	8.34%	\$ 34,653

### SCHEDULE OF FUNDED LIABILITIES BY TYPE SOLVENCY TEST (FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30)

		Actuarial.	Accrued Liabilities	(AAL) for:			Portion of	Accrued I	_iabilities
		1	2	3		Covered by Reported Assets			
Valuation		Active	Retirees &	Active Members	Actuarial	Reported			
Date		Member	Beneficiaries	Employer	Accrued	Assets	1	2	3
		Contributions		Portion	Liabilities				
2011		\$ 337,201,000	\$ 897,384,000	\$ 523,133,000	\$1,757,718,000	\$1,372,046,000	100%	100%	26%
2012		\$ 351,569,000	\$ 987,546,000	\$ 549,598,000	\$ 1,888,713,000	\$1,451,764,000	100%	100%	20%
2013	1	\$ 191,968,000	\$ 1,065,792,000	\$ 661,466,000	\$1,919,227,000	\$1,524,076,000	100%	100%	40%
2014		\$ 193,301,000	\$ 1,144,734,000	\$ 688,335,000	\$2,026,371,000	\$ 1,644,077,000	100%	100%	44%
2015		\$ 196,074,000	\$ 1,337,781,000	\$ 857,667,000	\$2,391,522,000	\$1,763,629,000	100%	100%	27%
2016		\$ 200,960,000	\$ 1,427,166,000	\$ 908,941,000	\$2,537,067,000	\$ 1,845,764,000	100%	100%	24%
2017		\$ 206,386,000	\$ 1,510,151,000	\$ 931,625,000	\$2,648,162,000	\$1,968,231,000	100%	100%	27%
2018		\$ 213,223,000	\$ 1,590,078,000	\$ 945,767,000	\$2,749,068,000	\$ 2,100,278,000	100%	100%	31%
2019		\$ 219,369,000	\$ 1,695,484,000	\$ 982,369,000	\$2,897,223,000	\$2,199,956,000	100%	100%	29%
2020		\$ 222,390,000	\$ 1,833,388,000	\$ 972,868,000	\$3,028,647,000	\$2,290,287,000	100%	100%	24%

Reflects transfer as of June 30, 2008 of \$50 million from Non-Valuation to Valuation Reserves.

### ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE (FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30)

			Acti	Jari	al (Gains)/Los								
Plan								C	Changes		Changes in		
Year	П	Asset Liability		Liability				in Plan	Assumption/				
Ending			Sources		Sources		Total	Р	rovisions		Methods		
2011		\$	49,205,018	\$	(2,387,353)	\$	46,817,665	\$	-	\$	(72,086,000)		
2012		\$	(5,283,786)	\$	6,191,029	\$	907,243	\$	-	\$	52,606,350		
2013		\$	10,200,000	\$	8,500,000	\$	18,700,000	\$	-	\$	(63,400,000)		
2014		\$	(22,600,000)	\$	6,100,000	\$	(16,500,000)	\$	-	\$	400,000		
2015		\$	(20,600,000)	\$	(5,600,000)	\$	(26,200,000)	\$	-	\$	269,800,000		
2016		\$	16,300,000	\$	28,900,000	\$	45,200,000	\$	-	\$	-		
2017		\$	(20,800,000)	\$	(8,900,000)	\$	(29,700,000)	\$	-	\$	-		
2018	1	\$	(12,400,000)	\$	16,800,000	\$	4,400,000	\$	-	\$	(37,800,000)		
2019		\$ 28,700,000		\$	30,800,000	\$	59,500,000	\$	-	\$	-		
2020		\$	42,100,000	\$	7,400,000	\$	49,500,000	\$	-	\$	-		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Changes due to Actuarial Audit included as Liability Loss of \$700,000.

A 10 year schedule of actuarially determined contributions compared to actual contributions can be found in the Required Supplementary Information to the Financial Statements on page 46.

### Statistical Section

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#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

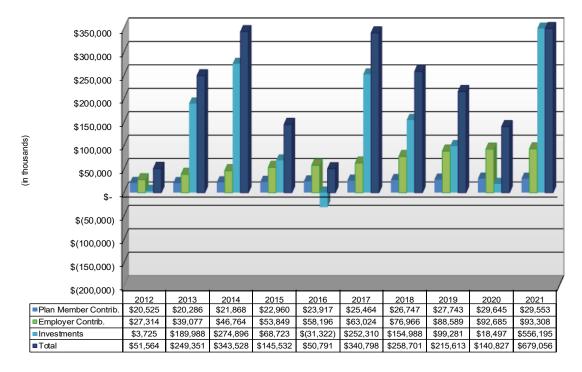
This section provides a multi-year trend of financial and demographic information to facilitate a more comprehensive understanding of this year's financial statements, note disclosures, and supplementary information covering StanCERA's Plan. The financial and operating information provides additional perspective, context, and detail for StanCERA's Fiduciary Net Position, revenues and expenses by source, number of retirees by benefit type, payments made to retirees by benefit type, membership history, and the participating employers. The financial and operating trend information is located below and on the following pages.

### **CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

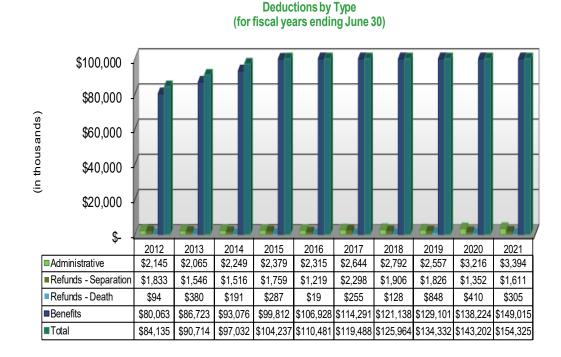
Last Ten Fiscal Years Ended June 30

Additions To Fiduciary Net Position	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Employer Contributions	\$ 93,307,629	\$ 92,684,609	\$ 88,589,381	\$ 76,966,471	\$ 63,024,559
Plan Member Contributions	29,553,123	29,645,645	27,742,863	26,746,289	25,463,745
Net Investment Income (Loss)	556,195,649	18,496,773	99,280,525	154,988,199	252,309,706
Total Additions	\$ 679,056,401	\$ 140,827,027	\$ 215,612,769	\$ 258,700,959	\$ 340,798,010
Deductions From Fiduciary Net Position					
Pension Benefits	\$ 149,015,287	\$ 138,223,922	\$ 129,100,668	\$ 121,138,269	\$ 114,290,758
Refunds	1,915,614	1,761,673	2,674,023	2,033,847	2,553,100
Administrative Expense	3,393,869	3,216,625	2,557,391	2,791,409	2,644,554
Total Deductions	\$ 154,324,770	\$ 143,202,220	\$ 134,332,082	\$ 125,963,525	\$ 119,488,412
Change in Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for					
Pension Benefits	\$ 524,731,631	\$ (2,375,193)	\$ 81,280,687	\$ 132,737,434	\$ 221,309,598
Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits					
Beginning of Year	2,205,866,239	2,208,241,432	2,126,960,745	1,994,223,311	1,772,913,713
End of Year	\$2,730,597,870	\$2,205,866,239	\$2,208,241,432	\$2,126,960,745	\$1,994,223,311
Additions To Fiduciary Net Position	2016 \$ 58,196,310	2015 \$ 53.849.031	2014 \$ 46,763,996	2013 \$ 39.077.480	2012 \$ 27.314.032
Employer Contributions					T , ,
Plan Member Contributions	23,916,508	22,960,235	21,867,911	20,285,888	20,525,295
Net Investment Income (Loss)	(31,322,276)	68,722,781	274,896,108	189,988,287	3,724,754
Total Additions	\$ 50,790,542	\$ 145,532,047	\$ 343,528,015	\$ 249,351,655	\$ 51,564,081
Deductions From Fiduciary Net Position					
Pension Benefits	\$ 106,928,097	\$ 99,811,849	\$ 93,076,127	\$ 86,722,499	\$ 80,062,975
Refunds	1,237,713	2,046,307	1,706,344	1,926,062	1,927,058
Administrative Expense	2,315,223	2,378,966	2,249,260	2,065,345	2,144,748
Total Deductions	\$ 110,481,033	\$ 104,237,122	\$ 97,031,731	\$ 90,713,906	\$ 84,134,781
Change in Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for					
Pension Benefits	\$ (59,690,491)	\$ 41,294,925	\$ 246,496,284	\$ 158,637,749	\$ (32,570,700)
Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits					
Beginning of Year	1,832,604,204	1,791,309,279	1,544,812,995	1,386,175,246	1,418,745,946
End of Year	\$1,772,913,713	\$1,832,604,204	\$1,791,309,279	\$1,544,812,995	\$1,386,175,246

### Additions by Source (for fiscal years ending June 30)

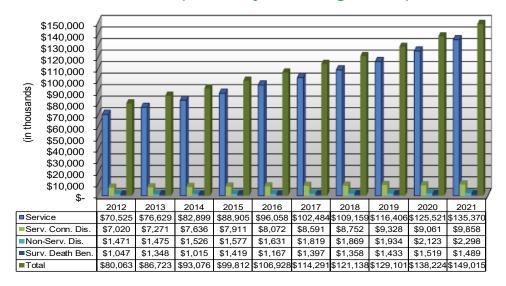


Data Source: ACFR Financial Section, Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position



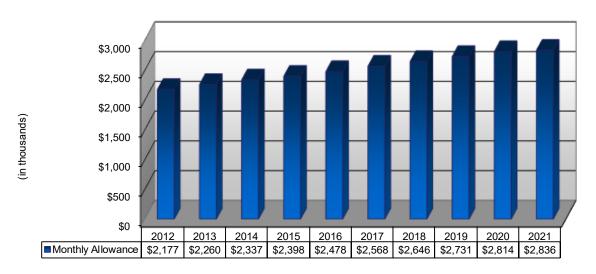
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### Benefit Expense by Type (for fiscal years ending June 30)



Data Source: StanCERA Pension Administration System

Average Monthly Retirement Benefits (for fiscal years ending June 30)

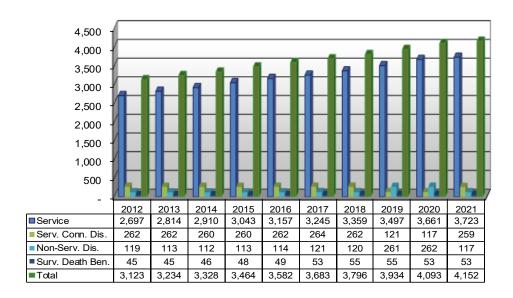


### RETIRED MEMBERS BY BENEFIT TYPE as of June 30, 2021

Amount Monthly Benefit	Total # Retirees	Service Retirement	Service Connected Disability	Non-Service Disability	Survivors
General Members					
\$0-500	326	316	2	7	1
501-1,000	429	387	1	22	19
1,001-1,500	519	463	8	36	12
1,501-2,000	407	356	24	25	2
2,001-2,500	367	328	27	8	4
2,501-3,000	286	259	22	4	1
3,001-3,500	205	196	5	3	1
3,501-4,000	173	168	4	0	1
4,001-4,500	146	145	0	0	1
4,501-5,000	118	116	2	0	0
over 5,000	453	451	_ 11	1	0
Totals	3,429	3,185	96	106	42
Safety Members					
\$0-500	31	16	14	1	0
501-1,000	27	21	3	1	2
1,001-1,500	29	27	0	1	1
1,501-2,000	40	34	2	4	0
2,001-2,500	49	40	5	3	1
2,501-3,000	38	21	16	0	1
3,001-3,500	85	36	48	1	0
3,501-4,000	87	41	42	0	4
4,001-4,500	48	33	15	0	0
4,501-5,000	41	34	6	0	1
over 5,000	248	235	12	0	1
Totals	723	538	163	11	11
TOTALS	4,152	3,723	259	117	53

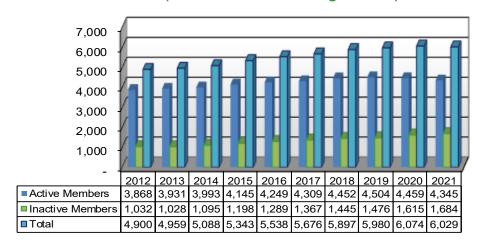
AVERAGE BENEFIT PAYMEN	TS							
As of Fiscal Year-End June 30								
	Beneficiaries			Servic	e Years Cre	dited		
	& Dro's	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30+
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012								
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,405	\$596	\$1,040	\$1,212	\$1,918	\$2,654	\$3,860	\$5,152
Avg Final Average Salary	\$2,612	\$4,848	\$3,857	\$3,620	\$3,963	\$4,393	\$4,812	\$5,815
Number of Active Retirees	383	176	366	606	484	446	335	320
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013								
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,430	\$657	\$1,100	\$1,295	\$2,003	\$2,792	\$4,007	\$5,309
Avg Final Average Salary	\$2,662	\$5,058	\$4,110	\$3,748	\$4,047	\$4,516	\$4,962	\$5,872
Number of Active Retirees	387	195	376	634	498	469	344	331
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014								
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,467	\$651	\$1,124	\$1,354	\$2,082	\$2,836	\$4,088	\$5,427
Avg Final Average Salary	\$2,745	\$5,272	\$4,205	\$3,927	\$4,235	\$4,596	\$5,089	\$5,948
Number of Active Retirees	389	206	394	680	524	488	353	349
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015								
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,508	\$638	\$1,143	\$1,403	\$2,164	\$2,938	\$4,217	\$5,566
Avg Final Average Salary	\$2,846	\$5,627	\$4,328	\$4,055	\$4,379	\$4,675	\$5,175	\$6,047
Number of Active Retirees	399	222	407	699	551	511	375	360
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016								
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,548	\$652	\$1,186	\$1,462	\$2,231	\$3,034	\$4,342	\$5,669
Avg Final Average Salary	\$2,901	\$5,766	\$4,535	\$4,187	\$4,513	\$4,779	\$5,297	\$6,061
Number of Active Retirees	412	230	420	699	573	525	398	380
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017								
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,620	\$791	\$1,203	\$1,520	\$2,338	\$3,172	\$4,482	\$5,790
Avg Final Average Salary	\$3,006	\$5,453	\$4,588	\$4,293	\$4,666	\$4,946	\$5,413	\$6,076
Number of Active Retirees	378	274	438	716	593	547	413	384
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018								
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,768	\$801	\$1,208	\$1,551	\$2,406	\$3,289	\$4,600	\$5,912
Avg Final Average Salary	\$3,617	\$5,738	\$4,679	\$4,379	\$4,776	\$5,123	\$5,512	\$6,102
Number of Active Retirees	333	281	461	732	614	548	430	397
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019								
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,851	\$891	\$1,222	\$1,616	\$2,503	\$3,493	\$4,713	\$6,057
Avg Final Average Salary	\$3,674	\$6,014	\$4,734	\$4,487	\$4,907	\$5,361	\$5,574	\$6,203
Number of Active Retirees	351	298	470	753	642	572	440	408
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020					0.2	0.2	110	
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,796	\$1,288	\$1,374	\$2,970	\$3,319	\$5,264	\$11,881	\$6,857
Avg Final Average Salary	\$3,422	\$6,235	\$4,843	\$4,592	\$5,039	\$5,495	\$5,775	\$6,290
Number of Active Retirees	445	308	486	771	665	604	464	425
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021	110	000	100			001	101	120
Average Monthly Benefit	\$1,979	\$1,040	\$1,272	\$1,791	\$2,710	\$3,839	\$5,161	\$6,547
Avg Final Average Salary	\$4,109	\$5,958	\$4,898	\$4,751	\$5,156	\$5,636	\$5,885	\$6,447
Number of Active Retirees	φ <del>4</del> , 109 501	φ3,936 284	φ4,090 488	770	669	617	φ3,863 462	435

### Membership History Retired (For Years Fiscal Ending June 30)



Data Source: StanCERA Pension Administration System

Membership History Active Deferred (For Fiscal Years Ending June 30)



### PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS AND ACTIVE MEMBERS WITH PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SYSTEM (for years ended June 30)

	2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
Stanislaus County:			_				_		_	
General Members	3,181	73.2%	3,273	73.4%	3,305	73.4%	3,307	74.3%	3,202	74.3%
Safety Members	717	16.5%	726	16.3%	734	16.3%	721	16.2%	676	15.7%
Total	3,898		3,999		4,039		4,028		3,878	
Participating Agencies:										
Stanislaus County Superior Court	225	5.2%	234	5.2%	239	5.3%	219	4.9%	217	5.0%
City of Ceres	182	4.2%	186	4.2%	185	4.1%	171	3.8%	180	4.2%
East Side Mosquito Abatement District	9	0.2%	9	0.2%	10	0.2%	9	0.2%	9	0.2%
Hills Ferry Cemetery	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%
Keyes Community Services District	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%
Salida Sanitary District	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	6	0.1%	7	0.2%
Stanislaus Council of Governments	14_	0.3%	14_	0.3%	14_	0.3%	10	0.2%	9	0.2%
Total	447	-	460	•	465	-	424	-	431	
Total Active Membership	4,345	:	4,459	:	4,504	:	4,452	:	4,309	
	2016		2015		2014		2013		2012	
Stanislaus County:	2010	•	2013	•	2014	-	2013	•	2012	
General Members	3,156	74.3%	3,062	73.9%	2,963	74.2%	2,903	73.8%	2,852	73.7%
Safety Members	645	15.2%	643	15.5%	602	15.1%	606	15.4%	574	14.8%
Total	3,801		3,705		3,565		3,509		3,426	
Participating Agencies:										
Stanislaus County Superior Court	228	5.4%	224	5.4%	212	5.3%	205	5.2%	229	5.9%
City of Ceres	184	4.3%	181	4.4%	181	4.5%	178	4.5%	173	4.5%
East Side Mosquito Abatement District	10	0.2%	8	0.2%	9	0.2%	10	0.3%	10	0.3%
Hills Ferry Cemetery	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	4	0.1%	4	0.1%
Keyes Community Services District	6	0.2%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%	5	0.2%	6	0.2%
Salida Sanitary District	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	7	0.2%
Stanislaus Council of Governments	10	0.2%	11_	0.3%	10	0.3%	13	0.3%	13	0.3%
Total	448		440		428		422		442	
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### STANISLAUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

### REPORT TO THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INTERNAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

### STANISLAUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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# REQUIRED COMMUNICATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INTERNAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (SAS 114)

To the Board of Retirement and Internal Governance Committee of Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association Modesto, California

We have audited the financial statements of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association (StanCERA) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report dated November 8, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 26, 2021. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant Audit Matters**

### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by StanCERA are described in Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We noted no transactions entered into by StanCERA during the fiscal year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting StanCERA's financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the fair value of investments, which was derived by various methods as detailed in the notes to the financial statements. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate of the fair value of investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- The contribution amounts and net pension liability as detailed in the notes to the financial statements, which are based on the actuarially-presumed interest rate and assumptions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates of contribution amounts and net pension liability in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

- The disclosures for cash and investments in Notes 2 and 4 to the financial statements, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Cash and Investments, respectively, were derived from StanCERA's investment policy. Management's estimate of the fair value of investments was derived by various methods as detailed in the notes to the financial statements.
- Additionally, the disclosures related to the funding policies, net pension liability, and actuarial
  methods and assumptions in Note 1, Description of Plan; Note 5, Contributions; and Note 8,
  Net Pension Liability of Participating Employers, were derived from actuarial valuations,
  which involved estimates of the value of reported amounts and probabilities about the
  occurrence of future events far into the future.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. We did not identify any misstatements as a result of our audit procedures.

### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 8, 2021.

#### Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to StanCERA's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as StanCERA's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

#### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Employer Contributions, Schedule of Investment Returns, and Notes to the Required Supplementary Information (RSI), which are RSI that supplement the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Schedule of Administrative Expenses, Schedule of Investment Management Fees and Other Investment Expenses, and Schedule of Payments to Consultants, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this other supplemental information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the other supplemental information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory, investment, actuarial, and statistical sections, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

### **Restriction on Use**

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Retirement, Internal Governance Committee, and management of StanCERA and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Retirement and Internal Governance Committee of Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association Modesto, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association (StanCERA) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise StanCERA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 8, 2021.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered StanCERA's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of StanCERA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of StanCERA's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of StanCERA's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether StanCERA's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of StanCERA's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering StanCERA's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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# AGREED UPON CONDITIONS REPORT DESIGNED TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, INTERNAL CONTROLS, AND/OR FINANCIAL REPORTING (MANAGEMENT LETTER)

To the Board of Retirement and Internal Governance Committee of Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association Modesto, California

We have audited the financial statements of the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association (StanCERA) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report dated November 8, 2021. In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of StanCERA, we considered its internal control structure over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of StanCERA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of StanCERA's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. Given these limitations during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we considered to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The results of our audit disclosed no recommendation for the current year, and we are providing the disposition of the prior year comments.

### **Restriction on Use**

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Retirement, Internal Governance Committee and management of StanCERA and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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### **Current Year Agreed Upon Condition and Recommendation**

None.

### **Prior Year Agreed Upon Condition and Recommendation**

### Agreed Upon Condition 1 - Cost Methodology and Reconciliation

As a result of a past observation, StanCERA implemented a process to reconcile the cost for its alternative investment managers and created a detailed spreadsheet for each manager. In reviewing the cost reconciliation spreadsheet, we noted it did not reconcile to StanCERA's Custodian. The reconciliation noted differences between their records and the Custodian. It is common practice to reconcile with the Custodian (the book of record) to ensure the cost value is accurately reported by StanCERA.

### Recommendation

We recommend StanCERA consult with the Custodian to ensure the Custodian follows the same recording process, which should in turn minimize the reconciliation differences between StanCERA and the Custodian.

### **Management Response**

StanCERA concurs with the recommendation and will consult with the Custodian to ensure the Custodian follows the same recording process. StanCERA will also perform a reconciliation not only with the investment managers but with the custodial bank as well.

### **Current Year Status**

Implemented.