

CalPERS Unfunded Liabilities and Funding Strategy

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Unfunded Liabilities Update

	6/30/2016	6/30/2017	Change
Assets	\$ 171,871,161	\$ 187,910,092	\$ 16,038,931
Liabilities	\$ (245,205,988)	\$ (258,279,864)	\$ (13,073,876)
UAL	\$ (73,334,827)	\$ (70,369,772)	\$ 2,965,055

Funded Status 6/30/17 Actuarial Reports

- 71.5% for Miscellaneous Plan
- 73.75% avg for two largest Safety Plans

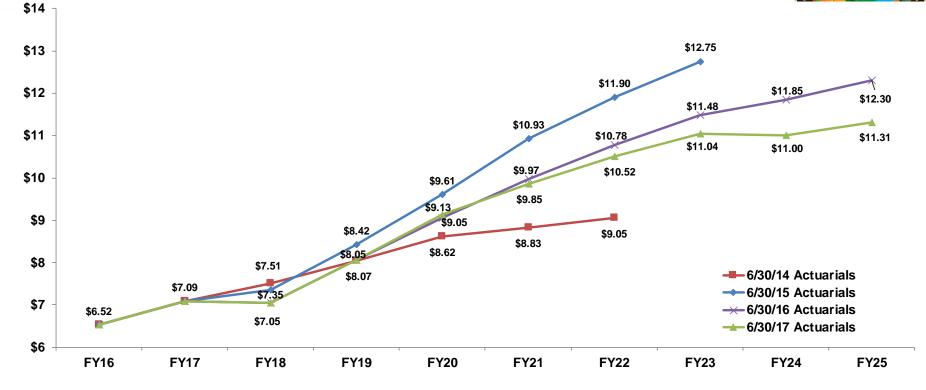
In Total, Decline in UAL

- The UAL increased in 4 out of 6 Safety Plans
- Total Safety Plan UAL increased \$628,200
- Miscellaneous Plan UAL declined \$3,592,200

Reasons for Decline in Miscellaneous

- Gain in net assets due to 11.2% return
 CalPERS made on investments for the yr
- Gain in liabilities because retiree COLA was less than expected
- Average salary increase less than expected for City staff

Comparison of Projected Retirement Costs by Actuarial Year



FY 2019/20 Interest on UAL



• UAL payment \$5.3



Actions to Date

- Established Stabilization Trust Fund in June, 2016.
 Balance just under \$2.5 Million
- Prepaid annual UAL costs for past 4 years saving an estimated \$300,000
- Employees now pay employee share of PERS saving \$2 million annually (not in exchange for a raise)
- PERS impacts always considered when negotiating employee contracts. One-time money given in conjunction with on-going raises to not further compound problem

Short-Term Actions

- Pay additional contributions annually in excess of required contributions
- Negotiate a lower tier benefit to Classic employees who are new to the City
- Pay lump-sump, one-time payment to CalPERS and evaluate continuing on an annual basis if sufficient funds are available



Long-Term Actions

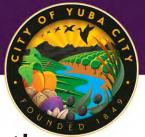


- Change type of retirement plan from Defined Benefit Plan to Defined Contribution Plan
 - \$490 Million Termination Payment to CalPERS
 - Change would have to be negotiated with all employee unions and bargaining units

Summary

- Statewide solution must be implemented
- Pension reform is necessary as the current system is unsustainable for some member agencies
- The City has planned for large cost increases and has built them into the budget model

Recommendation



Pay an additional \$750,000 to CalPERS in the current year from:

- \$600,000 pension stabilization trust fund
- \$150,000 Water, Wastewater and Fleet Maintenance

Doing so will save almost \$200,000 in interest expense over the next 6 years

Questions?

