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From: Sheela, Carol

Sent: Monday, March 26, 2007 8:36 AM

To: 'Michele Silva'; Weston Crystal ACERA; Foster Kathy Alameda Co; Young Lucille ACERA; Stanek-Lowe Sharen ACERA Ben; Foley Adelle AC Transit; Porter Christie San Bernardino Co; Avery Helen San Bernardino Co; Gwinner Joyce San Bernardino Co Ben; Ortiz Mary San Bernardino Co Ben; Watson Darryl PERS Benefits; Lum Donna PERS Benefits; Wright Ellie CalPERS; Perez Karen PERS; Vaughn Kathie PERS; Nitschke Ken PERS Benefits; Fisher Mary Lynn PERS; Kraft Ron PERS Benefits; Galang Chris CalSTRS Ben; Peggy Plett; Pardell Ricardo STRS; Jantz, Kim; Vencel Josiah; Carmin Karin Marin Co; Griffin Annamarie Merced Co; Latta Michelle Merced Co Ben; Guthrie Rosanne Merced co Ben; Paladino Annette Santa Barbara Co; Salley Julie Santa Barbara Co; Deeds Lila Santa Barbara Co Asst Admin; Dunlap Scott Santa Barbara Co Ben; Nagle Rob SLO Co; rwgoss@earthlink.net; Deiter Rod EB MUD; Riley Kathleen Fresno City; McPetridge Barbara Imperial Co; Bermudez Suzanne Imperial Co; Barrios Carlos LACERA Benefits; Megaly Gehan LACERA Ben; Barcus Jan LACERA; Golden Janice LACERA; Mikhail Mike LACERA Ben; Jackson Nora LACERA; Anderson Diana LA Fire & Police; Griffiths Ed LA Fire & Police; Hsi Li LACERS Benefits; Davis Michele LA CAO; Barnes Robyn LA FPPEN; Alcalá Gloria Oakland Ben; Jenkins Tier Oakland Ben; Hudson Yvonne Oakland; Jenike Suzanne OCERS Ben; Somsen Kathy Contra Costa Co; Flores Shane Sac Co Ben; Likarich Suzanne Sac Co; Regalia Kathy Sacramento Co; Rovito Michele Sacramento Co; Bonnel Donna Sac RT; Amacker Celedonia SamCERA; LeNguyen Eliz SamCERA Ben; Smith Gladys SamCERA Ben; Buckles Mercedes SDCERS Benefits; DeJarnette Marilyn SDCERS Ben; Cantrell Patricia SDCERS; Cunningham Shirley San Diego City; Webster Tom San Jose; Bill Debbie San Diego Co; Wolford David SDCERA Ben; Fafaul Jerry SDCERA Ben; Boyd Marsha San Diego Co; DeWitt Victor SDCERA; Cochran Linda SFERS Reciprocity; Newport Maria SFERS; Khan Debra San Joaquin Co; Ankcorn Tim San Joaquin Co; Olson Helen Sonoma Co; Garritson Leslie Sonoma Co; Dawn Lea; Donna Wood; Smale Renee Tulare Co; Chen-Ok Adam UCRS; Connella Crissa UCRS; Schlinggen Gary UCRS; West Hugh UCRS; Johnson Sharon UCRP Ben
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: RE: CALAPRS FW: Question re Mandatory Electronic Direct Deposit

FCERA does not required direct deposit. However, we do strongly encourage all of our retirees to use direct deposit. Out of 4700 retirees, only 339 receive an actual check.

Carol Sheela

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From: Michele Silva [mailto:SILVAM@stancera.org]

Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 8:13 AM

To: Weston Crystal ACERA; Foster Kathy Alameda Co; Young Lucille ACERA; Stanek-Lowe Sharen ACERA Ben; Foley Adelle AC Transit; Porter Christie San Bernardino Co; Avery Helen San Bernardino Co; Gwinner Joyce San Bernardino Co Ben; Ortiz Mary San Bernardino Co Ben; Watson Darryl PERS Benefits; Lum Donna PERS Benefits; Wright Ellie CalPERS; Perez Karen PERS; Vaughn Kathie PERS; Nitschke Ken PERS Benefits; Fisher Mary Lynn PERS; Kraft Ron PERS Benefits; Galang Chris CalSTRS Ben; Peggy Plett; Pardell Ricardo STRS; Sheela, Carol; Jantz, Kim; Vencel Josiah; Carmin Karin Marin Co; Griffin Annamarie Merced Co; Latta Michelle Merced Co Ben; Guthrie Rosanne Merced co

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Subject: Re: CALAPRS FW: Question re Mandatory Electronic Direct Deposit

StanCERA does not mandate direct deposit, however, we strongly encourage retirees to utilize this feature. Out of 2,494 retirees only 123 receive actual checks. Periodically, we send forms with their monthly checks in an attempt to get the few remaining individuals to sign up.

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>>> "Rich Goss" <rgoss@earthlink.net> 3/22/2007 9:56 PM >>>
Kathy Foster at the Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association is asking about your system's policy regarding electronic direct deposit. See Kathy's questions below and respond directly to her at KFoster@Acera.Mi8.com

Thanks

Rich

Richard W. Goss, Administrator
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----- Original Message -----
From: Kathy Foster
To: rgoss@earthlink.net
Cc: Anna Libet
Sent: 3/22/2007 5:52:16 PM
Subject: Question from ACERA

Rich,

Would you send these questions to the other retirement systems on our behalf?

Questions from ACERA:

Does your system mandate direct deposit of retirement payroll checks?
If so, are all retirees mandated or only retirees who retired as of a certain date?

Thank you very much!

Kathy Foster
Benefits Manager
ACERA

From: Sheela, Carol
Sent: Saturday, April 21, 2007 9:17 AM
To: 'jfafaul@sdcera.org'
Cc: Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: RE: Member Identification Procedures

Jerry,

FCERA allows only written changes. We do not accept changes or release member or beneficiary information over the phone or through an email request.

However, in response to a member's phone call or email request for address or beneficiary change, we will send them and/or direct them to our website to print, complete, and submit the proper form to change their address or beneficiary information.

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From: Rich Goss [mailto:rwgoss@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2007 11:12 AM
To: Alcalá Gloria Oakland Ben; Amacker Celedonia SamCERA; Anderson Diana LA Fire & Police; Ankcorn Tim San Joaquin Co; Avery Helen San Bernardino Co; Barcus Jan LACERA; Barnes Robyn LA FPPEN; Barrios Carlos LACERA Benefits; Bermudez Suzanne Imperial Co; Bill Debbie San Diego Co; Bonnel Donna Sac RT; Boyd Marsha San Diego Co; Buckles Mercedes SDCERS Benefits; Cantrell Patricia SDCERS; Carmin Karin Marin Co; Chen-Ok Adam UCRS; Cochran Linda SFERS Reciprocity; Connella Crissa UCRS; Cunningham Shirley SDCERA; Davis Michele LA CAO; Deeds Lila Santa Barbara Co Asst Admin; Deiter Rod EB MUD; DeJarnette Marilyn SDCERS Ben; DeWitt Victor SDCERA; Dunlap Scott Santa Barbara Co Ben; Fafaul Jerry SDCERA Ben; Fisher Mary Lynn PERS; Flores Shane Sac Co Ben; Foley Adelle AC Transit; Foster Kathy Alameda Co; Galang Chris CalSTRS Ben; Garritson Leslie Sonoma Co; Golden Janice LACERA; Griffin Annamarie Merced Co; Griffiths Ed LA Fire & Police; Guthrie Rosanne Merced co Ben; Gwinner Joyce San Bernardino Co Ben; Hsi Li LACERS Benefits; Hudson Yvonne Oakland; Jackson Nora LACERA; Jantz, Kim; Jenike Suzanne OCERS Ben; Jenkins Tier Oakland Ben; Johnson Sharon UCRP Ben; Khan Debra San Joaquin Co; Kraft Ron PERS Benefits; Latta Michelle Merced Co Ben; Lea Dawn StanCERA Ben; LeNguyen Eliz SamCERA Ben; Likarich Suzanne Sac Co; Lum Donna PERS Benefits; McFetridge Barbara Imperial Co; Megaly Gehan LACERA Ben; Mikhail Mike LACERA Ben; Nagle Rob SLO Co; Newport Maria SFERS; Nitschke Ken PERS Benefits; Olson Helen Sonoma Co; Ortiz Mary San Bernardino Co Ben; Paladino Annette Santa Barbara Co; Pardell Ricardo STRS; Peggy Plett; Perez Karen PERS; Porter Christie San Bernardino Co; Regalia Kathy Sacramento Co; Riley Kathleen Fresno City; Rovito Michele Sacramento Co; Salley Julie Santa Barbara Co; Schlimgen Gary UCRS; Sheela, Carol; Silva Michele StanCERA; Smale Renee Tulare Co; Smith Gladys SamCERA Ben; Somsen Kathy Contra Costa Co; Stanek-Lowe Sharen ACERA Ben; Vaughn Kathie PERS; Vencel Josiah; Watson Darryl PERS Benefits; Webster Tom San Jose; West Hugh UCRS; Weston Crystal ACERA; Wolford David SDCERA Ben; Wood Donna Stanislaus Co; Young Lucille ACERA

Cc: Fafaul Jerry SDCERA Ben
Subject: FW: Member Identification Procedures

Jerry Fafaul at the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association would like to know what protocols you have in place to identify members when they call in. See Jerry's question below and respond directly to Jerry at jfafaul@sdcera.org

Rich

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From: [Jerry Fafaul](mailto:jfafaul@sdcera.org)
To: rgoss@calaprs.org
Sent: 3/29/2007 7:58:48 AM
Subject: Member Identification Procedures

Hi Rich:

SDCERA is in the process of establishing new policy with respect to Call Center operating instructions associated with member identification. We would like to know how other systems are handling member identification over the phone and determine what if any member information (i.e.: Address Change, Beneficiary Change, releasing Beneficiary Information) is changed via a member initiated phone call. Additionally, does any system allow changes to member accounts via email? Fax? If so, what are the types of changes allowed?

We have received information from LACERA; however we are curious if other systems have similar procedures?

Thanks!

Jerry Fafaul
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From: Benson, Mary
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 8:12 AM
To: Pena, Roberto; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: Thank You

Thank you so much for coming out to Air Fresno on Wed. We really appreciate getting the facts and having a better idea of how our refunds will be calculated. At least 2 of us, my desk partner and I, would like to attend the Board of Supervisor's meeting on 6/5. Largely, since neither one of us have been to a meeting, and their intervention does have an impact on us. We would need to have an approximate time when it will come up on their agenda being as once again we are using our annual leave. Thank you again and have a terrific weekend. Mary

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Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 2:42 PM
To: Benson, Mary
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Retirement Board meeting tomorrow

The meeting on 6/5/07 is a Board of Supervisors meeting. They are required to post their agenda 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

FCERA's next regular meeting is scheduled for 6/6/07. Our agenda will be posted on 6/1/07.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Benson, Mary
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 1:23 PM
To: Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: RE: PRA - RE: Retirement Board meeting tomorrow

Ok. My interest is the one on 6/5/2007. Isn't your meeting the following day? I listened to today's meeting and it sounded like the audience size has increased.

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 1:11 PM
To: Benson, Mary
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Retirement Board meeting tomorrow

Mary,
I'm sorry, I didn't mean to imply that they don't have an agenda. The Board of Supervisors will prepare an agenda for the meeting, but I don't know where they will place the rehearing of this item on the agenda or what time it will be heard. I believe the agenda is posted 72 hours before the meeting, so perhaps the agenda will be available from the Board of Supervisors on May 30 or 31.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Benson, Mary
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 8:25 AM
To: Van Wyk, Becky

Subject: RE: PRA - RE: Retirement Board meeting tomorrow

I find it hard to believe they don't have an agenda. Do they even know if it will be in the morning or afternoon? No wonder employees can't get to the meetings.

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 5:20 PM
To: Benson, Mary
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Retirement Board meeting tomorrow

By the way, it seems that I neglected to respond to your question about the Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board of Supervisors is unable to provide FCERA with an approximate time so we have no idea what time the item will be heard.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Benson, Mary
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 4:35 PM
To: Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: RE: PRA - RE: Retirement Board meeting tomorrow

We didn't get it but it usually does come on Fridays. I'll check the web site.

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 3:57 PM
To: Benson, Mary
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Retirement Board meeting tomorrow

The agenda was e-mailed Friday afternoon about 3:40 pm. Do you normally get one from our secretary, Elizabeth Avalos, or from someone within your department? Please note that the agenda is also posted on FCERA's website on the Friday preceding the meeting. Sometimes this occurs after 5:00 pm, depending on the size of the agenda.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Benson, Mary
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 1:44 PM
To: Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: Retirement Board meeting tomorrow

I have yet to see an agenda for tomorrows meeting. Generally it is sent to us by the Friday prior. Do you have it where you

can send it to me? Don't forget to let me know approx. what time to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting next month.
Thanks, Mary

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Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky on behalf of FCERAwebmail
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 5:15 PM
To: Hodge, Vickie
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Retirement/refund

Dear Vickie,

Thank you for the e-mail. I hope you found the discussion helpful. FCERA believes that for most current active employees, the amount withheld for Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability will exceed the deferred normal cost. Some people that are no longer active employees may not receive a refund depending on when they left active employment. We will be unable to determine those impacted until after we have the new rates and the calculations.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Hodge, Vickie
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 2:07 PM
To: FCERAwebmail
Subject: Retirement/refund

Good afternoon:

I attended your presentation/discussion of the retirement contribution and refund at the Department of Community Health. I have one question of your office.

I realize that all of this is subject to the outcome of the audit/legal opinions but since the recommended increase in contributions for several years was only partially instituted and the remaining part was deferred to future years— will the amount of the refund cover these deferred rates or will it only cover a portion therefore there would still be a significant amount to being deferred to the future?

Thank you for your assistance.

Victoria Hodge, OAll
Dept. Community Health - ISD
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Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 5:18 PM
To: Reilly, Phyllis; Hernandez, Randolph; Pena, Roberto
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Savrnoch, Stephanie
Subject: PRA - RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Unless we are ordered by the Courts to stop or the Board of Retirement elects to delay or modify the process, yes, the refunds will continue to go forward. Please note we expect to hear from the actuary on June 6, 2007(regular Board meeting) on the analysis of the prior rates. At that time, the Board of Retirement will take action on any outstanding items related to the refund process.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Reilly, Phyllis
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 5:14 PM
To: Van Wyk, Becky; Hernandez, Randolph; Pena, Roberto
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Savrnoch, Stephanie
Subject: RE: PRA - RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

So, if I now understand this, the refund will continue to go forward as planned?

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No. The Board of Supervisors has no input into that matter, other than if they decide to file a court action to stop us from proceeding. However, FCERA would not necessarily be privy to that information (County filing a court action) until after the fact.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Reilly, Phyllis
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 5:10 PM
To: Van Wyk, Becky; Hernandez, Randolph; Pena, Roberto
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Savrnich, Stephanie
Subject: RE: PRA - RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Maybe I misunderstood Mr. Pena. I thought he said that the Board of Supervisor's will note whether they will sign off on the refund at the June 5th meeting?

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From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 5:07 PM
To: Reilly, Phyllis; Hernandez, Randolph; Pena, Roberto
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Savrnich, Stephanie
Subject: PRA - RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Dear Phyllis,
Thank you for the e-mail. Please note that the Board of Supervisors will only be addressing the adoption of the actuarial valuation for June 30, 2006. We will update members on the effective of the new retirement contribution rates once they are approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Reilly, Phyllis
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 4:52 PM
To: Hernandez, Randolph; Pena, Roberto
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Van Wyk, Becky; Savrnich, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Please keep us informed as to what transpires at the June 5th Board of Supervisors Meeting.

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From: Hernandez, Randolph
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 3:35 PM

To: Pena, Roberto
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Van Wyk, Becky; Savrnach, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Roberto: will see you then @ 12:15
Thank you

From: Pena, Roberto
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 2:03 PM
To: Hernandez, Randolph
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Hi Randolph,

Yes I am speaking at Community health tomorrow and as always, I will be there answer all the questions by members, including anything related to the refund process.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you.

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From: Hernandez, Randolph
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 9:56 AM
To: Pena, Roberto
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Roberto: there are two rumors going around here;
1) That you are going to speak to us tomorrow in rm 120
2) That we are not receiving our refund

Will you be here to tell us this in the Comm. Health dept?

From: Avalos, Elizabeth
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 3:42 PM
To: Benningfield, Maria; Didulo, Diane; Dorsey, Frankie; Fine, Pamela; Heiner, Deborah; Hinds, Conor; Jacobie, Kristi; Jantz, Kim; Lopez, Angelic; Lynch, Tonia; Morales, Leticia; Morales, Loretta; Saldivar, Reo; Sheela, Carol; Srisukwatana, Thanaphat; Van Wyk, Becky; Vang, Kay; Wells, Janice; Alvarez, Michael; Assem Moussa; Bandy, Beth; Bernard Stepanek; Bethel, Michael; Betsy Lindegren; Bill Storey; Carol Barlow; Davilla, Gayle; Dennis Pack; Donawa, Kathleen; Brittan, Doreen; Ed Kiang; Sahagian, Elizabeth; Elkin, Shawn; Ellis, Dennis; George Bleth; Gloria Cantu; Gonzalez, Marc; Grunwald, Barbara; Henry, Terence L.; Hernandez, Randolph; Hindman, Armando; Janet Coleman; Jeannie Kawalscheck - Retired; Jeffrey J. MacLean (E-mail); Jim Glenn; John Lopez; John Rich; Joy Clark; Keri Ginis (E-mail); Lee, Annie; Les Jorgensen; May, Michele; Monopoli, Carl; Murray, Veronica; Navarrette, John; Norman Preston; Ogawa, Junso; Okada, Ellen; Orth, Brandi; Phil Erdman; Phillip Cronin; Reilly, Phyllis; Ruth Neal Boston Partners; Samarin, Vicki; Stan Ediger; Susan Hatmaker; Thompson, Robert L.; Wajdak, Vicki; Wilson, Roger D.; Gary L. Martin; Geneva Schaeffer; Marianne

Messina; Pam Carozza; Ronald Frye; Ruth Avakian; Barlow, Jean; Cade, Alan; Crow, Vicki; John Souza (E-mail); Michael Cardenas (E-mail); Savrnoch, Stephanie; Steven J. Jolly

Cc: Pena, Roberto

Subject: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Please note, attached is the Agenda for the May 23, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

FCERA encourages your attendance/participation at this meeting. Please remember that FCERA broadcasts its meetings via the internet and can be accessed from FCERA's home page at www.fcera.org.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 2:23 PM
To: Coutre, Yvonne; Pena, Roberto
Cc: Dumlao, Sandra; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Meeting today

Dear Yvonne,

Thank you for the e-mail. Roberto and I visit many employee sites to discuss retirement issues. We are not aware that anyone takes minutes during these presentations. With this e-mail, I have forwarded your question to Sandra Dumlao, the organizer of today's session. Perhaps she kept minutes or arranged to have minutes taken.

Please note that Roberto and I would be happy to come to your worksite to discuss retirement issues at a time that is convenient to a group of your coworkers. If you would like to schedule such a meeting, please confirm with your supervisor or department head that it would be ok for us to visit your worksite. And then we can schedule a date and time. Alternatively, we can schedule something here at our facility, even after normal work hours, if you and your coworkers are interested.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Coutre, Yvonne
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 2:13 PM
To: Pena, Roberto; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: Meeting today

Roberto and Becky,

Good day, I was wondering if you would be able to post or let me know the minutes of today's meeting. I would have liked to have attended but it would have been too far for me to come on such short notice

*Thank You,
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Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky on behalf of FCERAwebmail
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 1:43 PM
To: Coutre, Yvonne
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Cola Cks

Dear Ms. Coutre,

Thank you for the e-mail. With reference to the refund process, currently the only change to the process is that the refund has been delayed 2-4 weeks as a result of delays in obtaining information from our prior actuary. Please note that we expect to receive the results of the review of retirement contributions from the actuaries at the regular Board meeting scheduled for June 6, 2007. This meeting will also include an update of the refund process. We hope to have a better idea of how the timeline will be affect after we receive the actuaries' report on their review of the contribution rates on June 6, 2007. At that time, we should be able to update the timeline.

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From: Coutre, Yvonne
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 1:18 PM
To: FCERAwebmail
Subject: Cola Cks

To whom it may concern,
I was hoping to find out if we are moving along on the phases of our refund. Like by the 31st we are to be at phase 8?

*Thank You,
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Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 7:52 AM
To: Black, Stanley
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Retirement Refund

Dear Mr. Black,

Thank you for your e-mail. Roberto and I visit many departments on an invitation basis to discuss retirement issues. If you would like us to visit your worksite to discuss retirement issues with you and a group of coworkers, please obtain authorization from your supervisor or department head and then we can schedule a time that is convenient. Please note that we can also arrange to have a presentation here at our facility, if that would work better for you. We are available after 5 p.m. for such meetings as well.

Yesterday's presentation discussed how retirement contributions are calculated and the status of the refund process. I'm not sure what you mean by "have less money withheld". If you could elaborate, I'll see what I can do to answer your concerns.

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From: Black, Stanley
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 6:53 AM
To: Pena, Roberto; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: Retirement Refund

Dear Sir and Mam,

I like many others, I'm sure, was unable to attend yesterday's information meeting. Are you planning to hold any more meetings either during the morning or later in the afternoon for those that work nights like myself?

If this is not possible, could you at least provide an overview of what needs to be done to have less money withheld and the pros and cons for doing so? I am assuming that these issues were discussed in yesterday's meeting.

Sincerely,

Stan Black

Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky on behalf of FCERAwemail
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 1:05 PM
To: 'nc1973@sbcglobal.net'; FCERAwemail
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: (Noemi Walther) Retirement Returns

Thank you for your e-mail. If you made retirement contributions at any time during the period July 2003 through February 2007 and you left your contributions on deposit with FCERA at the time of your termination, you may be entitled to a refund. FCERA is currently work with its outside service providers to develop a process to calculate the amount of the refunds. We expect to be able to issue the refunds during the summer. Please be sure that FCERA has your correct mailing address on file so that you receive all the information pertaining to the potential refund.

FCERA's website will be updated with information as it becomes available.

Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: nc1973@sbcglobal.net [mailto:nc1973@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 8:19 PM
To: FCERAwemail
Subject: (Noemi Walther) Retirement Returns

Hello I've been hearing comments from ex-coworkers from Fresno County who say that County employees will be receiving a refund in July. Is this true, if it is I've heard that it is retroactive from 2003 - 2005. I was county employee during that time and left in July 2005. How can I go about finding out if I will be receiving a return myself?

Thank you for your time.

Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 12:07 PM
To: Calote, Mary
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Retirement Refund

Dear Ms. Calote,

Thank you for the e-mail. I understand the confusion. And you are right, there are a lot of rumors out there. The e-mail distributed by FCERA several weeks ago that referred to the project timeline was based on the information that we had on hand at that time. Subsequent to that e-mail, our actuaries obtained additional information that will impact the timing of the refunds. As of yesterday's Board meeting, FCERA believes that the timeline will be extended by at least 2-3 weeks.

Please note that we expect to receive the results of the review of retirement contributions from the actuaries at the regular Board meeting scheduled for June 6, 2007. This meeting will also include an update of the refund process. We hope to have a better idea of how the timeline will be affect after we receive the actuaries' report on their review of the contribution rates on June 6, 2007. At that time, we should be able to update the timeline.

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Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Calote, Mary
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 10:59 AM
To: Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: Retirement Refund

I am working with the elections department. I received an email that was county wide regarding the refund we are expecting after July 15th.

I do not like rumor mills, so I am asking, what is going on now. I understand that now we are not receiving a letter and that many will receive no refund. Is this true and can you explain why that email went out if now the information is not correct. Just for my FYI.

Thanks-I am not angry just extremely confused regarding this refund or no refund situation.

Mary Jean Calote
Program Technician
Elections Warehouse
Ph: 456-7353

Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 12:52 PM
To: Dumlao, Sandra
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: COLA UAAL Reimbursement Information

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Hi Sandra,

Thank you for the e-mail. Please review the attached minutes from the January 10, 2007 Board meeting to review the motion to net deferred normal cost against the COLA UAAL. Please note that the minutes are also available on our website.



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Please call me at 559.457.0681 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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From: Dumlao, Sandra
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 9:59 AM
To: Van Wyk, Becky
Cc: Pena, Roberto
Subject: COLA UAAL Reimbursement Information

Hello Becky,

I have been trying to locate the information sent/provided to members regarding netting or reducing the refund by the deferred contributions. Either I am overlooking it or not looking at the right documents. Would you please direct me to where I can locate the information?

Thank you.

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Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky on behalf of FCERAwemail
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 8:03 AM
To: 'Sunnie Deupree'
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: crivera@seiu535.org, elopez@seiu535.org, smason@seiu535.org

Dear Ms. Deupree,

Thank you for your e-mail. Please note that we expect to receive the results of the review of retirement contributions from the actuaries at the regular Board meeting scheduled for June 6, 2007. This meeting will also include an update of the refund process. FCERA and the Board of Retirement encourages your attendance and participation at its meetings. Your e-mail will be provided to the Trustees at the Board meeting scheduled for June 6, 2007.

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From: Sunnie Deupree [mailto:sunniedeupree@yuba.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 8:27 PM
To: FCERAwemail
Subject: crivera@seiu535.org, elopez@seiu535.org, smason@seiu535.org

May 23, 2007

To Whom It May Concern at FCERA and SEIU 521:

I am writing today to express my concern with a plan that was described to me by Sue Mason, union rep. for bargaining unit 4, SEIU 521. As Sue explained to me, FCERA is proposing to keep or take a portion of the proposed retirement contribution reimbursement that was previously slated to be sent out in July, but has now been pushed back to August.

So, let me get this straight: Money that was taken from us in an unlawful manner for over 3 years that was set to be returned to us—with interest—may now not be fully returned because FCERA is looking for a reason to keep it. And now, FCERA has bought itself some more time to find a justifiable (and maybe lawful this time) reason why we owe them money.

I know there are a lot of issues that FCERA is trying to bring up from the past, such as the agreed-upon increases in our contribution rates from years gone by. I could spend some time here explaining why a signed agreement between two entities is binding, or about having dignity and preserving one's reputation in the community is a good thing, but it seems like the folks at FCERA should already know this.

5/24/2007

I called FCERA myself two days ago when these rumors started surfacing and I asked them about it and they claimed they had no idea what I was talking about. Hmmm. It seems to me that FCERA has acted poorly and with a lack of good faith and sadly, this seems to be the norm, rather than the exception.

I would like the people at FCERA to hear this loud and clear: Our refunds are due to us. You should return our money—with interest—with all due haste and stop this sitting around in smoky rooms floating justifications for keeping it any longer. You are acting like a defendant in court who has no real defense for not paying his rent. You claim, “You owe me money for putting in a new sink.” There is no prior contract and no contract can now be imposed where one did not exist, nor can you change the terms of one just because you don’t want to pay. This money is ours—rightfully—and there is ample evidence of this because if there was not, then no refunds would have ever been agreed to by FCERA.

I am asking with all due respect to stop ruining your reputation, stop looking for excuses and pay us what we are rightfully owed.

I am also formally requesting that SEIU 521 represent our interests in this matter and demand payment in full within 60 days.

This has gone on long enough!

Sunnie Deupree
IHSS Social Worker

5/24/2007

From: Pena, Roberto
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 3:27 PM
To: Hernandez, Randolph; Van Wyk, Becky
Cc: Savrnoch, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Randolfo,

We are thankful for the chance to speak to the members and we are glad we were to reach some of them even if it was for a short time. I hope we didn't complicate matters even more.

Thank you.

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From: Hernandez, Randolph
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 3:12 PM
To: Pena, Roberto; Van Wyk, Becky
Cc: Savrnoch, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Thanks for coming over the other day, I didn't get to tell you all "thanks" in person because I was already getting sick, called in the next day, don't know if I was contagious or not, so I tried to stay back

From: Pena, Roberto
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 4:00 PM
To: Hernandez, Randolph
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Van Wyk, Becky; Savrnoch, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Good see you then.

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From: Hernandez, Randolph

Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 3:35 PM
To: Pena, Roberto
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Van Wyk, Becky; Savrnock, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Roberto: will see you then @ 12:15
Thank you

From: Pena, Roberto
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 2:03 PM
To: Hernandez, Randolph
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Hi Randolph,

Yes I am speaking at Community health tomorrow and as always, I will be there answer all the questions by members, including anything related to the refund process.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you.

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From: Hernandez, Randolph
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 9:56 AM
To: Pena, Roberto
Cc: Avalos, Elizabeth; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: RE: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Roberto: there are two rumors going around here;
1) That you are going to speak to us tomorrow in rm 120
2) That we are not receiving our refund

Will you be here to tell us this in the Comm. Health dept?

From: Avalos, Elizabeth
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 3:42 PM
To: Benningfield, Maria; Didulo, Diane; Dorsey, Frankie; Fine, Pamela; Heiner, Deborah; Hinds, Conor; Jacobie, Kristi; Jantz, Kim; Lopez, Angelic; Lynch, Tonia; Morales, Leticia; Morales, Loretta; Saldivar, Reo; Sheela, Carol; Srisukwatana, Thanaphat; Van Wyk, Becky; Vang, Kay; Wells, Janice; Alvarez, Michael; Assem Moussa; Bandy, Beth; Bernard Stepanek; Bethel, Michael;

Betsy Lindegren; Bill Storey; Carol Barlow; Davilla, Gayle; Dennis Pack; Donawa, Kathleen; Brittan, Doreen; Ed Kiang; Sahagian, Elizabeth; Elkin, Shawn; Ellis, Dennis; George Bleth; Gloria Cantu; Gonzalez, Marc; Grunwald, Barbara; Henry, Terence L.; Hernandez, Randolph; Hindman, Armando; Janet Coleman; Jeannie Kawalscheck - Retired; Jeffrey J. MacLean (E-mail); Jim Glenn; John Lopez; John Rich; Joy Clark; Keri Ginis (E-mail); Lee, Annie; Les Jorgensen; May, Michele; Monopoli, Carl; Murray, Veronica; Navarrette, John; Norman Preston; Ogawa, Junso; Okada, Ellen; Orth, Brandi; Phil Erdman; Phillip Cronin; Reilly, Phyllis; Ruth Neal Boston Partners; Samarin, Vicki; Stan Ediger; Susan Hatmaker; Thompson, Robert L.; Wajdak, Vicki; Wilson, Roger D.; Gary L. Martin; Geneva Schaeffer; Marianne Messina; Pam Carozza; Ronald Frye; Ruth Avakian; Barlow, Jean; Cade, Alan; Crow, Vicki; John Souza (E-mail); Michael Cardenas (E-mail); Savrnoch, Stephanie; Steven J. Jolly

Cc: Pena, Roberto

Subject: Board of Retirement Regular Meeting Agenda - May 23, 2007 8:30 AM

Please note, attached is the Agenda for the May 23, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

FCERA encourages your attendance/participation at this meeting. Please remember that FCERA broadcasts its meetings via the internet and can be accessed from FCERA's home page at www.fcera.org.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Avalos

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Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Van Wyk, Becky
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 11:10 AM
To: LaPlace, Nancy
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: PRA - RE: Retirement Rates/Refund Info

Dear Ms. LaPlace,
Thank you for your e-mail. Roberto and I visit many departments on an invitation basis to discuss retirement issues.

With reference to the refund process, currently the only change to the process is that the refund has been delayed 2-4 weeks as a result of delays in obtaining information from our prior actuary. Please note that we expect to receive the results of the review of retirement contributions from the actuaries at the regular Board meeting scheduled for June 6, 2007. This meeting will also include an update of the refund process. We hope to have a better idea of how the timeline will be affect after we receive the actuaries' report on their review of the contribution rates on June 6, 2007. At that time, we should be able to update the timeline.

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From: LaPlace, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 12:18 PM
To: Van Wyk, Becky
Cc: LaPlace, Nancy
Subject: RE: Retirement Rates/Refund Info

Hi,
I was unable to attend the informational meeting yesterday. Is it possible for a memo outlining the current status of this issue to be sent out to the employees? I received little response from the Board of Supervisors, and am hesitant to place much faith in the Fresno Bee's take on this matter. Any credible information would be much appreciated. Thank you,
Nancy

From: Morozov, Helen
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 4:13 PM
To: Adams, Sylvia; Arakelian, Sandra; Ayoub, Attracta; Besmer, Barbara; Bonilla, Moriah; Buckowski, Kendla; Burke, Tammy; Camarena, Elizabeth; Cardoza, Lisa; Castillo, Alicia; Chin, Pon; Day, Hannah; Day, Jennifer; Dickson, Susan; Dobbins, Sabrina; Escutia, Mary; Flores, Ruby; Flores, Susan; Garcia, Lee; Garcia, Tracie; Gholamrezaei, Leila; Gigliotti, Jovana; Good, Isabel; Gregg, Colleen; Hardy, Lorraine; Henry, Carol; Hughes, Tennille; Irwin, Vicki; Jones, Dorothea; Kelley, Kathleen; Kinnunen, Tami; Kuest, Deborah; LaPlace, Nancy; Ledesma, Yolanda; Lopez, Sally (MCAH); Malveaux, Glenna; Marquez, Christina; Martz, Rene; Mays, Lorrie; Mendez, Lydia; Minnerly, Donna; Misaki, Laurie; Molina, Alicia; Moreno, Christina; Morozov, Helen; Morris, Margaret; Morrisson, Mary; Murphy, Kim; Newsome, Priscilla; Paras, Elphia; Ransom, Vanaye; Recek, Marlaina; Robles, Juliana; Rodriguez, Lucia; Rodriguez, Lynn - MCAH; Ruiz, Barbara (MCAH); Rutledge, Judy; Simon, Denise; Singh, Marie; Sullivan, Dora; Tello, Pat; Thao, Tong - HSS; Torres, Ricarda; Tsang, Lisa; Vang, Ah; Vang, Bee; Vang, Mai; Vargas-Leanos, Natalia; Xiong, Her; Zepeda, Kim
Subject: FW: Retirement Rates/Refund Info

*Helen Morozov, Sec IV
Maternal Child and Adolescent Health
Comm Health*

From: Murray, Veronica **On Behalf Of** Grassi, Kathleen

Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 3:25 PM

To: Arakelian, Sandra; Bertolino, LuAnn; Bird, Ken; Casagrande, Tim; Davilla, Gayle; Drusen, Catherine; Laird, George (Bud); Luchini, David; Lynch, Daniel; Markus, Chris; McCann, Maureen; Spolsdoff, James; Anderson, Katherine; Awes, Shelly; Burns, Jacqueline; Bynum, Roberta; Dumlao, Sandra; Garcia, Joe; Harris, Trevor; Pardo, Jennifer; Paukovits, Kristin; Reimer, Evelyn; Sandhu, Millie; Scharnhorst, Karen; Vart, Carolyn; Vasquez, Pilar; Williams, Julie

Cc: Acree-Miller, Priscilla; Amaral, Barbara; Brooks, Ronele; Chavez, Susan; Helton, Barbara; Jordan-Maxwell, Julie; Karagozian, Karen; Morozov, Helen; Mull, Valerie; Murray, Veronica; Rodriguez, Becky; DeLuca, Martha; George, Carl; Hier-Johnson, Linda; Lomeli, Maria; Ortiz, Silvia; Wood, Letha

Subject: Retirement Rates/Refund Info

Please share the following information with your staff.

Robert Pena, Retirement Administrator, and Becky Van Wyk, Chief Accountant, will be in Room 120 on Tuesday, May 22, during the noon hour (12-1) to answer any questions staff may have regarding retirement rates for FY 07-08 and the status of employee retirement refunds.

Staff may use their lunch break to attend this meeting.

On behalf of Kathleen Grassi

Ronnie Murray

Administrative Secretary

Fresno County Department of Community Health

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Avalos, Elizabeth

From: Avalos, Elizabeth
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 11:49 AM
To: Jasper, John
Subject: RE: Refund of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability included in Cost of Living Contribution

Dear Mr. Jasper:

Thank you for the e-mail. With reference to the refund process, currently the only change to the process is that the refund has been delayed 2-4 weeks as a result of delays in obtaining information from our prior actuary. Please note that we expect to receive the results of the review of retirement contributions from the actuaries at the regular Board meeting scheduled for June 6, 2007. This meeting will also include an update of the refund process. We hope to have a better idea of how the timeline will be affected after we receive the actuaries' report on their review of the contribution rates on June 6, 2007. At that time, we should be able to update the timeline.

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From: Jasper, John
Sent: Sunday, May 27, 2007 1:45 PM
To: Avalos, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Refund of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability included in Cost of Living Contribution

Question,

I heard a rumor that this has been put on hold! Is this true?

From: Avalos, Elizabeth
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2007 12:31 PM
To: Avalos, Elizabeth; AllCounty; Adams, Stacy; Alimi, Mohammad; 'Amy Hatcher'; Bewley, James S.; 'California Nurses Assn'; Dadian, Dawn; Devins, Frances; Flores, Jose (Chaplain); 'Fresno Deputy Sheriffs Assn'; 'Gloria Cantu'; Gomez, Eulalio; Gonzales, David J; Heizenrader, Robin; 'Independent County employees Assn'; Kader, Phil; 'Keven Smith'; Larkin, Curtis; Lewis, Dennis-DDA; Lopez, Henry; Nakagawa, Wendy; 'SEIU'; 'Stationary Engineers - Local 39'; Thompson, Kevin; Tiger, Joseph; 'Tom Abshere (E-mail0'; 'Wayne Wu - Fresno Co. Firefighters Assn'
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: RE: Refund of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability included in Cost of Living Contribution

Dear Member:

We have received a number of e-mails asking for clarification of the refund process described in yesterday's e-mail. As a result, we are providing the following clarifications/instructions:

- Please DO NOT change your income tax withholdings with the County of Fresno.
- The refund process has no impact on any payroll information you have on file with the County of Fresno. You will receive a letter from FCERA that includes the amount of the refund AND a withholding form that must be **returned to FCERA by July 13, 2007** if you elect not to have any income tax withholdings on the refund.

- The refund calculations will be completed by mid-June and the amount of your refund will be included in the letters described above.
- The County of Fresno has no information on the refund amount, tax withholdings, or timing of the refund. All questions should be directed to FCERA at 559.457.0681.
- The refunds will be issued through FCERA's disbursement bank, The Bank of New York and reported as income on a Form 1099R issued through the Bank of New York in January 2008.
- Although the refunds are taxable, there is no penalty attached to the refund as it is a correction of the plan, not a voluntary withdrawal by the member.
- Transfer to an IRA, deferred compensation or other tax deferred account is not available as this refund is a plan correction.
- The refund process was established for all members, thus FCERA will not keep the excess contributions on deposit and reduce your future contributions.
- FCERA does not know the state withholding rate at this time. It will be posted on the website when we obtain the information and it will be provided in the letters distributed in mid-June.

Please contact me if you have additional questions. Thank you.

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From: Avalos, Elizabeth
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2007 5:03 PM
To: AllCounty; Adams, Stacy; Alimi, Mohammad; Amy Hatcher; Bewley, James S.; California Nurses Assn; Dadian, Dawn; Devins, Frances; Flores, Jose (Chaplain); Fresno Deputy Sheriffs Assn; Gloria Cantu; Gomez, Eulalio; Gonzales, David J; Heizenrader, Robin; Independent County employees Assn; Kader, Phil; Keven Smith; Larkin, Curtis; Lewis, Dennis-DDA; Lopez, Henry; Nakagawa, Wendy; SEIU; Stationary Engineers - Local 39; Thompson, Kevin; Tiger, Joseph; Tom Abshere (E-mail0; Wayne Wu - Fresno Co. Firefighters Assn
Cc: Pena, Roberto; Van Wyk, Becky
Subject: Refund of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability included in Cost of Living Contribution

Dear Member,

FCERA has posted the timeline for issuing the refunds of excess retirement contributions collected during the period July 2003 through the last pay date in February (Friday, February 23, 2007) on its website at www.fcera.org or **under Retirement Association on the County's Intranet listing of Departments**. Once on FCERA's homepage, select Refunds of COLA Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability Update in the Special Announcement section to go to information about the refunds. Please note, as indicated in the timeline, we estimate that all refunds will be issued by the end of July 2007.

FCERA extended the refund processing time by about four weeks to provide the **amount of the** refund in order for you to make an informed decision regarding the tax withholding on your refund. This additional time allows FCERA to adhere to certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Service while providing the members with reasonable time to make their tax withholding election.

Please be sure to check your mail (mailing address on file with your employer as of pay period ending May 6, 2007) beginning June 15th for the refund notice. Your request to not have any income taxes withheld must be in FCERA's possession July 13th or the minimum required income taxes will be withheld on the refund (10% federal, state rate is yet to be determined).

Please contact me if you have additional questions. Thank you.

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May 30, 2007

Bill Foster
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Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you for your inquiry dated May 15, 2007 (copy enclosed). The Fresno County Employees Retirement Association (FCERA) adopted Government Code § 31760.2, 31785.1, and 31786.1 implementing SB670 on June 7, 2000. The costs associated with the implementation of these code sections was passed on to the employer as part of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

Please contact me again if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Becky Van Wyk
Assistant Retirement Administrator

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Sirs;

It is my understanding that Fresno is one of the eleven '37 act' counties adopting, S.B.670, in the year 2000. An earlier inquiry disclosed that these benefits to surviving spouses of post-retirement marriages are funded from a "reserve" fund.

My questions is that when SB 670 was implemented, was the contribution raised on your working members, or were the new benefits assumed by the employer and drawn from the existing fund?

Thanks in advance for your assistance in this matter.

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