



CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT

Retirement Plan

June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation
for Calendar Year 2021 Contributions

December 9, 2020

This page intentionally left blank

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN

June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Table of Contents

	<u>Page</u>
Introduction	
Introduction and Actuarial Certification	1
Summary of Results	3
Funded Status and Contribution Rate History	4
Plan assets	
Reconciliation of Market Value of Assets	5
Asset Allocation - Market Value of Assets	6
Target Asset Allocation	6
Actuarial Value of Assets	7
Historical Investment Return Information	8
Plan Liabilities	
Summary of Liabilities Used to Determine Contributions	9
Funding policy results	
Amortization Schedule	10
Actuarially Determined Contribution	11
2021 Employer Contribution Rates by Bargaining Unit	11
Analysis of Contribution Rate Changes	12
PEPRA Contribution Rates	13
Valuation data	
Summary of Membership Data	14
Summary of Membership Changes	15
Age and Service Distribution of Active Members	16
Age Distribution of Inactive Members	17
Pension risk information	
Discussion of pension risks	18
Plan maturity measures	19
Risk analysis	20
Supplementary information	
Summary of Plan Provisions	21
Actuarial Methods	24
Actuarial Assumptions	26
Selection of Economic Assumptions	29
Selection of Non-Economic Assumptions	30
Important Notices	31
Glossary of Selected Terms	33

Introduction and Actuarial Certification

Purposes of the valuation

This report presents the results of the June 30, 2020 actuarial funding valuation for the Contra Costa Water District Retirement Plan (the Plan). Its primary purposes are:

- to determine the Actuarially Determined Contributions for the 2021 calendar year, and
- to evaluate the funded status of the plan.

This report has been prepared solely for the Contra Costa Water District to summarize the Plan's actuarial funding considerations. Computations for other purposes, such as plan accounting or termination, may differ significantly from the results shown in this report.

This report may not be used for any other purpose, and Van Iwaarden Associates is not responsible for the consequences of any unauthorized use. Its content may not be modified, incorporated into or used in other material, or otherwise provided, in whole or in part, to any other person or entity, without our permission.

The Important Notices section of this report discusses several considerations for this actuarial valuation and its results. We highly recommend that anyone relying on this valuation's content read the Important Notices so they understand the limitations of actuarial results.

The language of this report includes a number of technical terms which have special meanings. The glossary at the end of the report is provided to enhance understanding of these terms; many of them are defined there.

Changes from the prior year

Changes to the plan provisions and actuarial assumptions reflected in this valuation are described at the end of each of those sections in this report. These changes include:

- A decrease in the investment return and discount rate assumptions from 6.75% to 6.50% to reflect updated capital market assumptions.
- The updated MP-2019 mortality improvement scale.

Summary of valuation results

Since the prior valuation, the plan's funded status decreased from 86.2% to 83.6% on a market asset value basis and from 85.2% to 84.8% on the "smoothed" actuarial asset basis. This change on a market value basis was primarily due to investment returns lower than expected and the decrease in discount rate from 6.75% to 6.50%.

The total Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) increased from 23.86% of payroll to 26.03%. The PEPRA employee contribution rate remains unchanged at 6.50%. Additional contribution details can be found on pages 11 to 13.

Please note that, unless otherwise noted, all liability and normal cost results in this report were calculated with the following assumptions:

- 2021 results reflect no future COLAs; 2020 results reflect a 1.6% 2020 COLA;
- Normal costs are based on the "blended" bargained and 6.50% PEPRA employee contribution rates; and
- 6/30/2020 liabilities are based on a 6.50% discount rate and 6/30/2019 liabilities are based on a 6.75% discount rate.

Introduction and Actuarial Certification (continued)

Actuarial certification

To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate and all Plan liabilities were determined in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices. Upon receipt of the report, the District should notify us if you disagree with any information contained in the report or if you are aware of any information that would affect the results that has not been communicated to us. The report will be deemed final and acceptable to the District unless the District promptly notifies us otherwise.

The District is responsible for selecting the funding policy, actuarial assumptions, and methods used to calculate the Actuarially Determined Contribution and other results in this report. With the exception of the COLA assumption, we believe that these assumptions are reasonable estimates of future plan experience, both individually and in the aggregate. The District assumes no long-term COLAs because these are not automatically granted. However, we believe the District's policy of consistently granting retiree COLAs suggests they are substantively automatic and should be reflected in the actuarial calculations.

All results in this report have been prepared based on our understanding of the District's pension funding policy and the Plan's benefit provisions. Additional contributions to the Plan may be required if actual plan economic and demographic experience do not match actuarial assumptions, or if contributions to the Plan are less than expected.

The undersigned credentialed actuaries are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Academy's Qualification Standards to render the actuarial opinion contained herein. We are available to answer questions on the material contained in the report or to provide explanations or further detail, as may be appropriate. We are not aware of any direct or material indirect financial interest or relationship that could create a conflict of interest or impair the objectivity of the work.

Respectfully submitted,



Gina N. Ganab, ASA, MAAA
Consulting Actuary



James A. van Iwaarden, FSA, EA, MAAA
Consulting Actuary

L/D/C/R: 4/dbw/gng/mws/jvi
December 9, 2020

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN

3

June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Summary of Results

	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
A. Plan participant data (see page 14)		
1. Number of participants		
a. Active employees	298	299
b. Vested terminated and reciprocals	94	93
c. Retirees and beneficiaries	389	376
d. Total	781	768
2. Projected payroll for contribution year ¹	\$ 34,408,722	\$ 33,298,773
B. Benefit liabilities (see page 9)²		
1. Present value of projected benefits	\$ 303,729,764	\$ 283,915,838
2. Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	250,485,738	235,333,807
3. Total normal cost (calendar year)	6,155,205	5,656,588
C. Value of plan assets (see pages 5 and 7)		
1. Market value of assets (MVA)	209,306,542	202,900,921
2. Actuarial value of assets (AVA)	212,512,141	200,478,790
3. Investment return, market value basis	3.5%	6.9%
D. Funded status		
1. Unfunded AAL, on AVA basis (B.2. - C.2.)	\$ 37,973,597	\$ 34,855,017
2. Funded status (C.2. / B.2.)	84.8%	85.2%
3. Funded status, MVA basis (C.1. / B.2.)	83.6%	86.2%
E. Contribution rates as a percent of payroll (see page 11)		
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
1. Normal cost		
a. Employer	9.66%	8.67%
b. Employee	8.23%	8.32%
2. Amortization of unfunded AAL (employer paid)		
a. Without latest COLA ³	16.37%	15.19%
b. Including latest COLA, if applicable	16.37%	15.90%
3. Employer contribution rates		
a. Without latest COLA (1.a. + 2.a.)	26.03%	23.86%
b. Including latest COLA, if applicable (1.a. + 2.b.)	26.03%	24.57%
F. Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC, see page 11)		
1. Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC)		
a. ADEC without latest COLA	\$ 8,955,660	\$ 7,946,411
b. ADEC including latest COLA, if applicable	8,955,660	8,181,751
2. Estimated employee contributions	2,830,899	2,769,139
3. Total ADC (1. + 2.)		
a. ADC without latest COLA	11,786,559	10,715,550
b. ADC including latest COLA, if applicable	11,786,559	10,950,890

¹ Projected pay for the calendar year following the valuation date. Payroll differs from OPEB due to application of the PEPRAs pay limits (\$126,291 in 2020 and \$124,180 in 2019 for Social Security members) in this pension valuation.

² 6/30/2020 liabilities are based on a 6.50% discount rate; 6/30/2019 liabilities are based on a 6.75% discount rate and include the latest COLA. See footnote 3 just below.

³ The COLA for 2020 was 1.6%. There is no COLA for 2021.

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN

June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Funded Status and Contribution Rate History

(amounts in \$000s)¹

Actuarial Valuation Date (6/30)	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll ²	UAAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Pre-COLA District Contribution Rate	District Contribution Rate w/ COLA	Discount Rate
1997	\$34,217	\$38,281	\$4,064	89.4%	\$15,822	25.7%	N/A	N/A	8.00%
1998	40,184	42,511	2,327	94.5%	17,190	13.5%	N/A	N/A	8.00%
1999	46,725	46,197	(528)	101.1%	17,462	-3.0%	N/A	N/A	8.00%
2000	53,495	50,773	(2,722)	105.4%	18,348	-14.8%	N/A	N/A	8.00%
2001	59,537	56,002	(3,535)	106.3%	19,438	-18.2%	N/A	N/A	8.00%
2002	62,724	62,183	(541)	100.9%	20,777	-2.6%	N/A	N/A	8.00%
2003	72,447	71,628	(819)	101.1%	21,308	-3.8%	N/A	N/A	8.00%
2004	75,560	77,667	2,107	97.3%	21,651	9.7%	N/A	N/A	8.00%
2005	78,950	83,194	4,244	94.9%	22,160	19.2%	7.02%	N/A	8.00%
2006	83,533	88,926	5,393	93.9%	23,034	23.4%	7.56%	N/A	8.00%
2007	93,937	95,166	1,229	98.7%	22,991	5.3%	6.24%	N/A	8.00%
2008	101,765	103,699	1,934	98.1%	24,578	7.9%	7.27%	N/A	8.00%
2009	102,581	105,933	3,352	96.8%	26,049	12.9%	8.52%	N/A	8.00%
2010	102,277	113,841	11,564	89.8%	26,769	43.2%	19.68%	N/A	8.00%
2011	105,068	122,542	17,474	85.7%	27,893	62.6%	21.84%	N/A	8.00%
2012	104,867	138,161	33,294	75.9%	27,604	120.6%	19.11%	N/A	8.00%
2013	126,095	152,849	26,754	82.5%	27,375	97.7%	21.23%	21.54%	7.75%
2014	140,843	164,326	23,483	85.7%	27,179	86.4%	19.67%	20.41%	7.50%
2015	154,251	176,013	21,762	87.6%	27,700	78.6%	19.48%	20.15%	7.50%
2016 ³	164,392	191,580	27,188	85.8%	28,847	94.2%	22.49%	22.18%	7.25%
2017	176,126	203,470	27,343	86.6%	29,850	91.6%	21.61%	22.41%	7.00%
2018	187,542	214,362	26,820	87.5%	31,297	85.7%	20.92%	22.11%	7.00%
2019	200,479	235,334	34,855	85.2%	32,771	106.4%	23.86%	24.57%	6.75%
2020	212,512	250,486	37,974	84.8%	33,863	112.1%	26.03%	26.03%	6.50%

¹ Amounts may not add due to rounding

² Projected compensation for year beginning on valuation date, with PEPR compensation limited to statutory amount

³ Includes a minor adjustment for 2017 to account for difference between 2017 funding report and COLA letter dated 12/1/2016.

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN

5

June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Reconciliation of Market Value of Assets

	Trust Year Ending	
	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
A. Market value of assets at beginning of year¹	\$ 202,900,921	\$ 189,143,172
B. Contributions		
1. Employer ²	9,979,291	10,644,233
2. Employee ³	<u>2,601,294</u>	<u>2,504,704</u>
3. Total	12,580,585	13,148,937
C. Investment earnings		
1. Gross investment earnings	7,447,922	13,474,202
2. Investment expenses (reimbursed by the District)	<u>(451,553)</u>	<u>(423,679)</u>
3. Net investment earnings	6,996,369	13,050,523
D. Benefit payments	(13,175,219)	(12,441,674)
E. Other adjustments⁴	3,886	(37)
F. Market value of assets at end of year (A. + B. + C.3. + D. + E.)	209,306,542	202,900,921
G. Investment return since prior valuation⁵	3.5%	6.9%

¹ Market value of assets at beginning and end of year are adjusted for contributions made during first month of fiscal year but attributable to the prior fiscal year's final pay period (\$356,015 at beginning of year and \$408,604 at end of year).

² Includes employer reimbursement to trust for quarterly investment management fees (\$423,679 in FY2019 and \$451,553 in FY2020) and \$2.18 million to fully fund the 2020 COLA and \$3.44 million to fully fund the 2019 COLA.

³ Includes amounts paid by District and credited to member accounts (\$447,184 in FY2019 and \$441,236 in FY2020) and employee service purchases of \$18,006 in FY2019.

⁴ Other adjustments for FY2020 include class action settlement receipt. Other adjustments for FY2019 include class action settlement receipt, overdraft charge, and prior year accrued income.

⁵ These returns differ from the Fiduciary Net Position (FNP) returns shown in the GASB 67/68 reports due to the adjustments noted in footnote #1 above.

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN
June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Asset Allocation - Market Value of Assets

The June 30, 2020 trust asset allocation is provided by Wells Fargo. Details are shown below.

	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,557,526	2.2%
Investments		
Domestic equity	93,799,269	44.8%
International equity	31,716,215	15.2%
Domestic fixed income	58,299,915	27.9%
International fixed income	10,448,184	5.0%
Real Estate	10,076,829	4.8%
Total investments	<u>204,340,412</u>	<u>97.6%</u>
Total Cash & Investments	208,897,938	99.8%
Receivables		
Accrued Income	-	0.0%
Contribution due from District ¹	323,482	0.2%
Contribution due from participants	85,122	0.0%
Total receivables	<u>408,604</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total Assets	209,306,542	100.0%

Target Asset Allocation

The Board Directors of Contra Costa Water District last revised the asset allocation in September 2015, as shown below.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>
Domestic large blend equity	5.5%
Domestic large value equity	13.0%
Domestic large growth equity	13.0%
Domestic mid cap equity	8.5%
Domestic small cap equity	5.0%
International developed markets equity	12.0%
International emerging markets equity	3.0%
Domestic fixed-income	30.0%
International and emerging market debt	5.0%
Real estate	5.0%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>

¹ Includes employer-paid employee contributions (i.e. "pick-up" contributions)

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN
June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Actuarial Value of Assets

	Trust Year Ending	
	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
A. Market value of assets (MVA)		
1. Market value of assets at beginning of year	\$ 202,900,921	\$ 189,143,172
i. Contributions (employee + employer)	12,580,585	13,148,937
ii. Expected earnings	13,675,743	13,264,776
iii. Benefit payments	<u>(13,175,219)</u>	<u>(12,441,674)</u>
2. Expected market value at end of year	215,982,030	203,115,211
3. Actual market value at end of year	209,306,542	202,900,921
4. Difference between actual MVA & expected MVA	6,675,488	214,290
B. Investment (gains) and losses¹		
1. Year ending June 30, 2020, June 30, 2019		
i. Variance from expected return: loss or (gain)	6,675,488	214,290
ii. Portion not yet recognized	80%	80%
iii. Investment return not yet recognized (i. x ii.)	5,340,390	171,432
2. Year ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2018		
i. Variance from expected return: loss or (gain)	214,290	(1,578,838)
ii. Portion not yet recognized	60%	60%
iii. Investment return not yet recognized (i. x ii.)	128,574	(947,303)
3. Year ending June 30, 2018, June 30, 2017		
i. Variance from expected return: loss or (gain)	(1,578,838)	(8,159,151)
ii. Portion not yet recognized	40%	40%
iii. Investment return not yet recognized (i. x ii.)	(631,535)	(3,263,660)
4. Year ending June 30, 2017, June 30, 2016		
i. Variance from expected return: loss or (gain)	(8,159,151)	8,087,000
ii. Portion not yet recognized	20%	20%
iii. Investment return not yet recognized (i. x ii.)	(1,631,830)	1,617,400
5. Total return not yet recognized (1.iii. + 2.iii. + 3.iii. + 4.iii.)	3,205,599	(2,422,131)
C. Actuarial Value of Assets (A.3. + B.5.)	212,512,141	200,478,790

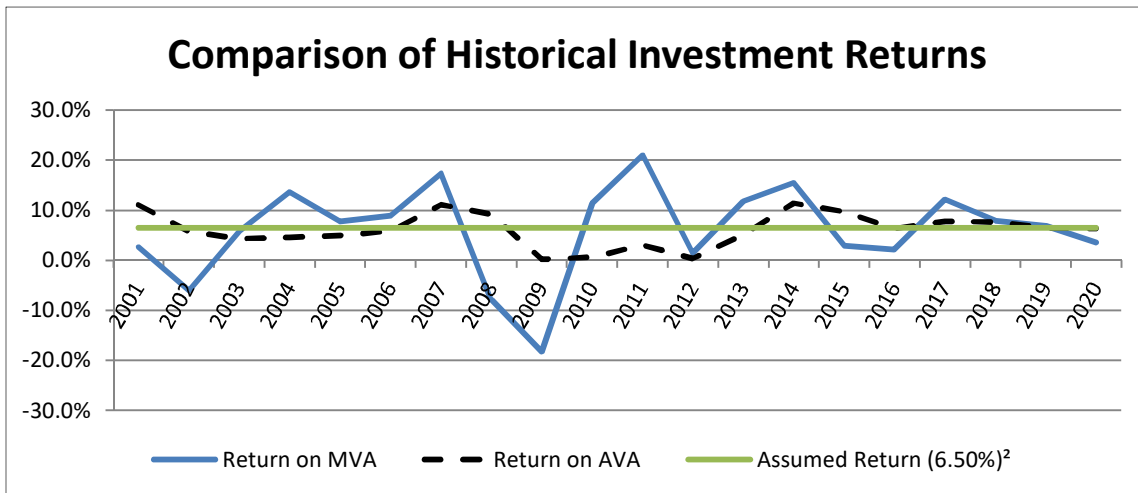
¹ The Actuarial Value of Assets is equal to the Market Value of Assets with a five year smoothing of gains and losses. This method is intended to reduce contribution rate volatility resulting from investment return fluctuations.

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN

June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Historical Investment Return Information

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>CPI-W Increase¹</u>	<u>Rate of Return on Market Value</u>	<u>Rate of Return on Actuarial Value</u>
June 30, 2001	6.7%	2.6%	11.1%
June 30, 2002	1.2%	-6.0%	5.7%
June 30, 2003	1.6%	5.9%	4.3%
June 30, 2004	1.7%	13.6%	4.6%
June 30, 2005	1.1%	7.8%	5.0%
June 30, 2006	3.9%	8.9%	5.9%
June 30, 2007	3.0%	17.4%	11.1%
June 30, 2008	4.7%	-7.8%	9.2%
June 30, 2009	-0.2%	-18.3%	0.2%
June 30, 2010	1.4%	11.3%	0.6%
June 30, 2011	2.9%	21.0%	3.1%
June 30, 2012	2.7%	1.4%	0.3%
June 30, 2013	2.6%	11.8%	5.1%
June 30, 2014	2.9%	15.4%	11.4%
June 30, 2015	1.9%	2.9%	9.7%
June 30, 2016	2.5%	2.1%	6.4%
June 30, 2017	3.3%	12.1%	7.8%
June 30, 2018	4.0%	7.9%	7.7%
June 30, 2019	3.0%	6.9%	6.5%
June 30, 2020	1.3%	3.5%	6.3%
20-year compound average	2.6%	5.6%	6.0%



¹ Increase of Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, for 12 month period ending June 30.

² The investment return assumption changed from 6.75% to 6.50% effective 6/30/2020.

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN
June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Summary of Liabilities Used to Determine Contributions

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
A. Actuarial present value of projected benefits¹		
1. Active employees	\$ 140,704,664	\$ 130,117,285
2. Vested terminated employees and reciprocals	10,024,959	9,718,525
3. Service retirees	143,366,370	134,819,995
4. Disabled participants	546,265	543,402
5. Beneficiaries	<u>9,087,506</u>	<u>8,716,631</u>
6. Total	303,729,764	283,915,838
B. Actuarial accrued liability²		
1. Active employees	87,460,638	81,535,254
2. Vested terminated employees and reciprocals	10,024,959	9,718,525
3. Service retirees	143,366,370	134,819,995
4. Disabled participants	546,265	543,402
5. Beneficiaries	<u>9,087,506</u>	<u>8,716,631</u>
6. Total	250,485,738	235,333,807
C. Normal cost		
1. At the valuation date		
a. Total normal cost	5,869,792	5,387,975
b. Employee normal cost	<u>2,699,632</u>	<u>2,637,642</u>
c. Net employer normal cost (a. - b.)	3,170,160	2,750,333
2. For the contribution year	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
a. Total normal cost	6,155,205	5,656,588
b. Employee normal cost	<u>2,830,899</u>	<u>2,769,139</u>
c. Net employer normal cost (a. - b.)	3,324,306	2,887,449
D. Key economic assumptions		
1. Funding interest rate	6.50%	6.75%
2. Salary increases	See page 26	See page 26
3. Postretirement COLA ³	0%	1.6% in 2020

¹ The value of all future benefits to be paid to the current group of members

² The cost allocated to all prior years

³ Assumed annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) applied to each retiree's pension benefit. The District assumes no long-term COLAs because they are not automatic. Future emerging COLAs create actuarial losses that are amortized over time.

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN

June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Amortization Schedule

<u>Amortization Base</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amortization Period</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance on June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Annual Contribution for 2021</u>
UAAL Base	2006	\$ 1,223,000	1	\$ 142,436	\$ 151,694
UAAL Base	2007	(4,019,000)	2	(923,017)	(506,978)
UAAL Base	2008	889,000	3	295,645	111,628
UAAL Base	2009	1,657,000	4	691,554	201,867
UAAL Base	2010	8,504,000	5	4,167,092	1,002,746
UAAL Base	2011	6,369,000	6	3,528,880	728,955
UAAL Base	2012	16,207,000	7	9,875,482	1,800,610
UAAL Base	2013	(5,815,000)	8	(3,821,184)	(627,581)
2014 COLA	2013	759,000	8	480,356	78,892
UAAL Base	2014	(2,546,000)	9	(1,796,792)	(269,946)
2015 COLA	2014	1,826,000	9	1,306,693	196,315
UAAL Base	2015	(1,947,000)	10	(1,501,216)	(208,826)
2016 COLA	2015	1,682,000	10	1,296,475	180,346
UAAL Base	2016	5,450,000	11	4,483,454	583,097
2017 COLA	2016	2,374,000	11	1,952,835	253,976
UAAL Base ¹	2017	(2,259,672)	12	(1,968,898)	(241,324)
2018 COLA	2017	2,204,671	12	1,920,977	235,451
UAAL Base	2018	(1,659,232)	13	(1,521,291)	(176,900)
2019 COLA	2018	3,444,201	13	3,157,867	367,205
UAAL Base	2019	8,397,365	14	8,056,707	893,815
2020 COLA ²	2019	2,177,718	14	2,089,374	231,796
UAAL Base ²	2020	6,060,168	15	6,060,168	644,516
Total				37,973,597	5,631,354

¹ Includes an adjustment for prior rounding of earlier amortization bases.

² The District made a \$2.18 million lump sum contribution to fully fund the 2020 COLA. This extra contribution is reflected in the 2020 UAAL base.

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN

June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Actuarially Determined Contribution

	Contribution Year	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
A. Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)		
1. Total normal cost ¹	\$ 6,155,205	\$ 5,656,588
2. Employee normal cost	2,830,899	2,769,139
3. Employer normal cost (1. - 2.)	3,324,306	2,887,449
4. Amortization of unfunded liability ²	5,631,354	5,058,962
5. Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) without COLA (3. + 4.)	8,955,660	7,946,411
6. Effect of COLA	-	235,340
7. Total ADEC with COLA	8,955,660	8,181,751
B. Projected payroll for contribution year³	34,408,722	33,298,773
C. ADC as a percent of payroll		
1. Total normal cost	17.89%	16.99%
2. Employee normal cost	8.23%	8.32%
3. Employer normal cost ⁴ (1. - 2.)	9.66%	8.67%
4. Amortization of unfunded liability	16.37%	15.19%
5. ADEC without COLA adjustment (3. + 4.)	26.03%	23.86%
6. Effect of COLA, if applicable ⁵	0.00%	0.71%
7. Total ADEC with COLA adjustment (5. + 6.)	26.03%	24.57%

2021 Employer Contribution Rates by Bargaining Unit⁴

	<u>Clerical/ Maintenance</u>	<u>Professional/ Supervisory</u>	<u>Unrepresented</u>	<u>Confidential</u>	<u>Directors</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Normal cost	9.68%	9.05%	11.32%	10.53%	7.00%	9.66%
2. UAAL Amortization	15.76%	14.85%	24.04%	14.86%	11.57%	16.37%
3. Total rate	25.44%	23.90%	35.36%	25.39%	18.57%	26.03%
4. Projected payroll (\$000s)	\$ 16,198	\$ 12,902	\$ 4,079	\$ 1,191	\$ 39	\$ 34,409
5. Annual amount (\$000s)	4,121	3,084	1,442	302	7	8,956

¹ The cost allocated to the contribution year. The amounts shown are adjusted to the beginning of the contribution year with interest and payroll growth.

² Excludes effect of latest ad-hoc COLA, if applicable.

³ Adjusted to beginning of contribution year with assumed payroll growth.

⁴ Does not include any bargained employer-paid employee contributions.

⁵ The COLA for 2020 was 1.6%. There is no COLA for 2021.

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN
 June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Analysis of Contribution Rate Changes

	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAAL = AAL - AVA)	Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution
A. June 30, 2019 actual value (including 2020 retiree COLA)	\$ 235,333,807	\$ (200,478,790)	\$ 34,855,017	24.57%
B. June 30, 2020 expected value¹	243,537,549	(211,624,120)	31,913,429	23.31%
1. Demographic (gain)/loss	218,968	-	218,968	0.11%
2. Assumption changes ²	6,729,221	-	6,729,221	2.88%
3. Contribution more than expected	-	(1,819,912)	(1,819,912)	-0.56%
4. Investment (gain)/loss	-	931,891	931,891	0.29%
C. Total change	6,948,189	(888,021)	6,060,168	2.72%
D. June 30, 2020 actual value	\$ 250,485,738	\$ (212,512,141)	\$ 37,973,597	26.03%

¹ The contribution rate is expected to decrease as a percent of payroll because the unfunded liability is amortized as a level dollar amount but payroll is assumed to increase each year.

² See page 28 for a summary of assumption changes since the prior valuation.

PEPRA Contribution Rates

PEPRA employees must contribute at least half of the total normal cost rate, rounded to the nearest 0.25%. Rates are calculated annually but only adjusted if the total normal cost rate has increased or decreased by at least 1% since the date of the last rate change.

	<u>Total Normal Cost Rate</u>	<u>Half of Total Rate</u>	<u>Employee Normal Cost Rate</u>
2014 PEPRA normal cost rate (first established)	12.81%	6.41%	6.50%
2015 PEPRA normal cost rate (prior basis)	11.54%	5.77%	5.75%
2016 PEPRA normal cost rate	11.58%	5.79%	5.75%
2017 PEPRA normal cost rate	11.90%	5.95%	5.75%
2018 PEPRA normal cost rate	12.33%	6.17%	5.75%
2019 PEPRA normal cost rate	11.90%	5.95%	5.75%
2020 PEPRA normal cost rate (current basis) ¹	13.24%	6.62%	6.50%
2021 PEPRA normal cost rate	13.85%	6.93%	6.50%

The above rates should be applied to salary below the PEPRA compensation limit.

Since the 2021 PEPRA total normal cost rate of 13.85% is less than 1% different from the prior basis of 13.24% (the last adjustment to the employee normal cost rate), the employee normal cost rate remains unchanged at 6.50% for 2021.

¹ Year of most recent adjustment to employee normal cost rate

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN
 June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Summary of Membership Data

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
A. Active employees		
1. Number	298	299
2. Average age	46.7	46.5
3. Average years of service	10.3	10.1
4. Total salary ¹	\$ 33,862,850	\$ 32,770,510
5. Average salary	113,634	109,600
6. Projected payroll for contribution year	34,408,722	33,298,773
B. Vested terminated and reciprocals		
1. Number	94	93
2. Average age	49.2	49.3
C. Retirees and beneficiaries		
1. Number		
a. Retired	335	323
b. Disabled	4	4
c. Beneficiaries	<u>50</u>	<u>49</u>
d. Total	389	376
2. Average age	69.0	68.5
3. Average monthly benefit	\$ 2,911	\$ 2,856
D. Total number of participants (A.1. + B.1. + C.1.d.)	781	768

¹ Projected compensation for year beginning on valuation date, with PEPR compensation limited to statutory amount.

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN

15

June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Summary of Membership Changes

	<u>Actives</u>	<u>Vested Terminated</u>	<u>Retirees</u>	<u>Disabled</u>	<u>Beneficiaries</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Number of members on June 30, 2019	299	93	323	4	49	768
B. Changes in membership						
1. New entrants	16					16
2. Retirements	(10)	(5)	15			0
3. Vested terminations (deferred benefits)	(6)	6				0
4. Termination/refund of contributions	(1)					(1)
5. Deaths (no beneficiary)			(2)		(1)	(3)
6. Deaths (with beneficiary)			(1)		1	0
7. Data corrections						0
8. Rehires						0
9. QDRO					1	1
10. Total changes	(1)	1	12	0	1	13
C. Number of members on June 30, 2020	298	94	335	4	50	781

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN
 June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Age and Service Distribution of Active Members

Attained Age	Benefit Service										Total
	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 plus	
Under 25	1	1									2
25 - 29	3	11	2								16
30 - 34	4	14	11								29
35 - 39	1	17	7	8							33
40 - 44	1	18	9	15	4	3					50
45 - 49	2	13	8	8	11	4					46
50 - 54	2	10	9	10	7	10	1	1			50
55 - 59		8	6	7	6	3	8	2	1		41
60 - 64		3	6	4	7	3	1	2	1		27
65 - 69						2					2
70 plus					1					1	2
Total	14	95	58	52	36	25	10	5	2	1	298

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN
 June 30, 2020 Actuarial Funding Valuation for 2021 Contributions

Age Distribution of Inactive Members					
Age	Vested Terminated	Retired	Disabled	Beneficiary	Total
Under 50	45	0	0	2	47
50 - 54	25	6	0	1	32
55 - 59	17	38	1	3	59
60 - 64	6	69	0	7	82
65 - 69	1	86	1	7	95
70 - 74	0	64	1	8	73
75 - 79	0	45	1	8	54
80 - 84	0	21	0	7	28
85 - 89	0	4	0	6	10
90 - 94	0	2	0	1	3
95 - 99	0	0	0	0	0
100 & over	0	0	0	0	0
Total	94	335	4	50	483

Discussion of Pension Risks

Actuarial Standard of Practice Number 51, Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions (ASOP 51), requires actuaries to identify and assess certain risks that may affect a plan’s future financial condition. Some of the primary risks are summarized and defined in the table below.

Risk	Identification/Definition
Investment risk	The potential that investment returns will be different than expected
Asset/liability mismatch risk	The potential that changes in asset values are not matched by changes in liability values
Interest rate risk	The potential that interest rates will be different than expected
Longevity and other demographic risks	The potential that mortality or other demographic experience will be different than expected
Contribution risk	The potential that employer or member contribution rates are different than what is ultimately required to fund plan benefits

ASOP 51 requires that actuaries qualitatively or quantitatively assess the potential effect of these risks on the plan’s future financial condition. Methods to assess the risks include scenario tests, sensitivity tests, stress tests, and calculation of actuarial liabilities using a discount rate based on minimal-risk investments. Practical considerations include the usefulness, reliability, timeliness, and cost efficiency of the risk assessment measurements.

In addition to the risk assessment parameters above, ASOP 51 requires that actuaries (1) calculate various plan maturity measures and (2) disclose relevant historical information that are significant to understanding plan risks.

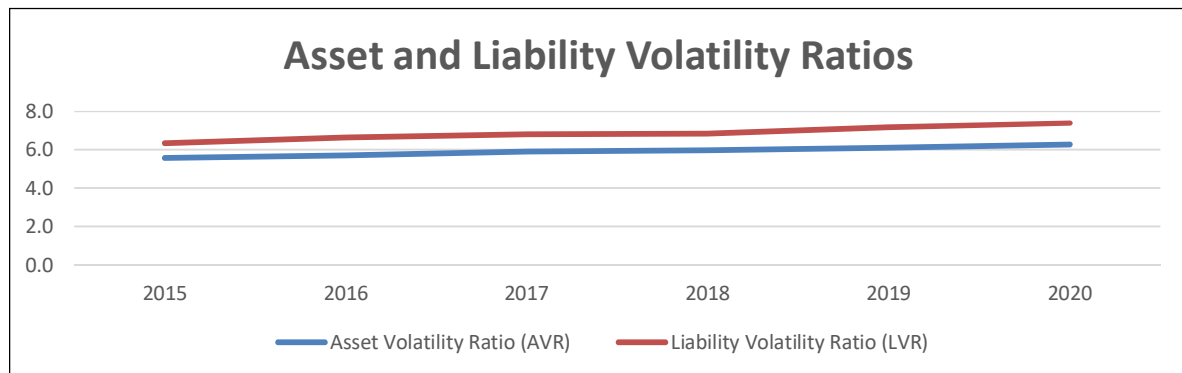
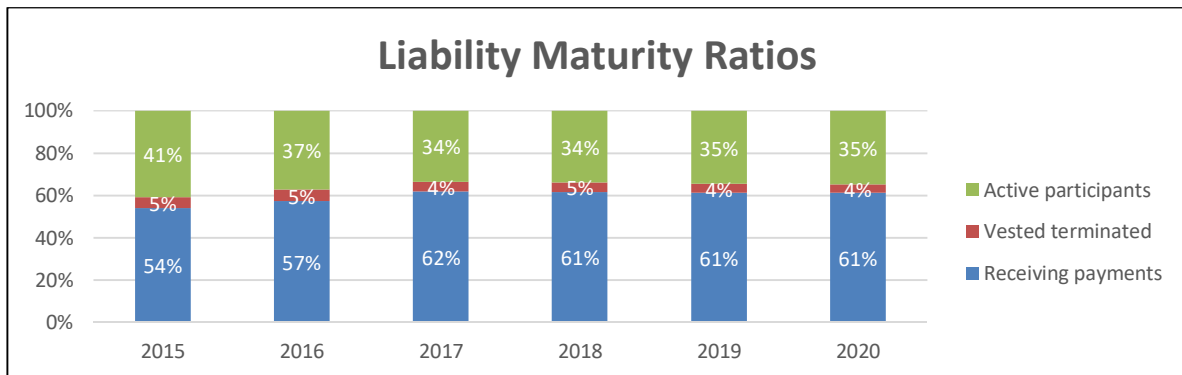
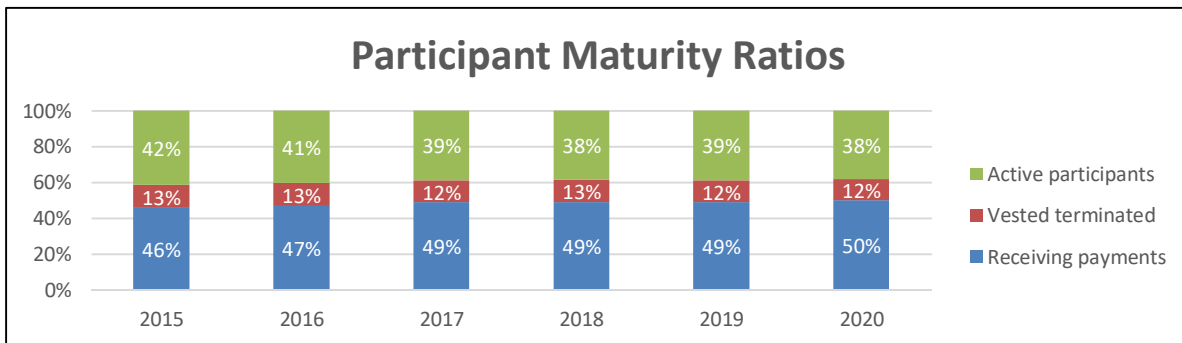
This report contains basic risk assessment information for the plan in accordance with ASOP 51. However, we recommend that employers consider additional pension risk analyses to better understand retirement plan volatility and the potential impact on the organization. We would be glad to discuss potential analyses upon request.

Plan Maturity Measures

Maturity measures describe how much plan liability is attributable to current employees vs. former employees (e.g., retirees) and the size of plan assets and liabilities relative to overall payroll. These measures include:

Participant Maturity Ratio (PMR)	Number of retirees divided by total participants
Liability Maturity Ratio (LMR)	Retiree liability divided by total plan liability
Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR)	Measures size of plan assets relative to payroll upon which contributions are based
Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR)	Measures size of plan liabilities relative to payroll upon which contributions are based

A recent history of maturity measures is shown below.



Observations:

- The retiree liabilities are steadily increasing as a percent of the plan's totals.
- The plan's AVR and LVR are increasing as the plan matures. An LVR of 8.0 means that a 1% increase in plan liability would cost 8% of payroll if funded immediately. In practice, funded status changes are amortized over several years.

Risk Analysis

The table below provides analysis of some potential plan risks. Please note that the list of risks and the risk assessments shown are not exhaustive. We would be glad to provide a more detailed risk assessment upon request.

Risk	Assessment
Investment risk	If future investment returns are higher or lower than assumed, then future contributions may need to be increased or decreased to compensate. We recommend the District regularly re-evaluate its investment return expectations and corresponding investment policy.
Asset/liability mismatch risk	Since plan assets are invested in a mix of equity and fixed income securities, there is a risk that changes in assets values are not matched by changes in liability values.
Longevity and other demographic risks	<p>Although most of the plan demographic assumptions reflect best estimates of future plan experience, actual experience will differ from these assumptions. If participant longevity is greater than expected then this would increase plan costs.</p> <p>The plan's COLA provision increases the cost of longevity risk. Although the annual increase is provided on an ad hoc basis, the District's policy of consistently granting retiree COLAs suggests they are substantively automatic. We believe a long-term COLA assumption should be reflected in the actuarial calculations.</p> <p>Please refer to the exhibits dated 11/28/2017 and 11/30/2017 for estimated effect of long-term COLA assumptions on the plan's funded status and ADC.</p>
Contribution risk	Plan contributions include both payroll-based employer and employee contributions, as well as additional voluntary contributions from the District. The District should continue making at least the Actuarially Determined Contribution each year in order to improve the Plan's funded status.

Summary of Plan Provisions

- A. Plan Effective Date** Originally established effective February 17, 1962. The plan is typically amended annually for ad hoc COLA increases granted by the board.
- B. Plan Year** July 1 to June 30.
- C. Participation** All permanent full-time employees, all project employees, and all directors of the District.

D. Eligibility to Retire Meet vesting requirements and:

	<u>Classic Members</u>	<u>PEPRA Members</u>
Clerical, Maintenance, Confidential, Professional/Supervisory, and Unrepresented	Age 50	Age 52
Directors	Age 55	Age 52

E. Vesting 100% vested upon first attaining one of the following:

	<u>Classic Members</u>	<u>PEPRA Members</u>
Years of service		
Clerical, Maintenance, and Directors	10 years	5 years
Confidential, Professional/Supervisory, and Unrepresented	5 years	5 years
Normal retirement age	Age 62	Age 62
Disability	Immediate	Immediate

Vesting service includes reciprocal service.

F. Final Average Compensation Basic Compensation: Regular salary excluding overtime, shift premium, and all other irregular compensation.

Classic Members:

- Non-directors - Highest 12 consecutive months
- Directors - Highest 36 consecutive months during the last 5 years

PEPRA Members:

- Highest 36 consecutive months up to PEPRA compensation limit (\$126,291 in 2020).

Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)

G. Service Retirement Benefit

Benefit factor x Final Average Compensation

Classic Members:

- Non-directors benefit factor = 2.35% at 55
- Directors benefit factor = 2.35% at 62

PEPRA Members: benefit factor = 2.00% at age 62

Inactive Participants: Benefit factor varies by bargaining groups and separation dates

Sample benefit factors are shown below:

Years of Service	Age at Retirement = 55			Age at Retirement = 62		
	2.35% at 55	2.35% at 62	2.00% at 62	2.35% at 55	2.35% at 62	2.00% at 62
10	23.50%	11.02%	13.00%	26.58%	23.50%	20.00%
15	35.25%	16.53%	19.50%	39.87%	32.25%	30.00%
20	47.00%	22.04%	26.00%	53.16%	47.00%	40.00%
25	58.75%	27.55%	32.50%	66.45%	58.75%	50.00%
30	70.50%	33.06%	39.00%	79.74%	70.50%	60.00%
35	82.25%	N/A	45.50%	93.02%	82.25%	70.00%

H. Termination Benefit

Non-vested: Return of contributions plus interest in a lump sum

Vested: Return of contributions plus interest in a lump sum, or a deferred benefit

I. Disability Benefit

Clerical and Maintenance with 10 years of service and Social Security disability:

- 30% of current Basic Compensation
- Not less than service retirement benefit

Others:

- 100% vested immediately
- Return of contributions plus interest in a lump sum, or a deferred benefit

J. Death Benefit - Before Retirement

Non-vested: Return of contributions plus interest in a lump sum

Vested:

- Non-directors - 85% of member's accrued service retirement benefit
- Directors - 50% of benefit that would have been paid under the 50% J&S option, upon retirement at the later of age 55 and death, and commencing no earlier than age 55

K. Death Benefit - After Retirement

Return of contributions plus interest less any monthly payments previously received by retiree. Remaining contribution balance is paid to a designated beneficiary if joint annuitant option not in effect.

Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)

L. Benefit Forms Normal form of payment: Single life annuity.

Optional forms of payment (actuarial equivalent):

- Joint and survivor annuity
- Joint and survivor annuity with "pop-up"

M. Cost of Living Increases Ad Hoc increases granted by the Board.

Recent history:

<u>January 1st</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>January 1st</u>	<u>Increase</u>
2007	1.8%	2015	2.2%
2008	3.0%	2016	1.8%
2009	2.0%	2017	2.2%
2010	0.0%	2018	2.0%
2011	0.0%	2019	2.8%
2012	1.8%	2020	1.6%
2013	1.8%	2021	0.0%
2014	1.2%		

N. Employee Contributions Classic Members (% of Basic Compensation):

<u>Group</u>	<u>Employee Paid</u>	<u>District Paid</u>	<u>Total</u>
Professional/Supervisory	6.43%	3.00%	9.43%
Confidential	6.28%	3.00%	9.28%
Unrepresented:			
< 7 years of service	6.00%	0.00%	6.00%
7 to 9 years of service	5.00%	1.00%	6.00%
≥ 10 years of service	4.00%	2.00%	6.00%
Clerical and Maintenance	8.00%	1.00%	9.00%
Directors	1.00%	0.00%	1.00%

PEPRA Members: 50% of the normal cost rate of the Plan, rounded to the nearest quarter of 1%. The contribution rate is applied to pay up to each year's PEPRA compensation limit.

O. Changes since prior year Since the last valuation the following changes have been made:

- None

Actuarial Methods

- A. Actuarial Cost Method** The Entry Age Normal level percent of pay cost method. Under this method, the normal cost for an individual participant is the level percentage of pay required to accumulate the funds needed to pay the participant's projected benefits by their assumed retirement age, beginning on the date of entry and ending at the last age with any future benefits. The actuarial accrued liability is the accumulated value of these annual normal costs on a given date. The plan's normal cost and accrued liability are the total of these values for all participants.
- B. Funding Policy** Each year, unexpected changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability are amortized as a level dollar amount over a closed 15-year period beginning on the January 1st following the valuation date. These changes may be due to actuarial gains and losses, assumption changes, or plan changes.
- Any ad-hoc cost of living adjustments (COLAs) are separately amortized and funded as employer-paid contributions over a closed 15-year period beginning on the January 1st when the COLA is first effective. When an individual year's COLA is funded by an extra District lump sum contribution, the following year's amortization base reflects that additional contribution.
- Contribution rates determined in this report are for the calendar year following the valuation date, and are assumed to be applied to the payroll for each pay period during the contribution year.
- C. Data Methods** The Contra Costa Water District supplied data for all participants and asset information for the years ending June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020. We have relied on this data in preparing this report. The data was reviewed for reasonableness and consistency, but we have not performed a complete audit.
- D. Asset Method** The Actuarial Value of Assets is equal to the Market Value of Assets with a 5-year smoothing of investment gains and losses.

Actuarial Methods (continued)

E. Models Used

The results in this report are based on an actuarial valuation model with three components as outlined in Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 56 - Modeling (ASOP 56):

1. Information inputs including the data, assumptions, methods, and plan provisions outlined in this report,
2. Processing by the ProVal[®] software developed by Winklevoss Technologies, and
3. Our report template which translates the ProVal[®] output into valuation results.

The model is intended to convert the information input above to usable actuarial valuation results. We have reviewed the ProVal[®] software's output for reasonableness, and have independently checked sample one-person output where appropriate, but have otherwise relied on it.

Other models used in this actuarial valuation include:

- Expected investment return model based on the Horizon Actuarial Services 2019 Survey of Capital Market Assumptions and the fund's asset allocation

F. Change in Actuarial Methods

None

Actuarial Assumptions

A. Economic Assumptions

Valuation Date	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Discount Rate	6.50%	6.75%
General Inflation (CPI-U) ¹	2.50%	2.50%
Wage Inflation (CPI-W)	3.00%	3.00%
Payroll Growth ²	3.25%	3.25%
Future COLAs ³	0%	1.6% in 2020
Salary Increases	3.00% wage inflation plus pay increase based on years of District service, employment group, and entry age with the District. Sample rates:	

Service	Clerical	Directors	Other (Entry Age)	
			< 40	> 40
2	3.75%	0.00%	5.25%	2.75%
7	1.00%	0.00%	2.25%	0.75%
12	1.00%	0.00%	1.75%	0.75%
17	0.75%	0.00%	0.75%	0.75%

B. Demographic Assumptions

Mortality	<p><u>Pre-retirement</u>: Society of Actuaries Pub-2010 General Employees Amount-Weighted Mortality with generational projection using scale MP-2019.</p> <p><u>Healthy post-retirement</u>: Society of Actuaries Pub-2010 General Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality with generational projection using scale MP-2019.</p> <p><u>Disabled</u>: Society of Actuaries Pub-2010 Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality with generational projection using scale MP-2019.</p>
Termination	Rates vary based on service and classification. Sample rates are:

Service	Clerical	Other
0	3.0%	10.0%
5	3.0%	5.0%
10	1.5%	5.0%
15	4.0%	0.0%
20	4.0%	0.0%
25	4.0%	0.0%
30+	0.0%	0.0%

¹ Applies to assumed future increases in pensionable compensation limit and benefit limit.

² Payroll growth assumption is used to project normal cost and employee payroll from valuation date to the contribution year.

³ Annual COLA after 2021 is assumed to be 0%. The District assumes no long-term COLAs because they are not automatically granted. Effective FY2019, the District has made extra lump sum contributions to fully fund each individual year's COLA.

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

B. Demographic Assumptions (continued)

Disability Rates based on age and gender. Sample rates are:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
40	0.06%	0.08%
45	0.10%	0.11%
50	0.11%	0.11%
55	0.11%	0.09%
60	0.11%	0.07%
65	0.11%	0.06%
70	0.09%	0.06%
75+	0.07%	0.06%

Retirement Sample rates below are for members in the Classic pension plan:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
50	5.0%	61	15.0%
55	8.0%	62	18.0%
56	13.0%	63	18.0%
57	11.0%	64	18.7%
58	11.0%	65	25.6%
59	11.0%	70	41.6%
60	20.0%	75+	100.0%

Sample rates below are for members in the PEPRA pension plan:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>					
	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>30</u>
52	1.0%	1.3%	1.6%	1.9%	2.2%	2.4%
57	3.6%	4.6%	5.6%	6.6%	7.6%	8.6%
62	9.7%	12.3%	15.0%	17.6%	20.2%	22.9%
67	10.5%	13.3%	16.2%	19.0%	21.9%	24.7%
72	12.5%	16.0%	19.4%	22.8%	26.2%	29.6%
75+	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Percent married Current retirees: actual spouse coverage.

Future retirees: 80% of employees are assumed to be married.

Spouse age Based on actual spouse birth dates when available. Otherwise males are assumed to be three years older than females.

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

B. Demographic Assumptions (continued)

Assumed payment form	<u>Single Employees</u>	<u>Married Employees</u>
Single life annuity	100%	25%
50% Joint & Survivor	0%	26%
100% Joint & Survivor	0%	49%

Reciprocity and Terminations 50% of terminated vested members are assumed to be employed by reciprocal agencies and receive 3.25% annual pay increases until retirement.

Terminated vested members are assumed to retire at age 60.

Terminated vested members not meeting the early retirement service requirements are assumed to receive an immediate refund of contributions with interest.

Death Benefit - After Retirement Total monthly payments received by retirees prior to death are assumed to exceed employee contributions with interest.

C. Changes Since Last Valuation

Since the last valuation the following changes have been made:

- The investment return and discount rate assumptions decreased from 6.75% to 6.50% to reflect updated capital market assumptions.
- The mortality improvement scale was updated to the MP-2019 mortality improvement scale.

Selection of Economic Assumptions

The Actuarial Standards Board (ASB) provides coordinated guidance for measuring pension and retiree group benefit obligations through a series of Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOPs). ASOP No. 27, Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations, requires that the actuary disclose the rationale used in selecting each non-prescribed economic assumption and any changes to non-prescribed economic assumptions.

The table below summarizes the rationale for selecting the non-prescribed economic assumptions. The rationale for assumption changes, along with a description of the assumptions themselves, is included in the Actuarial Assumption and Methods section of this report. As of the report date, there were no known changes in circumstances occurring after the measurement date that would have affected economic assumptions selected as of the measurement date.

Economic Assumptions (non-prescribed)	
Assumption	Rationale for Selecting Assumption
Discount rate / investment return	The expected investment return was selected by the District and is based on expected long-term asset class returns and the District's target asset allocation. We have verified with our own capital market assumption model that their assumption is reasonable. Our model is based on the plan's target asset allocation and a blend of expected asset class returns published in the 2019 Survey of Capital Market Assumptions produced by Horizon Actuarial Services.
General inflation (CPI-U)	Based on analysis of historical CPI-U and 30-year TIPS data, the Federal Open Market Committee target inflation rate, and the 2019 Survey of Capital Market Assumptions produced by Horizon Actuarial Services.
Wage inflation (CPI-W)	Based on historical CPI-W rates for San Francisco, Oakland, Hayward area.
Payroll growth	Based on 20-year history of District's total payroll growth.
Cost-of-living increases	2021 COLA assumption was based on information provided by the District. The District assumes no long-term COLAs because they are not automatic. Future emerging COLAs create actuarial losses that are amortized over time and may be offset by extra District contributions to fund each COLA.
Salary increases	Based on the District's 2009 - 2014 actuarial experience study

Selection of Non-Economic Assumptions

The Actuarial Standards Board (ASB) provides coordinated guidance for measuring pension and retiree group benefit obligations through a series of Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOPs). ASOP No. 35, Selection of Demographic and Other Noneconomic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations, requires that the actuary disclose the rationale used in selecting each non-prescribed non-economic assumption and any changes to the non-prescribed non-economic assumptions.

The table below summarizes the rationale for selecting the non-prescribed non-economic assumptions. The rationale for assumption changes, along with a description of the assumptions themselves, is included in the Actuarial Assumption and Methods section of the report. As of the report date, there were no known change in circumstances occurring after the measurement date that would have affected non-economic assumptions selected as of the measurement date.

Non-Economic Assumptions (non-prescribed)	
Assumption	Rationale for Selecting Assumption
Mortality	Based on most recently published table and workforce demographics
Retirement	Based on the District's 2009 - 2014 actuarial experience study
Termination of employment	Based on the District's 2009 - 2014 actuarial experience study
Disability	Based on the District's 2009 - 2014 actuarial experience study
Form of payment	Based on the District's 2009 - 2014 actuarial experience study
Percent married and spouse ages	Based on the District's 2009 - 2014 actuarial experience study
Reciprocity and terminations	Based on the District's 2009 - 2014 actuarial experience study

Important Notices

Purpose and Scope of the Valuation

This valuation has been prepared exclusively for the District and solely to provide contribution information. It is important to recognize that calculations performed for other purposes (such as benefit design, investment policy, or plan accounting) may yield significantly different results. This report may not be used for any other purpose, and Van Iwaarden Associates is not responsible for the consequences of any unauthorized use. Its content may not be modified, incorporated into or used in other material, or otherwise provided, in whole or in part, to any other person or entity, without our permission.

Assumptions and Methods

Since modeling all possible future outcomes is not possible or practical, the valuation is based on a single set of data, assumptions, methods, and plan provisions. We may also use estimates or simplifications to model future events in an efficient and cost-effective manner, so long as we believe that these simplifying techniques do not affect the reasonableness of the valuation results.

The District is responsible for the assumptions, methods, and funding policies used to prepare the valuation. The assumptions used in this report are among a wide range of possibilities (each of which may be considered reasonable), and, with the exception of the COLA assumption, have been chosen as a single “best estimate”. The District assumes no long-term COLAs because these are not automatically granted. However, we believe the District’s policy of consistently granting retiree COLAs suggests they are substantively automatic and should be reflected in the actuarial calculations.

A different set of reasonable assumptions would produce different results. This report does not include analysis of the effect of alternative assumptions because that is beyond the limited scope of our engagement. If the District is interested in analyzing the effect of different assumption sets on the valuation results, then we suggest a sensitivity analysis to be performed at a later date.

Actuarial Measurement Changes

An actuarial valuation is only a snapshot of a plan’s estimated financial condition at a single point in time. Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: retiree group benefits program experience differing from that anticipated by the assumptions; changes in assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period); and changes in retiree group benefits program provisions or applicable law. Retiree group benefits models necessarily rely on the use of approximations and estimates, and are sensitive to changes in these approximations and estimates. Small variations in these approximations and estimates may lead to significant changes in actuarial measurements.

Actuarial valuations are extremely complex and it’s possible that data, computer coding, and mathematical errors could occur during the valuation process. Errors in a valuation discovered after its preparation may be corrected by revising the current valuation or in a subsequent year’s valuation.

Important Notices (continued)

Accuracy of Substantive Plan Information and Census Data

For purposes of this valuation, we have assumed that the District has validated our summary of the substantive plan provisions and has provided us with any relevant information regarding interpretation of the plan provisions and changes to the plan terms since the prior valuation.

The District is solely responsible for the validity, accuracy and comprehensiveness of this information. If any data or plan provisions supplied are not accurate and complete, the valuation results may differ significantly. Moreover, different interpretations of the substantive plan may produce substantially different valuation results.

Impact of Legislative Changes

The legislative and regulatory environments have many implications for pension plans. Changes to current rules and implementation of new legislation are difficult to predict but could have a dramatic impact on the value of future plan benefits.

Glossary of Selected Terms

This section provides the definitions of applicable terminology in the actuarial valuation.

Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - the portion of the actuarial present value which is not provided for by future normal costs, determined under the actuarial cost method.

Actuarial Cost Method - the method used, when determining the actuarial accrued liability, for allocating costs between past, current, and future years.

Actuarial Present Value of Benefits - the value of an amount or series of amounts payable or receivable at various times, determined as of a given date by the application of a set of actuarial assumptions.

Discount Rate - the interest rate used to adjust liabilities and obligations for the time value of money.

Long-Term Expected Investment Return - the average expected asset return expected to be earned by the pension investments over time.

Normal Cost - the portion of the actuarial present value which is allocated to the valuation year by the actuarial cost method.

Valuation Date - the date as of which assets and liabilities are measured for this valuation.