Pension Funding

City of Napa, CA







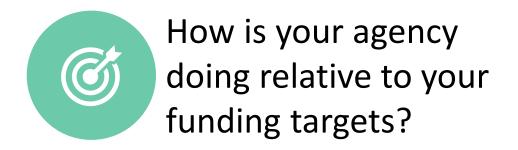
Building Blocks of Pension Funding

Educate Analyze Adopt Administer **Evaluate** Plan **Understand** Evaluate cost Develop Formally adopt Monitor Revisit funding funding policy the problem drivers and implement funding policy policy intended to be funding policy including new to ensure fiscal stability and solved assumptions and actual growth experience

Understanding Pension Funding











Pension Basics





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Pension Jargon Glossary

- Assumption = Target, Goals or Expected Results
- Experience = Actual Results
- Normal Cost = Initial savings rate (Employee and Employer contributions)
- Present Value of Projected Benefit (PVPB) = Savings goal at desired retirement age
- Accrued Liability (AL) = Target funding progress at a given point of time
- Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) = Amount actual savings falls short of funding goal
- Amortization of UAL = Annual amount needed to get back on track
- Annual Required Contribution = Normal Cost + Amortization of UAL
- Discount Rate = Long-term *assumed* Investment Rate of Return





What Is the Discount Rate?

Interest rate fixed by the CaIPERS Board for the purposes determining the value of future promised benefits (liabilities)

Synonymous with long-term, assumed investment rate of return

Informed by Capital Market Assumptions and selected by the Board from a range of actuarially sound options

Used to calculate or "discount" value of future expected future-benefit payments.

It helps determine how much do we need in the bank today to grow to our desired savings goal.



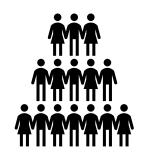
Assumptions Set Future Cost & Funding Expectations

Employee



Economic

- Inflation
- **Investment Return**
- Salary Growth



Demographic

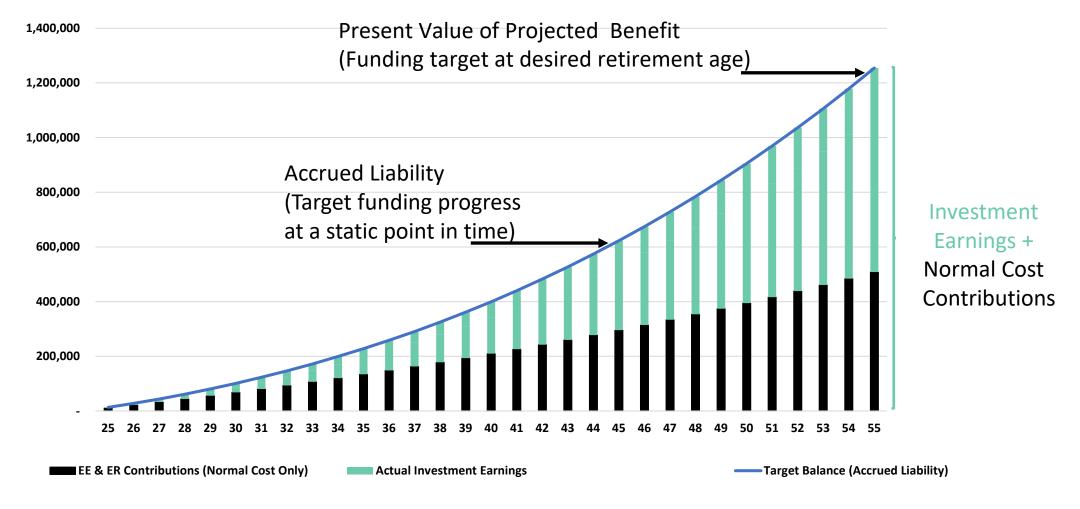
- Retirement
- Disability
- Death
- **Termination**

Major Driver of Plan Cost and **Funding a Pension Plan** Affordability





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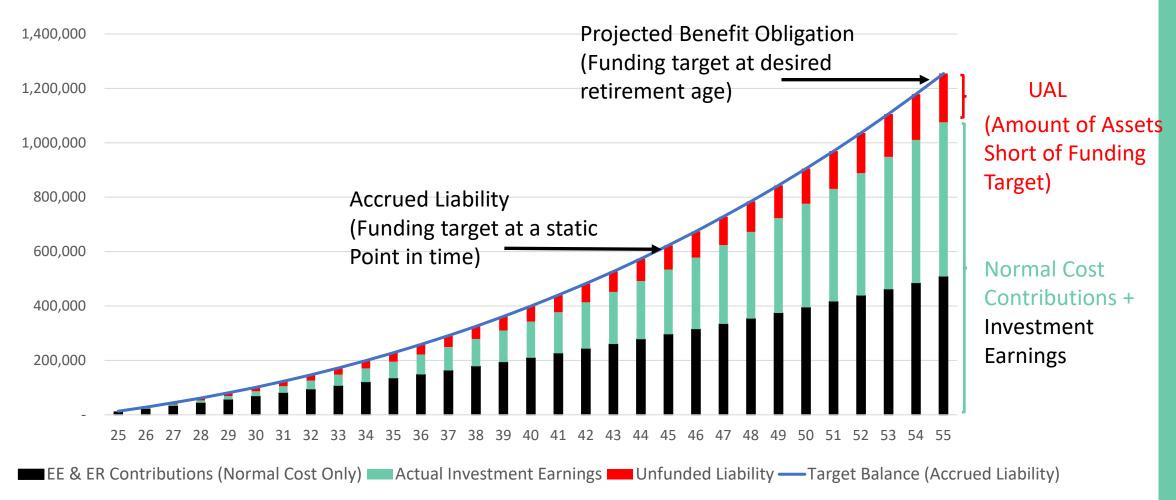
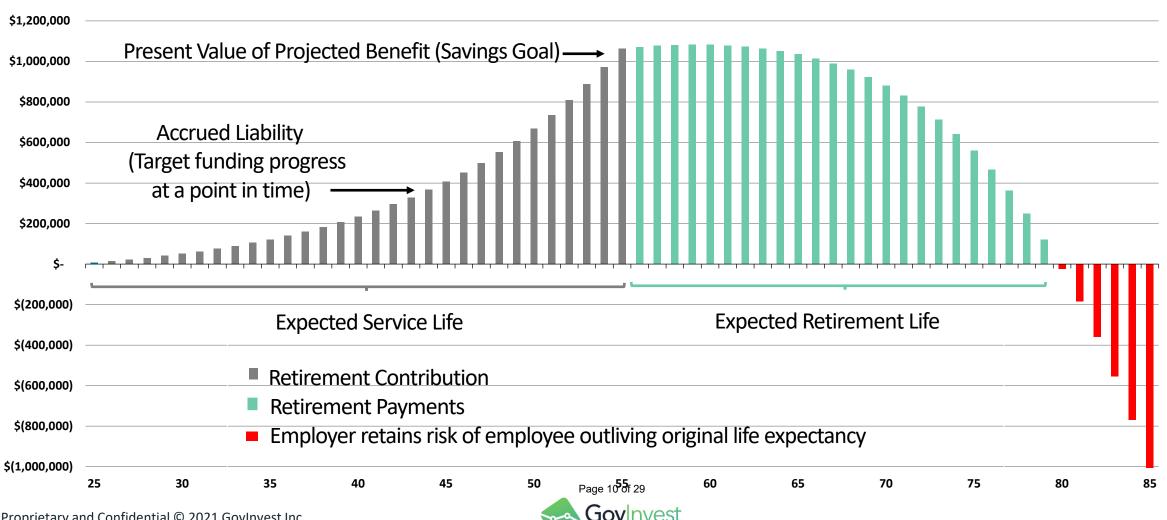




Illustration of Mortality Risk for an Individual Employee



Hurdles & Considerations





CalPERS Investment Return:

21.3%

(Preliminary Estimate)

Investment Return Triggers Lower Discount Rate Provision of Funding Risk
Mitigation Policy

New Discount Rate 6.8% Heading into ALM Deliberations

Final Decisions Expected November 2021

https://www.calpers.ca.gov/docs/funding-risk-mitigation-policy.pdf



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Funding Risk Mitigation Policy - Still in Place* 6.8% Discount Rate Heading Into ALM Deliberations Nov 21

Excess Investment Return	Reduction in Discount Rate	Reduction in Expected Investment Return
If the actual investment	Then the discount rate	And the expected investment return will be
returns exceed the discount rate by:	will be reduced by:	reduced by:
2.00%	0.05%	0.05%
7.00%	0.10%	0.10%
10.00%	0.15%	0.15%
13.00%	0.20%	0.20%
17.00%	0.25%	0.25%

^{*} While the CalPERS Board may elect to implement something different, the current policy suggests that the board should reduce the discount rate 20 bps to 6.8%. https://www.calpers.ca.gov/docs/funding-risk-mitigation-policy.pdf

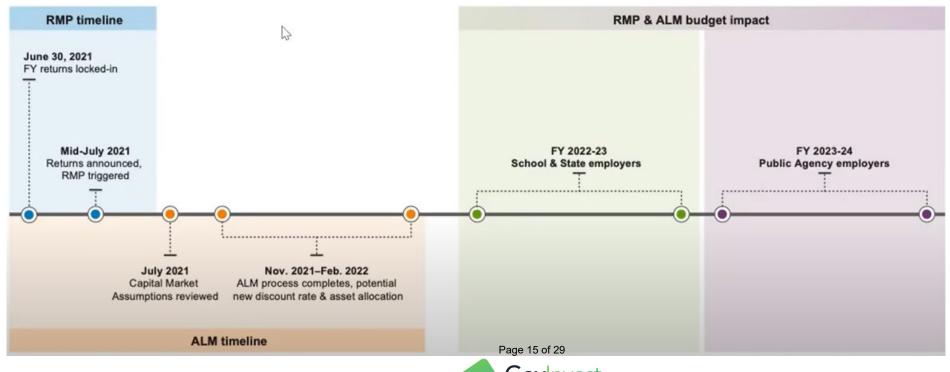


Stay Tuned, Stay Informed, Stay Engaged

2022 2021 July* September November February July* June Discussion Experience Effective date · Review of · Capital Market Educational of candidate study results for strategic portfolios with asset allocation Discussion Educational proposed of candidate discount rates portfolios with ALM timeline ALM process Draft Experience discount rates study results Adopt new actuarial (first reading) assumptions Adopt new economic assumptions Final approval market risk of discount rate Final approval of strategic asset allocation * Board offsite Quarterly stakeholder webinars throughout the ALM process: January 20, April 27, August 3, and November 2021 Page 14 of 29

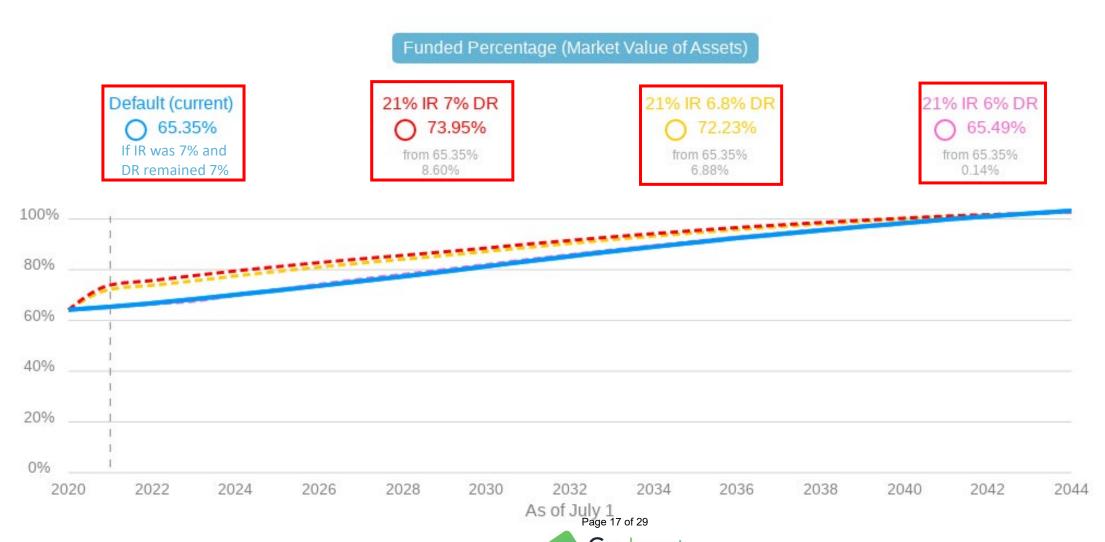
What is Happening When? All subject to CalPERS Board Decisions

- CalPERS Board Expected to Adopt New Discount Rate November 2021
- Assets and Liabilities Adjusted in 2021 Valuation (Next Fiscal Year for Most Plans)
- Net Positive Impact to Funded Status Under Almost Every Conceivable Scenario
- Contribution Rate Impact Begins FY 2023-24 for Local Agencies



Potential Financial Impacts

Plan Funded Status (21.3% Return, Discount Rate Assumptions: 7% through 6.0%)

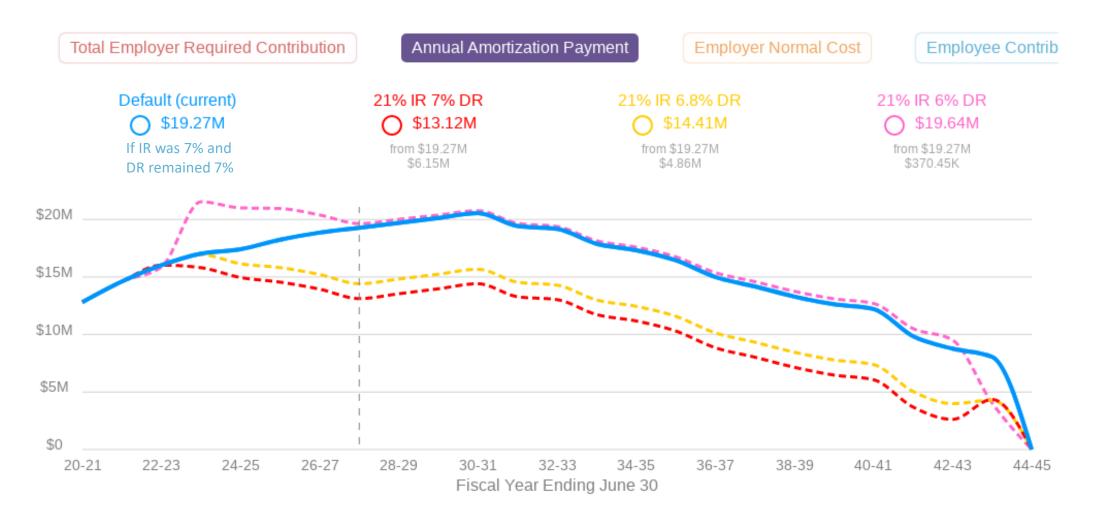


Approximate Dollar Change to Normal Cost from Current 7% Discount Rate to New Assumed Discount Rate Alternatives



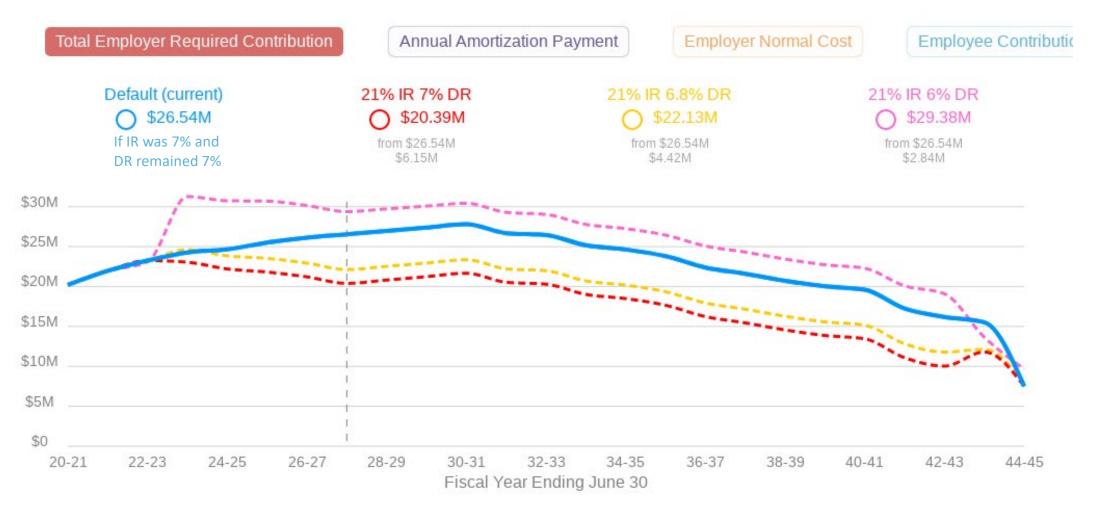


Approximate Dollar Change to UAL Amort Payment from Default 7% Discount Rate to New Assumed Discount Rate Alternatives





Approximate Dollar Change to Total ER Cost from Default 7% Discount Rate to New Assumed Discount Rate Alternatives



Financial Impact Takeaways

- 1. The 21.3% Return in FYE 2020-21 will increase Napa's pension assets \$49M boosting Napa's funded projected funded percentage at 6/30/21 from 67% as to 74% before considering any changes to the discount rate
- 2. Lowering the discount rate to 6.8%, 6.5%, 6.25% or 6.0% will increase Napa's Accrued Liability and lowers the funded status
- 3. Overall, Napa's **decrease** in the required UAL Amortization contribution will be greater than the increase in the required normal cost contribution, **lowering** the overall employer pension cost to Napa, as long as the investment credit lasts and no new losses are incurred.



Next Move

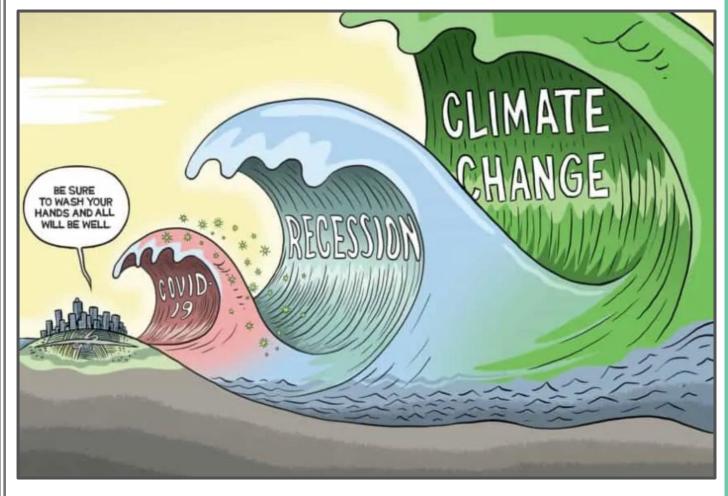




ATTACHMENT 2

An Over-Abundance of Uncertainty

Proceed Cautiously



The corona crisis has been a prompt for change. How will these changes impact your agency's finances?





Known Threats

- More Pandemic Waves
- Geopolitical Risks
- Political Gridlock on Further Stimulus
- Low Fixed Income Yields
- Inflation
- Low Fixed Income Yields
- Significant Market Correction or slow reversion to the mean
- Unknown, unknowns but we know you are out there



Exercise Professional Skepticism

In other words, worry what may be lurking around the next bend



- Bank, Don't Spend Savings Associated with 21.3% Investment Return
- Bank, Don't Spend Pandemic Windfall
- Replenish Reserves as necessary
- Investment Gain is masking Long-term Cost of Lower Discount Rate
- Develop Funding Policy
- Good Times Don't Last Forever

Why are Funding Policies Important

- Pension obligations are expensive and can become a serious financial threat to agencies without regular and appropriate attention;
- Pensions require long-term management therefore it is important to develop pension management strategies memorialize practices;
- Provides guidance in making annual budget decisions;
- Demonstrates prudent financial management practices;
- Reassures bond rating agencies; and
- Shows employees and the public how pensions will be funded



Building Blocks of Pension Funding

Educate

Understand the problem intended to be solved

Analyze

Evaluate cost drivers including new assumptions and actual experience

Plan

Develop funding policy

Adopt

Formally adopt and implement funding policy

Administer

Monitor funding policy to ensure fiscal stability and growth

Evaluate

Revisit funding policy



Questions





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