



SACRS
Spring Conference
Annual Business Meeting 2024

Friday, May 10, 2024
10:15 am – 11:30 am
Santa Barbara Ballroom

Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort
Santa Barbara, CA



Vision, Mission, Core Values

The members and staff of the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) share a common purpose, mission and core values.

Statement of Purpose

The specific and primary purposes of SACRS are to provide forums for disseminating knowledge of and developing expertise in the operation of 20 county retirement systems existing under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL) sets forth in California Government Code section 31450 et. seq., and to foster and take an active role in the legislative process as it affects county retirement systems.

Mission Statement

The mission of this organization shall be to serve the 1937 Act Retirement Systems by exchanging information, providing education and analyzing legislation.

Core Values

Teamwork

Integrity

Education

Service and Support



SACRS Business Meeting Agenda
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Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort
Santa Barbara, CA
Santa Barbara Ballroom

SACRS Parliamentarian – David Lantzer, San Bernardino CERA
SACRS Sergeant at Arms – Brian Williams, Sonoma CERA

1. SACRS System Roll Call

Zandra Cholmondely, Santa Barbara CERS, SACRS Secretary

2. SACRS Secretary’s Report - Receive and File

Zandra Cholmondely, Santa Barbara CERS, SACRS Secretary

- A. SACRS Business Meeting Minutes November 2023

3. SACRS Treasurer’s Report - Receive and File

Jordan Kaufman, Kern CERA, SACRS Treasurer

- A. July 2023 – January 2024 Financials

4. SACRS President Report - No Action

David MacDonald, Contra Costa CERA, SACRS President

- A. SACRS President Update

5. SACRS Legislative Committee Report – No Action

Eric Stern, Sacramento CERS and Dave Nelsen, Alameda CERA, SACRS Legislative Committee Co-Chairs

- A. Legislative Committee Report

6. SACRS Nomination Committee Report - Action

Vivian Gray, Los Angeles CERA, SACRS Nomination Committee Chair

- A. SACRS Board of Directors Elections 2024-2025

7. SACRS Audit Committee Report – Action

Steve Delaney, Orange CERS, SACRS Audit Committee Chair

- A. SACRS Audit 2022-2023 Report



8. SACRS Education Committee Report – No Action

JJ Popowich, Los Angeles CERA, SACRS Education Committee Chair

- A. Education Committee Report

9. SACRS Program Committee Report – No Action

Adele Tagaloa, Orange CERS, SACRS Program Committee Chair

- A. Program Committee Report

10. SACRS Affiliate Committee Report – No Action

JoAnne Svendsgaard, Adrian Lee & Partners, SACRS Affiliate Committee Chair

- A. Affiliate Committee Report

11. SACRS Bylaws Committee Report – No Action

Barbara Hannah, San Bernardino CERA, SACRS Bylaws Committee Chair

- A. Bylaws Committee Report

12. SACRS Spring Conference Breakout Reports – No Action

A representative from each breakout will give a verbal report on their meetings. No printed materials for this item.

- A. Administrators – Thomas Stadelmaier, Stanislaus CERA
- B. Affiliates – JoAnne Svendsgaard, Affiliate Committee Chair
- C. Attorneys – Barbara Hannah and David Lantzer, San Bernardino CERA
- D. Disability/ Operations & Benefits Combo – Theodore King, Los Angeles CERA
- E. Internal Auditors – Harsh Jadhav, Alameda CERA
- F. Investment Officers – Donald Pierce, San Bernardino CERS
- G. Safety Trustees – Brian Williams, Sonoma CERS
- H. General Trustees – Adele Tagaloa, Orange CERS

13. Adjournment

Next scheduled SACRS Business Meeting will be held on Friday, November 15, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa during SACRS Annual Fall Conference November 12 – 15, 2024.



1. Roll Call

Zandra Cholmondeley, Santa Barbara CERS, SACRS Secretary

Roll Call of the 20 SACRS Retirement Systems.

Please state your Retirement System, your name, and if you are the voting delegate or alternate delegate.



1. SACRS System Roll Call

Zandra Cholmondeley, Santa Barabra CERS, SACRS Secretary

System	Delegate Name	Alternate Delegate Name	Absent
Alameda			
Contra Costa			
Fresno			
Imperial			
Kern			
Los Angeles			
Marin			
Mendocino			
Merced			
Orange			
Sacramento			
San Bernardino			
San Diego			
San Joaquin			
San Mateo			
Santa Barbara			
Sonoma			
Stanislaus			
Tulare			
Ventura			
Total			



2. SACRS Secretary's Report - Receive and File

Zandra Cholmondeley, Santa Barbara CERS, SACRS Secretary

- A. SACRS Business Meeting Minutes November 2023



SACRS Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 10, 2023
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM
Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa
Rancho Mirage, CA
Las Palmas Ballroom

SACRS Parliamentarian – David Lantzer, San Bernardino CERA

Sergeant at Arms – Brian Williams, Sonoma CERA

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

1. SACRS System Roll Call

Zandra Cholmondely, Santa Barbara CERS, SACRS Secretary

System Present – Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura

2. Secretary's Report - Receive and File

Zandra Cholmondely, Santa Barbara CERS, SACRS Secretary

A. Spring 2023 SACRS Business Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the SACRS Spring 2023 Business Meeting Minutes was made by Fresno CERA.

2nd: Sonoma CERA

Yes: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes 20-0-0

3. Treasurer's Report - Receive and File

Jordan Kaufman, Kern CERA, SACRS Treasurer

A. July – August 2023 Financials

Discussion: Jordan Kaufman gave a verbal and written report on SACRS July – August 2024 Financials. To help generate revenue, SACRS Board of Directors factored in a sponsorship program for the Spring and Fall conferences in 2024. Due to covid 2019-2021 reduced participation at conferences, the Board has had to utilize reserved funds to help fund conferences. The goal of the Board in the coming year is to build back up the reserves to comply with the Cash Management Policy.



Motion: A motion to approve the SACRS Financial report was made by San Diego CERA.

2nd: Fresno CERA

Yes: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes 20-0-0

4. SACRS President Report - No Action

David MacDonald, Contra Costa CERA, SACRS President

A. SACRS President Update. Verbal report, no printed materials for this item.

Discussion: David MacDonald, SACRS President, gave a verbal report on the current conference and the upcoming 70th Anniversary Celebration in 2024. He would like to see more system participation by Trustees and invited the Systems to send in highlights and important milestones to SACRS administration for inclusion in the program.

5. SACRS Legislative Committee Update – Action Item

Eric Stern, Sacramento CERS and Dave Nelsen, Alameda CERA – SACRS Legislative Committee Co-Chairs

A. 2023 Legislative Report – **No Action**

B. 2024 Legislative Proposals – **Action Item**

Discussion: Dave Nelsen and Eric Stern gave verbal and written report on the past legislative session and the proposal for 2024 SACRS Legislative platform. The SACRS Legislative Committee has developed a legislative package for consideration in the upcoming 2024 legislative session. These proposals reflect the input of SACRS member systems and are intended to provide technical and administrative clarity to various sections of the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL or '37 Act).

Proposed amendments to the CERL include the following:

- Clarification that a retiree's pension payment can be deposited in a trust account controlled by that member. This is not intended to change the statutory intent that an ongoing pension payment must be made to a natural person; however, the amendment provides uniformity to an issue that has been interpreted differently across the '37 Act systems. SACRS' tax counsel from the Hanson Bridgett law firm has reviewed the language for appropriateness and compliance with federal and California law.
- Authority for a Board of Retirement to make payments to retirees through a prepaid account (like a debit card). This amendment is intended to accommodate retirees who may not have a traditional checking or savings account, leaving the only option to receive regular pension payments through paper check by mail or in-person. The COVID-19 pandemic and past natural disasters have shown that



the use of paper checks can be adversely affected in delivering promised benefits. This amendment only authorizes the system to utilize prepaid accounts as a payment method; it does not mandate it.

- Removal of requirement for a certified mail “return receipt” when sending notices to terminated members or beneficiaries that they have contributions or unclaimed benefits remaining with the system. Though IRS regulations require registered or certified mail for locating members and beneficiaries, the “return receipt” language found in the CERL is not an IRS requirement and reflects an outdated practice. Certified mail now allows the sender to electronically track the letter at significant cost savings.
- Direction for retirement systems to take certain actions when retired members exceed the 960-hour post-retirement employment limit. The proposed amendments would require the system to offset the member’s retirement allowance by the equivalent excess hours paid above 960 hours to ensure that the retired member is not receiving a pension and a salary outside of the prescribed limit. These amendments do not preclude retirement system from also reinstating the member into active service as the system deems necessary.

Motion: A motion to approve Item 5B SACRS 2024 Legislative Proposal was made by Fresno CERA.

2nd: Mendocino CERA

Yes: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura

No: Kern CERA

Abstain: 0

Motion passes 20-1-0

6. SACRS Nomination Committee – No Action

Vivian Gray, Los Angeles CERA, SACRS Nomination Committee Chair

A. SACRS Election Notice 2024-2025

Discussion: Discussion only, no action. Vivian Gray, SACRS Immediate Past President and Nomination Committee Chair, asked the Systems to alert staff and trustees that might be interested in serving on the Board, that the elections begin January 1, 2024.

7. SACRS Audit Report – No Action

Steve Delaney, Orange CERS, SACRS Audit Committee Chair

A. Audit Committee report. Verbal report, no printed materials for this item.

Discussion: Discussion only, no action. SACRS Staff reported that the annual audit will be presented to the Board in January 2024 and presented to the membership at the Spring 2024 Business Meeting.



8. SACRS Education Committee Report – No Action

JJ Popowich, Los Angeles CERA, SACRS Education Committee Chair

- A. SACRS Annual Fall Conference 2023 report. Verbal update, no printed materials for this item.

Discussion: Discussion only, no action. JJ Popowich provided a verbal report of the Education committee meeting and review of all sessions. JJ reported that the group thought it was a great conference, recognized the effort the Committee has made in presenting a diverse speaker roster. The addition of moderator Kellie DeMarco has elevated the general sessions and the overall conference. The overall sentiment was that they would have enjoyed more time in the AI session and Jamal Cyber session. The Committee will provide a full report to the Board in January 2024.

9. SACRS Program Committee Report – No Action

Adele Tagaloa, Orange CERS, SACRS Program Committee Chair

- A. Program Committee report. Verbal update, no printed materials for this item.

Discussion: Discussion only, no action. Adele Tagaloa thanked the committee members and welcome feedback via the evaluations online. Excited to include the Systems in the 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

10. SACRS Affiliate Committee Report – No Action

JoAnne Svensgaard, SACRS Affiliate Committee Chair

- A. Affiliate Committee report. Verbal update, no printed materials for this item.

Discussion: Discussion only, no action. JoAnne Svensgaard provided a verbal update on the Affiliate breakout and the new affiliate members. She announced that nominations to be on the Affiliate Committee will open in January 2024. Qualified members may submit their interest via the online portal on SACRS website. The selection process is available in the Affiliate Guidelines for those that want more information, or feel free to contact her directly. She also announced that her term is expiring and that she would be stepping down as the Chair of the Committee.

11. SACRS Bylaws Committee Report – No Action

Barbara Hannah, San Bernardino CERA, SACRS Bylaws Committee Chair

- A. Bylaws Committee report. Verbal update, no printed materials for this item.

Discussion: Anticipate Bylaws amendments in 2024 to clean up current language for the committees, and election cycle for the Affiliates.



12. SACRS Fall Conference Breakout Reports – No Action

A representative from each breakout will give a verbal report on their meetings. No printed materials for this item.

- A. Administrators – Eric Stern, Sacramento CERS reported that the administrators discussed. Thomas Stadelmaier, Stanislaus CERA will serve as the Spring 2024 moderator.
- B. Attorneys – Aaron Zaheen, Tulare CERA reported that the group had an enjoyable conversation, discussed cyber fraud, web accessibility and Brown Act. Barbara Hannah and David Lantzer will serve as the Spring 2024 moderators.
- C. Disability/ Operations & Benefits Combo – Carlos Barrios, Alameda CERA reported that they had a great discussion, talked about secure higher survivor benefits, safety members having better support, Contra Costa disability classification. Louis Gittens, Los Angeles CERA will serve as the Spring 2024 moderator.
- D. Internal Auditors – No report
- E. Investment Officers – No report
- F. Safety Trustees – Brian Williams, Sonoma CERA reported that they had new members attend the breakout and the conference. Brian volunteered to serve as the moderator at the Spring 2024 session.
- G. General Trustees – Adele Tagaloo, Orange CERS reported that the Trustees discussed governance and had a robust roundtable discussion . Adele volunteered to serve as the moderator at the Spring 2024 session.

13. Adjournment

Next scheduled SACRS Business Meeting will be held Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort, Santa Barbara, CA.

Motion: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 am was made by Santa Barbara CERS.

2nd: Fresno CERA

Yes: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes 20-0-0



3. SACRS Treasurer's Report - Receive and File

Jordan Kaufman, Kern CERA, SACRS Treasurer

A. July 2023 – January 2024 Financials

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1000 · First Foundation Bank-Checking	102,263.60
1001 · BofA Interest Checking 4389	6,646.59
1002 · First Foundation Bank ICS Acct	7,626.58

Total Checking/Savings 116,536.77

Other Current Assets

1100 · CalTrust - Medium Term	522,082.46
1107 · CalTrust Liquidity Fund	8,836.81
1110 · CAMP-SACRS Liquidity Fund	520,838.38
1201 · Deposits in Transit	-45.00

Total Other Current Assets 1,051,712.65

Total Current Assets 1,168,249.42

TOTAL ASSETS 1,168,249.42

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Credit Cards

2201 · First Foundation Master Card	1,558.77
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Total Credit Cards 1,558.77

Total Current Liabilities 1,558.77

Total Liabilities 1,558.77

Equity

32000 · Retained Earnings 1,266,654.18

Net Income -99,963.53

Total Equity 1,166,690.65

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,168,249.42

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Profit & Loss by Class

July 2023 through January 2024

	PAST YEAR	GENERAL	FUTURE YEAR	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4100 · Membership Dues				
4101 · Affiliates	0.00	294,250.00	0.00	294,250.00
4102 · Non Profit - Organizations	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
4103 · Non Profit - Systems	0.00	10,800.00	0.00	10,800.00
4104 · Systems - Medium	0.00	52,000.00	0.00	52,000.00
4105 · Systems - Large	0.00	42,000.00	0.00	42,000.00
Total 4100 · Membership Dues	0.00	402,050.00	0.00	402,050.00
4250 · Product Income				
4251 · CERL	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
4254 · Website Job Board	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
4269 · Product Shipping	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
Total 4250 · Product Income	0.00	435.00	0.00	435.00
4270 · UC Berkeley Program				
4271 · Registrations	500.00	27,500.00	0.00	28,000.00
4272 · Sponsorships	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
4270 · UC Berkeley Program - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4270 · UC Berkeley Program	500.00	52,500.00	0.00	53,000.00
4300 · Fall Conference Registration				
4302 · Affiliates - Regular	0.00	305,100.00	0.00	305,100.00
4303 · Affiliates - Late/Onsite	0.00	13,824.00	0.00	13,824.00
4304 · Non Profit	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
4305 · Systems	240.00	20,880.00	0.00	21,120.00
4306 · Non-Members	0.00	260,910.00	0.00	260,910.00
4307 · Fun Run	0.00	1,525.00	0.00	1,525.00
4308 · Yoga	0.00	720.00	0.00	720.00
4309 · Spouse	0.00	3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00
4300 · Fall Conference Registration - Other	0.00	14,073.00	0.00	14,073.00
Total 4300 · Fall Conference Registration	240.00	621,432.00	0.00	621,672.00
4350 · Spring Conference Registration				
4351 · Affiliates - Early	1,020.00	0.00	0.00	1,020.00
4352 · Affiliates - Regular	4,520.00	0.00	0.00	4,520.00
4353 · Affiliates - Late/Onsite	1,280.00	0.00	0.00	1,280.00
4354 · Non Profit	360.00	0.00	0.00	360.00
4355 · Systems	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
4356 · Non-Members	8,010.00	0.00	0.00	8,010.00
4357 · Fun Run	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
4358 · Yoga	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
Total 4350 · Spring Conference Registration	17,815.00	0.00	0.00	17,815.00
4900 · Interest Earned	0.00	39,224.18	0.00	39,224.18
Total Income	18,555.00	1,115,641.18	0.00	1,134,196.18
Gross Profit	18,555.00	1,115,641.18	0.00	1,134,196.18
Expense				
5000 · Administrative Fee	0.00	112,500.00	0.00	112,500.00
5002 · Awards	0.00	-902.56	0.00	-902.56

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Profit & Loss by Class

July 2023 through January 2024

	PAST YEAR	GENERAL	FUTURE YEAR	TOTAL
5003 · Bank Charges/Credit Card Fees	0.00	29,871.10	0.00	29,871.10
5010 · Berkeley & Symposium				
5012 · Delivery & Shipping	0.00	112.55	0.00	112.55
5013 · Hotel	0.00	-594.55	0.00	-594.55
5015 · Materials/Printing/Design	0.00	1,934.16	0.00	1,934.16
5017 · UC Berkeley	0.00	366,000.00	0.00	366,000.00
Total 5010 · Berkeley & Symposium	0.00	367,452.16	0.00	367,452.16
5040 · Commissions & Fees	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
5041 · Consulting	0.00	9,880.00	0.00	9,880.00
5042 · Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	325.00	0.00	325.00
5050 · Fall Conference				
5051 · Audio/Visual	0.00	113,408.38	0.00	113,408.38
5052 · Delivery & Shipping	0.00	2,973.16	0.00	2,973.16
5053 · Entertainment	0.00	19,902.66	0.00	19,902.66
5054 · Hotel				
5054.1 · Wednesday Night Event	0.00	117,507.00	0.00	117,507.00
5054.2 · Conference	0.00	54,127.19	0.00	54,127.19
5054.3 · Food & Beverage	0.00	158,077.90	0.00	158,077.90
Total 5054 · Hotel	0.00	329,712.09	0.00	329,712.09
5055 · Program Material	0.00	28,012.35	0.00	28,012.35
5056 · Speakers	0.00	36,500.00	0.00	36,500.00
5057 · Supplies	0.00	252.60	0.00	252.60
5058 · Travel	0.00	12,574.50	0.00	12,574.50
5050 · Fall Conference - Other	0.00	337.80	0.00	337.80
Total 5050 · Fall Conference	0.00	543,673.54	0.00	543,673.54
5070 · Insurance	0.00	1,991.00	0.00	1,991.00
5071 · Legal & Professional Fees	0.00	3,350.00	0.00	3,350.00
5072 · Legislative Advocacy	0.00	26,189.00	0.00	26,189.00
5080 · Magazine				
5082 · Design/Printing/Etc.	0.00	4,332.91	0.00	4,332.91
5083 · Magazine - Other	0.00	10,740.00	0.00	10,740.00
Total 5080 · Magazine	0.00	15,072.91	0.00	15,072.91
6000 · Board & Committees				
6001 · Board of Directors				
6001.1 · Food & Beverage	0.00	26,264.09	0.00	26,264.09
6001.2 · Printing/Supplies	0.00	885.23	0.00	885.23
6001.3 · Travel - BOD Meetings	0.00	9,967.26	0.00	9,967.26
6001.4 · Travel - Miscellaneous BOD	0.00	1,521.92	0.00	1,521.92
6001.5 · Board Of Directors - Other	0.00	5,627.16	0.00	5,627.16
6001 · Board of Directors - Other	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total 6001 · Board of Directors	0.00	49,265.66	0.00	49,265.66
Total 6000 · Board & Committees	0.00	49,265.66	0.00	49,265.66
6010 · Office Expenses / Supplies	0.00	1,911.24	0.00	1,911.24
6011 · Postage & Delivery	0.00	5,521.07	0.00	5,521.07
6020 · Spring Conference				
6022 · Delivery & Shipping	0.00	900.00	0.00	900.00

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Profit & Loss by Class

July 2023 through January 2024

	PAST YEAR	GENERAL	FUTURE YEAR	TOTAL
6024 · Hotel				
6024.2 · Conference	0.00	34,203.62	0.00	34,203.62
6024 · Hotel - Other	0.00	-1,064.88	0.00	-1,064.88
Total 6024 · Hotel	0.00	33,138.74	0.00	33,138.74
6025 · Program Material	0.00	-808.07	0.00	-808.07
Total 6020 · Spring Conference	0.00	33,230.67	0.00	33,230.67
6051 · Taxes & Licenses	0.00	1,050.38	0.00	1,050.38
6053 · Technology/AMS/Website	0.00	33,198.82	0.00	33,198.82
6054 · Travel	0.00	554.72	0.00	554.72
Total Expense	0.00	1,234,159.71	0.00	1,234,159.71
Net Ordinary Income	18,555.00	-118,518.53	0.00	-99,963.53
	18,555.00	-118,518.53	0.00	-99,963.53

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2023 through January 2024

	Jul '23 - Jan 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4100 · Membership Dues				
4101 · Affiliates	294,250.00	322,500.00	-28,250.00	91.24%
4102 · Non Profit - Organizations	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4103 · Non Profit - Systems	10,800.00	6,500.00	4,300.00	166.15%
4104 · Systems - Medium	52,000.00	52,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4105 · Systems - Large	42,000.00	42,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 4100 · Membership Dues	402,050.00	426,000.00	-23,950.00	94.38%
4200 · Webinar Symposium Registration				
4201 · Affiliates - Early	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4202 · Affiliates - Regular	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00	0.0%
4203 · Affiliates - Late/Onsite	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4204 · Non Profit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4205 · Systems	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00	0.0%
4206 · Non-Members	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total 4200 · Webinar Symposium Registration	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%
4250 · Product Income				
4251 · CERE	25.00	200.00	-175.00	12.5%
4252 · Roster	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4253 · Website Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4254 · Website Job Board	400.00	0.00	400.00	100.0%
4255 · Magazine Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4256 · On Demand Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4257 · Trustee Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4269 · Product Shipping	10.00	0.00	10.00	100.0%
Total 4250 · Product Income	435.00	200.00	235.00	217.5%
4270 · UC Berkeley Program				
4271 · Registrations	28,000.00	80,000.00	-52,000.00	35.0%
4272 · Sponsorships	25,000.00	40,000.00	-15,000.00	62.5%
4273 · Spouse	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
4270 · UC Berkeley Program - Other	0.00			
Total 4270 · UC Berkeley Program	53,000.00	121,000.00	-68,000.00	43.8%
4300 · Fall Conference Registration				
4301 · Affiliates - Early	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4302 · Affiliates - Regular	305,100.00	271,200.00	33,900.00	112.5%
4303 · Affiliates - Late/Onsite	13,824.00	84,480.00	-70,656.00	16.36%
4304 · Non Profit	1,200.00	1,500.00	-300.00	80.0%
4305 · Systems	21,120.00	20,000.00	1,120.00	105.6%
4306 · Non-Members	260,910.00	224,280.00	36,630.00	116.33%
4307 · Fun Run	1,525.00	500.00	1,025.00	305.0%
4308 · Yoga	720.00	100.00	620.00	720.0%
4309 · Spouse	3,200.00	5,000.00	-1,800.00	64.0%
4300 · Fall Conference Registration - Other	14,073.00			
Total 4300 · Fall Conference Registration	621,672.00	607,060.00	14,612.00	102.41%

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 2023 through January 2024

	Jul '23 - Jan 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
4350 · Spring Conference Registration				
4351 · Affiliates - Early	1,020.00	0.00	1,020.00	100.0%
4352 · Affiliates - Regular	4,520.00	271,200.00	-266,680.00	1.67%
4353 · Affiliates - Late/Onsite	1,280.00	84,480.00	-83,200.00	1.52%
4354 · Non Profit	360.00	1,500.00	-1,140.00	24.0%
4355 · Systems	2,400.00	20,000.00	-17,600.00	12.0%
4356 · Non-Members	8,010.00	224,280.00	-216,270.00	3.57%
4357 · Fun Run	180.00	500.00	-320.00	36.0%
4358 · Yoga	45.00	100.00	-55.00	45.0%
4359 · Spouse	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
Total 4350 · Spring Conference Registration	17,815.00	607,060.00	-589,245.00	2.94%
4900 · Interest Earned	39,224.18	0.00	39,224.18	100.0%
Total Income	1,134,196.18	1,765,820.00	-631,623.82	64.23%
Gross Profit	1,134,196.18	1,765,820.00	-631,623.82	64.23%
Expense				
5000 · Administrative Fee	112,500.00	225,000.00	-112,500.00	50.0%
5001 · Administrative Services	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
5002 · Awards	-902.56	500.00	-1,402.56	-180.51%
5003 · Bank Charges/Credit Card Fees	29,871.10	36,000.00	-6,128.90	82.98%
5010 · Berkeley & Symposium				
5011 · Audio/Visual	0.00	8,204.00	-8,204.00	0.0%
5012 · Delivery & Shipping	112.55	0.00	112.55	100.0%
5013 · Hotel	-594.55	0.00	-594.55	100.0%
5014 · Food & Beverage	0.00	12,500.00	-12,500.00	0.0%
5015 · Materials/Printing/Design	1,934.16	1,000.00	934.16	193.42%
5016 · Travel	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
5017 · UC Berkeley	366,000.00	240,000.00	126,000.00	152.5%
Total 5010 · Berkeley & Symposium	367,452.16	262,704.00	104,748.16	139.87%
5020 · Webinar Symposium				
5021 · Webinar Speaker	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5022 · Webinar Technology	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.0%
5023 · Webinar Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 5020 · Webinar Symposium	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.0%
5030 · CERL				
5031 · Materials/Printing/Design	0.00	16,500.00	-16,500.00	0.0%
5032 · Shipping	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00	0.0%
Total 5030 · CERL	0.00	17,800.00	-17,800.00	0.0%
5039 · Charitable Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5040 · Commissions & Fees	25.00	15,000.00	-14,975.00	0.17%
5041 · Consulting	9,880.00	21,192.00	-11,312.00	46.62%
5042 · Dues & Subscriptions	325.00	3,700.00	-3,375.00	8.78%
5050 · Fall Conference				
5051 · Audio/Visual	113,408.38	103,000.00	10,408.38	110.11%
5052 · Delivery & Shipping	2,973.16	2,500.00	473.16	118.93%
5053 · Entertainment	19,902.66	6,500.00	13,402.66	306.2%

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 2023 through January 2024

	Jul '23 - Jan 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
5054 · Hotel				
5054.1 · Wednesday Night Event	117,507.00	82,500.00	35,007.00	142.43%
5054.2 · Conference	54,127.19	35,000.00	19,127.19	154.65%
5054.3 · Food & Beverage	158,077.90	275,000.00	-116,922.10	57.48%
Total 5054 · Hotel	329,712.09	392,500.00	-62,787.91	84.0%
5055 · Program Material	28,012.35	25,000.00	3,012.35	112.05%
5056 · Speakers	36,500.00	50,000.00	-13,500.00	73.0%
5057 · Supplies	252.60	500.00	-247.40	50.52%
5058 · Travel	12,574.50	15,000.00	-2,425.50	83.83%
5050 · Fall Conference - Other	337.80			
Total 5050 · Fall Conference	543,673.54	595,000.00	-51,326.46	91.37%
5070 · Insurance	1,991.00	5,000.00	-3,009.00	39.82%
5071 · Legal & Professional Fees	3,350.00	25,000.00	-21,650.00	13.4%
5072 · Legislative Advocacy	26,189.00	62,808.00	-36,619.00	41.7%
5080 · Magazine				
5081 · Delivery & Shipping	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
5082 · Design/Printing/Etc.	4,332.91	15,000.00	-10,667.09	28.89%
5083 · Magazine - Other	10,740.00	8,000.00	2,740.00	134.25%
5080 · Magazine - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 5080 · Magazine	15,072.91	23,600.00	-8,527.09	63.87%
6000 · Board & Committees				
6001 · Board of Directors				
6001.1 · Food & Beverage	26,264.09	25,000.00	1,264.09	105.06%
6001.2 · Printing/Supplies	885.23	0.00	885.23	100.0%
6001.3 · Travel - BOD Meetings	9,967.26	10,000.00	-32.74	99.67%
6001.4 · Travel - Miscellaneous BOD	1,521.92	10,000.00	-8,478.08	15.22%
6001.5 · Board Of Directors - Other	5,627.16	10,000.00	-4,372.84	56.27%
6001 · Board of Directors - Other	5,000.00			
Total 6001 · Board of Directors	49,265.66	55,000.00	-5,734.34	89.57%
6002 · Legislative Committee Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6003 · Program Committee Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6004 · Nominating Committee Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6005 · Audit Committee Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6006 · Education Committee Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6007 · ByLaws Committee Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 6000 · Board & Committees	49,265.66	55,000.00	-5,734.34	89.57%
6010 · Office Expenses / Supplies	1,911.24	2,500.00	-588.76	76.45%
6011 · Postage & Delivery	5,521.07	8,500.00	-2,978.93	64.95%
6020 · Spring Conference				
6021 · Audio/Visual	0.00	103,000.00	-103,000.00	0.0%
6022 · Delivery & Shipping	900.00	2,500.00	-1,600.00	36.0%
6023 · Entertainment	0.00	6,500.00	-6,500.00	0.0%
6024 · Hotel				
6024.1 · Wednesday Night Event	0.00	82,500.00	-82,500.00	0.0%
6024.2 · Conference	34,203.62	0.00	34,203.62	100.0%

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2023 through January 2024

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6024.3 · Food & Beverage	0.00	275,000.00	-275,000.00	0.0%
6024 · Hotel - Other	-1,064.88			
Total 6024 · Hotel	33,138.74	357,500.00	-324,361.26	9.27%
6025 · Program Material	-808.07	25,000.00	-25,808.07	-3.23%
6026 · Speakers	0.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.0%
6027 · Supplies	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
6028 · Travel	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
Total 6020 · Spring Conference	33,230.67	560,500.00	-527,269.33	5.93%
6050 · Strategic Facilitator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6051 · Taxes & Licenses	1,050.38	600.00	450.38	175.06%
6053 · Technology/AMS/Website	33,198.82	42,000.00	-8,801.18	79.05%
6054 · Travel	554.72	2,000.00	-1,445.28	27.74%
Total Expense	1,234,159.71	1,989,904.00	-755,744.29	62.02%
Net Ordinary Income	-99,963.53	-224,084.00	124,120.47	44.61%
	-99,963.53	-224,084.00	124,120.47	44.61%



4. SACRS President Report - No Action

David MacDonald, Contra Costa CERA, SACRS President

A. SACRS President Update

No printed materials for this item



5. SACRS Legislative Committee Report – No Action

Eric Stern, Sacramento CERS and Dave Nelsen, Alameda CERA, SACRS Legislative Committee Co-Chairs

A. Legislative Committee Report



EDELSTEIN GILBERT ROBSON & SMITH^{LLC}

Donald B. Gilbert Michael R. Robson Trent E. Smith Jason D. Ikerd^{Associate}

April 4th, 2024

TO: State Association of County Retirement Systems
FROM: Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith, LLC
RE: **Legislative Update – April 2024**

The Legislature returned from its Spring Recess on March 21st and committee hearings are in full swing. April is traditionally the busiest month of the year for the Legislature as the newly introduced bills must be passed out of policy committees by the end of the month. Some of the committee agendas will be very long and hearings commonly go well into the evening. Most of May and early June will be dedicated to addressing the State's massive budget deficit, which is estimated to be between \$37 and \$73 billion, depending on who you ask. So far, the Governor and Legislature have failed to agree on an "early action" budget compromise intended to shrink the deficit by making cuts in the current budget year. The stalemate on cutting some non-controversial items in the current year does not bode well for the larger budget decisions that must be made by the June 15 deadline to pass a State Budget.

A few bills of interest to SACRS have recently been amended, which we have outlined below:

- **AB 3025** – This is an amended spot bill. The new text of requires county retirement systems to adjust benefits for retired members, survivors, or beneficiaries whose final compensation included disallowed compensation, crediting contributions made on the disallowed compensation, and establishing conditions for repayment by employers, while also authorizing employers to submit proposed compensation items for pension calculations for review and guidance from the retirement system. SACRS Legislative Committee Co-Chairs met with the sponsors of AB 3025 and are working collaboratively to make sure SACRS systems can properly implement the bill.

- **SB 1499** – This measure aligns the Personal Income Tax Law with federal law by adjusting catch-up limits for retirement contributions based on age and increasing contribution limits for simple plans, while also requiring additional information for any bill authorizing a new tax expenditure. Amended to strike Sections 408(p)(2) and Section 414(v)(2) of the line 16 Internal Revenue Code from applying. The amendments also establish a 2029 deadline for the Legislative Analyst’s Office to submit a report on how many taxpayers are utilizing these tax benefits.
- **SB 908** – This bill, previously the Government Transparency Act Initiative, has been gutted and amended. It is now a public health bill on fentanyl and will be removed from the SACRS tracking list.
- **AB 2770** – As amended, this bill revises the interest calculation for purchasing additional service credit and redepositing retirement contributions in the State Teachers’ Retirement System, requiring members to sign and return necessary documents within 35 days, and extends the repeal date for disability retirement provisions related to post-traumatic stress disorder; it also removes return receipt requirements for the payment of accumulated contributions to discontinued members and makes technical changes to the Judges’ Retirement Law. This bill recently passed out of committee.
- **SB 1240** – This bill allows a successor agency for the El Dorado County Fire Protection District and the Diamond Springs Fire Protection District to provide their employees with the defined benefit plan or formula they received prior to annexation, making legislative findings and declarations for the necessity of a special statute for the County of El Dorado, and declaring it to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. Amended to strike language requiring the successor agency to designate surviving contracts within 180 days of the annexation.
- **SB 1260** – This bill was gutted and amended. Previously, this bill would have established the Office of the Inspector General for the Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS), appointing an Inspector General to oversee internal investigations, the disciplinary process, and audits or reviews of CalPERS. Now, this is a transportation bill regarding high-speed rail and will be removed from the SACRS tracking list.
- **AB 2284** – authorizes a retirement system, to the extent that it has not defined work classification “grades” to define “grade” to mean a number of employees considered together because they share similarities in job duties, schedules, unit recruitment requirements, work location, collective bargaining unit, or other logical work-related grouping. SACRS Legislative Committee Co-Chairs met with the sponsors and will continue to work on the bill to ensure it can be enacted in compliance with PEPRA.

- **AB 2474** – amends the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 regarding benefit payments and overpayments, allowing for retirement allowances or benefits to be deposited into prepaid accounts, extending the period of employment for retired persons in certain positions, and considering a retired person's retirement allowance as an overpayment subject to collection if they are employed beyond specified limits. This bill continues to be discussed with amendments forthcoming.
- **AB 2301** – As amended, this bill, the Sacramento Area Sewer District Pension Protection Act of 2024, would transfer employees and associated obligations from the County of Sacramento to the Sacramento Area Sewer District, ensuring continuity of retirement benefits and assuming rights and obligations under existing retirement laws, with legislative findings emphasizing the necessity of a special statute for the County of Sacramento, and declaring it an urgency statute to take effect immediately.



6. SACRS Nomination Committee Report - Action

Vivian Gray, Los Angeles CERA, SACRS Nomination Committee Chair

- A. SACRS Board of Directors Elections 2024-2025



March 14, 2024

To: SACRS Trustees & SACRS Administrators/CEO's
 From: Vivian Gray, SACRS Immediate Past President, Nominating Committee Chair
 SACRS Nominating Committee
 Re: SACRS Board of Director Elections 2024-2025 - Elections Notice

SACRS BOD 2024-2025 election process began January 1, 2024. Please provide this election notice to your Board of Trustees and Voting Delegates.

DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
March 1, 2024	Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office. Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.
March 25, 2024	The Nominating Committee will report a final ballot to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25
May 10, 2024	Nomination Committee to conduct elections during the SACRS Business Meeting at the Spring Conference
May 10, 2024	Board of Directors take office for 1 year

Per SACRS Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1. Board of Director and Section 2. Elections of Directors:

Section 1. Board of Directors. *The Board shall consist of the officers of SACRS as described in Article VI, Section 1, the immediate Past President, and two (2) regular members*

A. Immediate Past President. *The immediate Past President, while he or she is a regular member of SACRS, shall also be a member of the Board. In the event the immediate Past President is unable to serve on the Board, the most recent Past President who qualifies shall serve as a member of the Board.*

B. Two (2) Regular Members. *Two (2) regular members shall also be members of the Board with full voting rights.*

Section 2. Elections of Directors. *Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office. Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.*



The Nominating Committee will report its suggested slate, along with a list of the names of all members who had been nominated, to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25.

The Administrator of each regular member County Retirement System shall be responsible for communicating the Nominating Committee's suggested slate to each trustee and placing the election of SACRS Directors on his or her board agenda. The Administrator shall acknowledge the completion of these responsibilities with the Nominating Committee.

Director elections shall take place during the first regular meeting of each calendar year. The election shall be conducted by an open roll call vote, and shall conform to Article V, Sections 6 and 7 of these Bylaws.

Newly elected Directors shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected, with the exception of the office of Treasurer. The incumbent Treasurer shall co-serve with the newly elected Treasurer through the completion of the current fiscal year.

The elections are being held at the SACRS Spring Conference May 7-10, 2024. Elections take place during the Annual Business meeting on Friday, May 10, 2024, in Santa Barbara at the Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort.

SACRS Nominating Committee Recommended Slate:

- President – David MacDonald, Contra Costa CERA
- Vice President – Adele Tagaloa, Orange CERS
- Treasurer – Jordan Kaufman, Kern CERA
- Secretary – Zandra Cholmondeley, Santa Barbara CERS
- Regular Member – David Gilmore, San Diego CERA
- Regular Member – Rhonda Biesemeier, Stanislaus CERA

Other Nominations Submitted:

- Daniel Vasquez, Marin CERA
- Alysia Bonner, Fresno CERA

Please prepare your voting delegate to have the ability to vote by the recommended ballot and by each position separately.

If you have any questions, please contact Vivian Gray at vgray@lacara.com.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this timely matter.

Sincerely,

Vivian Gray

Vivian Gray, Trustee, Los Angeles CERA and SACRS Nominating Committee Chair

CC: SACRS Board of Directors
SACRS Nominating Committee Members
Sulema H. Peterson, SACRS Executive Director

Attached: Nominee Submissions

President, David MacDonald, Contra Costa CERA



David J MacDonald, MD



January 19, 2024

SACRS Nominating Committee
Vivian Gray, Chair

Dear Ms. Gray,

I would like to express my interest in running as President for the SACRS' Board of Directors for the 2024/2025 year.

I was first elected to the SACRS board in 2020 and currently serve as the SACRS President. I am also an elected trustee of the CCCERA Retirement Board (since 2016) and currently serve as the CCCERA Board Vice Chair. I appreciate the level of responsibility entrusted to me in looking after our members' retirement plans. I understand the incredible value of a defined benefit plan for my coworkers and our retirees.

I have a long history of dedicated service to my coworkers and union members, and I carry this spirit into my role as an elected trustee. My work with SACRS has meant further education and inspiration from the SACRS organization via its conferences and programs. SACRS has enhanced my abilities to serve as an effective CCCERA trustee.

I desire to continue my service on the SACRS board. My roles on the SACRS board have been incredibly valuable to me. My work in SACRS allows me to further promote, protect and build upon pension programs under CERL for county public employees statewide. We have good momentum with SACRS that will mean the further constructive evolution of our organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and respectfully,

David J MacDonald, MD



SACRS Board of Directors Elections 2024-2025

All interested candidates must complete this form and submit along with a letter of intent. **Both the form and the letter of intent must be submitted no later than March 1, 2024.** Please submit to the Nominating Committee Chair at vgray@lacera.com AND to SACRS at sulema@sacrs.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sulema Peterson at SACRS at (916) 701-5158.

Name of Candidate	Name: David J. MacDonald, MD
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address)	Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Email Address: dmacdcccera@gmail.com Phone: [REDACTED]
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	System Name: CCCERA
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	<input type="radio"/> Chair <input type="radio"/> Alternate <input type="radio"/> General Elected <input type="radio"/> Retiree <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other - Vice Chair X (elected board member)
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> President X <input type="radio"/> Vice President <input type="radio"/> Treasurer <input type="radio"/> Secretary <input type="radio"/> Regular Member
Brief Bio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SACRS Board of Directors, Member – 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 * SACRS Vice President – 2022-2023 * SACRS President – 2023-2024 * Vice Chair, CCCERA Board of Retirement * Elected general member trustee of CCCERA since 2016 * President, Physicians', and Dentists of Contra Costa (PDOCC), since 2010 (Union for health care providers working at Contra Costa County). * 30 years serving on the PDOCC Executive Board, including many years as Vice President and President. * 33 years of service to Contra Costa County as a physician working in the Department of Health Services. * Education/Pension Trustee Certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bachelor of Science, Biology – UC Irvine - Doctor of Medicine – UC Irvine - UC Berkeley (SACRS) – Modern Investment Theory & Practice for Retirement Systems - Wharton Business School – Portfolio Concepts & Management - IFEBP – CAPPP program, Trustees Master's Program - CALAPRS Trustee Education – Principles of Pension Governance

Vice President, Adele Tagaloa, OCERS

Serving the Active and Retired Members of:

CITY OF SAN JUAN
CAPISTRANO

COUNTY OF ORANGE

ORANGE COUNTY
CEMETERY DISTRICT

ORANGE COUNTY CHILDREN &
FAMILIES COMMISSION

ORANGE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(CLOSED TO NEW MEMBERS)

ORANGE COUNTY
EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT
SYSTEM

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE
AUTHORITY

ORANGE COUNTY IN-HOME
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC
AUTHORITY

ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL
AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LAW
LIBRARY

ORANGE COUNTY
SANITATION DISTRICT

ORANGE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA, COUNTY
OF ORANGE

TRANSPORTATION
CORRIDOR AGENCIES

UCI MEDICAL CENTER AND
CAMPUS (CLOSED TO NEW
MEMBERS)

February 21, 2024

By Mail and Electronic Mail [vgray@lacera.com]

Ms. Vivian Gray
SACRS Nominating Committee Chair
SACRS
840 Richards Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: NOMINATION FOR SACRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2024-2025

Dear Ms. Gray:

As a regular member of SACRS, the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS) is entitled, under the SACRS Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, to submit nominations for the election of directors for the SACRS Board of Directors.

On February 21, 2024, the OCERS Board of Retirement met and took action to nominate OCERS trustee, Adele Tagalao, for the position of her choosing on the SACRS Board of Directors and directed me to submit this nomination to the SACRS Nominating Committee. Ms. Tagalao intends to pursue the position of VICE PRESIDENT of the SACRS Board and will forward her submission form directly to SACRS.

Accordingly, please accept this letter as **OCERS' nomination of OCERS Trustee, Adele Tagalao, for election to the position of VICE PRESIDENT of the SACRS Board of Directors at the 2024-2025 SACRS Board of Directors Election to take place on May 10, 2024.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 558-6222 if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you.

Best regards,



Steve Delaney
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Sulema H. Peterson, SACRS Administrator

Adele M. Tagaloa

2223 East Wellington Ave, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92804 | [REDACTED] | atagaloa@ocers.org

February 25, 2024

Ms. Vivian Gray
SACRS Immediate Past President, Nominating Committee Chair
State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS)
840 Richards Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Ms. Vivian Gray:

Please accept this letter of my intent to run for SACRS Board of Directors for the office of Vice President.

I believe I am qualified to serve as Vice President based on my thirteen years of leadership positions in my employee labor organization, serving 1.8 million registered voters by providing transparent, accurate and secure elections, over 16 years in the non-profit and private sector and most importantly, as a Trustee on the Orange County Employees Retirement System. Most recently, serving on SACRS Vice President and Chair of the Programming Committee for the year 2023-2024 collaborating to enhance high-quality education for our trustees, with affiliates, staff and other CERL counties ensuring pension security.

I hold a passion for democracy, organized labor, and education accessibility that encompasses everything in my career and life. Since I have been elected to the OCERS Board of Retirement, trustee education has been one of my main priorities. All thought the last two years has proven a challenge for in-person conferences and education, this did not deter me from attending as many different organization's education, on any platform that I could. With that experience, in my opinion, SACRS is the leading organization for public pension organizations.

While attending SACRS Fall Conference in 2021, the level of professionalism and outstanding leadership, solidified my desire to be more than an attendee at SACRS. I have found an organization that understands the challenge and importance of pensions, education and duty, for trustees in our CERL 37 Act Systems. I have shared to many about the fantastic speakers and the subjects that reach beyond pensions. This past year serving as your SACRS Secretary, has allowed me to represent trustees, for example:

- Based on feedback, submitting topics and speakers that would benefit trustees, investment staff, and affiliates
- Commitment to working on long-term goals for all our members

Using my leadership experience, it is my goal to continue to share all the benefits of SACRS to members and to continue to make SACRS the premier pension organization in a changing world.

It would be an honor to serve on the SACRS Board of Directors as Vice President and truly appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adele Tagaloa

Adele Tagaloa
Trustee, General Member-Elected
Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS)



**SACRS Nomination Submission Form
SACRS Board of Directors Elections 2024-2025**

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Name of Candidate	Name: Adele Tagaloa
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address)	Mailing Address: 2223 East Wellington Ave, Suite 100 Santa Ana, CA 92701 Email Address: atagaloa@ocers.org Phone: [REDACTED]
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	System Name: Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS)
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Chair <input type="radio"/> Alternate <input checked="" type="radio"/> General Elected <input type="radio"/> Retiree <input type="radio"/> Other _____
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)	<input type="radio"/> President <input checked="" type="radio"/> Vice President <input type="radio"/> Treasurer <input type="radio"/> Secretary <input type="radio"/> Regular Member
Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice President, SACRS • Programming Committee Chair, SACRS • Elected General Member Trustee, OCERS, 2020 to present • Over 14 years of service to the County of Orange • Proudly serving 1.8 million registered voters at the Registrar of Voters • Chair, OCERS Disability Committee 2020 to 2022 • Vice Chair, OCERS Investment Committee 2022 • Chair, OCERS Investment Committee 2023 • OCERS Governance Committee member 2022 • Union Steward, Orange County Employees Association (OCEA) 2012 to present • Board of Directors, OCEA 2018 to present <p>Public Pension Trustee Certificates: NCPERS - Accredited Fiduciary Program - Accredited Fiduciary designation 2024 Public Pension Investment Management Program - UC Berkeley CALAPRS Principles of Pension Governance and Principles for Trustees Completed 209 hours of education, 2023</p>

Treasurer, Jordan Kaufman, Kern CERA



Jordan Kaufman
Treasurer and Tax Collector
Chase Nunneley
Assistant Treasurer and Tax Collector

January 16, 2024

Vivian Gray, Nominating Committee Chairman
 State Association of County Retirement Systems

Re: Letter of interest to continue on the Board of Directors of SACRS in the position of Treasurer

Dear Vivian and members of the Nominating Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my interest in continuing on the SACRS Board of Directors in the position of Treasurer. I believe that I have the knowledge, experience and motivation to add value to the Board. I am in my third term as the elected Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector, and I am an 19 year member of the Kern County Employees Retirement Association (KCERA) as a general elected, alternate, and statutory trustee. I have a deep background in public fund investment and retirement plan administration and I am or have been the Treasurer of many organizations and associations.

As the elected Treasurer-Tax Collector, I manage the County's \$6.7 billion treasury pool, provide banking services to over 200 different county agencies and districts, and collect over \$1.6 billion in local property taxes. I am also the Plan Administrator for the County's 457(b) deferred compensation plan with over \$700 million in participant assets.

I am or have been the Treasurer of the following entities: County of Kern; California Association of County Treasurer's and Tax Collectors (CACTTC); United Way of Kern County; Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council; California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA); and Kern County Management Council.

I have dedicated my career to public service and I am proud to serve the residents of Kern County and the employees of the County of Kern and I feel that I can continue to bring value to SACRS Board of Directors. Thank you in advance for your consideration and feel free to call me if you have any questions at 661-204-1510.

Sincerely,

Jordan Kaufman
 Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector
 Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator

Attachment

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SACRS Board of Directors Elections 2024-2025**

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Name of Candidate	Name: Jordan Kaufman
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address)	Mailing Address: 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 2nd Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301 Email Address: jkaufman@kerncounty.com Phone: 661-204-1510
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	System Name: Kern CERA
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	<input type="radio"/> Chair <input type="radio"/> Alternate <input type="radio"/> General Elected <input type="radio"/> Retiree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Statutory</u>
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)	<input type="radio"/> President <input type="radio"/> Vice President <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <input type="radio"/> Secretary <input type="radio"/> Regular Member
Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	<p>I am the current SACRS Treasurer and am excited for the opportunity to continue in this role. I am in my third term as the elected Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector with fiduciary responsibility over the \$6.7 billion Treasury Investment Pool and the responsibility of annually collecting over \$1.6 billion in local property taxes. I am also the Plan Administrator for the \$700 million deferred compensation plan for County employees. Prior to being elected, I became the assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector in 2006. Prior to 2006, I spent over a decade in the County Administrative Office where I performed budget and policy analysis and was involved in the issuance of various types of municipal bonds for the County. I am the Treasurer and past Chairman of the United Way of Kern County, Trustee and past Chairman of the Kern County Employees Retirement Association (KCERA), Vice Chair of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA), Treasurer of the Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I live in Bakersfield with my beautiful wife Kristen and we have four children.</p>

Secretary, Zandra Cholmondeley, Santa Barbara CERS

From: [Zandra Cholmondeley](#)
To: [Vivian Gray](#); [Sulema Peterson](#)
Subject: Letter of Intent to serve as Secretary, SACRS Board of Directors
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 1:19:41 PM

Dear Ms. Gray,

I hereby express my interest in serving as Secretary on the SACRS Board of Directors for the 2024-25 term of office.

I have been a regular attendee at SACRS conferences since 2009, when I joined the Board of Directors the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System as elected retiree trustee. I currently serve as Secretary (2023-24) and have previously served as Secretary on the SACRS Board of Directors in 2013-14. I have also served on the SACRS program committee over the past 11 years and have contributed to the lineup of speakers and panelists at SACRS conferences during this period.

I would be honored to continue to serve as Secretary on the SACRS Board of Directors.

Yours sincerely,
Zandra Cholmondeley,
Elected Retiree Trustee,
Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System

Sent from my iPad



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Name of Candidate	Name: Zandra Cholmondeley
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address)	Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	System Name: Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	<input type="radio"/> Chair <input type="radio"/> Alternate <input checked="" type="radio"/> General Elected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retiree <input type="radio"/> Other _____
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Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	<p>Zandra Cholmondeley was elected to represent County retirees as a trustee on the governing board of the Santa Barbara County Retirement System (SBCERS) in November 2008. She joined the SBCERS Board in January 2009 and starting in January 2010, served two terms as Chair of the Board. She currently serves as Secretary on the SACRS Board (2023-24) and previously served as Secretary of this board from 2014-15. She has also served three terms as the President of the Retired Employees of Santa Barbara County (RESBC).</p> <p>Zandra retired in July 2008. As Principal Analyst for Santa Barbara County she was charged with overseeing the development of the County's annual budget and performed numerous special projects for the County Executive Officer (CEO). Her budget responsibilities included working with County departments to ensure the accuracy of projections and overall preparation of the budget document. Special projects experience included implementing fiscal policy for the County Executive Office.</p>

Regular Member, David Gilmore, San Diego CERA

January 24, 2024

Ms. Vivian Gray
Chair
Nominating Committee
State Association of County Retirement Systems

Dear Ms. Gray,

This letter is to state my intention to run for re-election. Attached please find my application for the State Association of County Retirement Systems Board of Directors.

I have been working with retirement education since first joining the county of San Diego almost 27 years ago. Working this past year with the SACRS team has been very educational and has provided a sense of accomplishment. The team is a caring group of individuals that are truly looking to provide a great experience for pension system trustees to learn and grow in their roles as board members.

My goal is to keep supporting the SACRS training mission. I respectfully request and thank you in advance for the consideration of the Nominating Committee in supporting my candidacy for election to the SACRS Board of Directors.

Respectfully,


David Gilmore

SDCERA Trustee



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Name of Candidate	Name: David Gilmore
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address)	Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Email Address: D.Gilmore@sdcera.org Phone: [REDACTED]
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	System Name: San Diego County Employees Retirement Association
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Chair <input type="radio"/> Alternate <input type="radio"/> General Elected <input type="radio"/> Retiree <input type="radio"/> Other _____
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Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	<p>I am serving SDCERA for my second term. Currently, I am the Board Chair. I have two more years in this board term. I am a 27 year employee of San Diego County. Currently, I am the Training Division manager for the Sheriff's Department. I have a BBA in Accounting and an MPA in Public Administration. I have served on the SACRS Board for the past year and enjoyed participating in the development of training opportunities for pension trustees from around the state of California.</p> <p>I appreciate your support.</p>

Regular Member, Rhona Bieseimer, Stanislaus CERA

Rhonda Bieseemeier



February 22, 2024

Ms. Vivian Gray
SACRS Nominating Committee Chair

Ms. Sulema Peterson
SACRS Executive Director

Dear Ms. Gray and Ms. Peterson,

My name is Rhonda Bieseemeier and I am interested in serving as a member of the SACRS Board of Directors. I am a strong proponent of furthering and protecting retiree's defined benefit plans.

I have always been impressed by the quality of education I receive through SACRS, both at conferences and through the UC Berkeley Program. The SACRS organization is impressively well- run, providing top-notch presenters to improve member's understanding of investments and other aspects of pension management. The networking opportunities you provide enhance the educational experience.

I would like to stress that once I commit to a position, I am involved and dedicated to assuring that a certain level of excellence is maintained. I recognize that SACRS maintains such a level and I'd like to be a part of its future.

I appreciate that you are willing to consider me for a position on the Board of SACRS.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Bieseemeier



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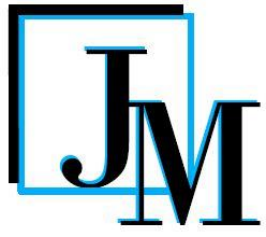
Name of Candidate	Name: Rhonda Bieseemeier
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address)	Mailing Address: ██ Email Address: ████████████████████ Phone: ██████████
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	System Name: Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association (StanCERA)
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	<input type="radio"/> Chair <input type="radio"/> Alternate <input type="radio"/> General Elected <input checked="" type="radio"/> Retiree <input type="radio"/> Other _____
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Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	<p>I was elected as the Retiree Alternate Representative to the StanCERA Board of Retirement in July 2017, and was re-elected for a second term in 2020. In 2023, I was elected as the Retiree Representative and currently serve as a Trustee in that capacity. Since joining the Board in 2017, I have attended numerous SACRS conferences and the SACRS/UC Berkeley Program.</p> <p>I am committed to retirees as evidenced by volunteer positions I have held since retiring in 2008. They include President and board member of the Retired Employees of Stanislaus County (RESCO) 2008 – present and Delegate to the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) 2009 - 2023. Additionally, my current experience as an Equal Rights Commissioner for Stanislaus County would be beneficial in continuing the goals of inclusiveness to which SACRS aspires.</p> <p>I was raised in Modesto, California. I have two accomplished young adult children, two dogs & a cat. My favorite things include spending time with my children and my many friends, meeting new people, participating in community events, traveling, and photography.</p>



7. SACRS Audit Committee Report – Action

Steve Delaney, Orange CERS, SACRS Audit Committee Chair

A. SACRS Audit 2022-2023 Report



JAMES MARTA & COMPANY LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**STATE ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

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STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

JUNE 30, 2023

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David Gilmore
General Member

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Sulema Peterson
Association Management

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
State Association of County Retirement Systems
Sacramento, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statement State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) which comprise the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of State Association of County Retirement Systems as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of State Association of County Retirement Systems, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibility of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the statement of cash receipts and disbursements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about State Association of County Retirement Systems' ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the statement of cash receipts and disbursements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of cash receipts and disbursements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the statement of cash receipts and disbursements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of State Association of County Retirement Systems' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the statement of cash receipts and disbursements
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about State Association of County Retirement Systems' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Information

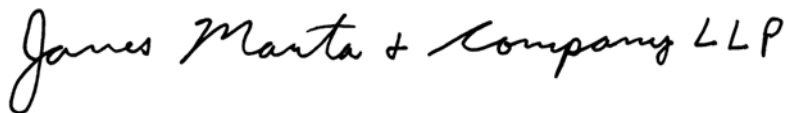
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement as a whole. The Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts, Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements, and Conference Summary Report, on pages 8 to 13, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement.

The Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts, and Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements, on pages 8 to 12, is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts, and Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements, on pages 8 to 12 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

The Conference Summary Report, on page 13, has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Restricted Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the board of directors of State Association of County Retirement Systems and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Marta & Company LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Marta & Company LLP
Certified Public Accountants
Sacramento, California
April 4, 2024

FINANCIAL SECTION

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
<u>Cash Receipts</u>		
Dues	\$ 361,500	\$ 321,490
Conference		
Fall	546,180	503,150
Spring	561,715	534,549
Seminars	117,000	115,650
Other admin receipts	635	350
Other conference receipts	-	350
Interest	<u>37,268</u>	<u>-</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>1,624,298</u>	<u>1,475,539</u>
 <u>Cash Disbursements</u>		
Conference		
Fall - 2022 and 2021		
Hotel and meals	430,059	345,697
Audio and visual	102,087	86,293
Program materials	31,726	95,289
Spring - 2023 and 2022		
Hotel and meals	689,074	30,956
Audio and visual	207,583	122,694
Program materials	82,563	76,921
Seminars	102,505	250,832
Conference administration	<u>21,192</u>	<u>31,462</u>
Total conference disbursements	<u>1,666,789</u>	<u>1,040,144</u>
Administration	396,456	357,802
Lobbying	62,808	65,013
Newsletters	43,941	33,276
Committee meetings	74,447	58,157
Special projects	17,837	17,841
Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>32,231</u>
Total administration disbursements	<u>595,489</u>	<u>564,320</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>2,262,278</u>	<u>1,604,464</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Cash Receipts over Cash Disbursements	(637,980)	(128,925)
Cash and Investments, Beginning	<u>1,904,634</u>	<u>2,033,559</u>
Cash and Investments, Ending	<u>\$ 1,266,654</u>	<u>\$ 1,904,634</u>
 <i>Supplementary Information</i>		
Cash and Investments at June 30,	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 666,544	\$ 959,810
Non current portion of investments	<u>600,110</u>	<u>944,824</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 1,266,654</u>	<u>\$ 1,904,634</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. ORGANIZATION

State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) is a not-for-profit association of 20 California county retirement systems, enacted under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937. SACRS was formed in the early 1970's to provide forums for disseminating knowledge of, and developing expertise in, the operation of county retirement systems existing under current law, as well as to foster and take an active role in the legislative process. To accomplish SACRS' mission of addressing issues of importance to members, SACRS, contracting with Sulema Peterson & Associates, provides a variety of association management services, including three magazines a year, membership directory, semi-annual conferences, and oversight of SACRS.org. The Association is supported primarily through membership dues and conference fees.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying financial statement has been prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under that basis, the only assets recognized are cash and investments, and no liabilities are recognized. All transactions are recognized as either cash receipts or disbursements, and noncash transactions are not recognized. The cash basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles primarily because the effects of outstanding dues and obligations for assessments unpaid at the date of the financial statement are not included in the financial statement.

The Board of Directors has elected to use the cash basis of accounting for this entity given the nature of its receipts and disbursements: revenue is almost always received and earned in the same period (e.g. at the beginning of the year for annual memberships, and shortly prior to events for conference attendance) and most expenses are incurred evenly over the year, with the exception of the billing for the conference hotel expense. Financial results by conference are presented in the Conference Summary Report in the Supplementary Information section of this document.

C. INCOME TAXES

The Association is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701f of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

D. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

The Association has entered into various contractual agreements for professional services. These agreements include compensation for services rendered to the Association.

E. COMPARATIVE DATA

Comparative data for the prior year have been presented in certain sections of the accompanying financial statement in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Association's financial position and operations.

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. COMPARATIVE DATA (CONTINUED)

Since SACRS uses the cash basis of accounting, the timing of events and the ultimate settlement of bills may vary from year to year. For example; the Spring conference costs could be settled by June (by year end) or be extended into the subsequent year. Also the timing of events could affect when payments are made from year to year. Payments after year end will be paid out of the surplus generated out of the prior year conference receipts. So the surplus cash at year end may have future demands for prior expenses. Management prepares a conference summary report that reconciles these payments when settled; this report is presented as supplementary information.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and Cash Equivalents

SACRS considers short-term highly liquid investments to be cash equivalents provided that they are both readily convertible to cash and had an original maturity of three months or less when purchased. The balance in cash and cash equivalents at June 30 include:

	2023	2022
Bank accounts	\$ (166,975)	\$ 158,389
Money market accounts	833,519	801,421
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 666,544	\$ 959,810

Cash in bank accounts at June 30, 2023 consisted of the following:

	First Foundation	Bank of America	Total
Per bank	\$ 136,739	\$ 46,674	\$ 183,413
Checks outstanding	(350,388)	-	(350,388)
Total bank accounts	\$ (213,649)	46,674	\$ (166,975)

Cash in bank accounts at June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

	First Foundation	Bank of America	Total
Per bank	\$ 149,965	\$ 46,669	\$ 196,634
Checks outstanding	(38,245)	-	(38,245)
Total bank accounts	\$ 111,720	46,669	\$ 158,389

Cash balances on interest-bearing accounts held in banks are insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC). There were \$0 in excess of FDIC coverage as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Money market accounts are not insured.

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments

In March 2015, SACRS invested in the CalTRUST Medium-Term Fund (the “Fund”), depositing \$1,104,130. The fair value balance as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 presented in the financial statement is \$600,110 and \$944,824; respectively. SACRS made a \$350,000 redemption for the year ended June 30, 2023. The current portion of the investment account represents underlying securities which are immediately redeemable (e.g. equities), or will mature within one year. The CalTRUST Short-Term Fund was \$8,559 and \$8,242 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Fund is not rated or insured.

3. CONTRACTS

SACRS has entered into contracts with various hotels to reserve facilities and guest rooms for its upcoming conferences and events. Cancellation fees associated with these contracts vary by date of notice. All hotel contracts specify the total number of guest room nights reserved at a group rate. If guest nights attributed to the convention fall below a specified minimum, SACRS is obligated to pay a room attrition rate for every guest night below the contracted minimum; standard room rates exceed the attrition rate. The organization is also responsible for food and beverage minimums as specified below. Hotel contracts entered into as of the audit date are summarized here:

Conference	Cancellation Fees	Food and Beverage Minimums	Guest Room Nights Reserved	Guest Room Nights Minimum	Rooms Attrition
UC Berkley 2023	\$59,765	\$22,000	134	134	\$309 plus tax
Fall 2023	\$136,762-\$288,524	\$150,000	1145	916	\$249 plus tax
Spring 2024	\$224,848-\$404,726	\$170,000	1145	916	\$247 plus tax
UC Berkley 2024	\$60,971	\$22,000	134	134	\$319 plus tax
Fall 2024	\$123,832-\$397,665	\$150,000	1185	948	\$209 plus tax
Spring 2025	\$141,608-\$370,715	\$175,000	1185	948	\$239 plus tax
UC Berkley 2025	\$60,971	\$22,000	134	134	\$319 plus tax
Fall 2026	\$141,608-\$370,716	\$175,000	1185	948	\$239 plus tax

4. DONATED SERVICES

Directors and officers have made a significant contribution of their time to develop the organization and its programs. No amounts have been recognized in the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements as no cash changed hands as a result of the donated services.

5. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

SACRS’ management has evaluated subsequent events through April 4, 2024, the date which the financial statement was issued. Management is not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statement.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

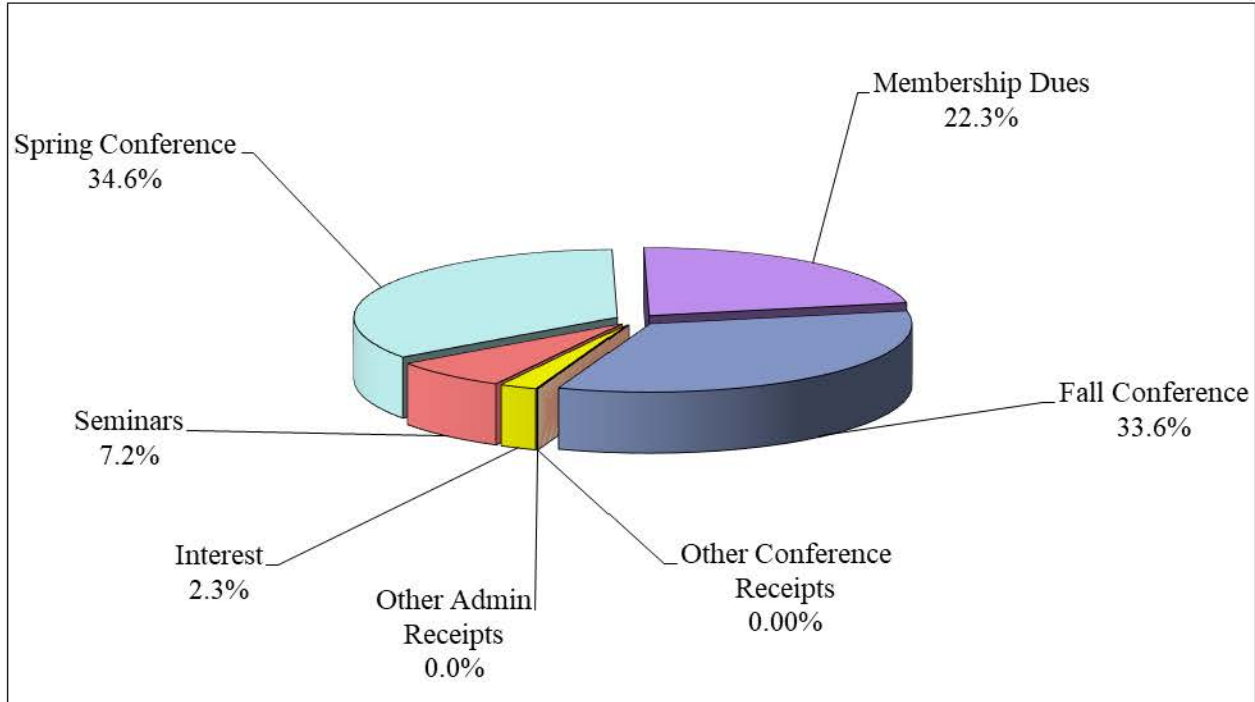
	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cash Receipts</u>			
Dues	\$ -	\$ 361,500	\$ 361,500
Conference			
Fall	546,180	-	546,180
Spring	561,715	-	561,715
Seminars	117,000	-	117,000
Other admin receipts	-	635	635
Interest	-	37,268	37,268
Total Cash Receipts	<u>1,224,895</u>	<u>399,403</u>	<u>1,624,298</u>
<u>Cash Disbursements</u>			
Conference			
Fall - 2022			
Hotel and meals	430,059	-	430,059
Audio and visual	102,087	-	102,087
Program materials	31,726	-	31,726
Spring - 2023			
Hotel and meals	689,074	-	689,074
Audio and visual	207,583	-	207,583
Program materials	82,563	-	82,563
Seminars	102,505	-	102,505
Conference Administration	21,192	-	21,192
Total conference disbursements	<u>1,666,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,666,789</u>
Administration	-	396,456	396,456
Lobbying	-	62,808	62,808
Newsletters	-	43,941	43,941
Committee meetings	-	74,447	74,447
Special projects	-	17,837	17,837
Total administration disbursements	<u>-</u>	<u>595,489</u>	<u>595,489</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>1,666,789</u>	<u>595,489</u>	<u>2,262,278</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Cash Receipts over Cash Disbursements	(441,894)	(196,086)	(637,980)
Cash and Investments, Beginning	<u>3,120,390</u>	<u>(1,215,756)</u>	<u>1,904,634</u>
Cash and Investments, Ending	<u>\$ 2,678,496</u>	<u>\$ (1,411,842)</u>	<u>\$ 1,266,654</u>

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

GRAPHICAL PRESENTATION OF CASH RECEIPTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

CASH RECEIPTS BY SOURCE

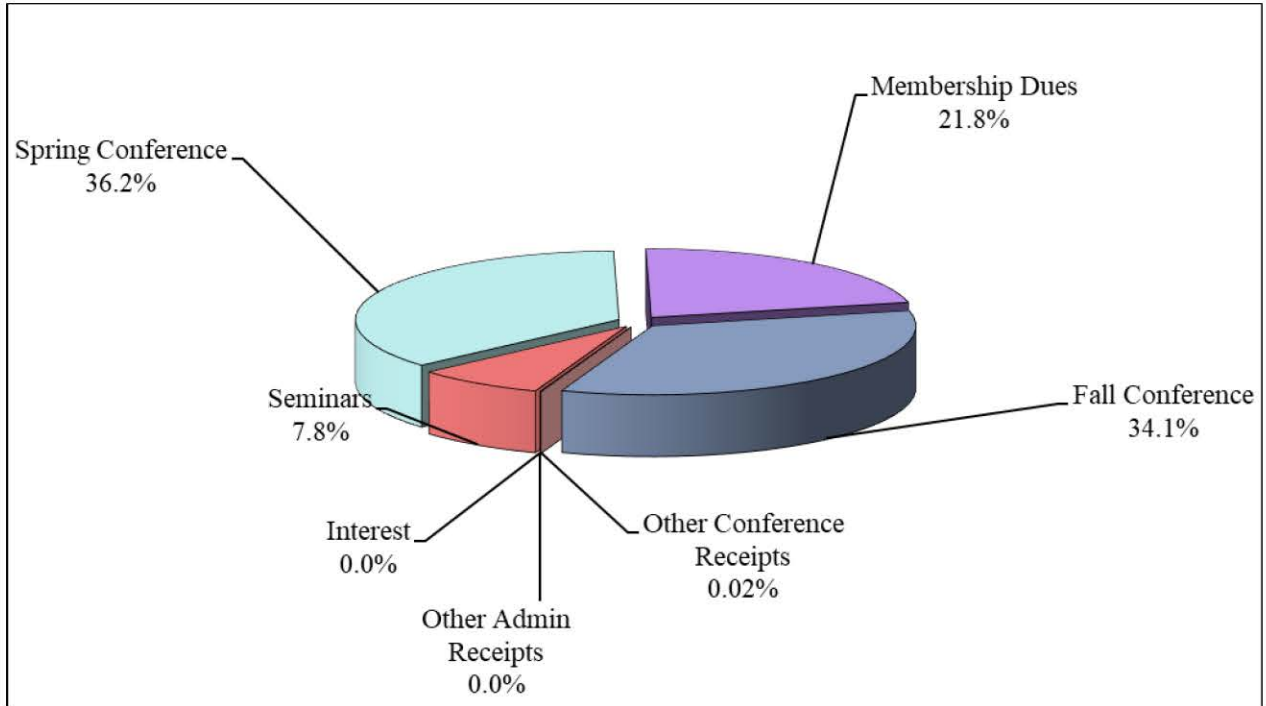


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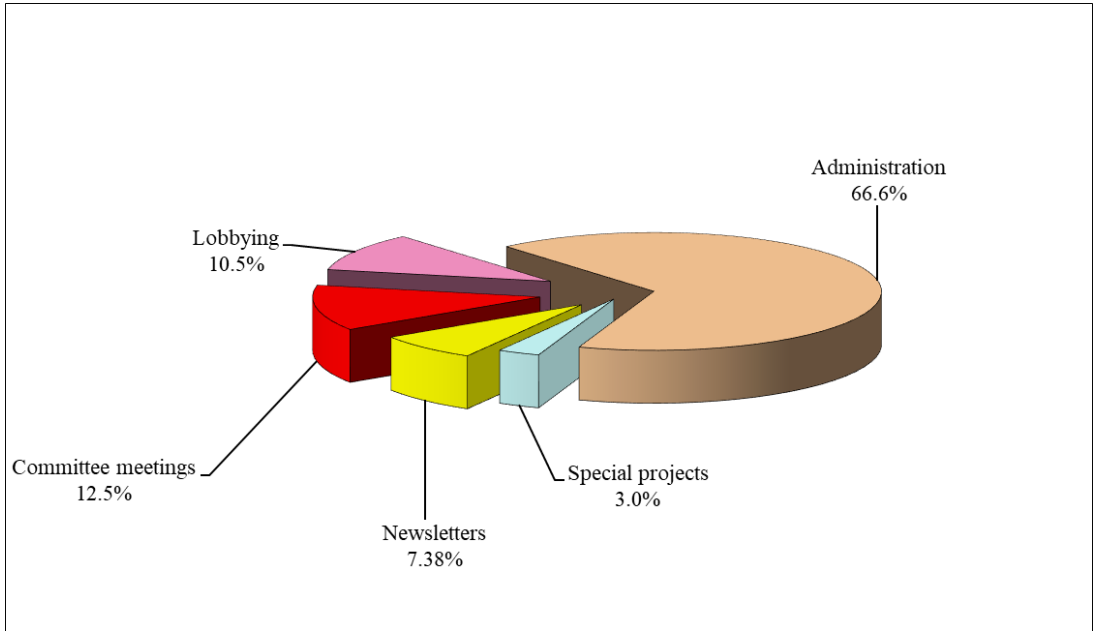


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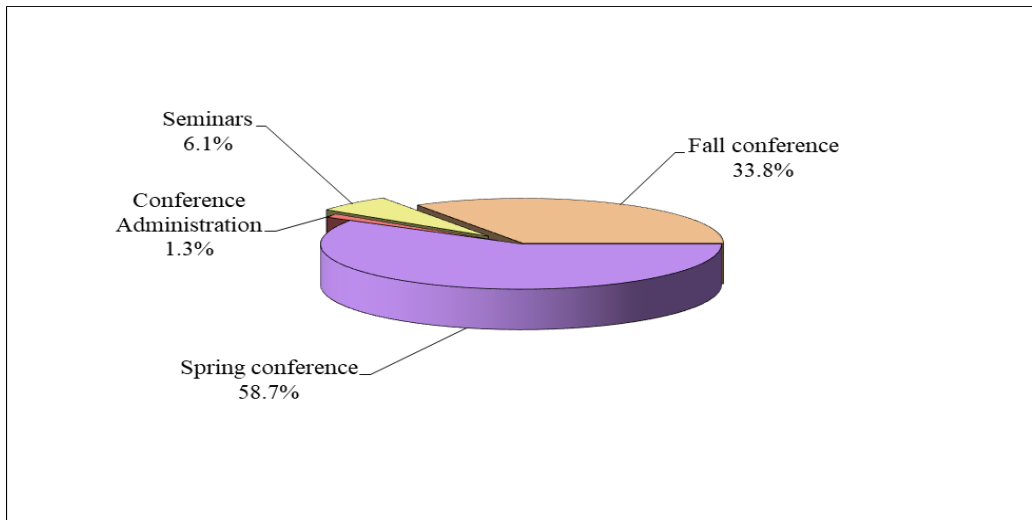
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

ADMINISTRATION CASH DISBURSEMENTS



CONFERENCE CASH DISBURSEMENTS

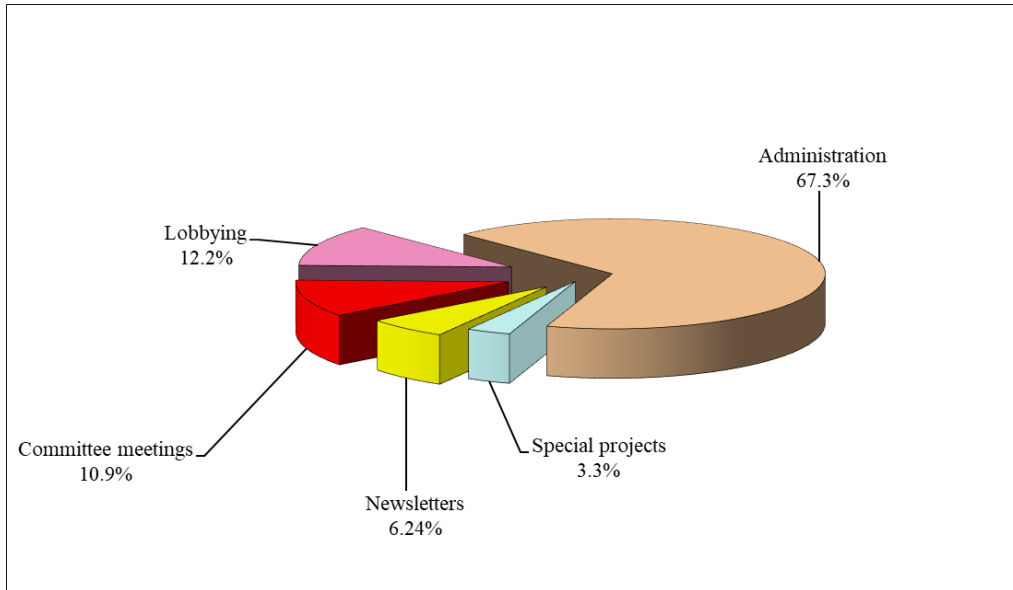


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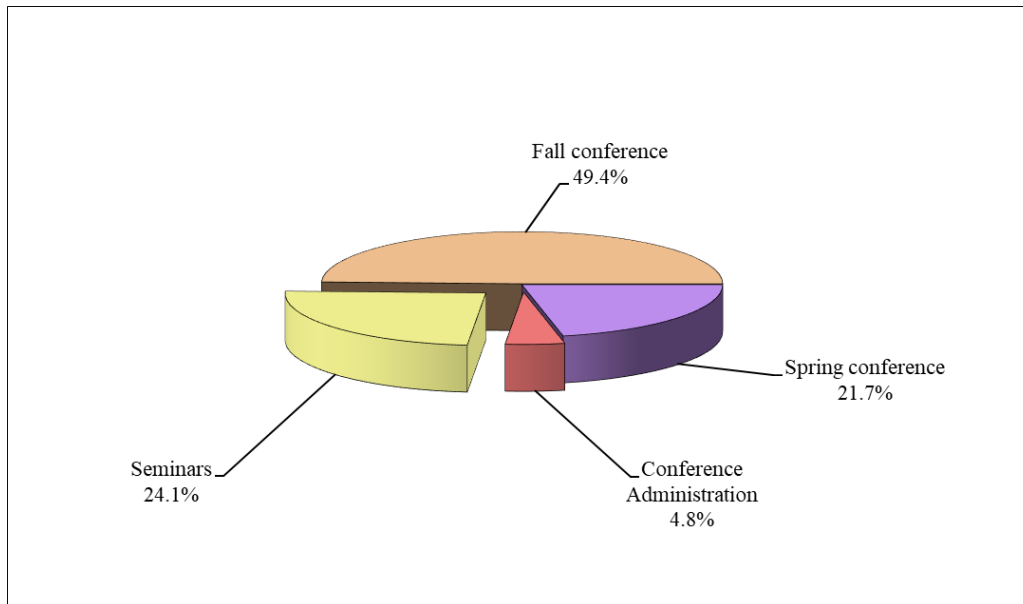
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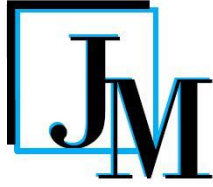
CONFERENCE CASH DISBURSEMENTS



STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

CONFERENCE SUMMARY REPORT

	Spring 2023	Fall 2022	Spring 2022	Fall 2021	Spring 2021	Fall 2020	Spring 2020	Fall 2019	Spring 2019	Fall 2018
	San Diego	Long Beach	Rancho Mirage	Hollywood	Held Via Virtual Conference	Held Via Virtual Conference	Canceled/Held Via Webinar	Monterey	Lake Tahoe	Indian Wells
Cash receipts										
Conference	\$ 561,715	\$ 546,180	\$ 534,550	\$ 503,150	\$ 116,115	\$ 102,380	\$ -	\$ 639,270	\$ 592,590	\$ 591,530
Total cash receipts	<u>561,715</u>	<u>546,180</u>	<u>534,550</u>	<u>503,150</u>	<u>116,115</u>	<u>102,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>639,270</u>	<u>592,590</u>	<u>591,530</u>
Cash disbursements										
Hotel and meals	664,335	377,130	20,225	329,775	-	-	-	267,961	195,278	312,670
Audio and visual	203,750	102,088	114,145	86,293	38,975	46,888	-	56,477	57,731	52,180
Program materials	40,542	23,797	33,115	39,374	2,500	3,049	-	20,381	42,342	32,086
Program Speakers	42,021	42,123	41,750	55,915	11,290	38,125	-	63,172	39,784	74,458
Conference Administration	28,572	18,734	21,336	15,921	3,830	2,668		12,131	28,354	22,738
Total cash disbursements	<u>979,220</u>	<u>563,872</u>	<u>230,572</u>	<u>527,277</u>	<u>56,595</u>	<u>90,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>420,122</u>	<u>363,489</u>	<u>494,132</u>
Net cash provided by conference	<u>\$ (417,505)</u>	<u>\$ (17,692)</u>	<u>\$ 303,978</u>	<u>\$ (24,127)</u>	<u>\$ 59,520</u>	<u>\$ 11,650</u>		<u>\$ 219,148</u>	<u>\$ 229,101</u>	<u>\$ 97,398</u>
Total attendees	<u>538</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>577</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>443</u>	<u>363</u>	N/A	<u>647</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>588</u>



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**COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED
WITH GOVERNANCE**

Board of Directors
State Association of County Retirement Systems
Sacramento, California

We have audited the financial statement of the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) for years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated April 4, 2024. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated July 7, 2022, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statement. Our audit of the financial statement does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of SACRS solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our report on internal control over financial reporting in a separate letter to you dated April 4, 2024.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

We follow the AICPA Ethics Standard Rule 201C, in conjunction with this, we annually review with all engagement staff potential conflicts and obtain a conflict certification. In addition, we inquire on each engagement about potential conflicts with staff. We have not identified any relationships or other matters that in the auditor's judgment may be reasonably thought to bear on independence.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by SACRS is included in Note 1 to the financial statement. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during fiscal year 2023. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are typically an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments. As the accounting of SACRS is prepared on a cash basis, no estimates are necessary for the preparation of the financial statement.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. We are not aware of any sensitive disclosures affecting SACRS' financial statement.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statement as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. We did not identify any uncorrected misstatements as a result of our audit procedures.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. See Attachment I for adjustments provided by management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to SACRS' financial statement or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the attached letter dated April 4, 2024.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with SACRS, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating conditions affecting the entity, and operating plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as SACRS' auditors.

We are contracted to prepare the fiscal year 2023 federal Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, and related state filings, as well as the calendar year Forms 1099-MISC for SACRS. These returns will be prepared using audited financial data, where applicable, but our preparation of these returns does not constitute an audit. No audit opinion will be issued on the tax returns referred to above.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, and management of State Association of County Retirement Systems and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Sacramento, California
April 4, 2024

Adjusting Journal Entries

None.

Reclassifying Journal Entries

None.



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MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER

April 4, 2024

James Marta & Company LLP
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Sacramento, California

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement, for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the financial statement is presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statement.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of April 4, 2024:

Financial Statement

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement dated July 7, 2022, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statement.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial statement which requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed.
- We have complied with all contractual agreements, grants, and donor restrictions.



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- We have maintained an appropriate composition of assets in amounts needed to comply with all donor restrictions.
- We have accurately presented the entity's position regarding taxation and tax-exempt status.
- The bases used for allocation of functional expenses are reasonable and appropriate.
- We have included in the financial statement all assets under the entity's control.
- We have designed, implemented, and maintained adequate internal controls over the receipt and recording of contributions.
- Methods and significant assumptions used by management to determine fair values, their consistency in application, and the completeness and adequacy of fair value information for financial statement measurement and disclosure purposes are appropriate.
- We have reviewed and approved the adjusting and reclassifying journal entries reflected in the audit statements and Attachment I.

Information Provided

- We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement, such as records, documentation, and other matters;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statement.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statement may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - Management;
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - Others when the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statement.
- We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statement communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
- We have no knowledge of any noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statement and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation or claims.
- We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.



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Supplementary Information in Relation to the Financial Statement as a Whole

With respect to the Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts, Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements, and Conference Summary Report accompanying the financial statement:

- We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts, and Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements in accordance with the cash basis accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statement. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the Conference Summary Report which presents all cash receipts and expenses related to a specific regardless of timing of the underlying receipt or disbursement.
- We believe the Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts, and Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the cash basis accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statement. We believe the Conference Summary Report, including its form and content, is fairly presented and inclusive of all cash receipts and expenses related to a specific regardless of timing of the underlying receipt or disbursement.
- The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- When the Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts, Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements, and Conference Summary Report are not presented with the audited financial statement, management will make the audited financial statement readily available to the intended users of the Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts, Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements, and Conference Summary Report no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

Additional Representations

- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statement and related notes.
- We have reviewed and approved the various adjusting journal entries that were proposed by you for recording in our books and records and reflected in the financial statement.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- We have identified and communicated to you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- All disbursements have been properly classified in the financial statement and allocations, if any, have been made on a reasonable basis.
- Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.



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- There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
- We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which SACRS is contingently liable.
- SACRS has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
- We have provided you with our views on reported audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as planned corrective actions.
- Regarding our tax filings prepared by James Marta & Company LLP:
 - We are responsible for complying with tax filing requirements with the Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, and other agencies, as applicable.
 - We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance.
 - We have performed an evaluation of the Association's compliance with tax filing requirements, and we are not aware of any instances of noncompliance.
 - We have reviewed and approved the tax returns prepared by your office.
 - We have made available to you all documentation related to compliance with specified requirements.
 - We assume all management responsibilities in regard to the tax filings and have designated an individual in management who possesses suitable skill, knowledge and experience to oversee these services.
 - We have performed an evaluation of the adequacy and results of the services performed and assume all management responsibilities.
 - We accept responsibility for the results of the services.

Sulema Peterson

Sulema Peterson, SACRS Executive Director

4/4/2024

Date

Attachment



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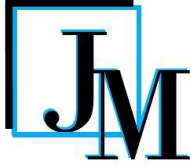
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Journal Entry Report

Adjusting Journal Entry:

None.

Reclassifying Journal Entry:

None



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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Directors
State Association of County Retirement Systems
Sacramento, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the State Association of County Retirement Systems' basic financial statement, and have issued our report thereon dated April 4, 2024.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America in considering the entity's internal control. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

James Marta & Company LLP

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Certified Public Accountants
April 4, 2024

STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Presented by

Jesse Deol, CPA, ARM

Partner



Agenda

- Communications with Those Charged with Governance
- June 30, 2023, State Association of County Retirement Systems Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and Auditor's Report
- Independent Auditor's Report On Internal Control And Compliance



COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE



SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT

- Engagement letter dated July 7, 2022
- Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursement Audit
- Tax

1. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

You have requested that we audit the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of State Association of County Retirement Systems as of June 30, 2022, 2023, and 2024, and the related Statements of Activities, Statements of Functional Expenses, and Cash Flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise State Association of County Retirement Systems' basic financial statements and provide assistance with the preparation of the financial statements.

Also, the statements we present to you will include the following additional information that will be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements:

- Combining Schedule of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts
- Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements

The following additional information will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements:

- Conference Summary Report

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your basic financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these financial statements.

Professional standards require that we provide you with information related to our audit of State Association of County Retirement Systems. This information is summarized as follows:

- Responsibilities and Opinion
 - Financial statements are the responsibility of management
 - Our responsibility is to express an audit opinion
 - We will issue an unmodified opinion (the best and auditor can give)



REPORT TO YOU - INTERACTIONS WITH MANAGEMENT



Management Consultations
with Other Independent
Accountants:

✓ None



Disagreements with
Management or Difficulties
Encountered:

✓ None



Management
Representations:

Pending

REPORT TO YOU

QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

- Significant Accounting Policies and Changes in Those Policies - No changes
- Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates
 - None noted



AUDIT PROCEDURES

- An Audit is more than just assurance regarding the fairness of presenting financial statements. An Audit involves gaining an understanding of the organization's systems and controls.
 - Understanding; systems, policies and procedures
 - Tests of control
 - Gathering other audit evidence, review of details, performing test calculations.
 - Review of accounting methods and reporting

RESULTS OF THE AUDIT

Consideration Area	Result
Planned Scope and Timing	Staff availability during the agreed upon field work dates.
Findings Identified in Performing the Audit	None significant.
Significant Adjustments or Disclosures Not Reflected in the Financial Statements	None.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND
DISBURSEMENTS
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

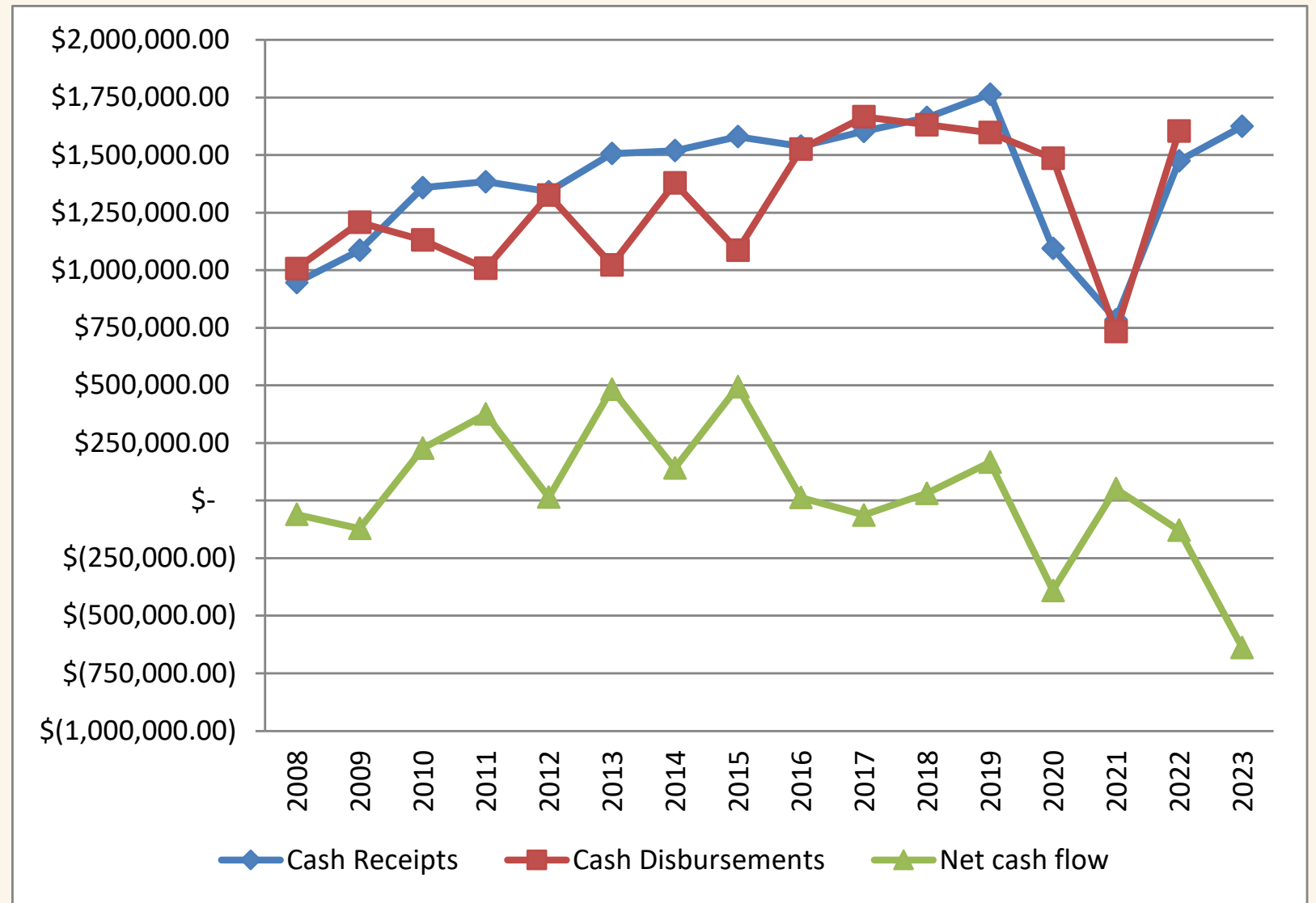
- Pages 1-3 of the Audited Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- Unmodified opinion (Page 1), the best opinion that we can provide



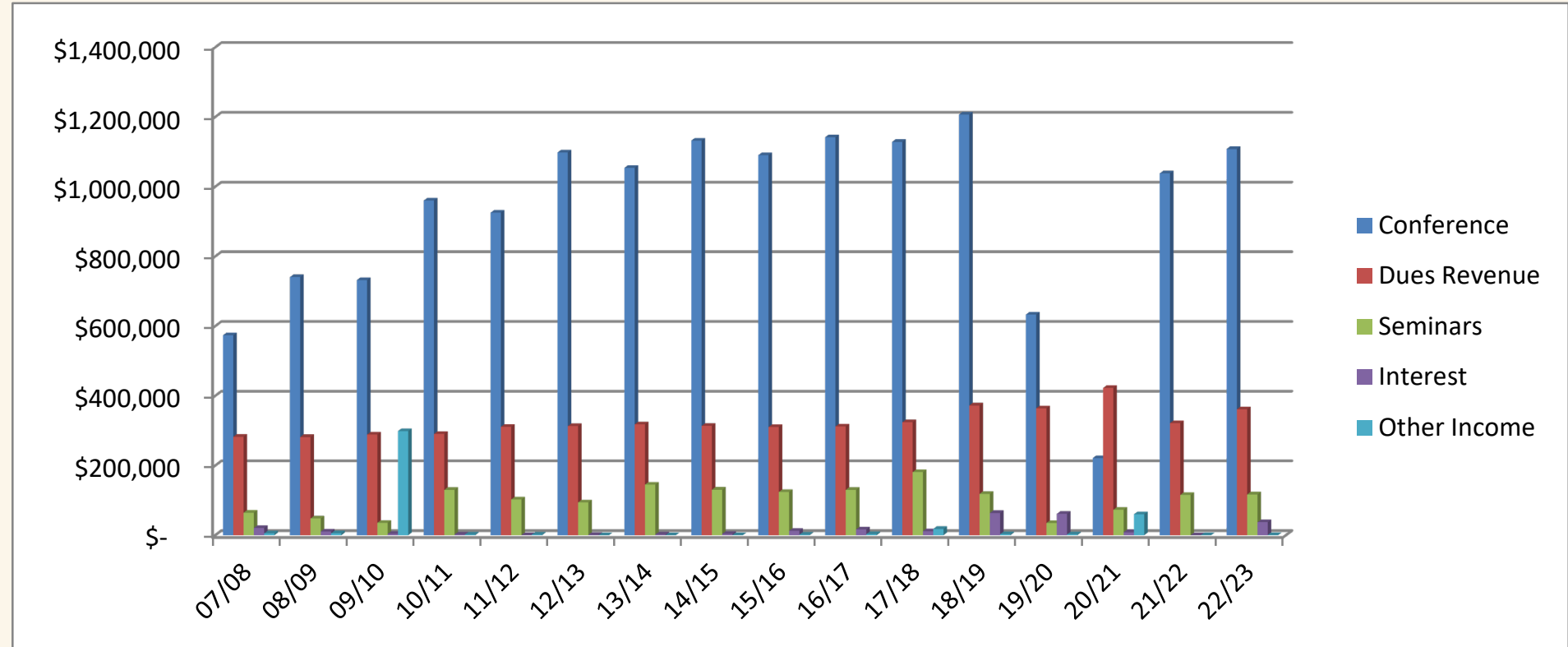
Financial Results – Cash Basis

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Beginning Cash	\$ 1,904,634	\$ 2,033,559	\$ 1,981,948	\$ 2,372,422	\$ 2,206,001
Cash Receipts	1,624,298	1,475,539	785,349	1,095,488	1,764,148
Cash Disbursements	<u>(2,262,278)</u>	<u>(1,604,464)</u>	<u>(733,738)</u>	<u>(1,485,962)</u>	<u>(1,597,727)</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Cash Receipts over Disbursements	(637,980)	(128,925)	51,611	(390,474)	166,421
Ending Cash	<u><u>\$ 1,266,654</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,904,634</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,033,559</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,981,948</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,372,422</u></u>

Financial Results – Cash Basis (continued)

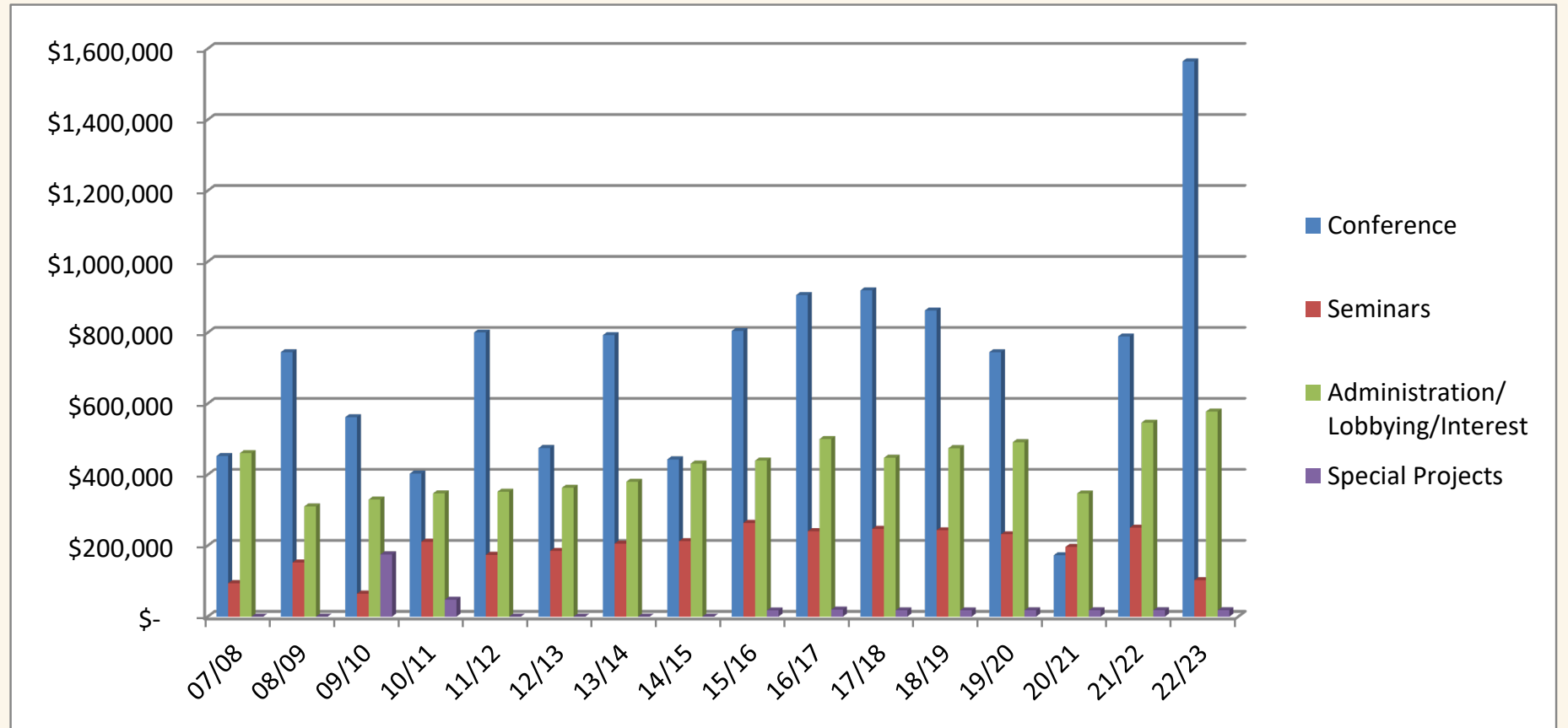


Revenues by Source - Historic



The conference is going back to the historical level pre-pandemic.

Expenses by Source - Historic



The expenses are driven by the conference is going back to the historical level pre-pandemic.

Conference Financials

	Spring 2023	Fall 2022	Spring 2022	Fall 2021	Spring 2021	Fall 2020	Spring 2020	Fall 2019	Spring 2019	Fall 2018
	San Diego	Long Beach	Rancho Mirage	Hollywood	Held Via Virtual Conference	Held Via Virtual Conference	Canceled/Held Via Webinar	Monterey	Lake Tahoe	Indian Wells
Cash receipts										
Conference	\$ 561,715	\$ 546,180	\$ 534,550	\$ 503,150	\$ 116,115	\$ 102,380	\$ -	\$ 639,270	\$ 592,590	\$ 591,530
Total cash receipts	561,715	546,180	534,550	503,150	116,115	102,380	-	639,270	592,590	591,530
Cash disbursements										
Hotel and meals	664,335	377,130	20,225	329,775	-	-	-	267,961	195,278	312,670
Audio and visual	203,750	102,088	114,145	86,293	38,975	46,888	-	56,477	57,731	52,180
Program materials	40,542	23,797	33,115	39,374	2,500	3,049	-	20,381	42,342	32,086
Program Speakers	42,021	42,123	41,750	55,915	11,290	38,125	-	63,172	39,784	74,458
Conference Administration	28,572	18,734	21,336	15,921	3,830	2,668	-	12,131	28,354	22,738
Total cash disbursements	979,220	563,872	230,572	527,277	56,595	90,730	-	420,122	363,489	494,132
Net cash provided by conference	\$ (417,505)	\$ (17,692)	\$ 303,978	\$ (24,127)	\$ 59,520	\$ 11,650		\$ 219,148	\$ 229,101	\$ 97,398
Total attendees	538	508	577	540	443	363	N/A	647	590	588

Assets at June 30, 2023

Cash and Cash Equivalents

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Bank accounts	\$ (166,975)	\$ 158,389
Money market accounts	833,519	801,421
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 666,544</u>	<u>\$ 959,810</u>

	<u>First Foundation</u>	<u>Bank of America</u>	<u>Total</u>
Per bank	\$ 136,739	\$ 46,674	\$ 183,413
Checks outstanding	(350,388)	-	(350,388)
Total bank accounts	<u>\$ (213,649)</u>	<u>46,674</u>	<u>\$ (166,975)</u>

Assets at June 30, 2023 (Continued) Investment

- In March 2015, SACRS invested in the CalTRUST Medium-Term Fund (the “Fund”), depositing \$1,104,130.
- The fair value balance as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 presented in the financial statement is \$600,110 and \$944,824, respectively.
- SACRS made a \$350,000 redemption for the year ended June 30, 2023.
- The current portion of the investment account represents underlying securities which are immediately redeemable (e.g. equities), or will mature within one year. The CalTRUST Short-Term Fund was \$8,559 and \$8,242 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Fund is not rated or insured.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- Pages 5-7 notes to the financial statements
- Page 8-13 Supplementary Information
 - Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
 - Graphical Presentation of Cash Receipts
 - Graphical Presentation of Cash Disbursements
 - Conference Summary Report

Our reports

- Report on the Financial Statements (Page 1)
 - Unmodified
- Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
 - No deficiencies reported
- Communication with those charged with governance



Conclusion

- Cash and cash equivalents and investment decreased from \$ 1,904,634 to \$1,266,654.
- Thank you to the SACRS staff, specifically Sulema H. Peterson, Douglas Evans, and the Audit Committee for their assistance with this audit process.

QUESTIONS?

Jesse Deol, CPA, ARM
Partner





8. SACRS Education Committee Report – No Action

JJ Popowich, Los Angeles CERA, SACRS Education Committee Chair

A. Education Committee Report



9. SACRS Program Committee Report – No Action

Adele Tagaloa, Orange CERS, SACRS Program Committee Chair

A. Program Committee Report

No printed materials for this item



10. SACRS Affiliate Committee Report – No Action

JoAnne Svensgaard, Adrian Lee & Partners, SACRS Affiliate Committee Chair

A. Affiliate Committee Report

No printed materials for this item



11. SACRS Bylaws Committee Report – No Action

Barbara Hannah, San Bernardino CERA, SACRS Bylaws Committee Chair

A. Bylaws Committee Report

No printed materials for this item



12. SACRS Spring Conference Breakout Reports – No Action

A representative from each breakout will give a verbal report on their meetings. No printed materials for this item.

- A. Administrators – Thomas Stadelmaier, Stanislaus CERA
- B. Affiliates – JoAnne Svendsgaard, Affiliate Committee Chair
- C. Attorneys – Barbara Hannah and David Lantzer, San Bernardino CERA
- D. Disability/ Operations & Benefits Combo – Theodore King, Los Angeles CERA
- E. Internal Auditors – Harsh Jadhav, Alameda CERA
- F. Investment Officers – Donald Pierce, San Bernardino CERS
- G. Safety Trustees – Brian Williams, Sonoma CERS
- H. General Trustees – Adele Tagaloo, Orange CERS



13. Adjournment

Next scheduled SACRS Business Meeting will be held on Friday, November 15, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa during SACRS Annual Fall Conference November 12 – 15, 2024.