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Dr. Gabriel Martin
City Manager
City of Coachella

Dear Dr. Gabriel Martin,

In late 2023 and early 2024, my staff and I met with each city to discuss and prepare for the current fiscal year's budget. Two key items were contingent on the State budget and its fiscal direction:

1. 66-Hour Work Week Implementation: The State budget for 2024-25 includes the transition to a 66-hour work week for CAL FIRE firefighters. However, this will not take effect until late 2024, with a phased implementation plan to ensure adequate staffing during the transition.
2. CalPERS Retirement Contribution Reduction: For fiscal year 2024-25, the CalPERS retirement contribution rate for State Peace Officers & Firefighters has been temporarily reduced from 50.00% to 30.72%. This includes a one-time 19.28% reduction due to the July 2023 supplemental pension payment. The estimates provided in April 2024 reflected the current CalPERS rate of 30.72%. Updated estimates will not be necessary.

We understand the challenges and the importance of these changes for our cities and firefighters. Our team is committed to providing support and ensuring a smooth transition. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Diane Sinclair at diane.sinclair@fire.ca.gov or (951) 940-6978.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Bill Weiser
Fire Chief
Riverside County Fire Dept.
CAL FIRE Riverside Unit

Attachments: [2024-25 State Employer Contribution Rates - CalPERS](#)