



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
TOWN PENSION AND OPEB TRUSTS
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/17/2024

ITEM NO: 2

DATE: December 10, 2024
TO: Town Pension and OPEB Trusts Oversight Committee
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Receive the California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) Strategy Market Value Summary Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2024, and Performance as of October 31, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) Strategy 2 Market Value Summary Report for the period ending June 30, 2024, and performance as of October 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

On November 5, 2019, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with CalPERS for participation in the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) program.

The CEPPT Fund is a Section 115 trust fund dedicated to prefunding employer contributions to defined benefit pension systems for eligible California public agencies. On March 3, 2020, the Town Pension and OPEB Trusts Oversight Committee adopted CEPPT Strategy 2 as the asset allocation for the Town's Section 115 Trust pension assets.

DISCUSSION:

Effective Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/16, the Town Council determined that if sufficient General Fund year-end savings are available and targeted reserve levels for the Catastrophic Reserve and Budget Stabilization Reserve have been met, upon the final close of the fiscal year, a minimum of \$300,000 annually shall be deposited into the Pension/OPEB Reserve Fund. In 2018, the Town Council updated the General Fund Reserve Policy to provide for additional discretionary payments (ADPs).

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Strategy 2 ADPs of \$390,000 per year to address the unfunded pension liability. Under the updated Policy, a 20-year amortization equivalence will be achieved.

The ending CEPPT 115 Trust account balance as of September 30, 2024, was \$2,328,305.36 (Attachment 1). As of October 31, 2024, the CEPPT Strategy 2 fund had a net return of -2.61% for the month and 3.61% for the Fiscal Year to Date (FYTD) (Attachment 2). Staff anticipates transferring an additional \$690,000 to the CEPPT Trust during FY 2024/25. Per the March 2024 Pension/OPEB Oversight Committee action, the Town leaves the funds in the CEPPT Trust and continuously monitors and evaluates if an additional discretionary payment should be made directly to CalPERS.

The Town Finance Commission received this report at its December 9, 2024, regular meeting. The Commission reiterated its prior recommendation to the Oversight Committee to transfer the balance of the Pension IRS 115 Trust to CalPERS and pay off the Longest Base in the Safety Plan to maximize the interest savings. At the time of the former recommendation according to the actuarial analysis, paying an ADP of \$2.18 million to the Safety Plan would have yielded approximately \$2,259,000 in interest savings. The Finance Commission also recommended that the Town move from Strategy 2 to Strategy 1.

If the Town Council would like to explore those options, staff will further analyze this option for a future discussion.

Attachments:

1. CEPPT Market Value Summary Report as of September 30, 2024
2. CEPPT Strategy 2 Performance as of October 31, 2024