



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

MEETING DATE: 12/05/2023

ITEM NO: 2

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DATE: November 27, 2023  
TO: Town Pension and OPEB Trusts Oversight Committee  
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager  
SUBJECT: Receive the California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) Strategy 2 Market Value Summary Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2023 and Performance as of October 31, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) Strategy 2 Market Value Summary Report for the period ending September 30, 2023 and performance as of October 31, 2023.

**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:**

On April 14, 2021, the remaining CEPPT balance at the time of approximately \$700,000 was liquidated for inclusion in a \$2,050,942 additional discretionary payment. The CEPPT account continues to be maintained by the Town (at no cost) to accommodate annual account distributions associated with the Town's General Fund Reserve Policy.

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SUBJECT: CEPPT Update

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DISCUSSION (continued):

Effective Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/16, 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 addition, in 2018 the Council updated the General Fund Reserve Policy to provide for additional discretionary payments (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, 2023, was \$1,351,903 (Attachment 1). As of October 31, 2023, the CEPPT Strategy 2 fund had a net return of negative 2.16% for the month and negative 5.54% for the Fiscal Year to Date (FYTD) (Attachment 2). Staff anticipates transferring an additional \$690,000 to the CEPPT Trust during FY 2023/24.

Per the March 2023 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. This topic is tentatively scheduled for the January 2024 Finance Commission meeting with subsequent consideration by the Oversight Committee in early 2024.

The Finance Commission will receive this report at its December 11, 2023 regular meeting.

Attachments:

1. CEPPT Market Value Summary Report as of September 30, 2023
2. CEPPT Strategy 2 Performance October 31, 2023