



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 06/08/2026

ITEM NO: 4

DATE: May 22, 2026
TO: Finance Commission
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Receive the California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) Strategy Market Value Summary Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2026, and Performance as of March 31, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) Strategy 2 Market Value Summary Report for the period ending March 31, 2026, and performance as of March 31, 2026.

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, 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 Council updated the General Fund Reserve Policy to provide for additional discretionary payments

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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 March 31, 2026, was \$3,885,749.72 (Attachment 1). In addition, staff transferred \$690,000 to the CEPPT Trust on February 24, 2026. As of March 31, 2026, the CEPPT Strategy 2 fund had a net return of -3.59% for the month and 4.18% for the Fiscal Year to Date (FYTD) (Attachment 2).

This report was presented to the Town Pension and OPEB Trusts Oversight Committee at its regular meeting on June 2, 2026.

A joint Study Session was held between the Town Pension and OPEB Trust Oversight Committee and the Finance Commission, led by a Financial Advisor, to review the Pension and OPEB Trusts.

The Finance Commission reiterated its prior recommendation to the Oversight Committee on March 10, 2025, 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. The Finance Commission also recommended that the Town move from Strategy 2 to Strategy 1.

According to the December 2, 2025, Pension/OPEB Oversight Committee action, the Town will retain the funds in the CEPPT Trust until the Town concludes its Fiscal Condition Analysis and Asset Liability Management studies. After receiving and considering the studies, staff plans to explore alternative providers and investment options through an RFP process. The information presented at the study session highlighted that several public sector trust providers offer varied investment structures, account configurations, reporting tools, and fiduciary support models. Alternative trust platforms may include daily valuation, customized portfolios, broader asset classes, and individualized reporting. These features differ from the structure offered through CalPERS and could provide the Town with expanded flexibility or different oversight mechanisms. An RFP would allow the Town to obtain comparable information on investment flexibility, fiduciary services, reporting features, trust governance, and account structure across interested providers. It would also allow the Town to evaluate costs and implementation requirements in a standardized manner. An RFP would not commit the Town to change providers but would ensure that any future decision is made with a full understanding of available alternatives.

Attachments:

1. CEPPT Market Value Summary Report as of March 31, 2026
2. CEPPT Strategy 2 Performance as of March 31, 2026