

MEMO

Date: February 9, 2011

To: CCCERA Retirement Board

From: Marilyn Leedom, Retirement CEO
by: Rick Koehler, Retirement Accounting Manager

Subject: Request to hire Temporary Accounting staff for completion of outstanding CPAS (Pension Administration System) items.

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Recommendation

We recommend the Board approve the funding and hiring of one or two temporary accounting staff positions for a period of up to one year as needed for the completion of outstanding CPAS (Pension Administration System) functionality. We anticipate that the increased budget amount will not exceed \$125,000 for the balance of 2011.

Rationale

CCCERA has been working diligently over the past couple of years to get the final modules and functionality completed for the CPAS (Pension Administration System). We are getting closer; however management has determined that we are in need of additional temporary staff to complete some final accounting related reconciliation and tracing of data. We have attempted to complete this process with the current staff, but workloads have increased because of additional projects that have arisen during the past year(s), including but not limited to public information requests by various sources and the depooling project. These have caused management to refocus valuable resources away from certain CPAS related projects. In addition, the accounting staff is currently in the process of a year-end close for 2010 as well as preparing data and documents for CCCERA's 2010 Audit. The Benefit and Accounting division managers will be retiring in 2012 and both desire to ensure that CPAS is fully functional and operational prior to their departures.

We are currently working on finalizing the Refund, Funding and Employer Contribution components of the CPAS system, in addition to reconciling the original transfer of some data into the CPAS system. The design work and programming of these phases have been completed and both test and live data have been entered into the appropriate processes. In order to complete what is known as parallel testing of this data to CCCERA's current system, we respectfully request the Board approve the funding and hiring of up to two temporary staff to assist in completing the reconciliation and tracing of data for the CPAS system, under the guidance of CCCERA staff.

