

OC Sanitation District

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About OCERS



With more than 45,600 member and nearly \$16 Billion in assets (12/31/18), OCERS is ranked 134 (P&I).



Who We Serve



- CITY OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
- COUNTY OF ORANGE
- ORANGE COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT
- ORANGE COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION
- ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CLOSED TO NEW MEMBERS)
- ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
- ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
- ORANGE COUNTY IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY
- ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
- ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LAW LIBRARY
- ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
- ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
- SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE
- TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AGENCIES
- UCI MEDICAL CENTER AND CAMPUS (CLOSED TO NEW MEMBERS)

The County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 established Defined Benefit Pension plans

- ▶ Retirement system is <u>a trust fund separate</u> from the county.
- ▶ State Constitution vests the <u>Retirement Board with exclusive authority</u> for management of the retirement system.
- <u>Independent and balanced position</u> with respect to stakeholders is critical to preserving credibility of the retirement system.
- ▶ Systems feature <u>local control</u> through nine-member Retirement Boards comprised of key stakeholders.
- Systems <u>administer pension benefits</u> that are established by the county or local governments.



Differences Between the 1937 Act Systems and the State Systems

- The 1937 Act systems operate under a <u>different set of rules</u> governing what counts as compensation for the purposes of determining retirement benefits.
- Systems generally <u>do not administer health care benefits</u> for active employees or retirees.
 - Some systems provide a subsidy toward retiree health care costs.
- <u>Plan members or stakeholders can express concerns</u> to the local retirement system (as opposed to a larger, statewide entity) and to local officials or labor organizations.
- Administrative costs limited to 0.21% of plan liabilities.
- PEPRA leveled the playing field.



OCERS governance

OCERS Board of Retirement – 10 Trustees

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Trustees
Appointed by
Board of
Supervisors

No more than 1 may be sitting Supervisor 1

Trustee
Elected by
Retirees

2

Trustees
Elected by
Safety
Members

1 full member 1 alternate Member

Represent different departments

2

Trustees elected by General Members

1

Ex Officio Trustee

County Treasurer Or Deputy Designated



OCERS GOVERNANCE



Chuck Packard - Chair 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2019



Roger Hilton –Vice Chair 7/1/2018 – 06/30/2021



Russel Baldwin 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2019



Shari Freidenrich Ex-Officio



David Ball 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2019



Wayne Lindholm 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2021



Shawn Dewane 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2019



Frank Eley 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2019



Chris Prevatt 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2021



Jeremey Vallone 07/01/2018 – 06/30/2021



OCERS By The Numbers

Quick Facts (For more details on retirees see pages 15–30)

17,674

retirees, beneficiaries

& survivors

Members & Employers

Pension Averages

27,955 active & inactive members

\$3,372 monthly allowance for all General members and payees \$6,245 monthly allowance for all Safety members and payees 22 average years of service for General members who retired in 2018

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of service for
Safety members
who retired in
2018

20 Participating Employers

61 years old average age at retirement for General members who retired in 2018 45,629 total membership

55 years old average age at

average age at retirement for Safety members who retired in 2018



Pension Contributions



Pension Contributions

Sum of contributions & interest pay for pension benefits.

Funding Sources for Benefits (OCERS' net additions for the period 1998 – 2018)

50¢ 34¢ 16¢



Employee Contributions

This is the money active employees pay into the fund for future benefits

Net Investment Income

This includes earnings from stocks, bonds, alternatives, real estate and other investments, minus fees.

Employer Contributions

This is the money paid to OCERS from employers for pension benefits.



Pension Contributions

- Three key processes in determining Pension Contributions:
 - Adopting a Funding Policy
 - Adopting Actuarial Assumptions
 - Developing an Investment Portfolio





OCERS AND CALPERS – Funding Policy

Policy Provision	OCERS	CalPERS OLD	CalPERS New
Cost Method	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age
Asset Smoothing	5 years	17 years	5 years
Amortization	20 years closed	30 year rolling	20 year closed
Contributions	Level % of Payroll	Level % of Payroll	Level Dollar



Actuarial Assumptions

Economic Assumptions

– how will market forces affect the cost of the plan?

Demographic Assumptions

– How will participant behavior affect the cost of the plan?





Actuarial Economic Assumptions

Assumption	OCERS	CalPERS
Rate of Return	7.0%	7.0% (phased in over 3 years for valuations as of June 30, 2016- June 30, 2019)
Inflation	2.75%	2.5%
Salary Increases	3.25%	2.75%



Actuarial Demographic Assumptions

- When will an individual retire?
- How many will retire in a given year?
- How many will be disabled?
- Termination of Employment
 - Refund of contributions?
- Mortality
 - Active/Retired



Causes Of UAAL

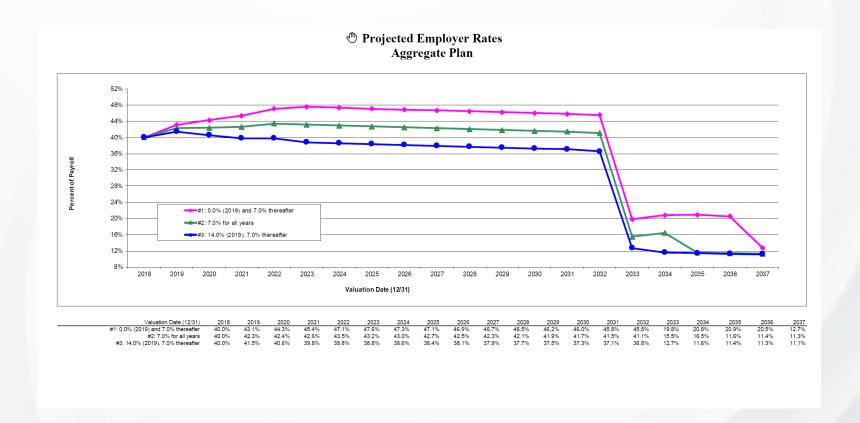
Actual experience which is less favorable than assumed. Such as:

- Higher salary increases
- Earlier retirement date(s)
- Lower death rates
- Lower rates of investment earnings
- Lower rates of non-death terminations
- Change in actuarial assumptions

Experience is measured annually Assumptions are updated triennially



December 31, 2018 Valuation Where Are Rates Going?

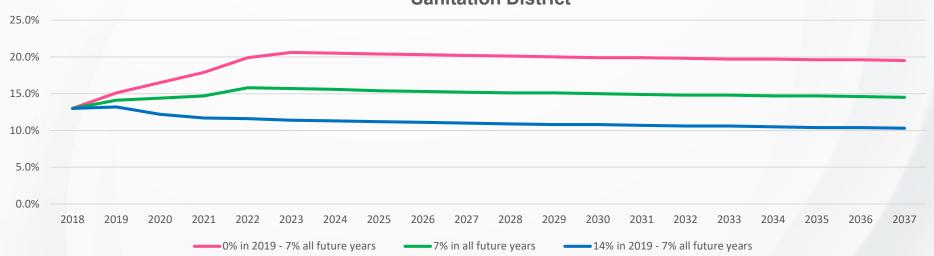


A 20 Year Amortization Payment Plan



Where Are OC Sanitation Rates Going?

Projected Employer Rates for Rate Group # 3 Sanitation District



A 20 Year Amortization Payment Plan

INVESTMENTS



Saving To Pay That Benefit

The Board of Retirement is undertaking a savings task similar to that performed by many of you in saving for your kid's college education.







Invest for the Very Long Term

30 year horizon spanning employee careers

 22 years on average for General members who retired in 2018.





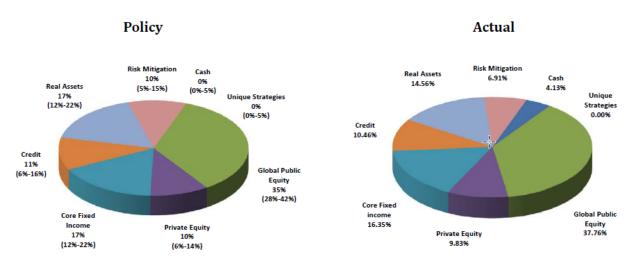
How are investment decisions made?

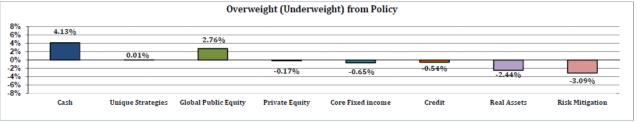
- Trustees oversee pensions and have a fiduciary obligation to ensure the plan is operating in the best interest of workers and retirees.
- OCERS hire professional asset managers to steer investments.
- OCERS maintains a balanced portfolio of stocks, bonds, alternatives (such as private equity, real estate, hedge funds) and cash. This is consistent with modern portfolio theory.
- Public pensions are prudent investors in both bear and bull markets.



Diversification is a protection

Asset Allocation as of June 30, 2019



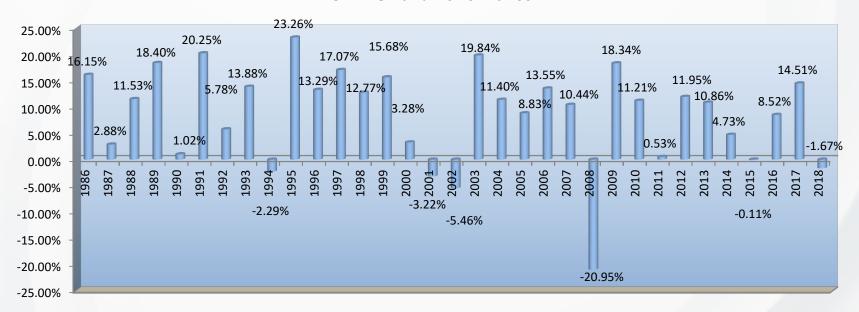


Capital Group holds 14.00% of the EAFE portfolio in emerging equity, bringing the total emerging markets equity exposure to 7.11%. Loomis Sayles holds 6.01% of the High Yield portfolio in International Fixed Income, PIMCO holds 13.15% in the Total Return portfolio and 32.54% in the Unconstrained Bond portfolio, and Dodge & Cox, Longfellow and Schroders hold 0.00% bringing the total international fixed income exposure to 0.68%. Loomis Sayles holds 1.98% of the High Yield portfolio in Emerging Market Debt, PIMCO holds 1.70% in the Total Return portfolio and 9.67% in the Unconstrained Bond portfolio, Dodge & Cox holds 6.52%, and Longfellow and Schroders hold 0.00% bringing the total emerging market debt exposure to 2.73%.



OCERS Fund Earnings – How Did We Do?

OCERS Fund Performance





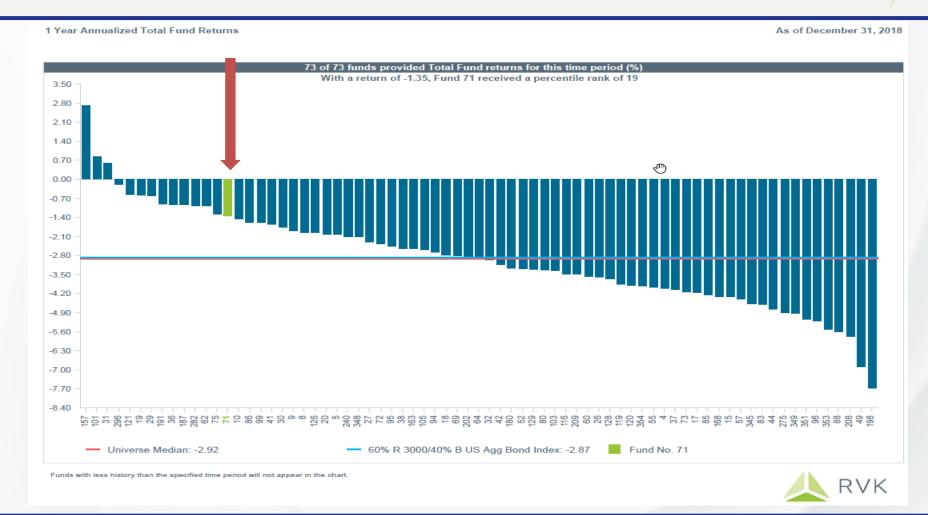
NV Kuhn's Report: How Do We Compare?

As of June 30, 2018 1 Year Annualized Total Fund Returns 75 of 75 funds provided Total Fund returns for this time period (%) With a return of 8.18, Fund 71 received a percentile rank of 69 13.60 12.75 11.90 11.05 10.20 9.35 8.50 7.65 6.80 5.95 5.10 4.25 3.40 2.55 1.70 0.85 60% R 3000/40% B US Agg Bond Index: 8.56 Universe Median: 9.00

Funds with less history than the specified time period will not appear in the chart.

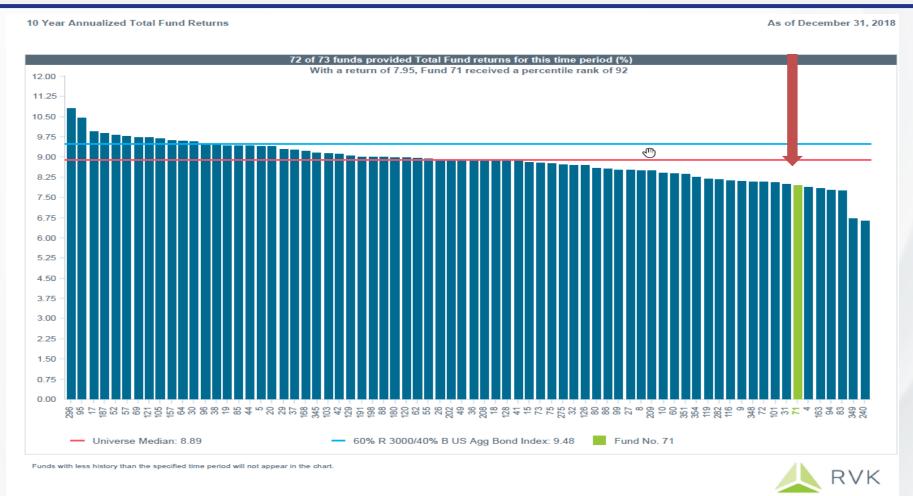


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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER





All The Pieces Together:

As of December 31, 2018	Total OCERS	OC Sanitation District
Actuarial Accrued Liability (The Promise)	\$20,703,349,000	\$710,877,000
Assets (Valuation)	\$14,994,420,000	\$703,124,000
Assets (Market)	\$14,349,705,000	\$672,895,767
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (valuation)	\$5,708,929,000	\$7,753,000
Funded Ratio (valuation)	72.43%	98.9%
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (market)	\$6,353,644,000	\$37,981,233
Funded Ratio (market)	69.31%	94.7%



All The Pieces Together: The Long Term Plan – Funded Ratio

- We've grown to full funding before, we are on track to do so again over the next 20 years, that is how Pension Systems work.
- OC Sanitation District has continued to fund their full promise by accelerating their UAAL payment (last payment made Monday, September 9/9/19 to pay full UAAL (valuation) as of 12/31/2018.



Challenges remains

Two Key Issues:

 How long will our members live (mortality)

 How much will the OCERS Portfolio earn over the next 30-70 years



Long term promises

LIFETIME GUARANTEE = CIVIL WAR VETERANS





Long term promises 2020 = 75 years of service



Our Longest Termed Member

MS. ANNA CROSSON

Employed by the County of Orange in April 1946!



The Opportunities Ahead

- 1. OCERS is still cash flow positive
- 2. Conservative assumptions
- 3. 20 year amortization plan
- 4. An oversight Board concerned with volatility
- 5. PEPRA (2013) reduced benefit costs over the long term
- 6. Comprehensive Final Average Salary review ensures accuracy
- Employers efforts to accelerate the payment of UAAL:
 - OC Sanitation District

- Cemetery District

OCFA

- Children and Families Commission

OC Public Law Library



Conclusion

