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Board of Directors
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Dear Board of Directors:

My name is Elizabeth Ooms-Graziano and I was the Retail Administrative Officer of the Santa Clarita Water, a Division of Castaic Water Agency from June 2008 through December 2017, then for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency from January 2018 through May 2020. I retired in May 2020 and I currently live in Sequim, Washington.

I had the opportunity to review Item 7.2 of the September 6, 2022 Board packet regarding Approve a Resolution Adjusting Employer's Contribution for CalPERS Medical Insurance. I would like to thank the Finance and Administration Committee and management for their discussions regarding the enormous health insurance contribution increase for out of state retirees and also our unique situation where both my husband and I are retirees of SCVWA.

My husband and I liked Director Colley's suggestion that each retiree is entitled to 90% of the Agency's health contribution, so both my husband and I each should qualify for the 90% of the Agency's contribution since we no longer qualify for the in-lieu of insurance. Our combined Agency contribution would then be 180%, which would cover our contribution.

The current proposal that the Board is about to take action today, the PERS Platinum out of state premium is \$2,610.14 for family and our contribution in 2023 would be \$287.48 per month versus the current 2022 amount of \$14.82, which is a tremendous burden and devastating for retirees on fixed income.

I look forward to management's proposal at the October 17, 2022 Finance and Administration Committee meeting, hoping it will eliminate or drastically reduce our high 2023 health insurance contribution.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Ooms-Graziano