About SJCERA

The San Joaquin County Employees’ Retirement Association (SJCERA) is a defined benefit pension plan whose mission is to be trusted financial stewards committed to providing excellent service and lifetime benefits for our members.

The SJCERA plan is financed by employer and member contributions as well as investment earnings. SJCERA holds $3.2 billion in assets and covers about 6,300 active (working) members. The plan distributes more than $220 million annually to about 6,100 retirees.

Funding and Outlook

SJCERA has been providing retirement benefits for more than 70 years and its success is due to the commitment of all of the stakeholders involved. While investment earnings are expected to be the largest source of funding for retirement benefits, employer and member contributions are essential to the continued success of the program. SJCERA’s asset allocation is designed to generate investment returns that, along with employer and member contributions, are expected to increase SJCERA’s 60.2 percent funded status over time.

### FACTS AT A GLANCE

- **$3.2B** in Assets
- **7.8%** Annualized Return since April 1990
- **7.25%** Assumed Rate of Return
- **13.3%** 2019 Return
**Prudent Asset Allocation**

The Board of Retirement’s goal is to generate adequate long-term returns that, when combined with employer and employee contributions, will result in sufficient assets to pay SJCERA’s present and future obligations.

SJCERA’s diversified portfolio is designed to provide steady gains in rising markets and protect those gains in volatile times. Generally, the Board updates the asset allocation once every three years, and monitors performance closely on a monthly basis.

SJCERA uses external investment management firms to implement the Board-approved asset allocation. Additionally, SJCERA retains a professional investment consultant to serve as an independent expert. The consultant provides investment performance calculations, investment manager due diligence analysis, and overall investment management support.

**Long-Term Perspective**

While market returns can vary dramatically from year to year, SJCERA remains focused on achieving long-term investment gains. SJCERA’s annual return of 7.8 percent since April 1990 surpasses the 7.25 percent needed to fund the benefit.

**Board of Retirement**

The Board of Retirement sets SJCERA’s investment philosophy, objectives, risk tolerances, and adopts the fund’s asset allocation.

The Board of Retirement is a nine-member body with two alternate positions. The Board consists of four trustees who are appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, four trustees who are elected by SJCERA members, and the current Treasurer-Tax Collector. Currently, there is one alternate elected member.

**Appointed**
- Michael Duffy
- Raymond McCray
- Kathy Miller
- Michael Restuccia

**Elected**
- Chanda Bassett
- Jennifer Goodman
- Adrian Van Houten
- J.C. Weydert
- Margo Praus (Alternate)
- Vacant (Alternate)

**Ex Officio**
- Phonxay Keokham

Asset data is as of December 2019. Membership data is based off of most recent Actuarial Valuation Report.