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## **BOARD PREFUNDS UNFUNDED LIABILITY**

(Costa Mesa, CA)- At their July 26th regular meeting, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board of Directors directed staff to set up a CalPERS Trust Fund with an aggressive pre-funding policy option to begin pre-funding the District's unfunded Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability. Bartel Associates, an experienced actuarial firm specializing in providing public agencies with actuarial consulting services, was retained to conduct an analysis of the District's unfunded pension and OPEB liabilities. Based on the actuarial study, the District's unfunded OPEB liability was estimated at \$131,000. Additionally, Bartel Associates estimated the District's unfunded pension liability at \$293,000. However, because the District belongs to the CalPERS risk pool system, the pension liability estimates from Bartel Associates were highly dependent upon CalPERS' final actuary results.

After Bartel's presentation of these findings, the Board directed staff to move forward to address the liabilities for future years. Staff was directed to contact CalPERS to set up a Trust Fund to address the OPEB liability and to establish a reserve for retirement when CalPERS releases actuary results for Costa Mesa Sanitary District to address the unfunded pension liability.

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