PERA SmartSave

Deferred Compensation Plan 📿

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PERA SmartSave Deferred Compensation Plan

- The PERA SmartSave Deferred Compensation Plan is a voluntary 457b retirement plan
- A *defined contribution* plan; 100% participant directed and participant funded
- Intended to span over one's career for optimal investment results to complement the default PERA defined benefit plan
- The PERA Board acts as a fiduciary of the Plan





A Secure Retirement: the Three-Legged Stool



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Overview – Policy and Plan Design

The SmartSave Plan is governed by IRC 457b and the Plan Document. PERA Board contracts with a third party administrator to provide custody bank, administrative and record keeping services – all in accordance with the governing documents.





Plan Activity as of June 30, 2019

Total Assets Under Management: \$643,558,643		
\$38,781,044 in New Assets for FY19		
	As of June 30, 2019	FY19 additions
Participants	22,865	1,173
Participating Employers (city, state, county and public schools)	154 local public bodies115 state agencies	1



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Investment Structure – Four Tiered Structure



*Target Date Funds are built with most of the funds in Tiers 2-4. Slide 6



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NM LifeCycle Portfolios

A pre-designed portfolio with the appropriate asset allocation and diversification for a *target* year.





PERA SmartSave Plan Enhancements – FY19

Addition of a Roth Option

- PERA Board adopted the addition of a Roth feature into the Plan
- A retirement savings vehicle that allows after-tax contributions while qualified investment earnings and distributions in retirement are generally tax free
- Roth feature may have a broader appeal to another cohort of eligible participants, thereby increasing participation the plan
- The Roth feature is considered a common, modern plan design feature in an employer sponsored retirement savings plan





PERA SmartSave Plan Enhancements – FY19

RFP Search for Third Party Administrator (TPA)

- Previous TPA contract with Nationwide term dates were Oct. 1, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2019
- In accordance with PERA Procurement Policies:
 - Maximum term for contracts shall not exceed eight years without being competitively bid through an RFP process
- The PERA Board, on April 29, 2019, approved to award Voya Financial the new TPA contract effective Oct. 1, 2019.



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Role of Third Party Administrator

- The third party administrator is responsible for the following:
 - customer service (toll free number and local office)
 - process distributions
 - benefit payments
 - beneficiary payments
 - alternate payee accounts
 - unforeseen emergencies
 - loans
 - refunds/rollovers
 - process incoming contributions/payroll
 - process participant directed investments
 - marketing, communications and outreach





Transition to Voya

• Transition blackout period started on Sept. 23 until the *go-live* date of on or around Oct. 7.

What's Staying the Same?

- Fiduciary oversight of the Plan by PERA Board
- Current investment options, including the Self-Directed Option
- Continued local support from regional outreach Plan representatives

What's New?

- New website capabilities:
 - customer service chat feature
 - enrollment and contribution changes
 - loan modeling and emergency withdrawal requests
 - distribution requests
 - direct deposit changes
- Mobile app
- Advice and professional management
- Roth option
- Automated resources for employers



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