
JUNE 25, 2018

AGENDA ITEM 2
INFORMATION ITEM

CALIFORNIA SECURE CHOICE RETIREMENT SAVINGS INVESTMENT BOARD

Executive Director's Report

Budget

As of April 30, 2018, the most recent available reporting, the program has spent \$1,373,111 in loan funding in the current fiscal year and a total of \$1,691,892 since inception. A detailed budget summary is included as Attachment 1.

Contracts Executed Under Delegated Authority

External Auditor Contract

CalSavers staff anticipate agreement CSCRSIB09-17 for external auditing services will be executed in the coming days. The agreement has been awarded to Gilbert Associates, Inc. The maximum cost of the contract is \$29,000 and the term of the agreement will conclude December 31, 2018.

The firm will conduct two audits, for fiscal years 2016-17 and 2017-18, of the financial and operational status of the California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Trust in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The audits will be required to fulfill the requirements set forth in Government Code §100038, which requires the board to submit an annual audit report to the Governor, the Controller, the State Auditor, and the Legislature by August 1 of each year.

Request for Proposals for the Program Administration and Investment Management

The request for proposals (RFP) for program administration and investment management services was released on May 30, 2018. Staff hosted a well-attended conference call for potential bidders on June 12th and, as of this writing, were preparing to release formal written answers to questions submitted by potential bidders. Proposals are due July 17th, at which time the evaluation committee will begin review in preparation for a recommendation to the Board.

Outreach Planning

A comprehensive update on outreach will be provided at the next Board meeting, including staff efforts to build regional stakeholder working groups, recruit pilot employers, and establish partnerships with employer organizations and platform technology companies to increase participation in the Program.

Legislative Update

Assembly Bill 1817 passed through both houses June 14, 2018. The bill would change the name of the California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program to the CalSavers Retirement Savings Program.

Media Mentions

- 1. Building Women's Wealth Is Key to Economic Security (Kilolo Kijakazi, Director, Integrated Financial Coaching Project at the Urban Institute and Heather McCulloch, Founder and Director, Closing the Women's Wealth Gap Initiative | Slate | May 29, 2018)**
<https://slate.com/human-interest/2018/05/gender-inequality-closing-the-wealth-gap-is-critical-to-future-financial-security.html>
- 2. California's State-Run Retirement Plan Faces Legal Hurdle (Anne Tergesen | Wall Street Journal | May 31, 2018)**
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/californias-state-run-retirement-plan-faces-legal-hurdle-1527845402>
- 3. Taxpayer group sues to block California retirement accounts (Adam Ashton | Sacramento Bee | May 31, 2018)**
<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article212278954.html>
- 4. California created a savings program for workers without retirement benefits. A group is suing to kill it (James Rufus Koren | Los Angeles Times | May 31, 2018)**
<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-jarvis-calsavers-20180531-story.html>
- 5. Taxpayer group sues to block state-run CalSavers retirement plan (Kathleen Pender | San Francisco Chronicle | May 31, 2018)**
<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/networth/article/Taxpayer-group-sues-to-block-state-run-CalSavers-12958424.php?cmpid=gsa-sfgate-result>
- 6. Group sues to kill California Secure Choice program (Arleen Jacobius | Pensions&Investments | June 1, 2018)**
<http://www.pionline.com/article/20180601/ONLINE/180609982/group-sues-to-kill-california-secure-choice-program>
- 7. Lawsuit Seeks to Halt Rollout of California Secure Choice Savings (John Manganaro | PlanAdviser | June 1, 2018)**
<https://www.planadviser.com/lawsuit-seeks-halt-rollout-california-secure-choice-savings/>
- 8. CalSavers sued in federal court (Nick Thornton | BenefitsPro | June 5, 2018)**
<https://www.benefitspro.com/2018/06/05/calsavers-sued-in-federal-court/?slreturn=20180514172532>

9. **CalSavers lawsuit raises tricky ERISA questions (Nick Thornton | BenefitsPro | June 6, 2018)**

<https://www.benefitspro.com/2018/06/06/calsavers-lawsuit-raises-tricky-erisa-questions/>

10. **Obama's retirement fail (Danny Vinik | Politico | June 7, 2018)**

<https://www.politico.com/agenda/story/2018/06/07/myra-save-for-retirement-obama-program-000662>

11. **Advancing Opportunity for Women and Their Families: New Briefs Highlight Critical Challenges and How the Right Policies Can Help Address Them (Kristin Schumacher, Senior Policy Analyst | CA Budget & Policy Center | June 12, 2018)**

http://calbudgetcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/WWBI-Issue-Briefs_All_June2018.pdf

External Presentations in Prior Month

1. May 31, 2018, California Asset Building Coalition: Financial Resources for the Inland Empire; San Bernardino, CA
2. June 5, 2018, National Association of State Treasurers (NAST): 2018 Treasury Management Training Symposium; Lake Buena Vista, FL
3. June 5, 2018, UnidosUS: Housing & Financial Empowerment Briefing for California Affiliates; Webinar
4. June 6, 2018, California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity (CAMEO): Annual Meeting; Sacramento, CA
5. June 19, 2018, California Small Business Association: Small Business Lobby Day; Sacramento, CA
6. June 19, 2018, Georgetown CRI 2018 Policy Innovation Forum: Driving Change to Improve Long-Term Outcomes; Washington, DC

Upcoming External Presentations

External events at which CalSavers staff and/or board members are presenting in upcoming months:

1. July 21, 2018, Latinos For A Secure Retirement: Banking On Latinos Conference; Sacramento, CA
2. July 30 – August 2, 2018, National Conference of State Legislators: Legislative Summit; Los Angeles, CA
3. August 4, 2018, Latinos For A Secure Retirement: Cafecito: Tu Familia, Futuro y Proposito Town Hall; Los Angeles, CA

4. August 4, 2018, Latinos For A Secure Retirement: Cafecito: Tu Familia, Futuro y Proposito Town Hall; Salinas, CA

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Summary of Monthly Budget Report (through April 30, 2018)