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SBCERA MAKES PROVISIONS TO GET BENEFITS TO FIRE VICTIMS

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (October 25, 2007) – In response to the recent fires in Southern California, the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) is taking special measures to ensure that retirees and beneficiaries who currently receive paper benefit checks have immediate access to their funds. The SBCERA Board of Retirement and staff express their deepest concern for all fire victims at this time.

“Our staff and board members understand that these are difficult times for our members. We will make special arrangements for any retiree that is displaced by the fires so that they can receive their retirement check, wherever they are, “declared SBCERA Board Chairman Marvin Reiter.

SBCERA payees who currently do not receive electronic funds (direct deposit) may request to pick-up their October monthly check at the SBCERA office in San Bernardino at 345 W. Hospitality Lane, in lieu of having the check mailed to their usual address. Impacted members may call SBCERA at (909) 885-7980 by 5 p.m. on October 29th to request that their checks be held for pick up on the first available date of October 31st at 9 a.m. Also, those members may file change of address forms when they come to pick up their check if necessary, or sign up for direct deposit of future payments.

The San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) provides its members and their beneficiaries with retirement and related benefits and services which they have earned, commensurate with their years of service and compensation. The Board of Retirement's responsibilities and functions are governed by the applicable provisions of the California Government Code, along with the bylaws and regulations of SBCERA. It is the responsibility of those charged with administration of the Association to diversify the investments of the system so as to minimize the risk of loss and to maximize the rate of return.

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