

# **Governmental Accounting and Standards Board Pension Accounting Changes**

September 10, 2013

# GASB Implementation

- Effective for CalSTRS FY 2013-14
  - Statement 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans
- Effective for Employers FY 2014-15
  - Statement 68, Accounting and Reporting for Pensions

# Purpose of Changes

- Divorces pension system funding and financial reporting.
- Part of normal review cycle and intended to improve reporting:
  - Transparency
  - Consistency
  - Comparability amongst systems

# Reporting Changes

- Adds Net Pension Liability (NPL) –similar to the unfunded liability.

# Reporting Changes

- Creates a blended rate that must be used when a plan is projected to deplete assets.
  - The plan uses the assumed rate of return up to the point the plan no longer has assets to pay benefits.
  - The remaining liability must be discounted with a high quality municipal bond rate.

# Reporting Changes

- Recasts pension expense to reflect changes in the NPL from year.
- Requires a closed 5-year period to amortize differences between actual and projected investment earnings.

# Reporting Changes

- Adds more extensive note disclosures.
- Requires a money weighted rate of return versus time weighted rate of return.

# Actuarial Considerations

- Requires Entry Age Normal for all Financial Reporting Actuarial Valuations.
- Milliman will now need to create multiple valuations annually: one for funding and one for financial reporting.
- Employers or their auditors may have questions for CalSTRS regarding the information provided in our financial reports for their use.

# New CalSTRS Disclosures

*Net Pension Liability of the Plan's Employers as of 6/30/2012*

Total Pension Liability	\$ 301,707,000,000
Plan fiduciary net position	(134,835,000,000)

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Employer and Non Employer Contributing Entity NPL	\$166,872,000,000
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total Pension liability	44.7%

# New CalSTRS Disclosures

*Sensitivity of NPL to discount rate as of 6/30/2012*

1% Decrease	(3.85%)	\$214,106
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GASB 67 discount rate	(4.85%)	\$166,872
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1% Increase	(5.85%)	\$128,725
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# New CalSTRS Disclosures

<b>Employer/ Non Employer</b>	<b>Actual Contributions</b>	<b>Allocation Percentage</b>
<b>State of California</b>	546,800,000	2.017%
<b>State of California</b>	41,600,000	0.02493%
<b>School District 1</b>	26,500,000	0.01590%
<b>School District 2</b>	96,500,000	0.05782%
<b>School District X</b>	423,900,000	0.25402%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

# New CalSTRS Disclosures

- Net Pension Liability \$ 166.9B
- Deferred Inflows of Resources none
- Deferred Outflows of Resources 8.6B
- Pension Expense \$ 12.9B

# Disclosure Appearance

- GASB requirements significantly increase the appearance of the unfunded liability for accounting purposes only, but ***will not change*** the actual amount of the funding shortfall which is currently approximately \$70 billion.

# Impact to CalSTRS Funding

- If a funding solution is adopted it would reduce the magnitude of disclosed liabilities for all reporting entities.

# Impact to State/Employers

- Could negatively impact ability to issue debt:
  - Credit rating agencies have reduced some local government credit ratings due to perceived pension liabilities.

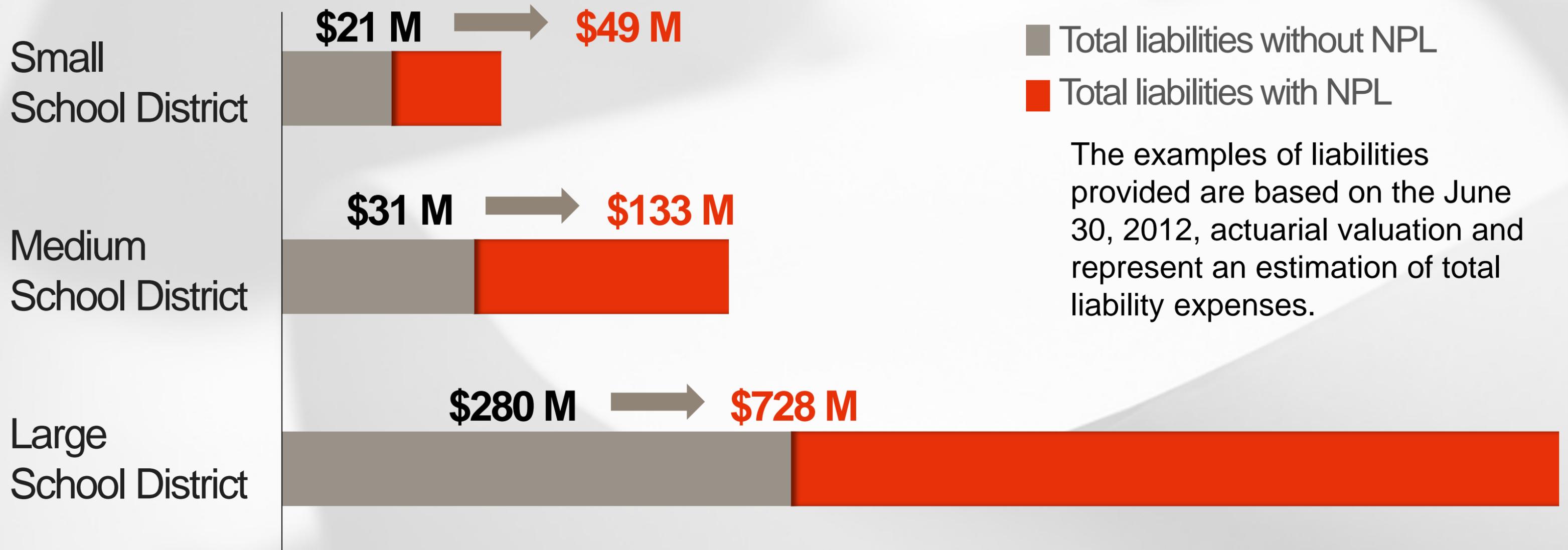
# Ownership of Liability

- GASB requires plan employers and non-employer contributing entities to report a proportionate share of the plan's NPL.
- Not clear whether State or employers would disclose the plan's NPL.

# Impact to State

- Entire \$166.9 billion NPL will appear on the State's financial statements.

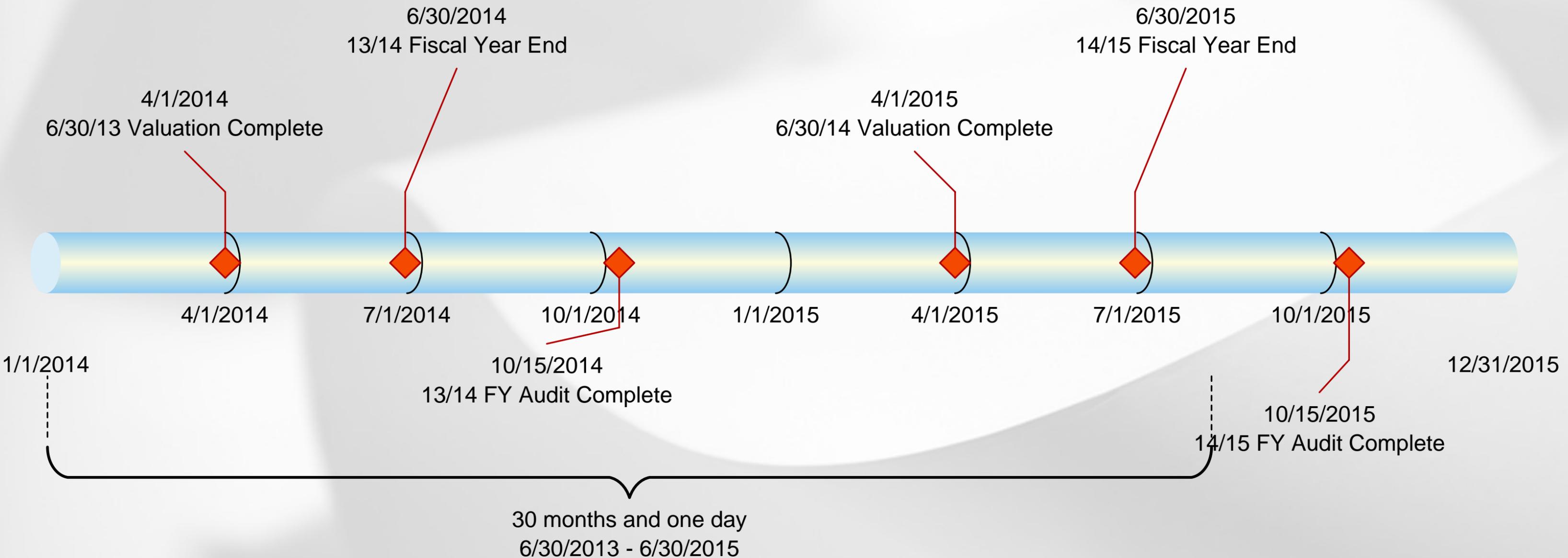
# Impact of NPL Employer



# Considerations

- Pass through of expenses incurred by CalSTRS to employers.
- Timing of the financial statement may affect which fiscal year employers choose to use.

# Timing of Financial Statements



# Considerations

- Determine if and how to explain the differences reported in the various CAFR sections.
- Estimate the workload associated with answering employer auditors' questions.

# Implementation Costs

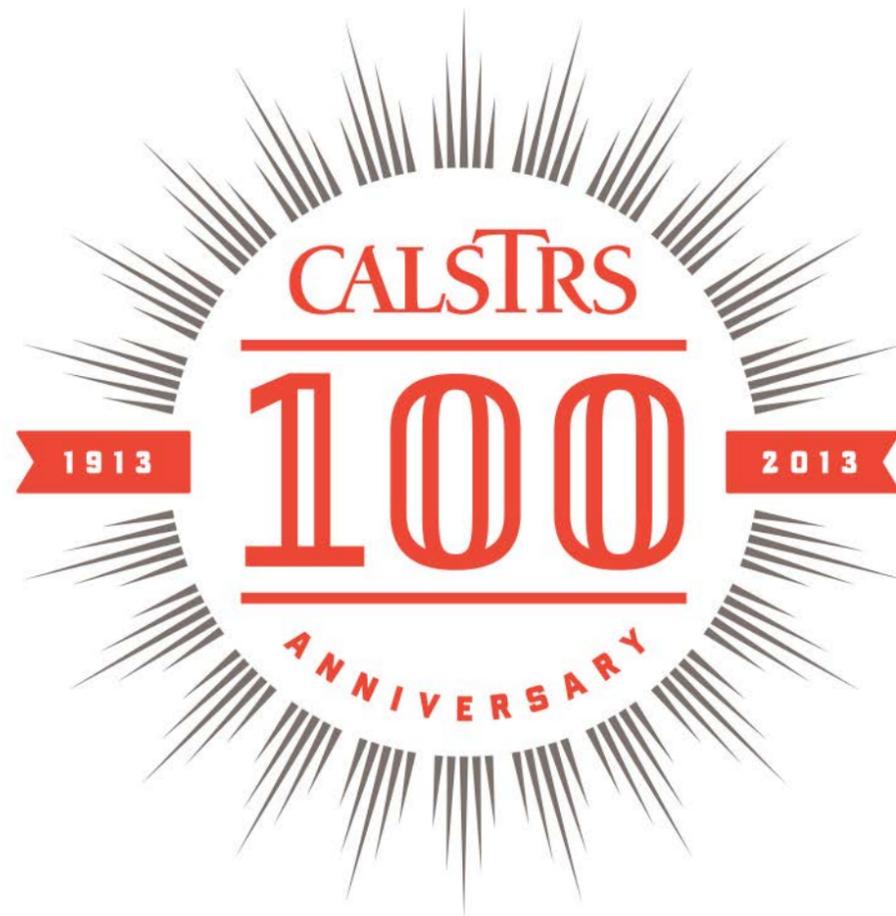
- Initial implementation and ongoing costs undetermined, but may include:
  - Additional external actuary fees.
  - Additional external audit fees.
  - Additional staff costs in actuarial services and financial services.

# Preparation & Outreach

- CalSTRS will hold meetings with stakeholders and employers.
- Webinars and others materials will be available on our website.

# Key Take Away

- Disclosed liabilities substantially increase if assets are ever insufficient to pay current benefits.
- Enacting funding legislation in 2013 or 2014 would reduce magnitude of disclosed liability.



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