



CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

TO: CMTA Board of Directors  
FROM: Mary Asturias, Division VII Chair  
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SUBJECT: Division VII Report

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CMTA Division VII had the following meetings this past quarter:

On November 6, Division 7 hosted a morning workshop entitled "OPEB Mitigation and Strategies" at the Presidio Golf Club in San Francisco. The setting was beautiful. We had a continental breakfast overlooking the golf course and San Francisco. The scheduled speakers were Doug Robinson of RCM Robinson Capital Management, John Bartel of Bartel Associates, Rick Allen of VEBA Solutions and Dennis Ciocca from Sutter Securities. John Bartel gave a great overview of the GASB 45 accounting standard and the effect the implementation of that standard will have on cities, counties and special districts when the liability of the retiree health care promise is recognized. Doug Robinson then gave his wonderful talk about demographics and how by looking at the demographics in your area you can get a good idea of where your local economy and your health care costs may be headed. Rick Allen then talked about different solutions to help mitigate the OPEB liabilities facing most government agencies. He really had some great "outside the box" ideas. Lastly, Dennis Ciocca talked about OPEB bonds. He encouraged the group to find out our liabilities, come up with a plan and if you should decide to explore the OPEB bond option that you are sure you are giving the correct information out to your boards. For example, if you are amortizing your unfunded liability over 15 years be sure to compare the bond payoff in the same time frame of 15 years and not stretch it out to 20 or 30 years. We had 30 attendees.

Our joint Holiday luncheon was held at the Crowne Plaza Union Square in San Francisco on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker was Gary Schlossberg, economist, from Wells Capital Management. He gave us his thoughts on the economy and what we may see happening in 2008. We had 83 attendees.

As of December 31, 2007, Division VII's adjusted bank balance is \$4,650.58