



Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System

Lila E. Deeds, Interim Chief Executive Officer

July 19, 2011

Dear Retired Member:

In 2010, the Board of Retirement enacted a policy for the release of information regarding member pensions. The policy was prompted by a number of court decisions in California concluding that retirement systems are obligated to identify members receiving retirement allowances when responding to Public Records Act requests. The rationale for those court decisions is grounded in the public's right to know compensation received by public employees, whether active or retired.

We are writing to inform you that your records are included in information to be released in response to public records requests received July 18, 2011, from the Santa Barbara News-Press and the Los Angeles Times regarding benefits paid by SBCERS to retired members. The information being provided to both newspapers will include your name, last employer and the amount of your monthly retirement allowance. In addition, the Los Angeles Times has requested various other information including medical benefit, service years (total and purchased), retirement date, job description, department, amount and elements of final compensation, benefit formula, etc.

We regret any impact that this may have on your privacy interests. However, it is the obligation of the Board to balance these privacy interests with judicial and statutory legal authority mandating the disclosure of public records.

Sincerely,  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lila E. Deeds".

Lila Deeds  
Interim Chief Executive Officer