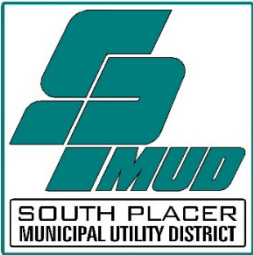


South Placer Municipal Utility District

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

2026



Greetings!

The District is excited to present the first edition of our annual retiree newsletter! We are thrilled to keep you connected with the District, and to be able to share what the District is working on, information on benefits, updates on your fellow retirees, and other news.

Each day staff work to build on the District's strong foundation, keeping our infrastructure operating smoothly while meeting the highest standards of safety, performance, and compliance.

The District is committed to supporting its retirees and their loved ones and remains available to assist in any way we can. We look forward to another year serving our community, our staff, and our retirees. Please let us know how we can support you!



Reminders:

- ▶ **Open Enrollment is here!** Enroll and make benefit plan changes from Sept. 14th – Oct. 9th
- ▶ Moved recently or have an updated email address? **Update your contact information** with the District so we can contact you with important information regarding your benefits!

District Management

Eric Nielsen
General Manager

Emilie Costan
Administrative Services Manager

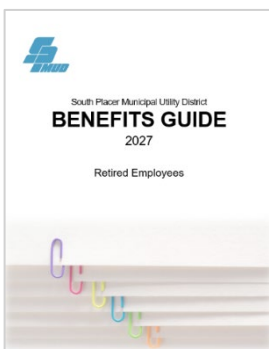
Carie Huff
District Engineer

Chad Stites
Superintendent

District's Retiree Benefit Guide

The District is pleased to offer a **new** resource for retirees to help navigate retiree benefits offered through the District. Available on the District's website, <https://spmud.ca.gov/district-retiree-benefits-information>, this guide gives a more in-depth view at eligibility and other plan information all conveniently located in one place.

Have questions about any of the information?
Contact Emilie Costan, ecostan@spmud.ca.gov.



Open Enrollment for Retirees with CalPERS Health Plan



- Mark your calendars, 2026 Open Enrollment takes place **September 14th through October 9th.**

CalPERS Medicare Plans Available to Eligible Members:

Medicare Advantage

- Anthem Medicare Preferred PPO
- Blue Shield Medicare Advantage PPO (Nationwide)
- Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage
- Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Out-of-State
- Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Summit
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- Sharp District Advantage HMO
- UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage PPO (Nationwide)

Medicare Supplement

- PERS Gold Medicare Supplement
- PERS Platinum Medicare Supplement (Nationwide)

IMPORTANT: UnitedHealthcare SignatureValue Alliance and UnitedHealthcare SignatureValue Harmony are no longer part of the CalPERS Basic Health Plan Offerings, Medicare plans are still available.

Check out CalPERS website for CalPERS Basic Plans Available to Eligible Members and Information on Dental & Vision plans.

The NEW Sutter Basic Health Plan is available only in Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, and Yolo counties.

Health Plan Changes for 2027

Scan the QR code below, or visit CalPERS at <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/members/health-benefits/plans-and-rates/annual-health-plan-changes>, to find Annual Health Plan Changes and details on health plans, service areas, and benefit design changes for 2027.

HEALTH



DENTAL/VISION



- **REMINDER:** Benefit elections/changes need to be made directly with CalPERS.

Where Are They Now with Henry Lorton

Henry retired from the District as an Inspector II in 2020 after 22 years of service with the District.



Where are you currently located? Lincoln, CA

What's the best part about retirement?

Getting to do whatever I want and waking up when my body wants to.

What have you been up to since you retired?

I've had a drone business, tried out long haul trucking in the western 11 states for a short stint, and am currently working as an inspector for a private engineering firm on Sac Sewer's Harvest Water Recycling Project in Elk Grove.

What's your favorite memory from your time at the District?

When I heard that I got chosen for the inspector position.

District Budget Update

The District approved the FY2026/27 Budget this past July and is projecting total revenues of \$25.88 million, and total expenditures of \$43.90 million, with \$21.77 million being spent on Capital Projects, primarily from the District's two Capital Reserve funds. Wastewater treatment expenses continue to trend upward, due to general cost increases and the necessary rehabilitation of aging facilities. The District's investment portfolio increased by 6.68% from FY2024/25 to FY2025/26.

The District has participated in a CalPERS OPEB trust (CERBT) since 2008. This trust is a tax-exempt trust under Section 115 of IRS code that is dedicated to prefunding Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), including retiree healthcare premiums. As of June 30, 2026, the balance of the trust is just over \$8.00 million. Annual Retiree Health Benefit expenses were \$460,444 for FY2025/26.

Summary of Plan Member Counts	
Number of active plan members	27
Number of inactive plan members currently receiving benefits	26

District Project Updates



The District is wrapping up the Old State Highway/Buena Vista Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project in Newcastle. This project was a joint project with PCWA and replaced aging water and sewer infrastructure, including 1,700 feet of sewer mains, and several laterals that were rerouted from private property to the right-of-way.

Also nearing completion is the District's SCADA project. Starting in November 2024, the SCADA improvement projected included the construction of a new 60' tower at the Corp Yard, installation of remote antennas and radios, and retrofits to lift station and flow monitoring control panels.

Managing Your Records... *Don't get lost in a mountain of paper!*



Life comes with a lot of records, whether it's utility bills, deeds, policies, or receipts. Make sure you keep important information organized for yourself and your loved ones. If you are eligible for the American General (AIG) Whole Life Policy, make sure you request a copy of your policy certificate for your records. The District is happy to keep a copy on file with your confidential retiree information to help your loved ones when it is time to receive this benefit.

Not sure if you qualify for the AIG Whole Life Policy? Reach out to Emilie Costan, ecostan@spmud.ca.gov.

Working on your estate? Don't forget to check out CalPERS resources. <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/retirees/resources>

Contact the District for more information.



The District has received the GFOA Triple Crown award for FY2023/24 and FY2024/25. This award acknowledges that the District has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting, and the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting.

New Vector,
purchased in 2026.



New 1987 Camel - 9-1-87



2007 Municipal Maintenance
Equipment Vac-con

In Memory



JODY ALLEN

1955-2025

Previous Superintendent, Jody retired from the District in 2015 after 11 years of service.

MARGARET MONTES

1929-2024

Wife of previous General Manager Victor Montes, who retired from the District in 1988.



SIMS PARKER

1942-2021

Previous Superintendent, Sims retired from the District in 2005 after 16 years of service.

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American Fidelity	1-800-662-1113	https://americanfidelity.com/
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