

Professional Standards Committee Highlights

WHITE PAPER - IMPLEMENTATION OF GASB 75



The CalCPA Governmental Accounting & Auditing (GAA) Committee and California Committee on Municipal Accounting (CCMA) issued a White Paper in February 2019 that provides suggested guidance on issues related to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (GASB 75), which became effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017.

GASB 75 requires that the other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability be recorded using the accrual basis of accounting instead of the "funding" basis. In response to issues that have been raised by practitioners related to the implementation of GASB 75, the White Paper provides suggested guidance on: 1) the actuarial certification on the actuarial

valuation report; and 2) an implicit rate subsidy not factored into the OPEB liability calculation for a Community Rated Plan.

The White Paper can be found at https://www.calcpa.org/members/technical-resources/qaa-white-papers.

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