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**Audited Financial Statements and**  
**Supplementary Information**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

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## Independent Auditors' Report

Cal Poly Corporation Benefits Committee  
San Luis Obispo, California

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust, for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust's basic financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financials in accordance with accounting principles general accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis, the schedule of changes in the net OPEB liability and related ratios, and the schedule of investment returns, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s response to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 13, 2022, on our consideration of Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Glenn Burdette Attest Corporation  
San Luis Obispo, California

April 13, 2022

**Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
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The Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust (Trust) is a single employer voluntary employees' beneficiary association (VEBA). The Trust is administered by the Cal Poly Corporation Benefits Committee (Trust Administrator) and is bound to provide medical healthcare benefits for qualified employees. It was formed on March 3, 2014 when the trust agreement was accepted and signed by the Cal Poly Corporation (Corporation) and U.S. Bank National Association (USBNA). The Trust was established pursuant to Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code which allows for the formation of such a plan. On February 10, 2015, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) granted tax-exempt status to the Trust under section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This section of the Trust's annual financial report presents a discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Trust during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 (2020-21), June 30, 2020 (2019-20), and June 30, 2019 (2018-19). This discussion has been prepared by the Trust Administrator and should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by, the accompanying audited financial statements and notes.

**Introduction to the Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements, prepared in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The financial statements include the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. These statements provide information about the Trust's financial position as a whole and the result of this year's activities on that position. These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which recognizes expenses when incurred and revenues when earned rather than when payment is made or received. They are supported by the Notes to Financial Statements and this section. All sections must be considered together to obtain a complete understanding of the financial picture of the Trust.

Statements of Fiduciary Net Position: The Statements of Fiduciary Net Position include all assets and liabilities of the Trust reported at their recorded value, as of the statement date. Net position — the difference between assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the Trust's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position, in conjunction with changes in projected retiree benefit liabilities, can be an indicator as to whether the Trust's financial health is improving or declining.

Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position: The Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position present the revenues earned and expenses incurred during the period.

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**Analytical Overview**

Summary

The following discussion highlights the Trust Administrator's understanding of the key financial aspects of the Trust's financial activities for the fiscal years 2020-21, 2019-20, and 2018-19. The following schedules and accompanying audited financial statements as of and for these respective periods are reported in accordance with standards and requirements of the GASB.

**Statements of Fiduciary Net Position**

	June 30,		
	2021	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 220,435	\$ 281,083	\$ 223,549
Investments			
Equity	17,366,246	14,275,941	14,831,272
Fixed income	13,031,151	11,110,467	11,157,278
	<u>30,397,397</u>	<u>25,386,408</u>	<u>25,988,550</u>
Accounts receivable	19,055		
Total assets	<u>30,636,887</u>	<u>25,667,491</u>	<u>26,212,099</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	28,599	14,030	415
Net position restricted for other postemployment benefits	<u>\$ 30,608,288</u>	<u>\$ 25,653,461</u>	<u>\$ 26,211,684</u>

Net Position

Net position may serve over time as an indicator of the Trust's financial position. As of June 30, 2021, assets exceeded liabilities by \$30.6 million, resulting in an increase of \$5 million in net position over the prior year. The increase in net position is primarily the result of \$5.9 million in net investment income combined with \$479,000 in contributions to the Trust offset by \$1.4 million in benefit payments in the current year. For the year ended June 30, 2020, overall net position decreased \$558,000 over the prior year. The decrease in net position was primarily the result of \$501,000 in net investment income combined with \$451,000 in contributions to the Trust offset by \$1.5 million in benefit payments.

Assets

**Assets** consist of one checking account, one money market fund and various mutual funds. Benefit payments are made directly out of the Trust's checking account. At June 30, 2021, the mutual funds in the Trust are allocated to an investment strategy of 57% in equities and 43% in fixed income. The Trust is intended to hold assets sufficient to cover, at a minimum, the calculated future healthcare liability associated with current retirees and active employees vested according to the Cal Poly Corporation Retiree Welfare Benefits Plan. An actuary is engaged every year to calculate this liability. The last actuarial report was as of June 30, 2021.

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As of June 30, 2021, total assets increased \$5 million over the prior year. The increase in total assets is primarily the result of \$5.9 million in net investment income combined with \$479,000 in contributions to the Trust offset by \$1.4 million in benefit payments in the current year. For the year ended June 30, 2020, total assets decreased \$545,000 over the prior year. The decrease in total assets was primarily the result of \$501,000 in net investment income combined with \$451,000 in contributions to the Trust offset by \$1.5 million in benefit payments.

Liabilities

**Liabilities**, or amounts owed or due within one year, consist of accrued operating expenses and investment management fees. Expenses accrued were for fees related to investment management, audit and tax services, as well as trustee fees.

Results of Operations

**Condensed Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

	June 30,		
	2021	2020	2019
<b>Additions</b>			
Contributions	\$ 478,753	\$ 451,320	\$ 594,645
Net investment income	5,937,197	500,828	1,504,670
Total additions	<u>6,415,950</u>	<u>952,148</u>	<u>2,099,315</u>
<b>Deductions</b>			
Benefit payments	1,431,612	1,501,317	1,522,318
Administration expenses	29,511	9,054	18,292
Total deductions	<u>1,461,123</u>	<u>1,510,371</u>	<u>1,540,610</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net position	4,954,827	(558,223)	558,705
<b>Net position - beginning of period</b>	<u>25,653,461</u>	<u>26,211,684</u>	<u>25,652,979</u>
<b>Net position - end of period</b>	<u>\$ 30,608,288</u>	<u>\$ 25,653,461</u>	<u>\$ 26,211,684</u>

**Additions** consist of employer contributions and investment returns. For the year ended June 30, 2021, Trust contributions increased \$27,000 or 6.1% as compared to the prior year. Trust contributions of \$479,000 include \$223,000 in employer contributions combined with an implicit rate subsidy of \$256,000 transferred to the Trust. For the year ended June 30, 2020, employer contributions decreased \$143,000 or 24% as compared to 2018-19. Trust contributions of \$451,000 include \$235,000 in employer contributions combined with an implicit rate subsidy of \$216,000 transferred to the Trust. Annual Trust contributions are made at amounts that allow the Trust to cover, at a minimum, the calculated future healthcare benefits associated with current retirees and active employees vested according to the Cal Poly Corporation Retiree Welfare Benefits Plan.

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Net investment return increased \$5.5 million from \$500,000 in the prior year to \$5.9 million in the current year, which consisted of market value gains of \$5.4 million combined with interest and dividends of \$543,000 in the current year. For the year ended June 30, 2020, net investment return decreased \$1 million from the prior year, which consisted of market value losses of \$259,000 combined with interest and dividends of \$760,000.

**Deductions** primarily consist of benefit payments, which decreased \$70,000 in the current year as compared to the prior year. For the year ended June 30, 2021, benefit payments of \$1.4 million includes an implicit rate subsidy of \$256,000 transferred to the Trust. For the year ended June 30, 2020, benefit payments decreased \$21,000 from the prior year to \$1.5 million. The decrease in the current year is primarily the result of a shift in healthcare plan choices.

**Currently Known Facts Impacting Future Periods**

The Trust is intended to hold assets sufficient to meet the calculated future liability for retiree healthcare benefits for retiree and active vested employees. Assets to meet the calculated future liability for active non-vested employees are held by the Corporation in its OPEB investment pool. The Corporation continues to charge departments for their participation in the healthcare benefits program. Departmental funding in conjunction with net investment return is expected to be such that the OPEB investment pool can continue to fund the Trust to the point it remains fully funded for retirees and vested employees. At the same time, it is expected that the OPEB investment pool assets will continue to support 100% of the liability associated with active non-vested employees.

The on-going COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainty within the global financial markets. Measuring the impact of the pandemic on future periods is difficult; however, it has the potential to create a significant instability within the Trust. The Trust Administration continues to monitor the impact of the pandemic on the Trust.



## **Financial Statements**

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*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

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**Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Additions</b>		
Contributions:		
Employer contributions	\$ 478,753	\$ 451,320
Total contributions	<u>478,753</u>	<u>451,320</u>
Investment income:		
Investment earnings and dividends, net of fees	542,646	760,177
Net appreciation in fair value of mutual fund investments	<u>5,394,551</u>	<u>(259,349)</u>
Total additions	<u>6,415,950</u>	<u>952,148</u>
<b>Deductions</b>		
Benefit payments	1,431,612	1,501,317
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**Note 1: Plan Description and Contribution Information**

The following brief description of the Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust (Trust) is provided for general information purposes only. The authority for the establishment and amendment of the Trust, benefits, vesting, and contributions are established by the Trust agreement and the Cal Poly Corporation Retiree Welfare Benefits Plan. Participants should refer to those documents for more complete information.

**Description of the Trust**

The Trust was established effective March 3, 2014 by Cal Poly Corporation (Corporation). It is a single-employer welfare benefit trust providing health care benefits to qualified retirees. U.S. Bank National Association (USBNA) serves as trustee. On February 10, 2015, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) granted tax-exempt status to the Trust under section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Trust is intended to hold assets sufficient to cover, at a minimum, the calculated future healthcare benefits associated with current retirees and active, vested employees. An actuary is engaged every year to calculate this liability. The last actuarial report was as of June 30, 2021. The Corporation continues to hold assets to cover future healthcare benefits associated with active, non-vested employees in its board designated OPEB investment pool.

The Trust is administered by the Cal Poly Corporation Benefits Committee (Trust Administrator) as defined by the Cal Poly Corporation Retiree Welfare Benefits Plan (the Plan). Members of the Cal Poly Corporation Benefits Committee are approved by the Corporation Executive Director and the Chair of the Corporation's Board of Directors.

**Benefits**

Eligibility for benefits is limited to benefited Corporation employees and is primarily determined by a combination of age and years of service. Eligibility requirements vary by hiring date. Once vested, an employee can expect that, as a retiree, the employer contribution towards medical coverage premiums will be the same as provided for active employees. The Corporation is a member of the California Public Employees Retirement System for purposes of retirement, medical coverage and other benefits. It complies with applicable laws including the California Public Employees' Retirement Law and the California Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act.

**Plan Membership**

At June 30, 2021, Plan membership consisted of the following:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	142
Active plan members	225
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Total membership	367
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**Note 1: Plan Description and Contribution Information (Continued)**

**Contributions**

Contributions to the Trust are intended to maintain Trust assets sufficient to cover, at a minimum, the calculated future healthcare benefits associated with current retirees and active, vested employees. Annual contribution rates are based on the results of the biennial actuarial report. Plan members are not required to contribute to the Plan.

**Trust Termination**

The Trust Administrator has the right to modify the benefits provided or to terminate the Trust subject to the provisions set forth in the Trust Agreement and Retiree Welfare Benefits Plan.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Financial Reporting Entity**

The Trust has applied the criteria set forth in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 74 in preparing these financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021. In addition, the Trust has evaluated GASB Statement No. 14, amended by GASB Statements No. 39 and 61 in determining potential component unit reporting in the reporting entity. The Trust has no component units and is not a component unit of another entity.

**Basis of Accounting**

The Trust is maintained using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental entities. Employer contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are earned. Benefits and expenses are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Trust considers demand deposits with financial institutions, money market funds and certificates of deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Fair Value Measurements**

As defined in GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Trust Administrator uses valuation techniques that are appropriate under the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

GASB Statement No. 72 establishes a hierarchy of inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. That hierarchy has three levels:

- Level 1 — Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 — Observable inputs, other than Level 1 prices, for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3 — Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the application of valuation techniques applied to the Corporation's financial statements has been consistent. Investments are reported at fair value which is determined as follows: (a) short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value; (b) securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates; and (c) cash deposits are reported at carrying amounts which reasonably approximates fair value.

**Administration**

Administration costs are financed through the Trust's investment earnings and employer contributions.

**Risks and Uncertainties**

The Trust invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect Trust balances and the amounts available for benefits reported in the statements of fiduciary net position.

**Income Tax Status**

The Trust is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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#### Note 3: Cash and Cash Equivalents

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Trust held \$185,674 and \$220,172, respectively, in a USBNA checking account. In addition, at June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Trust held \$34,761 and \$60,911, respectively, in a USBNA money market account. Money market assets fluctuate during the year. The first \$250,000 of checking account assets is insured via the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

#### Note 4: Investments

##### Investment Policy

The Corporation's Board of Directors (Board) oversees the management of its investments and establishes its investment policy. The Board has delegated, to the Trust Administrator, with the concurrence of its Investment Advisory Committee, the implementation of the Trust investment policy. The Investment Advisory Committee advises on investment guidelines and selection of investment managers. The Corporation prohibits investments that jeopardize the safety of the principal concept or non-profit status of the Trust. The Board of Trustees of the CSU adopted a resolution urging auxiliary boards that make corporate investments to issue statements of social responsibility and to follow those precepts in examining past and considering future investments. The Corporation's Board recognizes and accepts its social responsibility with respect to the investment of funds.

Trust assets at June 30, 2021 are invested based upon a strategic asset allocation of 57% in equities and 43% in fixed income. The following was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy as of June 30, 2021:

	<b>Target Allocation</b>
Domestic Large Cap	22.0%
Domestic Small Cap	3.5%
Intl Large Cap	11.0%
Intl Small Cap	1.5%
Emerging Markets	4.0%
Domestic REITs	10.0%
Intl REITs	5.0%
Domestic Fixed Income - High Quality	10.0%
Domestic Fixed Income - Investment Grade	21.5%
Intl Fixed Income	9.0%
High Yield Bonds	2.5%
Total (Excluding Tactical Strategies)	<u>100.0%</u>

The Trust is managed consistent with the designation and use of the assets. Investments recommended by the Investment Advisory Committee include high quality, readily marketable securities. The equity portion of the investments may include both domestic and international equities, including foreign currency denominated, common

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**Note 4: Investments (Continued)**

and preferred stocks and actively managed and passive (index) strategies. Overall, the investments are measured against the Standard & Poor's 500 (S&P 500), S&P 500 Developed--Excluding U.S. BMI Property, Russell 2000, MSCI Europe, Australasia, and Far East (EAFE), MSCI EAFE Small Cap, MSCI EAFE Emerging Markets, FTSE NAREIT Equity.

The goal of the fixed income securities is to limit risk while outperforming what would otherwise be available in cash or money market products. The fixed income portion of the investments may include both domestic and international securities, along with common bond substitutes. Investment guidelines establish set ranges for the percentage of the total bond portfolio that can be invested in U.S. government, investment grade, non-investment grade and foreign bonds. The fixed income portfolio is measured against the Barclays Capital Intermediate U.S. Government/Credit Bond and Citi 1-Month CD.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, investments comprised the following:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Mutual funds:		
Equity funds	\$ 17,366,246	\$ 14,275,940
Bond funds	13,031,151	11,110,467
Other investments:		
Cash and interest receivable pending investment		<u>1</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 30,397,397</u>	<u>\$ 25,386,408</u>

**Rate of Return**

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the annual money-weighted rate of return on investments, net of investment expense, was 23.80 percent. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

**Investment Risk Factors**

There are many factors that can affect the value of investments. Some, such as custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, and foreign currency risk may affect both the equity and fixed income securities. Equity securities respond to such investment behavioral factors as economic conditions, individual company earnings, performance and market liquidity, while fixed income securities are sensitive to credit risks and changes in interest rates.



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**Note 4: Investments (Continued)**

*Equity Securities Risk:*

Equity securities held by the Trust through mutual funds comprised \$17,366,246, or 57%, of the total investments of the Trust at June 30, 2021. Equities are subject to both unsystematic and systematic risk. Unsystematic risk is the risk of a price change due to the unique circumstances of a specific security or group of related securities. The Trust addresses unsystematic risk by investing in widely diversified equity mutual funds. Equity securities are also subject to systematic risk or market risk. Systematic risk recognizes that equity securities, as an asset class, can change in value as a result of such factors as inflation, exchanges rates, political instability, war, economic conditions and interest rates. This type of risk is not specific to a particular company or industry and cannot be substantially mitigated by diversification.

*Credit Risk:*

Fixed income securities are subject to credit risk, which is the chance that a bond issue will fail to pay interest or principal in a timely manner, or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make these payments will cause security prices to decline. The following schedule of credit risk summarizes the fair value of the fixed income securities subject to credit risk. The Trust maintains policies to manage credit risk which include requiring minimum credit ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, including Standard and Poor's or Moody's Investor Services, for certain investments. For investments in securities rated below investment grade, the Trust and its investment advisor monitor the investments and fund managers to determine if the portfolio is managed according to the stated guidelines.

At June 30, 2021, the credit ratings of the Trust fixed income and debt securities held in investments and money market funds were as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bond mutual funds:		
DFA Intermediate Government Bond	\$ 3,035,247	AAA
Loomis Sayles Bond Fund - Institutional	2,079,592	BBB
PIMCO Total Return Fund - Institutional	4,460,129	A
PIMCO Foreign Bond Fund - Institutional	2,691,442	A
PIMCO High Yield Fund - Institutional	764,741	BB
Money market funds:		
US Bank	<u>34,761</u>	Unrated
Total fixed income and debt securities subject to credit risk	<u>\$ 13,065,912</u>	

*Custodial Risk:*

Custodial risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the custodian, the investments may not be returned. Substantially all of the Trust's investments are issued, registered, or held in the name of the Trust by US Bank as its Trustee and agent.

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**Note 4: Investments (Continued)**

*Concentration of Credit Risk:*

Concentration of credit risk is the risk associated with a lack of diversification, such as having substantial investments in a few individual issuers; thereby exposing the Trust to greater risks resulting from adverse conditions or developments. The Trust's investment policy requires that no more than 5% of the total fund be invested in any one company or governmental agency.

*Interest Rate Risk:*

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Trust Administrator measures interest rate risk using the weighted average duration method.

At June 30, 2021, the weighted average duration of the Trust's fixed income and debt securities and money market funds were as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Duration (in years)</u>
Bond mutual funds:		
DFA Intermediate Government Bond	\$ 3,035,247	6.9
Loomis Sayles Bond Fund - Institutional	2,079,592	4.2
PIMCO Total Return Fund - Institutional	4,460,129	5.5
PIMCO Foreign Bond Fund - Institutional	2,691,442	7.4
PIMCO High Yield Fund - Institutional	764,741	3.6
Money market funds		
US Bank	<u>34,761</u>	0.0
Total fixed income and debt securities subject to interest rate risk	<u>\$ 13,065,912</u>	

*Foreign Currency Risk:*

Exposure from foreign currency risk results from investments in foreign currency denominated equity or fixed income investments. The Trust maintains international equity investments by investing in international mutual funds that are broadly diversified over many developed and emerging markets. Exposure from foreign currency risk from these investments is permitted and it may be fully or partially hedged by the individual mutual fund managers but hedging is not permitted for speculation or to create leverage.

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**Note 4: Investments (Continued)**

At June 30, 2021, the Trust's exposure to foreign currency risk was as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>
Euro	\$ 1,490,752
Japanese Yen	1,025,830
British Pounds	933,957
Chinese Yen	469,110
Hong Kong Dollars	301,710
Australian Dollar	287,733
Canadian Dollar	265,284
New Taiwan Dollar	247,627
South Korean Won	243,250
Swiss Francs	236,367
Swedish Krona	190,944
Indian Rupee	156,861
Singapore Dollar	155,851
Danish Krone	103,311
Brazilian Reals	93,726
Mexican Peso	56,566
South African Rand	52,167
Other	<u>255,698</u>
Total investments subject to foreign currency risk	<u>\$ 6,566,744</u>

Other currencies are individually less than \$50,000 per country.

At June 30, 2021, the foreign currency risk by investment type was as follows:

Equity mutual funds	\$ 6,456,258
Bond mutual funds	<u>110,486</u>
Total investments subject to foreign currency risk	<u>\$ 6,566,744</u>

*Alternative Investment Risks:*

The Trust does not have any direct investments in derivative financial instruments which would require accounting and disclosure under GASB Statement No. 54, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments*. In some instances, both commodities and All Asset All Authority funds could be considered alternative investments. As both these allocations in the Trust are traded daily on open markets, they are not considered alternative investments as such for this note to the financial statements.

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**Note 4: Investments (Continued)**

**Investment Fair Values**

The Corporation categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. All of the Corporation investments are classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

**Note 5: Related-Party Transactions**

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Corporation contributed \$478,753 and \$451,320, respectively, to the Trust. Medical insurance premiums are paid directly from the Trust.

**Note 6: Net OPEB Liability of the Trust**

The Trust is intended to hold assets sufficient to cover, at a minimum, the calculated future healthcare benefits associated with current retirees and active, vested employees. To that end, the funded status of the Trust as of June 30, 2021, the date of the most recent actuarial report, was as follows:

OPEB liability - active vested employees	\$	3,827,373
OPEB liability - retirees		<u>18,388,811</u>
OPEB liability - active vested employees and retirees		22,216,184
Trust fiduciary net position		<u>30,636,887</u>
Amount over / (under) funded	\$	<u><u>8,420,703</u></u>
Trust fiduciary net position as a percentage of OPEB liability for active vested employees and retirees		137.90%

The Corporation holds assets to cover future healthcare benefits associated with active, non-vested employees in its board designated OPEB investment pool. Contributions made to the OPEB investment pool are not considered irrevocable. Further, OPEB investment pool assets are not legally protected from the creditors of the Corporation, or the OPEB plan administrator. As such, these assets are excluded from the calculation of the Plan's overall net OPEB liability.

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**Note 6: Net OPEB Liability of the Trust (Continued)**

The components of the Plan's overall net OPEB liability at June 30, 2021, were as follows:

OPEB liability - active non-vested employees	\$	8,433,466
OPEB liability - active vested employees and retirees		<u>22,216,184</u>
Total Plan OPEB liability		30,649,650
Plan fiduciary net position		<u>30,636,887</u>
Plan net OPEB liability / (asset)	\$	<u><u>12,763</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total Plan OPEB liability		99.96%

*Actuarial Assumptions:*

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial report as of June 30, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.26 percent
Payroll increases	3.25 percent
Investment rate of return	6.50 percent
Healthcare cost trend rates (pre-65)	6.95 percent for 2022, decreasing 0.25 percent per year to an ultimate rate of 4.50 percent for 2032 and later years
Healthcare cost trend rates (post-65)	4.60 percent for 2022, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50 percent for 2023 and later years

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Mortality rates used in the valuation are those used in the most recent CalPERS valuations (CalPERS 2017 Mortality pre-retirement and post-retirement with Scale MP-2014).

The long-term expected rate of return on Trust investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for hypothetical investment portfolio allocation of 50% equity, and 50% fixed income. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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**Note 6: Net OPEB Liability of the Trust (Continued)**

As of June 30, 2021, the best estimates of long-term expected rates of return for each major investment class in the Trust's portfolio are as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Large Cap	9.8%
Domestic Small Cap	10.8%
Intl Large Cap	9.8%
Intl Small Cap	10.8%
Emerging Markets	11.3%
Domestic REITs	9.8%
Intl REITs	9.8%
Domestic Fixed Income - High Quality	1.8%
Domestic Fixed Income - Investment Grade	2.4%
Intl Fixed Income	1.0%
High Yield Bonds	4.8%

*Discount Rate:*

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.5 percent. This single discount rate was based on the long-term expected real rate of return of assets.

*Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:*

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Trust, as well as what the Trust's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.5 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.5 percent) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.5%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.5%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.5%)</u>
Net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 4,511,350	\$ 12,763	\$ (3,643,404)

*Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates:*

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Trust, as well as what the Trust's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (3,819,749)	\$ 12,763	\$ 4,477,175

**Note 7: COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Trust has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The extent to which COVID-19 will impact the Trust will depend on future developments and public health advancements, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence. Due to this uncertainty surrounding the on-going pandemic, the length and severity of the outbreak, and the disruption across supply chains, economies and financial markets, there is uncertainty as to how these events will affect results of operations in the future.

**Note 8: Subsequent Events**

Events subsequent to June 30, 2021 have been evaluated by the Trust Administrator through April 13, 2022, the date financial statements were available to be issued. The Trust Administrator did not identify any subsequent events requiring disclosure in the financial statements.

## **Required Supplementary Information**



**Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust**  
**Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability</b>					
Service cost	\$ 961,325	\$ 1,005,266	\$ 957,397	\$ 1,141,018	\$ 1,086,684
Interest	1,918,690	1,966,797	1,876,206	2,032,225	1,923,754
Differences between expected and actual experience	(60,281)	(226,327)	24,239	(1,012,510)	(269,900)
Changes in assumptions		(1,974,894)		(2,904,595)	
Benefit payments	(1,431,612)	(1,501,317)	(1,522,318)	(1,424,857)	(1,119,651)
<b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>	<b>1,388,122</b>	<b>(730,475)</b>	<b>1,335,524</b>	<b>(2,168,719)</b>	<b>1,620,887</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability - beginning</b>	<b>29,261,528</b>	<b>29,992,003</b>	<b>28,656,479</b>	<b>30,825,198</b>	<b>29,204,311</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability - ending (a)</b>	<b>\$ 30,649,650</b>	<b>\$ 29,261,528</b>	<b>\$ 29,992,003</b>	<b>\$ 28,656,479</b>	<b>\$ 30,825,198</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>					
Contributions - employer	\$ 478,753	\$ 451,320	\$ 594,645	\$ 492,280	\$ 296,314
Net investment income	5,937,894	514,291	1,486,548	1,469,561	2,405,355
Benefit payments	(1,431,612)	(1,501,317)	(1,522,318)	(1,424,857)	(1,119,651)
Administrative expense	(15,639)	(8,902)	(12,540)	(12,965)	(12,743)
<b>Net change in plan fiduciary net position</b>	<b>4,969,396</b>	<b>(544,608)</b>	<b>546,335</b>	<b>524,019</b>	<b>1,569,275</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position - beginning</b>	<b>25,667,491</b>	<b>26,212,099</b>	<b>25,665,764</b>	<b>25,141,745</b>	<b>23,572,470</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)</b>	<b>\$ 30,636,887</b>	<b>\$ 25,667,491</b>	<b>\$ 26,212,099</b>	<b>\$ 25,665,764</b>	<b>\$ 25,141,745</b>
<b>Net OPEB liability - ending (a)-(b)</b>	<b>\$ 12,763</b>	<b>\$ 3,594,037</b>	<b>\$ 3,779,904</b>	<b>\$ 2,990,715</b>	<b>\$ 5,683,453</b>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability.	99.96%	87.72%	87.40%	89.56%	81.56%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 12,302,135	\$ 13,055,768	\$ 12,615,771	\$ 11,941,343	\$ 12,085,567
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	0.10%	27.53%	29.96%	25.05%	47.03%

\* Fiscal year 2017 was the first year of implementation, therefore only five years are shown.

*See independent auditors' report.*

**Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust**  
**Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios (Continued)**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

**Notes to Schedule:**

*Benefit Changes:* There have been no changes to benefit terms since June 30, 2017.

*Changes of Assumptions:* The mortality, retirement, and withdrawal rates were updated to reflect the most recent experience study published by CalPERS. The per capita claims cost (or baseline cost) is based on current premiums and plan selection. The plan selection was updated to reflected experience in the 2020 census and the premiums were updated to reflect experience through 2021. The trend rates were revised to reflect lower expectations of future healthcare cost inflation. There have been no other changes in the assumptions since the last measurement date of June 30, 2020.

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**Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust  
Schedule of Investment Returns  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	23.80%	1.40%	6.30%	5.90%	10.20%

\* Fiscal year 2017 was the first year of implementation, therefore only five years are shown.

*See independent auditors' report.*



**Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on  
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in  
Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Cal Poly Corporation Benefits Committee  
San Luis Obispo, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the statements of Fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the related statement of changes in Fiduciary net position for the years then ended of Cal Poly Corporation VEBA Trust (Trust), and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 13, 2022.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Trust's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust’s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purposes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "GLENN BURDETTE ATTEST CORPORATION". The letters are in all caps and have a cursive, slightly irregular style.

Glenn Burdette Attest Corporation  
San Luis Obispo, California

April 13, 2022