

# Action Plan and Timeline for TAM & LGS Separation

TAM Board Meeting October 26, 2017



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### **Brief Background**

- □ LGS/RGS has been functioning as TAM's staffing agency and providing payroll/benefit services over the last 13 years
- Due to a recent CalPERS audit finding, TAM had no other option but to become an employer of record, hire all LGS/RGS employees directly, and enter into a retirement benefit contract directly with CalPERS
- TAM Board authorized the CalPERS Contract at this meeting of October 26th
- TAM/CalPERS contract is expected to be effective as of January 1, 2018. TAM needs to be its own employer of record when the contract becomes effective
- A retirement benefit contract is only one of a number of actions necessary for TAM to become the employer of record

### **Summary of Action Items**

- 1. Implement Payroll Services
- 2. Develop Agency HR Manual and Establish Direct Employment Relationship with all LGS/RGS Employees Currently Assigned to TAM
- 3. Develop Various Benefit Programs
- 4. Obtain Required Agency Insurances
- 5. Create HR Management Capacity
- 6. Assure Smooth Transfer of Records and Assets from LGS/RGS to TAM

#### **Process and Timeline:**

- Payroll option study, including in-house vs. outsource, conducted early this year - May – July
- Decision of bringing payroll service in house August
- Engagement of consultant support team for payroll service implementation October
- □ Setup of in-house payroll system October/November
- Payroll system ready for testing December 1st

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### **Develop HR Manual and Hire Employees Directly**

### **Process and Timeline:**

- Research and development of the HR Policies and Procedures Manual – May – August
- HR Ad Hoc Committee Review of HR Manual September / October
- □ County Counsel legal review of HR Manual Early October
- Full TAM Board review and acceptance of HR Manual October / November
- Staff acceptance of HR Manual all policies and procedures contained within December

Preparation of offer letters and official start of TAM employment

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### **Develop Various Benefit Programs**

#### **Process and Timeline:**

- Research and initial discussions of various options with broker
   started late 2016
- □ Review and study of potential medical options July October
- □ HR Ad Hoc Committee review of Medical Options November
- □ Full TAM Board review of HR Ad Hoc Committee review result and recommendation November 30<sup>th</sup> TAM Board meeting
- Selection of ancillary benefits provider and other benefit setup
  December 11<sup>th</sup> TAM board meeting/December

### **Obtain Other Required Agency Insurances**

#### **Process and Timeline:**

- Research and initial discussions of workers comp insurance options – started early 2017
- Work with insurance broker and get quotes for workers comp insurance – September – November
- Review and potential remarket TAM's other insurances, such as property and general liability – November/December

#### **Process and Timeline:**

- CFO/Executive Director have been managing all HR and employer setup tasks with support from HR Ad Hoc Committee, brokers and temporary help – since mid-2016
- Engagement of on-call HR Support Team early 2018
- Recruitment of Senior Accountant/Accounting Management position – early 2018
- New staff manage most payroll operations
- CFO manages most of the HR related functions with outside consultant support

#### **Process and Timeline:**

- Ongoing discussions with LGS/RGS regarding various items that need to be addressed during the separation – since mid-2016
- Review and Execution of three-way agreements for sick and vacation leave balance transfer – November/December
- Review and Execution of LGS/RGS/TAM agreement for personnel files and records transfer – November/December
- Review and Execution of LGS/RGS/TAM agreement for transfer of other benefit accounts, such as 457 plan, health savings account, etc. – November/December

### **Actions Needed Tonight:**

Per Action to be considered under Item 12, resolve that the following occur: that on the next business day after TAM receives a fully executed reallocation agreement from LGS, the TAM Board Chair shall send written notice of termination of the LGS/RGS contracts, notifying LGS/RGS that the final day of contracted service for LGS & RGS employees shall be December 31, 2017.

## **Actions Needed Tonight:**

Per report above, confirm staff actions on other elements of separation from LGS, as overseen by the TAM Human Resources Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Chair Moulton-Peters, Commissioners Fredericks, Kuhl, McInerney, Rodoni)

