## Deferred Compensation Plan Information Sessions

September 28 and 29, 2021

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#### **Topics for Today**

- Deferred Compensation History
- New Standard Procedure
- Solicitation
- Timeline for Employees
- Who is Empower?
- What's Coming
- Where to Get More Information



#### **WSSC WATER STRATEGIC PLAN**

#### **Journey to World Class**

**MISSION:** We are entrusted by our community to provide safe and reliable water, life's most precious resource, and return clean water to our environment, all in an ethical, sustainable, and financially responsible manner.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES





Enhance Customer Experience

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

#### **CORE VALUES**



**Accountability** 



Collaboration



**Environmental Stewardship** 

Innovation



**Excellence** 



Optimize Infrastructure



Spend Customer Dollars Wisely



**Transform Employee Engagement** 



Protect Our Resources



**Simplify** 



Focus



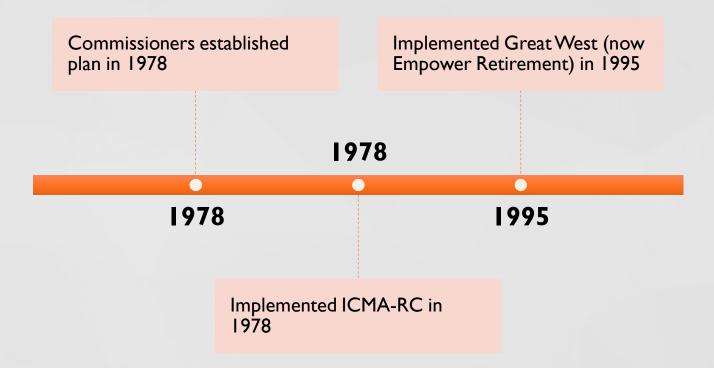
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#### **VISION**

# Deferred Compensation History & Partners



## History and Partners





# Rationale to re-bid the plan

Maximize participant outcomes

Hire service provider that has participants best interest in mind



#### **New Standard Procedure**







ENSURE PRUDENT MANAGEMENT AND FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT OF THE PLAN



RETAIN PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS AND INVESTMENT MANAGER

# Deferred Compensation Plan Investment Manager:

Mike Beczkowski from Bolton



#### **RFP** Criteria

Single	Single vendor
Reduce	Reduce administrative and investment management fees
Enhance	Enhance fee transparency
Increase	Increase fee equity
Streamline	Streamline investment lineup
Improve	Improve website capabilities
Enrich	Enrich financial wellness and retirement planning support



#### Response to solicitation

- Seven providers responded
- Investment Committee compared and evaluated each one
- Narrowed selection to three providers
- Met with each provider several times
- Unanimous decision to select Empower Retirement



#### Why Empower Retirement?

Respected leader

Competitive fee schedule

Investment funds options

Strong account team

Real-time changes

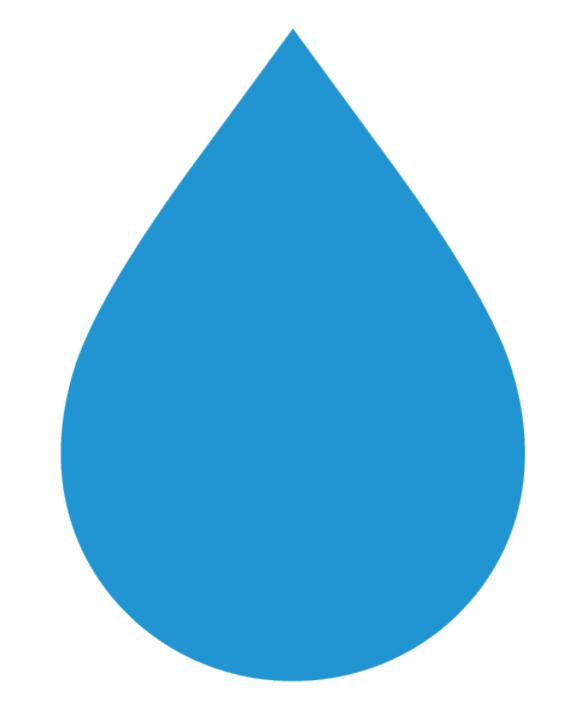
Dynamic and user-friendly website

Measure overall retirement readiness



# Investment Options

Are more or less options better?



## Timeline for Employees

9/17	Empower mail fund change notification to Empower participants
9/28	Info Session on Teams for all employees (2:00-3:00pm)
9/29	Info Session on Teams for all employees (7:30-8:30am)
10/12	Empower mail Transition Guide to ICMA participants
10/15	Empower mail Re-enrollment Notice to Empower participants
10/18	Change fund lineup on Empower's site (fund to fund mapping)
10/30	Last day to make unused annual leave rollovers to ICMA
November	Virtual Transition Sessions (Dates to be determined)
11/1-11/30	Empower participants allowed to opt out of Target Date Map
11/1	ICMA participants allowed to opt out of Target Date Map on Empower site
11/1	ICMA participants begin to make deferral changes on Empower site
12/1	Empower participants balances mapped according to investment elections
12/7	Blackout at ICMA begins at 4pm (restricted access to the site and accounts)
12/14	ICMA assets liquidated
12/15	ICMA assets wired to Empower
12/22	ICMA sends final data files to Empower
12/28	Load ICMA participant balances and loans & go live with Empower

# Empower Retirement Client Relationship Manager:

**Matt Brann** 



#### **Empower Retirement**





Who is Empower?

Vision for the future



### What You Need to Know



## Wrap Up



### What's Coming



Additional FAQ's



Mailings from Empower



November virtual transition meetings



#### Where to get more information

WSSC Water website

Empower website

 WSSC Water designated email address: empoweryoursavings@wsscwater.com







