AGREEMENT
between
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
and
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SCIENTISTS (CAPS)
covering

BARGAINING UNIT 10
PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC

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PREAMBLE

This AGREEMENT, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement, entered into by the STATE OF CALIFORNIA, hereinafter referred to as the State or the State employer, pursuant to Sections 19815.4 and 3517 of the Government Code, and the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SCIENTISTS, hereinafter referred to as CAPS, has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious labor relations between the State and CAPS; establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment including health and safety.

The term "Agreement" as used herein means the written agreement provided under Section 3517.5 of the Government Code.

ARTICLE 1 – RECOGNITION

1.1 Recognition

A. Pursuant to Public Employment Relations Board decision S-SR-10, the State recognizes CAPS as the exclusive negotiating agent for all employees in Bargaining Unit 10.

B. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 19815.4 and 3517, CAPS recognizes the Director of the Department of Personnel Administration or his/her designee as the negotiating representative for the State and shall negotiate exclusively with the Director or his/her designee, except as otherwise specifically spelled out in the Agreement.

C. At such time that the State employer designates a position as confidential pursuant to Government Code Section 3513(f), the State shall mail a notice to CAPS of the confidential designation. CAPS shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after the mailing of such notice to protest the State's action. If CAPS elects to protest, the State shall meet-and-confer with CAPS in an effort to reach agreement. If the parties are unable to agree, the confidential designation dispute shall be submitted to PERB for resolution. If CAPS does not protest within the 15-day notice period, the confidential designation of a position shall be deemed agreeable to the parties and PERB shall be so advised.

ARTICLE 2 – SALARIES

2.1 Personal Leave Program

Effective October 1, 2003, the State shall implement a mandatory Personal Leave Program (PLP) for all unit employees. This program shall remain in effect for 12 months from October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004. Employees may voluntarily participate in the Personal Leave Program on a continuing basis.

A. Each full-time employee subject to paragraph b. shall be credited with eight (8) hours of Personal Leave on the first day of the following monthly pay period for each month in the Personal Leave program.
B. Salary ranges and rates shall be changed to reflect the July 1, 2003 general salary increase; however, each full-time employee shall continue to work his/her assigned work schedule and shall have a reduction in pay equal to 5%. In exchange 8 hours of leave will be credited to the employee’s PLP monthly.

C. Personal leave shall be requested and used by the employee in the same manner as vacation or annual leave. Requests to use personal leave must be submitted in accordance with departmental policies on vacation and annual leave. Personal leave shall not be included in the calculation of vacation/annual leave balances pursuant to Article 3 (Leaves) and Sections 3.1 (Vacation Leave) and 3.11 (Annual leave).

D. At the discretion of the State, all or a portion of unused personal leave credits may be cashed out at the employee's salary rate at the time the personal leave payment is made. It is understood by both parties that the application of this cash out provision may differ from department to department and from employee to employee. Upon termination from State employment, the employee shall be paid for unused personal leave credits in the same manner as vacation or annual leave. Cash out or lump sum payment for any Personal Leave credits shall not be considered as "compensation" for purposes of retirement. If funds become available, as determined by the Department of Finance, for the Personal Leave program, departments will offer employees the opportunity to cash out accrued personal leave. Upon retirement/separation, the cash value of the employees personal leave balance may be transferred into a State of California, Department of Personnel Administration Deferred Compensation Program as permitted by federal and state law.

E. An employee may not use any kind of paid leave such as sick leave, vacation, or holiday time to avoid a reduction in pay resulting from the Personal Leave program.

F. A State employee in the Personal Leave Program shall be entitled to the same level of State employer contributions for health, vision, dental, flex-elect cash option, and enhanced survivor’s benefits he or she would have received had the Personal Leave Program not occurred.

G. The Personal Leave Program shall not cause a break in State service, a reduction in the employee’s accumulation of service credit for the purposes of seniority and retirement, leave accumulation, or a merit salary adjustment.

H. The Personal Leave program shall neither affect the employee’s final compensation used in calculating State retirement benefits nor reduce the level of State death or disability benefits the employee would otherwise receive or be entitled to receive nor shall it affect the employee’s ability to supplement those benefits with paid leave.

I. Part-time employees shall be subject to the same conditions as stated above, on a prorated basis.

J. The Personal Leave Program for intermittent employees shall be prorated based upon the number of hours worked in the monthly pay period.

K. The Personal Leave program shall be administered consistent with existing payroll system and the policies and practices of the State Controller’s Office.

L. Employees on EIDL, NDI, IDL, or Worker’s Compensation for the entire monthly pay period shall be excluded from the Personal Leave program for that month.
2.2 Merit Salary Adjustments

Employees shall receive annual merit salary adjustments in accordance with Government Code Section 19832 and applicable Department of Personnel Administration rules.

2.3 Night Shift Differential

Unit 10 employees who regularly work shifts shall receive a night shift differential as set forth below:

A. Employees shall qualify for the first night shift pay differential of 40 cents per hour where four (4) or more hours of the regularly scheduled work shift fall between 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

B. Employees shall qualify for the second night shift pay differential of 50 cents per hour where four (4) or more hours of the regularly scheduled work shift fall between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.

C. A "regularly scheduled work shift" are those regularly assigned work hours established by the department director or designee.

D. The State agrees that the following additional classes will be eligible for shift differential:

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2.4 Bilingual Differential Pay

Bilingual Differential Pay applies to those positions designated by the Department of Personnel Administration as eligible to receive bilingual pay according to the following standards:

A. Definition of Bilingual Position for Bilingual Differential Pay:

1. A bilingual position for salary differential purposes requires the use of a bilingual skill on a continuing basis averaging ten percent (10%) of the time. Anyone using their bilingual skills ten-percent (10%) or more of the time will be eligible whether they are using them in a conversational, interpretation, or translation setting. In order to receive bilingual differential pay, the position/employee must be certified by the using department and approved by the Department of Personnel Administration. (Time should be an average of the time spent on bilingual activities during a given fiscal year.)

2. The position must be in a work setting that requires the use of bilingual skills to meet the needs of the public in either:

   a. A direct public contact position;

   b. A hospital or institutional setting dealing with patient or inmate needs;

   c. A position utilized to perform interpretation, translation or specialized bilingual activities for the department and its clients.

3. Position(s) must be in a setting where there is a demonstrated client or correspondence flow where bilingual skills are clearly needed.
4. Where organizationally feasible, departments should ensure that positions clearly meet the standards by centralizing the bilingual responsibility in as few positions as possible.

5. Actual time spent conversing or interpreting in a second language and closely related activities performed directly in conjunction with the specific bilingual transaction will count toward the ten percent (10%) standard.

B. Rate:

1. An employee meeting the bilingual differential pay criteria during the entire monthly pay period would receive a maximum $100.00 per monthly pay period, including holidays.

2. A monthly employee, meeting the bilingual differential pay criteria less than the entire pay period, would receive differential on a pro rata basis.

3. A fractional-month employee, meeting the bilingual differential pay criteria, would receive the differential on a pro rata basis.

4. An employee paid by the hour, meeting the bilingual differential pay criteria, would receive a differential of 58 cents per hour.

5. An employee paid by the day meeting the bilingual differential pay criteria would receive a differential of $4.61 per day.

C. Employees, regardless of the time base or tenure, who use their bilingual skills more than ten percent (10%) of the time on a continuing basis and are approved by the Department of Personnel Administration will receive the bilingual differential pay on a regular basis.

D. Bilingual differential payments will become earnings and subject to contributions to the State Retirement System, OASDI, levies, garnishments, Federal and State taxes.

E. Employees working in positions which qualify for regular bilingual differential pay as authorized by the Department of Personnel Administration may receive the appropriate pay during periods of paid time off and absences (e.g., sick leave, vacation, annual leave, holidays, etc.).

F. Employees will be eligible to receive the bilingual differential payments on the date the Department of Personnel Administration approves the departmental pay request. The effective date shall be retroactive to the date of appointment, not to exceed one (1) year, and may be retroactive up to two (2) years, to a position requiring bilingual skills when the appointment documentation has been delayed. The effective date for bilingual pay differential shall coincide with the date qualified employees begin using their bilingual skills on a continuing basis averaging ten percent (10%) of the time, consistent with the other provisions of this section.

G. Bilingual salary payments will be included in the calculation of lump sum vacation, sick leave and extra hour payments to employees terminating their State service appointment while on bilingual status.

H. Employees will not receive bilingual salary compensation for overtime hours worked, except upon separation from State service, regardless of total hours during the pay period. Agencies may not include bilingual salary compensation when computing overtime rates.
I. Employees receiving regular bilingual differential pay will have their transfer rights determined from the maximum step of the salary range for their class. Incumbents receiving bilingual pay will have the same transfer opportunities that other class incumbents are provided.

J. The bilingual differential pay shall be included in the rate used to calculate temporary disability; industrial disability and non-industrial disability leave benefits.

2.5 Timely Payment of Wages

A. The State agrees to provide timely payment of wages after an employee's discharge, layoff, or resignation consistent with applicable department and State Controller's Office policies.

B. When a permanent full-time or probationary employee receives no pay warrant on payday, the State agrees to issue a salary advance, consistent with departmental policy and under the following conditions:

1. When there are errors or delays in processing the payroll documents and the delay is through no fault of the employee, a salary advance will normally be issued within two (2) work days after payday for an amount close to the actual net pay (gross salary less deductions) in accordance with departmental policy.

2. When a regular paycheck is late for reasons other than Item (1) above (e.g., AWOL, late dock), a salary advance of no less than 50 percent of the employee's actual net pay will normally be issued within five (5) work days after payday. No more than two (2) salary advances per calendar year may be issued under these circumstances.

3. The difference between the employee's net pay and the salary advance shall not be paid until after receipt of the Controller's warrant for the pay period.

4. The circumstances listed in Items (1), (2), and (3) are not applicable in remote areas where difficulties in the payroll process would not allow these timelines to be met. In these areas the State agrees to attempt to expeditiously correct payroll errors and issue salary advances.

C. It will be the responsibility of the employee to make sure voluntary deductions (e.g., credit union deductions, union dues, etc.) are paid.

D. This provision does not apply to those employees who have direct deposit. This provision does not preclude advances if they are provided for under any other rules or policies where direct deposit is involved.

E. For overtime checks, an advance for an amount close to the actual net pay shall be issued by the end of the pay period following the actual month in which the overtime is submitted if the overtime check is not available at that time.

2.6 Staff Specialist Compensation

A. Department of Food and Agriculture

1. Upon approval of the Director of the Department of Food and Agriculture or his designee, Unit 10 employees may be temporarily designated as primary State titled scientists in a specific scientific discipline or area of specialization.
2. An employee who is designated by the Director of the Department of Food and Agriculture as a primary State titled scientist shall receive a one step salary increase for the duration of the assigned designation as compensation for the increased duties and responsibilities and for maintaining the highest level of technical expertise within his/her specific discipline.

3. There shall be a limit of three (3) State titled scientists in the department at any one time. The scientific disciplines include, but are not limited to, Biology, Entomology, Plant Nematology, and Plant Pathology.

4. Each designation is temporary and is subject to re-evaluation by the department at least once a year and may be terminated at any time by the Director or designee. The Staff Specialist designation shall not be utilized in lieu of a promotion. Selection of the titled scientist and the selection of the science are not subject to the grievance and arbitration provision in Article 9.

B. Department of Pesticide Regulation

1. Upon approval of the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation or his designee, a Unit 10 employee may be temporarily designated as the primary State titled scientist in the discipline of Toxicology.

2. The employee so designated by the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation shall receive a one step salary increase for the duration of the assigned designation as compensation for maintaining the highest level of technical expertise within the scientific discipline of Toxicology.

3. The designation is temporary and is subject to re-evaluation by the department at least once a year and may be terminated at any time by the Director or designee. The Staff Specialist designation shall not be utilized in lieu of a promotion. Selection of the titled scientist is not subject to the grievance and arbitration provision in Article 9.

2.7 Diving/Climbing Pay

A. Incumbents in classifications currently eligible to receive diving pay shall continue to receive the differential at the rate of $12.00 per diving hour. Upon departmental approval, new classes may be added to the eligible list and employees meeting these diving pay criteria will be so compensated.

B. Effective upon agreement, Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) employees who are required to climb a tower crane, or any other structure in which the employee is required to use climbing equipment, to a height of thirty (30) feet or more for the purpose of conducting an inspection or investigation shall receive an hourly differential of ten dollars ($10) per actual climbing hour. Said employee may be required to successfully complete training prescribed by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health as a condition of employment in positions necessitating climbing.

C. Employees who “climb” pursuant to above will receive a minimum of one hour of climbing pay for any amount of climbing during the first hour of each day. Additional times spent climbing after the first hour during the same day will be rounded to the nearest quarter hour.

2.8 Overpayments/Payroll Errors

Overpayments shall be administered according to Government Code Section 19838.
2.9 Alternate Range 40

A. Effective the first pay period following ratification of this Agreement by the Legislature and CAPS, an employee who meets the below criteria shall be compensated with Alternate Range 40 pay (AR 40).

Alternate Range 40 Criteria:

Range B. This range shall apply to incumbents in positions approved by the Department of Personnel Administration staff as having regular, direct responsibility for work supervision, on-the-job training, and work performance evaluation of at least two (2) inmates, wards, or resident workers who substantially replace civil service employees for a total of at least 173 allocated hours of inmates', wards', or resident workers' time per pay period.

B. Any Unit 10 classifications may be considered for AR 40 compensation.

2.10 Recruitment and Retention Differentials

A. Avenal, Ironwood, Calipatria, Centinela and Chuckawalla Valley Prisons

1. Effective July 1, 1998, employees who are employed at Avenal, Ironwood, Calipatria, Centinela or Chuckawalla Valley State Prisons, Department of Corrections for twelve (12) consecutive qualifying pay periods, shall be eligible for a recruitment and retention bonus of $2,400, payable thirty (30) days following the completion of the twelve (12) consecutive qualifying pay periods.

2. If an employee voluntarily terminates, transfers, or is discharged prior to completing twelve (12) consecutive pay periods at Avenal, Ironwood, Calipatria, Centinela or Chuckawalla Valley State Prisons, there will be no pro rata payment for those months at any facility.

3. If an employee is mandatorily transferred by the Department, he/she shall be eligible for a pro rata share for those months served.

4. If an employee promotes to a different facility, or department other than at Avenal, Ironwood, Calipatria, Centinela or Chuckawalla Valley State Prisons prior to completion of the twelve (12) consecutive qualifying pay periods, there shall be no pro rata to this recruitment and retention bonus. After completing the twelve (12) consecutive qualifying pay periods, an employee who promotes within the Department will be entitled to a pro rata share of the existing retention bonus.

5. Part-time and intermittent employees shall receive a pro rata share of the annual recruitment and retention differential based on the total number of hours worked excluding overtime during the twelve (12) consecutive qualifying pay periods.

6. Annual recruitment and retention payments shall not be considered as compensation for purposes of retirement contributions.

7. Employees on IDL shall continue to receive this stipend.
8. If an employee is granted a leave of absence, the employee will not accrue time towards the twelve (12) qualifying pay periods, but the employee shall not be required to start the calculation of the twelve (12) qualifying pay periods all over. For example, if an employee has worked four (4) months at a qualifying institution and then takes six (6) months’ maternity leave, the employee will have only eight (8) additional qualifying pay periods before receiving the initial payment of $2,400.

B. Upon request by a department and approval by DPA, the requesting department may provide up to $300.00 a month as a recruitment and retention differential for:

- HX34 Assistant Health Physicist
- HX30 Associate Health Physicist
- HX38 Jr. Health Physicist

C. Department of Toxics

1. Upon approval by the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA), the Department of Toxics may provide Hazardous Substances Scientists a recruitment and retention differential of up to $250 per month.

2. The Department of Toxics will provide CAPS notice of the recruitment and retention differential upon approval by the DPA and the Department of Finance. Upon request of CAPS, the Department will meet and discuss on the impact.

3. Less than full-time permanent employees may receive the recruitment and retention differential on a pro rata basis.

4. Permanent intermittent employees may receive a pro rated recruitment and retention differential based on the hours worked in the pay period.

5. Recruitment and retention differentials shall not alter any classification’s pay schedule nor will they be considered as compensation for purposes of retirement contributions. The employee will pay usual and customary withholdings.

6. The Department may withdraw the recruitment and retention differential for new hires when it is no longer needed with a 30-day notice to CAPS.

7. It is understood by CAPS that the decision to implement or not implement recruitment and retention differential or to withdraw authorization for such differentials, and the amount of such differentials rests solely with the State and that such decision is not grievable or arbitrable.

D. Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB)

1. Upon approval by the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA), the Integrated Waste Management Board may provide Integrated Waste Management Specialist and Senior Integrated Waste Management Specialist a recruitment and retention differential of up to $250.00 per month.
2. The Integrated Waste Management Board will provide CAPS notice of the recruitment and retention differential upon approval by the DPA and the Department of Finance. Upon request of CAPS, the department will meet and discuss on the impact.

3. Less than full-time permanent employees may receive the recruitment and retention differential based on a pro rata basis.

4. Permanent intermittent employees may receive a pro rated recruitment and retention differential based on the hours worked in the pay period.

5. Recruitment and retention differentials shall not alter any classification’s pay schedule nor will they be considered as compensation for purposes of retirement contributions. The employee will pay usual and customary withholdings.

6. The department may withdraw the recruitment and retention differential for new hires when it is no longer needed with a 30-day notice to CAPS.

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E. Water Resources Control Board (WRCB)

1. Upon approval by the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA), the Water Resources Control Board may provide Environmental Specialist III and Environmental Specialist IV a recruitment and retention differential of up to $250.00 per month.

2. The Water Resources Control Board will provide CAPS notice of the recruitment and retention differential upon approval by the DPA and the Department of Finance. Upon request of CAPS, the department will meet and discuss on the impact.

3. Less than full-time permanent employees may receive the recruitment and retention differential on a pro rata basis.

4. Permanent intermittent employees may receive the pro rata recruitment and retention differential based on the hours worked in the pay period.

5. Recruitment and retention differentials shall not alter any classification’s pay schedule nor will they be considered as compensation for purposes of retirement contributions. The employee will pay usual and customary withholdings.

6. The department may withdraw the recruitment and retention differential for new hires when it is no longer needed with a 30-day notice to CAPS.

7. It is understood by CAPS that the decision to implement or not to implement recruitment and retention differentials or to withdraw authorization for such differentials, and the amount of such differentials rests solely with the State and that such decision is not grievable or arbitrable.

F. Recruitment and Retention Differential

1. Effective, September 1, 2001 the following classifications will receive a $200.00 per pay period Recruitment and Retention Differential.
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2. Less than full time employees may receive the recruitment and retention differential on a pro rata basis.

3. Permanent intermittent employees may receive a pro rated recruitment and retention differential based on the hours worked in the pay period.

4. Recruitment and retention differentials shall not alter any classification’s pay schedule nor will they be considered compensation for retirement contributions. The employee will pay usual and customary withholdings.

G. Recruitment and Retention Differentials

1. Upon approval by the Department of Personnel Administration, a department may provide a monthly recruitment and retention differential to employees.

2. This differential may be authorized for specific classifications in specific geographic locations or facilities.

3. A department will provide the Union with notice when a request to provide a monthly recruitment and retention differential is made to the Department of Personnel Administration.

4. Less than full-time permanent employees and permanent intermittent employees may receive a recruitment and retention differential on a pro rata basis.

5. The amount and location of such differentials is neither grievable nor arbitrable.

2.11 Payroll System

The parties agree to establish a Union-Management Committee to advise the State Controller on planned and anticipated changes to the State’s payroll system. Topics to be explored include, but are not limited to, accuracy and timeliness of the issuance of overtime warrants, changes in earnings statements, and design of and transition to a biweekly pay system.

The committee shall be comprised of an equal number of management representatives and Union representatives. The Union may have one representative who shall serve without loss of compensation.
2.12 Out-of-State Pay Differential

Employees in the following classes that are headquartered out-of-State, will receive a pay differential of $346.00 per month:

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The pay differential is effective upon ratification of the contract.

2.13 Tax Deferral of Lump Sum Leave Cash Out Upon Separation

A. To the extent permitted by federal and state law, effective January 1, 2002 (or no later than four months following ratification of this agreement by both parties) employees who separate from State service who are otherwise eligible to cash out their vacation and/or annual leave balance, may ask the State to tax defer and transfer a designated monthly amount from their cash payment into their existing 457 and/or 401k plan offered through the State’s Savings Plus Program (SPP).

B. If an employee does not have an existing 457 and/or 401k plan account, he/she must enroll in the SPP and become a participant in one or both plans no less than 60 days prior to his/her date of separation.

C. Such transfers are subject to and contingent upon all statutes, laws, rules and regulations authorizing such transfers including those governing the amount of annual deferrals.

D. Employees electing to make such a transfer shall bear full tax liability, if any, for the leave transferred (e.g., “over-defers” exceeding the limitation on annual deferrals).

E. Implementation, continuation and administration of this section is expressly subject to and contingent upon compliance with the SPP’s governing Plan document (which may at the State’s discretion be amended from time to time), and applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

F. Disputes arising under this section of the MOU shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration provision of this agreement.

2.14 Layoff Mitigation

Section 4.10 of the Budget Act recognizes that the Budget Bill approved by the Senate does not provide funds for employee compensation increases that may become effective during the 2003-04 fiscal year, and grants the Director of Finance authority to reduce and reallocate appropriations in the Budget Act in order to ensure the integrity of the 2003 Budget.

The savings achieved in employee compensation for fiscal year (FY) 03/04 that have been agreed to by the parties shall first be applied to mitigate layoffs during FY 03/04 for Bargaining Unit 10, consistent with the provisions of Section 4.10 of the Budget Act of 2003.
In applying these savings, the following principles will govern: (a) it is understood that these savings will not be applied to any program reductions beyond the requirements of Section 4.10, (b) the union understands that this provision does not obligate the employer to retain any position that is not supported by the work to be done or the organizational structure of the affected State agency.

2.15 Canine Differential Pay

Agricultural Biologists (BB40) and Associate Agricultural Biologist (BB43) shall receive $50.00 per month, who meet the following criteria:

1. Are assigned to canine duty on a regular basis where canine duty constitutes the main assignment and occupies a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the employee’s time, and

2. Successfully completed a canine handler training program involving agricultural canine inspections, or equivalent, and

3. Possesses a Canine Handler Certificate, and continues to meet program standards upon which the certification was issued.

2.16 Field Training Biologist (FTB) Program – Department of Fish and Game

A. Field Training Biologist Program. The Department may adopt regulations and/or policy which establishes a Field Training Biologist Program. The purpose of this program is to provide work related mentoring activities to biologists as defined by the FTB Advisory Committee. It is envisioned that such mentoring will be provided by a variety of department employees, including Unit 10 employees represented by CAPS. The terms of this settlement agreement shall apply only to Unit 10 employees as Field Training Biologists.

B. Assignment. The Department may assign a Unit 10 employee to perform the duties of Field Training Biologist from among those Unit 10 certified employees who volunteer and possess the appropriate expertise to perform this duty. The Department retains the discretion to make assignments form among any Unit 10 employees when not enough qualified volunteers are available. Selection shall be made by the Department based on criteria recommended by the FTB Advisory Committee and adopted by the Director of the Department.

C. Field Training Biologist Advisory Committee. There shall be established a Field Training Biologist Advisory Committee which shall meet periodically as needed. At least one representative on this Committee shall be selected by CAPS with no loss of compensation for time served in the event that CAPS selects a departmental employee to serve on the Committee. Recommendations of the Committee shall be subject to the final approval of the Director. The Department agrees to meet and confer regarding the impact of any decision made by the Director concerning operation of the Field Training Biologist Program which impacts matters within the scope of negotiations of Unit 10 employees not covered by this agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CAPS and the State of California.
D. **FTB Assignments.** Assignments of any Unit 10 employee to serve as a Field Training Biologist shall be made in no less than daily increments. Formal assignments shall be made in writing and may be terminated at any time at the Department’s discretion. Any Unit 10 employee performing leadworker responsibilities or required to impart his/her knowledge on an informal basis to another employee is not eligible for FTB compensation unless specifically assigned in writing to perform the duties of Field Training Biologist.

E. **Compensation.** Any Unit 10 employee assigned to the duties of a Field Training Biologist shall receive the equivalent hourly salary rate of one-step differential above the equivalent hourly salary rate of the maximum step of the employee’s classification for each hour that the employee performs the duties of a Field Training Biologist. Any Unit 10 employee eligible to receive such compensation may waive it.

**ARTICLE 3 – LEAVES**

3.1 **Vacation Leave**

A. Employees shall not be entitled to vacation leave credit for the first six (6) months of service. On the first day of the monthly pay period following completion of six (6) qualifying monthly pay periods of continuous service, all full-time employees covered by this Section shall receive a one time vacation bonus of 42 hours of vacation credit. Thereafter, for each additional qualifying monthly pay period, the employee shall be allowed credit for vacation with pay on the first day of the following monthly pay period as follows:

- 7 months to 3 years... 7 hours per month
- 37 months to 10 years... 10 hours per month
- 121 months to 15 years... 12 hours per month
- 181 months to 20 years... 13 hours per month
- 20 years and over... 14 hours per month

1. An employee who returns to State service after an absence of six (6) months or longer caused by a permanent separation shall receive a one time vacation bonus on the first monthly pay period following completion of six (6) qualifying pay periods of continuous service in accordance with the employee's total State service before and after the absence.

B. Breaks in employment of eleven (11) work days or more, including unpaid leaves of absence, shall not be counted as qualifying service for vacation purposes set forth under Subsection A. above. Absences from State service resulting from a temporary or permanent separation for more than eleven (11) consecutive working days which fall into two (2) consecutive qualifying pay periods shall disqualify the second pay period.

C. Employees working less than full-time accrue vacation in accordance with the applicable DPA rules.
D. If an employee does not use all of the vacation that the employee has accrued in a calendar year, the employee may carry over his/her accrued vacation credits to the following calendar year to a maximum of 640 hours. A department head or designee may permit an employee to carry over more than 640 hours of accrued vacation leave hours if an employee was unable to reduce his accrued hours because the employee:

1. Was required to work as a result of fire, flood, or other extensive emergency;
2. Was assigned work of a priority or critical nature over an extended period of time;
3. Was absent on full salary for compensable injury;
4. Was prevented by department regulations from taking vacation until December 31 because of sick leave;
5. Was on jury duty; or
6. Was prevented by the department head or designee from utilizing accrued vacation.

It is the employee's responsibility to utilize all vacation hours in excess of the 640 hours cap by the end of each calendar year unless otherwise prevented from doing so as enumerated in Items (1) through (6) above. Whenever an employee's vacation accumulation exceeds 640 hours, the department head or designee has the right to order the employee to submit a vacation request which will demonstrate how and when the employee plans to use any hours which will exceed the cap by the end of the calendar year. If the employee does not use the time as planned for reasons other than those listed above, the department head or designee may then order the employee to take the excess time at the convenience of the department.

E. Upon termination from State employment, the employee shall be paid for accrued vacation credits for all accrued vacation time.

F. The time when vacations shall be taken by the employee shall be determined by the department head or designee. If an employee's vacation accumulation will exceed the vacation cap in Subsection d. at any time during a calendar year, the department head or designee has the right to order the employee to take vacation during the calendar year.

G. Vacation requests must be submitted in accordance with departmental policies on this subject. However, when two or more employees on the same shift (if applicable) in a work unit (as defined by each department head or designee) request the same vacation time and approval cannot be given to all employees requesting it, employees shall be granted their preferred vacation period in order of seniority (defined as total months of State service in the same manner as vacation is accumulated). When two or more employees have the same amount of State service, department seniority will be used to break the tie. Vacation schedules which have been established in a work unit, pursuant to the seniority provisions in this Section, shall not be affected by employee(s) entering the unit after the schedule has been established.

H. Each department head or designee will make every effort to act on vacation requests in a timely manner.

I. Vacations will be canceled only when operational needs require it.
3.2 Sick Leave

A. As used in this section, "sick leave" means the necessary absence from duty of an employee because of:

1. Illness or injury, including illness or injury relating to pregnancy.
2. Exposure to a contagious disease which is determined by a physician to require absence from work.
3. Dental, eye, and other physical or medical examination or treatment by a licensed practitioner.
4. Absence from duty for attendance upon the employee's ill or injured mother, father, husband, wife, domestic partner that has been defined and certified with the Secretary of State's office in accordance with Family Code Section 297, son, daughter, brother, or sister, or any person residing in the immediate household. Such absence shall be limited to six (6) workdays per occurrence or, in extraordinary situations, to the time necessary for care until physician or other care can be arranged.

B. A full-time employee who has eleven (11) or more working days of service in a monthly pay period shall be eligible for up to eight (8) hours of sick leave credit. On the first day of the monthly pay period following completion of each qualifying pay period of service, each full-time employee shall earn eight (8) hours of credit for sick leave with pay.

C. Credit for less than full-time employees shall be computed as follows:

1. Part-time employees. On the first day of the monthly pay period following completion of each monthly pay period of continuous service, each part-time employee shall be allowed, on a pro rata basis, the fractional part of his/her appropriate accrual rate of credit for sick leave with pay in accordance with the schedule in Section 7 L.
2. Multiple positions under this rule:
   a. An employee holding a position in State service in addition to the primary full-time position with the State shall not receive credit for sick leave with pay for service in the additional position;
   b. Where an employee holds two (2) or more "less than full-time positions," the time worked in each position shall be combined for purposes of computing credits for sick leave with pay, but such credits shall not exceed the amount earned for (8 hours per pay period) full-time employment credit.
D. The department head or designee shall approve sick leave only after having ascertained that the absence is for an authorized reason and may require the employee to submit substantiating evidence including, but not limited to, a physician's or licensed practitioner's verification. The State recognizes the confidential nature of the relationship between the health care provider and patient. However, such substantiation shall include, but not be limited to, the general nature of the employee's illness or injury and prognosis (i.e., the anticipated length of the absence, any restrictions upon return to work that prevent the employee from performing the full range of his/her normal work assignment and anticipated future absences). If the department head or designee does not consider the evidence adequate, the request for sick leave shall be disapproved. Upon request, a denial of sick leave shall be in writing stating the reason for denial.

E. An employee may be required to provide a physician's or licensed practitioner's verification of sick leave when:

1. The employee has a demonstrable pattern of sick leave abuse; or

2. The supervisor believes the absence was for an unauthorized reason.

F. Sick leave may be accumulated without limit.

G. Sick leave may be requested and taken in fifteen (15) minute increments.

3.3 Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

A. An eligible employee shall be entitled to a maximum of twelve (12) workweeks (480 hours) FMLA leave per calendar year and all other rights set forth in the FMLA.

B. Within 90 days of the ratification date of this contract, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, FMLA leave shall be recorded in accordance with the calendar year. Employees who have taken FMLA leave under the previous 12 month rolling period, shall be entitled to additional leave up to a total of 12 weeks for the current calendar year.

3.4 Bereavement Leave

A. A department head or designee shall authorize bereavement leave with pay for a permanent or probationary full-time State employee due to the death of his/her parent, stepparent, spouse, domestic partner that has been defined and certified with the Secretary of State’s office in Accordance with Family Code Section 297, child, stepchild, brother, sister or death of any person residing in the immediate household of the employee at the time of death. An intervening period of absence for medical reasons shall not be disqualifying when, immediately prior to the absence, the person resided in the household of the employee. Such bereavement leave shall be authorized for up to three eight-hour days (24 hours) per occurrence. The employee shall give notice to his/her immediate supervisor as soon as possible and shall, if requested by the employee's supervisor, provide substantiation to support the request upon the employee's return to work.
B. A department head or designee shall authorize bereavement leave with pay for a permanent full-time or probationary full-time employee due to the death of grandchild, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law. Such bereavement leave shall be authorized for up to three (3) eight-hour days in a fiscal year. The employee shall give notice to his/her immediate supervisor as soon as possible and shall, if requested by the employee's supervisor, provide substantiation to support the request.

C. If the death of a person as described above requires the employee to travel over 400 miles one way from his/her home, additional time off with pay shall be granted for two (2) additional days which shall be deducted from accrued sick leave. Should additional leave be necessary, the department head or designee may authorize the use of existing leave credits or authorized leave without pay.

D. Employees may utilize their annual leave, vacation, CTO, or any other earned leave credits for additional time required in excess of time allowed in A or B above. Sick leave may be utilized for Bereavement Leave in accordance with the Sick Leave provision of this agreement.

E. Fractional time base (part-time) employees will be eligible for bereavement leave on pro rata basis, based on the employees’ fractional time base.

3.5 Parental Leave

A. A department head or designee shall grant a female permanent employee’s request for an unpaid leave of absence for purposes of pregnancy, child birth, recovery there from or care for the newborn or adopted child for a period not to exceed one (1) year. The employee shall provide medical substantiation to support her request for pregnancy leave.

B. A male spouse or male parent, or domestic partner that has been defined and certified with the Secretary of State’s office in accordance Family Code Section 297 who is a permanent employee, shall be entitled to an unpaid leave of absence for a period not to exceed one (1) year to care for his/her newborn or adopted child.

C. During the period of time an employee is on parental leave, he/she shall be allowed to continue their health and dental benefits. The cost of these benefits shall be paid by the employee and the rate that the employee will pay will be the group rate.

3.6 Union Leave

CAPS shall have the choice of requesting an unpaid leave of absence or a paid leave of absence (union leave) for a CAPS representative. An unpaid leave of absence may be granted by the State pursuant to the unpaid leave of absence provision in this CAPS Agreement. A union leave may also be granted at the discretion of the affected department head or designee in accordance with the following:

A. A union leave shall assure an employee the right to his/her former position upon termination of the leave. The term "former position" is defined in Government Code Section 18522.
B. CAPS agrees to reimburse the affected department(s) for the full amount of the affected employee's salary, plus an additional amount equal to 31 percent of the affected employee's salary, for all the time the employee is off on a union leave. Billing shall be for actual time on leave.

C. The affected employee shall have no right to return from a union leave earlier than the agreed upon date without the approval of the employee's appointing power.

D. Except in emergencies or layoff situations, a union leave shall not be terminated by the department head or designee prior to the expiration date.

E. Employees on a union leave shall suffer no loss of compensation or benefits.

F. Whether or not time for a union leave is counted for merit purposes shall be determined by the State Personnel Board and such determination shall not be grievable or arbitrable.

G. Employees on union leave under this provision and CAPS shall waive any and all claims against the State for Workers' Compensation and Industrial Disability Leave.

H. In the event an employee on a union leave, as discussed above, files a workers' compensation claim against the State of California or any agency thereof, for an injury or injuries sustained while on a union leave, CAPS agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of California or agencies thereof, from both workers' compensation liability and any costs of legal defense incurred as a result of the filing of the claim.

3.7 Unpaid Leave of Absence

A. A department head or designee may grant an unpaid leave of absence for a period not to exceed one (1) year. The employee shall provide substantiation to support the employee's request for an unpaid leave of absence.

B. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection c. below, an unpaid leave of absence shall not be granted to any employee who is accepting some other position in State employment; or who is leaving State employment to enter other outside employment; or does not intend to, nor can reasonably be expected to, return to State employment on or before the expiration of the unpaid leave of absence. A leave, so granted, shall assure an employee the right to his/her former position upon termination of the leave. The term "former position" is defined in Government Code Section 18522.

C. An unpaid leave of absence may be granted for, but not limited to, the following reasons:

   1. Union activity;
   2. For temporary incapacity due to illness or injury;
   3. To be loaned to another governmental agency for performance of a specific assignment;
   4. To seek or accept other employment during a layoff situation or otherwise lessen the impact of an impending layoff;
   5. Education; or
   6. Research project.
D. Extensions of an unpaid leave of absence may be requested by the employee and may be granted by the department head or designee.

E. A leave of absence shall be terminated by the department head or designee: (1) at the expiration of the leave; or (2) prior to the expiration date with written notice at least thirty (30) work days prior to the effective date of the revocation.

F. Upon request by the employee, a leave of absence may be terminated by the department head or designee prior to the expiration date with written notice at least thirty (30) work days prior to the effective date of the termination.

3.8 Jury Duty

A. An employee shall be allowed such time off without loss of compensation as is required in connection with mandatory jury duty. If payment is made for such time off, the employee is required to remit to the State jury fees received. An employee may be allowed time off without loss of compensation if approved by the department head or designee for voluntary jury duty such as grand jury.

B. An employee shall notify his/her supervisor immediately upon receiving notice of jury duty.

C. If an employee elects to use accrued vacation leave or compensating time off while on jury duty, the employee is not required to remit jury fees.

D. For purposes of this Section, "jury fees" means fees received for jury duty excluding payment for mileage, parking, meals or other out of pocket expenses.

E. If an employee is assigned an approved alternate work week schedule, the employee is not required to return to work after an eight (8) hour period of jury duty has been served.

3.9 Non-Industrial Disability Insurance

A. Non-Industrial Disability Insurance (NDI) is a program for State employees who become disabled due to nonwork-related disabilities as defined by Section 2626 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.

B. For periods of disability commencing on or after October 1, 1984, eligible employees shall receive NDI payments at 60 percent of their full pay, not to exceed $135 per week, payable monthly for a period not exceeding 26 weeks for any one disability benefit period. An employee is not eligible for a second disability benefit due to the same or related cause or condition unless they have returned to their regular time base, and work for at least ten (10) consecutive work days. Paid leave shall not be used to cover the ten (10) work days.

C. The employee shall serve a ten (10) consecutive calendar day waiting period before NDI payments commence for each disability. Accrued vacation or sick leave balances may be used to cover this waiting period. The waiting period may be waived commencing with the first full day of confinement in a hospital or nursing home for at least one full day. A full day is defined as a 24-hour period starting at midnight.

D. If the employee elects to use vacation, annual leave, personal leave or sick leave credits prior to receiving NDI payments, he or she is not required to exhaust the accrued leave balance.
E. Following the start of NDI payments, an employee may, at any time, switch from NDI to sick leave, or vacation leave, annual leave, personal leave, or catastrophic leave but may not return to NDI until that leave is exhausted.

F. In accordance with the State's "return to work" policy, an employee who is eligible to receive NDI benefits and who is medically certified as unable to return to full-time work during the period of his or her disability, may upon the discretion of his or her appointing power work those hours (in hour increments) which, when combined with the NDI benefit, will not exceed 100 percent of regular "full pay." This does not qualify the employee for a new disability period under B of this article. The appointing power may require an employee to submit to a medical examination by a physician or physicians designated by the Director of the Employment Development Department for the purpose of evaluating the capacity of the employee to perform the work of his or her position.

G. If an employee refuses to return to work in a position offered by the employer under the State's Injured State Worker Assistance Program, NDI benefits will be terminated effective the date of the offer.

H. Where employment is intermittent or irregular, the payments shall be determined on the basis of the proportionate part of a monthly rate established by the total hours actually employed in the 18 monthly pay periods immediately preceding the pay period in which the disability begins as compared to the regular rate for a full-time employee in the same group or class. An employee will be eligible for NDI payments on the first day of the monthly pay period following completion of 960 hours of compensated work.

I. All other applicable Department of Personnel Administration laws and regulations not superseded by these provisions will remain in effect.

J. Upon approval of NDI benefits, the State may issue an employee a salary advance if the employee so requests.

K. All appeals of a denial of an employee's NDI benefits shall only follow the procedures in the Unemployment Insurance Code and Title 22. All disputes relating to an employee's denial of benefits are not grievable or arbitrable. This does not change either party's contractual rights which are not related to the denial of an individual's benefits.

3.10 Catastrophic Leave

Upon request of an employee and upon approval of a department director or designee, annual leave, CTO, personal leave, vacation and/or holiday leave credits may be transferred from one or more employees to another employee, in accordance with departmental policies and under certain conditions listed below. Sick leave credits cannot be transferred under this provision.

A. When the receiving employee faces financial hardship due to injury or the prolonged illness of the employee, or the employee's spouse, child, or parent.

B. The receiving employee has exhausted all leave credits.

C. The donations must be in whole-hour increments and credited as vacation or annual leave.
D. Transfer of annual leave, personal leave, vacation, CTO, and holiday credits shall be allowed across departmental lines in accordance with the policies of the receiving department.

E. The total leave credits received by the employee shall normally not exceed three months; however, if approved by the appointing authority, the total leave credits received may be six months.

F. Donations shall be made on a form to be developed by the State and signed by the donating employee and verified by the donating department. These donations are irrevocable.

G. This Section is not subject to the grievance procedure contained in Article 9 of this Agreement.

H. Any state employee who is eligible to accrue leave credits is eligible to contribute to an employee’s catastrophic leave credits.

3.11 Work and Family Program – Transfer of Leave Credits Between Family Members

Upon request of an employee and upon approval of a department director or designee, leave credits (CTO, annual leave, personal leave, vacation, and/or holiday credit) may be transferred between family members [donations may be made by a child, parent, spouse, domestic partner that has been defined and certified with the Secretary of State’s office in accordance with Family Code Section 297), brother, sister or other person residing in the immediate household] in accordance with departmental policies, under the following conditions:

A. To care for the family member’s child, parent, spouse, domestic partner that has been defined and certified with the Secretary of State’s office in accordance with Family Code Section 297, brother, sister, or other person residing in the immediate household, who has a serious health condition, or a medical leave for the employee’s own serious health condition as defined by the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or the California Family Rights Act (CFRA), or for a parental leave to care for a newborn or adopted child.

B. The employee shall give notice to his/her immediate supervisor as soon as possible and shall, if requested by the supervisor, provide medical certification from a physician to support this request. The department head or designee shall approve transfer of leave credits only after having ascertained that the leave is for an authorized reason. For family care leave for the employee’s child, parent, spouse, domestic partner that has been defined and certified with the Secretary of State’s office in accordance with Family Code Section 297), brother or sister, or other person residing in the immediate household, who has a serious health condition, this certification need not identify the serious health condition involved, but shall contain all of the following:

1. The date, if known, on which the serious health condition commenced;

2. The probable duration of the condition;
3. An estimate of the amount of time that the health provider believes the employee needs to care for the child, parent or spouse domestic partner that has been defined and certified with the Secretary of State’s office in accordance with Family Code Section 297), brother or sister, or other person residing in the immediate household;

4. A statement that the serious health condition warrants the participation of the employee to provide care during a period of treatment or supervision of the child, parent, spouse, domestic partner that has been defined and certified with the Secretary of State’s office in accordance with Family Code Section 297), brother, sister, or other person residing in the immediate household.

For the employee’s own serious health condition, the certification shall also contain a statement that, due to the serious health condition, the employee is unable to work at all or is unable to perform any one of more of the essential functions of his or her position.

C. Sick leave credits cannot be transferred.

D. The receiving employee has exhausted all leave credits.

E. The donations must be a minimum of one (1) hour and in whole increments thereafter.

F. The donating employee must maintain a minimum balance of 80 hours of paid leave time.

G. Transfer of leave credits shall be allowed to cross-departmental lines in accordance with the policies of the receiving department.

H. The donated hours may not exceed three (3) months. However, if approved by the appointing authority, the total leave credits received may be six (6) months.

I. Donations shall be made on a form to be developed by the State, signed by the donating employee, and verified by the donating department. Once transferred, donations will not be returned to the donor.

J. This section is not subject to the grievance and arbitration article of this Contract.

3.12 Catastrophic Leave - Natural Disaster

Upon request of an employee and upon approval of a department director or designee, leave credits (CTO, personal leave, vacation, annual and/or holiday) may be transferred from one or more employees to another employee, in accordance with departmental policies, under the following conditions:

A. Sick leave credits cannot be transferred.

B. When the receiving employee faces financial hardship due to the effect of a natural disaster on the employee’s principal residence.

C. The receiving employee has exhausted all vacation, annual leave, or CTO credits and resides in one of the counties where a State of Emergency exists as declared by the Governor.

D. The donations must be in whole-hour increments and credited as vacation or annual leave.
E. Transfer of annual leave, personal leave, vacation, CTO, and holiday credits shall be allowed to cross departmental lines in accordance with the policies of the receiving department.

F. The total leave credits received by the employee shall normally not exceed three (3) months; however, if approved by the appointing authority, the total leave credits received may be six (6) months.

G. Donations shall be made on a form to be developed by the State, signed by the donating employee, and verified by the donating department. These donations are irrevocable.

H. This Section is not subject to the grievance procedure contained in Article 9 of this Agreement.

I. Any state employee who is eligible to accrue leave credits is eligible to contribute to an employee’s catastrophic leave credits.

3.13 Annual Leave

A. Employees may elect to enroll in the annual leave program to receive annual leave credit in lieu of vacation and sick leave credits. Employees enrolled in the annual leave program may elect to enroll in the vacation and sick leave program at any time except that once an employee elects to enroll in either the annual leave program or vacation and sick leave program, the employee may not elect to enroll in the other program until 24 months has elapsed from date of enrollment.

B. Each full-time employee shall receive credit for annual leave in lieu of the vacation and sick leave credits of this agreement in accordance with the following schedule:

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Part-time and hourly employees shall accrue proportional annual leave credits, in accordance with the applicable DPA rules. Employees shall have the continued use of any sick leave accrued as of the effective date of this Agreement, in accordance with applicable laws, rules or memorandum of understanding.

All provisions necessary for the administration of this Section shall be provided by DPA rule or memorandum of understanding.

C. A full-time employee who has eleven (11) or more working days of service in a monthly pay period shall earn annual leave credits as set forth in DPA Rules 599.608 and 599.609.

Absences from State service resulting from a temporary or permanent separation for more than eleven (11) consecutive days which fall into two (2) consecutive qualifying pay periods shall disqualify the second pay period.
D. Employees who work in multiple positions may participate in annual leave, provided an election is made while employed in an eligible position subject to these provisions. Annual leave accrual for employees in multiple positions will be computed by combining all positions, as in vacation leave, provided the result does not exceed the amount earnable in full-time employment, and the rate of accrual shall be determined by the schedule which applies to the position or collective bargaining status under which the election was made.

E. If an employee does not use all of the annual leave that the employee has accrued in a calendar year, the employee may carry over his/her accrued annual leave credits to the following calendar year to a maximum of 640 hours. A department head or designee may permit an employee to carry over more than 640 hours of accrued hours because the employee: (1) was required to work as a result of fire, flood, or other extensive emergency; (2) was assigned work of a priority or critical nature over an extended period of time; (3) was absent on full salary for compensable injury; (4) was prevented by department regulations from taking annual leave until December 31 because of sick leave; or (5) was on jury duty.

F. Upon termination from State employment, the employee shall be paid for accrued annual leave credits for all accrued annual leave time.

G. The time when annual leave shall be taken by the employee shall be determined by the department head or designee. If on January 1 of each year an employee’s annual leave bank exceeds the cap in Subsection E., the department may order the employee to take annual leave.

H. Annual leave requests must be submitted in accordance with departmental policies on this subject. However, when two (2) or more employees on the same shift (if applicable) in a work unit (as defined by each department head or designee) request the same annual leave time and approval cannot be given to all employees requesting it, employees shall be granted their preferred annual leave period in order of State seniority.

I. Each department head or designee will make every effort to act on annual leave requests in a timely manner.

J. Annual leave that is used for purposes of sick leave is subject to the requirements set forth in Section 3.2, Sick Leave, of this Agreement.

K. The enhanced nonindustrial disability insurance (ENDI) in Section 3.12 applies only to those in the annual leave program described above in this Section.

L. Employees who are currently subject to vacation and sick leave provisions may elect to enroll in the annual leave program at any time after 24 months has elapsed from date of last enrollment. The effective date of the election shall be the first day of the pay period in which the election is received by the appointing power. Once enrolled in annual leave, an employee shall become entitled to an enhanced NDI benefit (50 percent of gross salary).

3.14 Enhanced Non-Industrial Disability Insurance - Annual Leave

A. This ENDI provision is only applicable to employees participating in the annual leave program referenced in Section 3.11 above.
B. Enhanced Non-Industrial Disability Insurance (ENDI) is a program for state employees who become disabled due to nonwork-related disabilities as defined by Section 2626 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.

C. For periods of disability commencing on or after January 1, 1989, eligible employees shall receive ENDI payments at 50 percent of their gross salary, payable monthly for a period not exceeding 26 weeks for any one disability benefit period. An employee is not eligible for a second disability benefit due to the same or related cause or condition unless they have returned to their regular time base, and work for at least ten (10) consecutive work days. Paid leave shall not be used to cover the ten (10) work days. Disability payments may be supplemented with annual leave, sick leave or partial payment to provide for up to 100 percent income replacement. At the time of an ENDI claim, an employee may elect either the 50 percent ENDI benefit rate or a supplementation level of 75 percent or 100 percent at gross pay. Once a claim for ENDI has been filed and the employee has determined the rate of supplementation, the supplemental rate shall be maintained throughout the disability period.

D. The employee shall serve a seven (7) consecutive calendar day waiting period before ENDI payments commence for each disability. Accrued paid leave or CTO leave balances may be used to cover this waiting period. The waiting period may be waived commencing with the first full day of confinement in a hospital, nursing home, or emergency clinic for at least one full day. A full day is defined as a 24-hour period starting at midnight.

E. If the employee elects to use annual leave or sick leave credits prior to receiving ENDI payments, he or she is not required to exhaust the accrued leave balance.

F. Following the start of ENDI payments an employee may at any time switch from ENDI to sick leave or annual leave, but may not return to ENDI until that leave is exhausted.

G. In accordance with the State's "return to work" policy, an employee who is eligible to receive ENDI benefits and who is medically certified as unable to return to their full-time work during the period of his or her disability, may upon the discretion of his or her appointing power, work those hours (in hour increments) which when combined with the ENDI benefit, will not exceed 100 percent their regular "full pay." This does not qualify the employee for a new disability period under c. of this article. The appointing power may require an employee to submit to a medical examination by a physician or physicians designated by the Director of the Employment Development Department for the purpose of evaluating the capacity of the employee to perform the work of his or her position.

H. If an employee refuses to return to work in a position offered by the employer under the State's Injured State Worker Assistance Program, ENDI benefits will be terminated effective the date of the offer.

I. Where employment is intermittent or irregular, the payments shall be determined on the basis of the proportionate part of a monthly rate established by the total hours actually employed in the 18 monthly pay periods immediately preceding the pay period in which the disability begins as compared to the regular rate for a full-time employee in the same group or class. An employee will be eligible for ENDI payments on the first day of the monthly pay period following completion of 960 hours of compensated work.

J. All other applicable Department of Personnel Administration laws and regulations not superseded by these provisions will remain in effect.
K. Upon approval of ENDI benefits, the State may issue an employee a salary advance if the employee so requests.

L. All appeals of an employee’s denial of ENDI benefits shall only follow the procedures in the Unemployment Insurance Code and Title 22. All disputes relating to an employee’s denial of benefits are not grievable or arbitrable. This does not change either party’s contractual rights which are not related to an individual’s denial of benefits.

M. Employees who become covered in the annual leave program while on an NDI claim shall continue to receive NDI pay at the old rate for the duration of the claim.

N. Employees who do not elect the annual leave program will receive NDI benefits in accordance with the current program in section 3.8 and such benefits are limited to $135.00 per week.

3.15 Blood Donation

It is the policy of the state to support the participation of Unit 10 employees in donating blood, plasma, platelets and other blood products to certified donation centers, including certified mobile facilities. Any Unit 10 employee may be allowed paid leave to make these donations.

3.16 Mentoring Leave

A. Eligible employees may receive up to forty (40) hours of "mentoring leave" per calendar year to participate in mentoring activities once they have used an equal amount of their personal time for these activities. "Mentoring leave" is paid leave time, which may only be used by an employee to mentor. This leave does not count as time worked for purposes of overtime. "Mentoring leave" may not be used for travel to and from the mentoring location.

B. An employee must use an equal number of hours of his/her personal time (approved annual leave, vacation, personal leave, personal holiday, or CTO during the workday and/or personal time during non-working hours) prior to requesting "mentoring leave." For example, if an employee requests two (2) hours of "mentoring leave", he/she must have used two (2) verified hours of his/her personal time prior to receiving approval for the "mentoring leave". "Mentoring leave" does not have to be requested in the same week or month as the personal time was used. It does, however, have to be requested and used before the end of the calendar year.

C. Prior to requesting mentoring leave and in accordance with departmental policy, an employee shall provide his/her supervisor with verification of personal time spent mentoring from the mentoring organization.

D. Requests for approval of vacation, CTO, and/or annual leave for mentoring activities are subject to approval requirements in this Contract and in existing departmental policies. Requests for approval of mentoring leave are subject to operational needs of the State, budgetary limits, and any limitations imposed by law.

E. In order to be eligible for "mentoring leave," an employee must:

1. Have a permanent appointment;
2. Have successfully completed their initial probationary period; and
3. Have committed to mentor a child or youth through a mentoring organization that meets the quality assurance standards, for a minimum of one school year. (Most programs are aligned with the child's normal school year; however, there may be some that are less or more. Department management may make exceptions to the one school year commitment based on the mentor program that is selected.)

F. An employee is not eligible to receive mentoring leave if;

1. He/she is assigned to a “post” position in the Departments of Corrections or Youth Authority; or

2. He/she works in a level of care position in the Departments of Developmental Services, Mental Health, Education, and Veterans’ Affairs.

G. Permanent part-time and permanent intermittent employees may receive a pro rated amount of mentoring leave based upon their timebase. For example, a halftime employee is eligible for twenty (20) hours of “mentoring leave” per calendar year, whereas an intermittent employee must work a monthly equivalent of 160 hours to earn 3.33 hours of mentoring leave.

H. Any appeals and/or disputes regarding this section shall be handled in accordance with the Complaint procedure specified in Article 9 of this Contract.

3.17 Mentoring Leave Authorization

DPA shall authorize state departments to include mentoring leave in support of regional science fair judging statewide and the Sacramento Regional Science and Engineering Fair as an approved program under Section 3.14, Mentoring Leave.

3.18 Precinct Election - Paid Time Off

With prior approval of the employee’s supervisor and under comparable conditions as provided for supervisors and managers in DPA Rule 599.930, an employee may be granted time off for public service as a member of a Precinct Election Board. The employee shall be eligible for both regular State compensation and any fee paid by the Registrar of Voters for such service. Verification of service may be required.

ARTICLE 4 – HOLIDAYS

4.1 Holidays

A. All full-time and part-time employees, shall be entitled to such observed holidays with pay as provided below, in addition to any official State holidays declared by the Governor.

B. Observed holidays shall include January 1, the third Monday in January, February 12, the third Monday in February, March 31, the last Monday in May, July 4, the first Monday in September, the second Monday in October, November 11, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, and December 25. The holidays are observed on the actual day they occur with the following exceptions:

1. When November 11 falls on a Saturday, full-time and part-time employees shall be entitled to the preceding Friday as a holiday with pay.

2. When a holiday falls on Sunday, full-time and part-time employees shall be entitled to the following Monday as a holiday with pay.
3. For those employees who work schedules other than Monday through Friday, those holidays listed in Subsection B. above shall be observed on the day on which the holiday occurs. An employee shall receive compensation for only the observed or actual holiday, not both.

C. Every full-time and part-time employee, upon completion of six (6) months of his/her initial probationary period in State service, shall be entitled to one (1) personal holiday per fiscal year. The personal holiday shall be credited to each full-time and part-time employee on the first day of July.

D. The department head or designee may require five (5) days advance notice before a personal holiday is taken and may deny use subject to operational needs. When an employee is denied use of a personal holiday, the department head or designee may allow the employee to reschedule the personal holiday or shall, at the department’s discretion allow the employee to either carry the personal holiday to the next fiscal year or, cash out the holiday on a straight time (hour-for-hour) basis.

E. The department head or designee shall make a reasonable effort to grant an employee use of his/her personal holiday on the day of his/her desire subject to operational need.

F. When an observed holiday falls on an employee’s regularly scheduled day off, full-time employees shall accrue eight (8) hours of holiday credit per said holiday. If the employee is required to work on the observed holiday, the employee shall be compensated in accordance with paragraph G or I below. An employee shall receive compensation for only the observed or actual holiday, not both.

G. When a full-time employee in Work Week Group 2 is required to work on an observed holiday, such employee shall receive one and one-half (1½) the hourly rate for all hours worked on the holiday. The method of compensation shall be at the State’s discretion. If a full-time employee works eight hours on the holiday, the employee shall receive no more than 20 hours of total compensation (combination of holiday credit, CTO, and cash) for each holiday worked.

H. For the purpose of computing the number of hours worked, time during which an employee is excused from work because of a holiday shall be considered as time worked by the employee.

I. Work Week Group E or SE Employees: When a permanent full-time employee is required to work on an observed holiday and the observed holiday falls on the employee’s regularly scheduled day off, the employee shall receive up to eight hours of holiday credit and one hour Administrative Time Off (ATO) for every two hours worked. If an observed holiday falls on an employee’s normal day off, and the employee does not work, the employee shall receive no more than eight hours of holiday credit.

J. Part time employees in work week Group 2 who are required to work on an observed holiday shall be entitled to compensation as follows: a pro rated amount of holiday credit as specified in paragraph K below, and one and one-half compensation for all hours worked on the observed holiday, compensable by cash or holiday credit. The method of compensation shall be at the State’s discretion.

K. Part-time employees shall receive holidays in accordance with the following:
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A part-time employee can only earn up to a maximum of eight (8) hours holiday credit per holiday, regardless of the number of positions the employee holds within State service.

L. Holiday Credit may be requested and taken in fifteen (15) minute increments.
M. An employee shall be allowed to carry over unused holiday credits or be paid for the unused holiday credits, at the discretion of the department head or designee.

N. Upon termination from State employment, an employee shall be paid for unused holiday credit.

O. In the event that traditional, but unofficial holidays (e.g., Mother's Day, Father's Day), or religious holidays (e.g., Easter or Yom Kippur) fall on an employee's scheduled workday, the employee shall have the option to request the use of annual leave, accrued vacation, holiday credits, personal leave or CTO time, in order to secure the day off. The department head or designee shall make a reasonable effort to grant an employee the day off subject to operational need.

ARTICLE 5 – HEALTH AND WELFARE

5.1 Health, Dental, Vision

A. Program Description

1. Contribution Amounts CalPERS

a. Effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005, the employer health benefits contribution for each employee shall be an amount equal to 80 percent of the weighted average of the basic health benefit plan premiums for a State active civil service employee enrolled for self-alone, during the benefit year to which the formula is applied, for the four basic health benefit plans that had the largest State active civil service enrollment, excluding family members, during the previous benefit year. For each employee with enrolled family members, the employer shall contribute an additional 80 percent of the weighted average of the additional premiums required for enrollment of those family members, during the benefit year to which the formula is applied, in the four basic health benefit plans that had the largest State active civil service enrollment, excluding family members, during the previous benefit year. To be eligible for this contribution, an employee must positively enroll in a health plan administered or approved by CalPERS.

Effective January 1, 2006, the employer health benefits contribution for each employee shall be an amount equal to 85 percent of the weighted average of the basic health benefit plan premiums for a State active civil service employee enrolled for self-alone, during the benefit year to which the formula is applied, for the four basic health benefit plans that had the largest State active civil service enrollment, excluding family members, during the previous benefit year. For each employee with enrolled family members, the employer shall contribute an additional 80 percent of the weighted average of the additional premiums required for enrollment of those family members, during the benefit year to which the formula is applied, in the four basic health benefit plans that had the largest State active civil service enrollment, excluding family members, during the previous benefit year.

b. The parties agree to work cooperatively with CalPERS and the health plans to control premium increases.
B. Health Benefits Eligibility

1. Employee Eligibility
   a. For purposes of this section, “eligible employee” shall be defined by the Public Employees’ Medical and Hospital Care Act.

2. Permanent Intermittent (PI) Employees
   a. Initial Eligibility - A permanent intermittent employee will be eligible to enroll in health benefits during each calendar year if the employee has been credited with a minimum of 480 paid hours in one of two PI control periods. For purposes of this section, the control periods are January 1 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31 of each calendar year. An eligible permanent intermittent employee must enroll in a health benefit plan within 60 days from the end of the qualifying control period.
   b. Continuing Eligibility - To continue health benefits, a permanent intermittent employee must be credited with a minimum of 480 paid hours in a control period or 960 paid hours in two consecutive control periods.

3. Family Member Eligibility
   For purposes of this section, “eligible family member” shall be defined by the Public Employees’ Medical and Hospital Care Act and includes domestic partners that have been certified with the Secretary of State's office in accordance with AB 26 (Chapter 588, Statutes of 1999).

Regarding dental, the employee’s share of the cost shall not exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total premium for 2004.

Regarding vision benefits, 5.1 d the parties will rollover current language for 2004.

B. Dental Benefit Plans

1. Contribution
   a. From July 1, 2001, the State agrees to pay the following contribution for dental benefits. To be eligible for this contribution, an employee must positively enroll in a dental plan administered by Department of Personnel Administration.
      (1) The State shall pay up to $30.70 per month for coverage of an eligible employee.
      (2) The State shall pay up to $55.60 per month for coverage of an eligible employee plus one dependent.
      (3) The State shall pay up to $81.38 per month for coverage of an eligible employee plus two or more dependents.
   b. The employee will pay any premium amount for the dental plan in excess of the State’s contribution, except that the employee’s share of the cost shall not exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total premium.
2. Employee Eligibility

Employee eligibility for dental benefits is the same as that prescribed for health benefits under Section 5.1.B.1 and 2 of this agreement.

3. Family Member Eligibility

Family member eligibility for dental benefits is the same as that prescribed for health benefits under Section 5.1.B.3 of this agreement.

4. Coverage During First 24 Months of Employment

Employees first appointed into State service who meet the above eligibility criteria, will not be eligible for enrollment in the State-sponsored indemnity or preferred provider option plan until they have completed twenty-four (24) months of employment without a permanent break in service, during the 24 month qualifying period. However, if no alternative plan or prepaid plan is available within a 50-mile radius of the employee’s residence, the employee will be allowed to enroll in the indemnity or preferred provider option plan.

C. Vision Benefit Plan

1. Program Description

The employer agrees to provide a vision benefit to eligible employees and dependents. The vision benefit provided by the State shall have an employee co-payment of $10 for the comprehensive annual eye examination and $25 for materials.

2. Employee Eligibility

Employee eligibility for vision benefits is the same as that prescribed for health benefits under Section 5.1.B.1 and 2 of this agreement.

3. Family Member Eligibility

Family member eligibility for vision benefits is the same as that prescribed for health benefits under Section 5.1.B.3 of this agreement.

5.2 Employee Assistance Program

A. The State recognizes that alcohol, drug abuse, and stress may adversely affect job performance and are treatable conditions. As a means of correcting job performance problems, the State may offer referral to treatment for alcohol, drug, and stress-related problems such as marital, family, emotional, financial, medical, legal, or other personal problems. The intent of this Section is to assist an employee’s voluntary efforts to treat alcoholism or a drug-related or a stress-related problem so as to retain or recover his/her value as an employee.
B. Each department head or designee shall designate an Employee Assistance Program Coordinator who shall arrange for programs to implement this Section. Employees who are to be referred to an Employee Assistance Program Coordinator will be referred by the appropriate management personnel. An employee undergoing alcohol, drug, or mental health treatment, upon approval, may use accrued compensating time off credits, sick, annual and vacation leave credits for such a purpose. Leave of absences without pay may be granted by the department head or designee upon the recommendation of the Employee Assistance Program Coordinator if all compensating time off, sick, annual and vacation leave, have been exhausted, and the employee is not eligible to use Industrial Disability Leave or Nonindustrial Disability Insurance. A list of all Employee Assistance Program Coordinators shall be furnished to CAPS annually.

C. In an effort to keep records concerning an employee's referral and/or treatment for alcoholism, drug- or stress-related problems confidential, such records shall not be included in the employee's personnel file.

5.3 Medical Monitoring

When required by California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) provisions, the State shall provide medical examinations for employees working in occupations which expose them to health risks. Examinations shall be in accordance with DOSH regulations.

Upon request by CAPS, medical monitoring programs shall be discussed by the appropriate departmental Joint Labor/Management Health and Safety Committee. Recommendations by the Committee will take into account the status of current technology, scientific recommendations for such programs and the need for a specified departmental program.

5.4 Employee Injury on the Job

A. In the event a disabling injury occurs to an employee while on the job, the State agrees to furnish prompt and appropriate transportation to the nearest physician or hospital. If circumstances permit, the physician chosen by the employee will be utilized. Employees may submit, in writing, their choice of personal physician to be utilized in the event of an injury on the job.

B. An employee who is directed by his/her supervisor to accompany or transport an injured employee to a physician or medical facility shall suffer no loss of compensation for the time spent.

C. If the treating physician advises the injured employee to go home or the employee is admitted and remains in a hospital or clinic for treatment, the employee shall be paid for his/her full shift.

D. The State shall not use the Department of Industrial Relations' Rating Bureau's Advisory Rating form as the vehicle to justify removing a worker from his/her normal work assignments.
5.5 Independent Medical Examinations

A. Whenever the State believes that an employee, due to an illness or injury, is unable to perform his/her normal work duties, the State may require the employee to submit to an independent medical examination at State expense. The medical examination will be separate of any medical services provided under the State's Workers' Compensation program.

B. The purpose of such independent medical evaluations are not to determine the degree of disability the employee has suffered, but rather as to whether illness or injuries sustained restrict the employee from performing the full range of his/her normal work assignment.

C. If the State, after the independent medical examination, determines that the employee cannot perform his/her normal work assignments, the State shall give the employee the opportunity to challenge the State's medical evaluation by supplying his/her personal medical evaluations to dispute the State's findings.

5.6 Employee Injury or Disability

Employees shall be eligible for Industrial, Enhanced Industrial Disability Leave, and Nonindustrial Disability Leave as provided in Government Code Sections 19869 through 19885 and as described below.

A. IDL

1. For periods of disability commencing on or after July 1, 1992, eligible employees shall receive IDL payments equivalent to full net pay for the first 22 work days after the date of the reported injury.

2. In the event that the disability exceeds 22 work days, the employee will receive 66 and 2/3 percent of gross pay from the 23rd work day of disability until the end of the 52nd week of disability. No IDL or payments shall be allowed after two years from the first day (i.e., date) of disability.

3. The employee may elect to supplement payment from the 23rd work day with accrued leave credits including annual leave, vacation, sick leave, or compensating time off (CTO) in the amount necessary to match, but not exceed, full net pay. Full net pay is defined as the net pay the employee would have received if he/she had been working and not on disability. Partial supplementation will be allowed, but fractions of less than one hour will not be permitted. Once the level of supplementation is selected, it may be decreased to accommodate a declining leave balance but it may not be increased. Reductions to supplementation amounts will be made on a prospective basis only.

4. Temporary Disability (TD) with supplementation, as provided for in Government Code Section 19863, will no longer be available to any State employee who is a member of either the PERS or STRS retirement system during the first 52 weeks, after the first date of disability, within a two-year period. Any employee who is already receiving disability payments on the effective date of this provision will be notified and given 30 days to make a voluntary, but irrevocable, change to the new benefit for the remainder of his/her eligibility for IDL.
5. If the employee remains disabled after the IDL benefit is exhausted, then the employee will be eligible to receive Temporary Disability benefits as provided for in Government Code Section 19863, except that no employee will be allowed to supplement Temporary Disability payments in an amount which exceeds the employee’s full net pay as defined above.

6. In the event that an employee is determined to be "permanent and stationary" by his/her physician before the IDL benefit is exhausted, but is unable to return to work, he/she must agree to participation in a vocational rehabilitation program. Refusing to participate will result in immediate suspension of the IDL benefit.

7. All appeals of an employee’s denial of IDL benefits shall only follow the procedures in the Government Code and Title 2. All disputes relating to an employee’s denial of benefits are not grievable or arbitrable. This does not change either party’s contractual rights which are not related to an individual’s denial of benefits.

B. EIDL. The following classifications in Unit 10 shall be eligible for Enhanced Industrial Disability Leave (EIDL), as described below:

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1. An employee in the above enumerated classifications who loses the ability to work for more than 22 work days as the result of an injury incurred in the official performance of his/her duties, may be eligible for financial augmentation to the existing industrial disability leave benefits. Such injury must have been directly and specifically caused by an assault by an inmate, ward, or parolee under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections or the Department of Youth Authority.

2. Employee in the above enumerated classifications who loses the ability to work for more than 22 work days as the result of an injury incurred in the official performance of his/her duties, may be eligible for financial augmentation to the existing industrial disability leave benefits. Such injury must have been directly and specifically caused by an assault by an inmate, ward, or parolee under the jurisdiction of the Department of Developmental Services or the Department of Mental Health or the Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. The EIDL benefits will be equivalent to the injured employee's net take home salary on the date of occurrence of the injury. EIDL eligibility and benefits may continue for no longer than one year after the date of occurrence of injury. For the purposes of this Section, "net salary" is defined as the amount of salary received after federal income tax, State income tax, and the employee's retirement contribution have been deducted from the employee's gross salary. The EIDL benefit will continue to be subject to miscellaneous payroll deductions.

4. EIDL will apply only to serious physical injuries and any complications directly related medically and attributable to the assault, as determined by the department director or designee. This benefit shall not be applied to either presumptive, stress-related disabilities, or physical disability having mental origin.

5. The final decision as to whether an employee is eligible for, or continues to be eligible for EIDL shall rest with the department director or designee. The department may periodically review the employee's condition by any means necessary to determine an employee's continued eligibility for EIDL.

6. Other existing rules regarding the administration of IDL will be followed in the administration of EIDL.

7. This Section relating to EIDL will not be subject to the arbitration procedure of this MOU.

5.7 Flex-Elect Program

A. Flexible Benefit Program

The State agrees to provide a Flexible Benefits Program under Section 125 and related Sections 129, 213(d), and 105(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. All participants in the Flex-Elect Program shall be subject to all applicable Federal statute and related administrative provisions adopted by the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA). All eligible employees must work one-half time or more and have permanent status or, if a limited-term or TAU appointment, must have mandatory return rights to permanent position.

B. Permanent Intermittent Eligibility

Permanent Intermittent (PI) employees may only participate in the Pre-Tax Premium and/or the Cash Option for medical and/or dental insurance. PIs choosing the Pre-Tax Premium must qualify for State medical and/or dental benefits. PIs choosing the Cash Option will qualify if they work at least one-half time, have an appointment for more than six months, and receive credit for a minimum of 480 paid hours within the six month control period of January 1 through June 30 of the plan year in which they are enrolled.

C. This Section is not grievable or arbitrable.

5.8 Pre-Tax of Health/Dental/Vision Premiums

Employees who are enrolled in any health, dental and/or vision plan which requires a portion of the premium to be paid by the employee will automatically have their out-of-pocket premium costs taken out of their paycheck before federal, state and social security taxes are deducted. Employees who choose not to have their out-of-pocket costs pre-taxed must make an election not to participate in this program.
5.9 Benefits Advisory Committee
The California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) agrees to participate in the Benefits Advisory Committee established by the Department of Personnel Administration.

5.10 Pre-Retirement Death Continuation of Benefits
The State employer shall, upon the death of an employee while in State service, continue to pay employer contributions for health, dental, and vision benefits for a period not to exceed 120 days beginning in the month of the employee’s death. The surviving spouse, if any, shall be advised of all rights and obligations during this period regarding the continuation of health and dental benefits as an annuitant by the California Public Employees’ Retirement System. The surviving spouse shall also be notified by the department during this period regarding COBRA rights for the continuation of vision benefits.

A. Employees in this unit who are members of the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) will be covered under the Fifth Level of the 1959 Survivor’s Benefit, pursuant to Government Code 21574.7, which provides a death benefit in the form of a monthly allowance to the eligible survivor in the event of death before retirement. This benefit will be payable to eligible survivors of current employees who are not covered by Social Security and whose death occurs on or after the effective date of the memorandum of understanding for this section.

B. The contribution for employees covered under this new level of benefits will be $2 per month. The rate of contribution for the State will be determined by the PERS Board, pursuant to Government Code 21581.

5.11 Accidental Death/Dismemberment Benefits – Department of Fish and Game
A. In addition to the benefits described in Government Code sections 4701 and 4702, effective July 1, 1999, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) agrees to provide $50,000 air travel insurance for Unit 10 employees in the classes listed below required to fly as a passenger in other than regularly scheduled passenger aircraft to fulfill his/her work duties.

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B. The benefit is payable to the employee, employee estate, or his or her designated beneficiary in the event of accidental death or dismemberment.

C. In the event of a dispute regarding appropriate designated beneficiaries, the life insurance benefit shall not be paid until the disputants legally verify that they have settled the dispute or a court of competent jurisdiction resolves the matter for the parties.

5.12 Rural Health Care Equity Subsidy Program

Effective July 1, 2001, the State shall continue a Rural Health Care Equity Program for Bargaining Unit 10 members, which may be administered in conjunction with a similar program for State employees in other bargaining units, for excluded employees, and for annuitants. The Department of Personnel Administration shall administer any fund involving Bargaining Unit 10 members.

The program shall operate in the following fashion:

A. The State shall contribute $1500 per year on behalf of each bargaining unit member (employee) who lives in a defined rural area, as more definitely described in Government Code Section 22825.01.

1. For Bargaining Unit 10 members, because a substantial number of them are seasonal employees, payment shall be on a monthly basis.

2. For permanent employees, as in the “Medical Reimbursement Account” situation, the employee does not have to wait for reimbursement of covered medical expenses until the full amount has been deposited.

B. As to any employee who enters State service or leaves State service during a fiscal year, contributions for such employee shall be made on a pro rata basis. A similar computation shall be used for anyone entering or leaving the bargaining unit or gains eligibility (e.g., promotion in mid-fiscal year).

C. The money shall be available for use as defined in Government Code Section (GC) 22825.01.

D. A Rural Healthcare Equity Program will be established with a separate account for Bargaining Unit 10 members, as one of several similar accounts.

E. Each Unit 10 employee shall be able to utilize up to $1500 per fiscal year, pursuant to GC section 22825.01, but with the exceptions for greater utilization hereafter noted. The pro rata limitation pursuant to paragraph b. is applicable here.
F. If an employee does not utilize the complete $1500 pursuant to the procedures and limitations described in GC section 22825.01, then the unused monies shall be put in a “same year pool.” That same year pool shall be utilized to pay those who have incurred eligible health care expenses in excess of the $1500, but again according to the procedures and limitations in GC section 22825.01. The monies in the same year pool would be distributed at the end, or even soon after, each fiscal year to that group of employees who had expenses in excess of $1500 in the relevant fiscal year. Those monies shall be distributed on a pro tanto (pro rata) basis.

1. Any employee not in Bargaining Unit 10 all year shall receive credit under this paragraph utilizing the same pro rata formula as in paragraph 2. above.

2. If an employee is entitled to less than $25 under this paragraph, the money shall instead go into next year’s fund pursuant to paragraph g hereafter.

G. If monies still remain after a distribution to such employees (i.e., all employees who spent more than $1500 as provided in GC section 22825.01 were completely reimbursed), then those surplus monies shall be rolled over into the next fiscal year’s funds available for distribution to employees whose expenses pursuant to the statute exceed $1500 in such subsequent year. Similar “rollovers” would occur in any years where all employees were completely reimbursed (or had payments made on their behalf) pursuant to GC section 22825.01 and monies still remained in the pool.

5.13 Health Promotion Activities

A. The State, in an effort to increase morale and productivity, to reduce absenteeism, injuries and illness, and to contain rising health care costs, encourages departments and employees to participate in health promotion and injury prevention activities.

B. Departments may, based on operational needs, allow employees up to one full-hour of administrative time-off (ATO) per month, to participate in State-sponsored on-site health promotion activities.

C. State-sponsored on-site health promotion activities may include but are not limited to the following activities held at the work site: seminars, demonstrations, exercise or physical fitness classes, educational forums, blood drives, and flu immunizations.

5.14 Dependent Care

The State and the Union recognize the importance of dealing with Work and Family issues. The parties also agree to make available the following programs to State employees utilizing funds from the $5, 000, 000 allocated to Work and Family as provided in the current collective bargaining agreement until December 31, 2005.

A. Dependant Care Subsidies

The State and the union agree to allocate $2,000,000 from the Work and Family fund to establish a dependent care subsidy program for eligible State employee.

The program shall be administered as follows:

1. Employees may be eligible to receive a one-time of up to $1,000 for their qualified dependent as defined by Title 26, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Part IV, Subpart A, Section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. To be eligible for the subsidy, an employee’s income may not exceed a monthly base income of $4,000 or a total of $48,000 per year. Employees will be required to self-certify their income. A random audit verification of approximately 10 percent of the eligible employees may be conducted. Employees selected in the randomized audit may be required to provide income verification.

3. Employees will be required to enroll and participate in a dependant care reimbursement account in the Flexelect program. Employees must meet the eligible criteria for the Flexelect program to be eligible to participate in the subsidy program.

4. Employees will be required to apply for the subsidy. Should the number of employees applying for the benefit exceed the total funds available for subsidies, a lottery will be used to select employees who will receive the subsidy. Only one cash award per year will be awarded to each employee. Married state employees may apply separately, but may not receive more than two $1,000 awards per family.

5. Employees will be required to reapply for the subsidy program and FlexElect each year.

6. Subsidies will be deposited into dependant care reimbursement accounts on January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2005.

The Department of Personnel Administration shall administer the subsidy program.

ARTICLE 6 – BUSINESS AND TRAVEL EXPENSES – ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

6.1 Business and Travel Expenses

The State agrees to reimburse employees for actual, necessary and appropriate business expenses and travel expenses incurred 50 miles or more from home and headquarters, in accordance with existing DPA rules and set forth below. Lodging and/or meals provided by the state or included in hotel expenses or conference fees or in transportation costs such as airline tickets or otherwise provided shall not be claimed for reimbursement. Snacks and continental breakfasts such as rolls, juice and coffee are not considered to be meals. Each item of expenses of $25 or more requires a receipt; receipts may be required for items of expense that are less than $25. When receipts are not required to be submitted with the claim, it is the employee’s responsibility to maintain receipts and records of their actual expenses, and make them available for audit upon request by their department, state control agencies and/or the Internal Revenue Service. Each State agency shall determine the necessity for and method of travel.

A. Meal/Incidentals. Meal expenses for breakfast, lunch and dinner will be reimbursed in the amount of actual expenses up to the maximums. Receipts for meals must be maintained by the employee as substantiation that the amount claimed was not in excess of the amount of the actual expense. The term “incidentals” includes but is not limited to, expenses for laundry, cleaning and pressing of clothing, and fees and tips for service, such as for porters and baggage carriers. It does not include taxicab fares, lodging taxes or the costs of telegrams or telephone calls.

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Rates. Actual meal/incidental expenses incurred will be reimbursed in accordance with the maximum rates and time frame requirements outlined below.

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2. Timeframes. For continuous short-term travel of more than 24 hours but less than 31 days, the employee will be reimbursed for actual costs up to the maximum for each meal, incidental, and lodging expense for each complete 24 hours of travel, beginning with the traveler’s time of departure and return as follows:

a. On the fractional day of travel at the beginning of a trip of more than 24 hours:

   - Trip begins at or before 6 am: breakfast may be claimed
   - Trip begins at or before 11 am: lunch may be claimed
   - Trip begins at or before 5 pm: dinner may be claimed

b. On the fractional day of travel at the end of a trip of more than 24 hours:

   - Trip ends at or after 8 am: breakfast may be claimed
   - Trip ends at or after 2 pm: lunch may be claimed
   - Trip ends at or after 7 pm: dinner may be claimed

If the fractional day includes an overnight stay, receipted lodging may be claimed. No meal or lodging expenses may be claimed or reimbursed more than once on any given date or during any 24-hour period.
For continuous travel of less than 24 hours, the employee will be reimbursed for actual expenses up to the maximum as follows:

Travel begins at or before 6 am and ends at or after 9 am:
breakfast may be claimed

Travel begins at or before 4 pm and ends at or after 7 pm:
dinner may be claimed

If the trip extends overnight:
receipted lodging may be claimed

No lunch or incidentals may be claimed on a trip of less than 24 hours.

B. Lodging. All lodging reimbursement requires a receipt from a commercial lodging establishment such as a hotel, motel, bed and breakfast inn, or public campground that caters to the general public. No lodging will be reimbursed without a valid commercial lodging establishment receipt.

1. Regular State Business Travel:
   a. Statewide, in all California locations not listed in b or c below, for receipted lodging while on travel status to conduct state business, actual lodging up to $84.00 plus applicable taxes.
   b. When employees are required to do business and obtain lodging in the counties of Los Angeles and San Diego, actual lodging up to $110 plus applicable taxes.
   c. When employees are required to do business and obtain lodging in the counties of Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara, reimbursement will be for actual receipted lodging to a maximum of $140 plus applicable taxes.

2. State Sponsored Conferences or Conventions:
   a. For receipted lodging while attending state sponsored conferences and conventions, when the lodging is contracted by the state sponsor for the event, and the appointing authority has granted prior approval for attendance and lodging at the contracted rate and establishment.
   b. Statewide, with a lodging receipt: Actual lodging up to $110 plus applicable taxes.

3. Non-State Sponsored Conferences or Conventions:
   a. For receipted lodging while attending Non-State sponsored conferences and conventions, when the lodging is contracted by the sponsor for the event, and the appointing authority has granted prior approval for attendance and lodging at the contracted rate and establishment.
   b. Statewide, with the lodging receipt: Actual lodging when approved in advance by the appointing authority.

Reimbursement of lodging expenses in excess of specified amounts, excluding taxes require advance written approval from DPA. DPA may delegate approval

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authority to departmental appointing powers or increase the lodging maximum rate for the geographical area and period of time deemed necessary to meet the needs of the State. An employee may not claim lodging, meal or incidental expenses within 50 miles of his/her home or headquarters.

C. Long-term Travel: Actual expenses for long term meals and receipted lodging will be reimbursed when the employee incurs expenses in one location comparable to those arising from the use of establishments catering to the long-term visitor.

1. Full Long-term Travel: In order to qualify for full long-term travel reimbursement, the employee on long-term field assignment must meet the following criteria:

   • The employee continues to maintain a permanent residence at the primary headquarters, and
   • The permanent residence is occupied by the employee's dependents, or
   • The permanent residence is maintained at a net expense to the employee exceeding $200 per month.

   The employee on full long-term travel who is living at the long-term location may claim either:

   a. Reimbursement for actual individual expense, substantiated by receipts, for lodging, water, sewer, gas and electricity, up to a maximum of $1130 per calendar month while on the long-term assignment, and actual expenses up to $10.00 for meals and incidentals, for each period of 12 to 24 hours and up to $5.00 for actual meals and incidentals for each period of less than 12 hours at the long-term location, or

   b. Long-term subsistence rates of $24.00 for actual meals and incidentals and $24.00 for receipted lodging for travel of 12 hours up to 24 hours; either $24.00 for actual meals or $24.00 for receipted lodging for travel less than 12 hours when the employee incurs expenses in one location comparable to those arising from the use of establishments catering to the long-term visitor.

2. An employee on long-term field assignment who does not maintain a separate residence in the headquarters area may claim long-term subsistence rates of up to $12.00 for actual meals and incidentals and $12.00 for receipted lodging for travel of 12 hours up to 24 hours at the long-term location; either $12.00 for actual meals or $12.00 for receipted lodging for travel less than 12 hours at the long-term location.

D. Out-of-State Travel: For short-term out-of-state travel, State employees will be reimbursed actual lodging, supported by a receipt, and will be reimbursed for actual meal and incidental expenses in accordance with above. Failure to furnish lodging receipts will limit reimbursement to the meal/incidental rate above. Long-term out-of-state travel will be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of Long-term Travel above.
E. **Out of Country Travel:** For short-term out of country travel, State employees will be reimbursed actual lodging, substantiated by a receipt, and will be reimbursed actual meals and incidentals up to the maximums published in column B of the Maximum Travel per Diem Allowances for Foreign Areas, Section 925, U.S. Department of State Standardized Regulations and the meal/incidental breakdown in Federal Travel Regulation Chapter 301, Travel Allowances, Appendix B. Long-term Out of Country travel will be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of Long-term travel above, or as determined by DPA.

Subsistence shall be paid in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Department of Personnel Administration. It is the responsibility of the individual employee to maintain receipts for their actual meal expenses.

F. **Transportation:** Transportation expenses include, but are not limited to airplane, train, bus, and taxi fares, rental cars, parking, mileage reimbursement and tolls that are reasonably and necessarily incurred as a result of conducting State business. Each State agency shall determine the method of and necessity for travel. Transportation will be accomplished and reimbursed in accordance with the best interest of the State. An employee who chooses and is approved to use an alternate method of transportation will be reimbursed only for the method that reflects the best interest of the State.

1. **Mileage Reimbursement:**
   a. When an employee is authorized by his/her appointing authority or designee to operate a privately owned vehicle on State business the employee will be allowed to claim and be reimbursed 34 cents per mile. Mileage reimbursement includes all expenses related to the use, and maintenance of the vehicle, including but not limited to gasoline, up-keep, wear and tear, tires, and all insurance including liability, collision and comprehensive coverage; breakdowns, towing and any repairs, and any additional personal expenses that may be incurred by an individual as a result of mechanical breakdown or collision.
   b. When an employee is required to report to an alternative work location, the employee may be reimbursed for the number of miles driven in excess of his/her normal commute.

2. **Specialized Vehicles:** Employees who must operate a motor vehicle on official State business and who, because of a physical disability, may operate only specially equipped or modified vehicles may claim from 34 up to 37 cents per mile, with certification. Supervisors who approve claims pursuant to this Subsection have the responsibility of determining the need for the use of such vehicles.

3. **Private Aircraft Mileage:** When an employee is authorized by his/her department, reimbursement for the use of the employee’s privately owned aircraft on State business shall be made at the rate of 50 cents per statute mile. Pilot qualifications and insurance requirements will be maintained in accordance with DPA rule 599.628.1 and the State Office of Risk and Insurance Management.
4. **Mileage to/from a Common Carrier:** When the employee’s use of a privately owned vehicle is authorized for travel to or from a common carrier terminal, and the employee’s vehicle is not parked at the terminal during the period of absence, the employee may claim double the number of miles between the terminal and the employee’s headquarters or residence, whichever is less, while the employee occupies the vehicle. Exception to “whichever is less”: If the employee begins travel one hour or more before he normally leaves his home, or ends travel one hour or more after the end of the work day or travel occurs on a regularly scheduled day off, mileage may be computed from/to his/her residence.

G. **Receipts:** Receipts or vouchers shall be submitted for every item of expense of $25 or more. In addition, receipts are required for every item of transportation and business expense incurred as a result of conducting State business except for actual expenses as follows:

1. Railroad and bus fares of less than $25.00 when travel is wholly within the State of California.
2. Street car, ferry fares, bridge and road tolls, local rapid transit system, taxi, shuttle or hotel bus fares, and parking fees of $10.00 or less for each continuous period of parking or each separate transportation expense noted in this item.
3. Telephone, telegraph, tax or other business charges related to State business of $5.00 or less.
4. In the absence of a receipt, reimbursement will be limited to the non-receipted amount above.
5. Reimbursement will be claimed only for the actual and necessary expenses noted above. Regardless of the above exceptions, the approving officer may require additional certification and/or explanation in order to determine that an expense was actually and reasonably incurred. In the absence of a satisfactory explanation, the expense shall not be allowed.

H. **Overtime Meal Allowance:** An overtime meal allowance up to $7.50 will only be provided when an employee is required to work two (2) consecutive hours prior to or two (2) consecutive hours after the regular work shift. To be eligible for an over-time meal allowance on a holiday or regular day off, employees must work the total number of hours of their regular work shift and work either two (2) consecutive hours prior to or two (2) consecutive hours after the start or end of their regular work shift.

6.2 **Moving Expenses**

Whenever an employee is reasonably required to change his/her place of residence, the State shall reimburse the employee in accordance with existing administrative regulations. All current rules and regulations applying to State reimbursement of moving and relocation expenses shall remain in effect for the life of this Agreement.

6.3 **Business Equipment, Materials and Supplies**

The State shall provide all business equipment, materials and supplies deemed necessary by the State. Business equipment, materials and supplies provided pursuant to this Section are State-owned or leased property which will be maintained as the State deems necessary. Employees issued State-provided business equipment, materials and supplies shall be held responsible for loss of and/or damage to those items other
than that incurred as the result of normal use, wear or through no fault of the employee. It is the intent of the State to provide business equipment, materials and supplies to enable the employees to perform assigned duties and responsibilities.

6.4 Uniform Replacement

A. When the State requires a uniform to be worn as a condition of employment and does not provide such a uniform, the State shall authorize a uniform replacement allowance based upon actual costs for an amount to be determined by the State but not to exceed $450.00 per year for full-time employees, and not to exceed $190.00 a year for part-time employees of the Department of Fish and Game, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and Department of Parks and Recreation.

B. Uniform means outer garments, excluding shoes, which are required to be worn exclusively while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the position and which are different from design or fashion of the general population. This definition includes items that serve to identify the person, agency, function performed, rank or time in service.

C. In those cases where the State provides the uniform to be worn, the uniform items provided pursuant to this Section are State-owned or leased property which will be maintained as the State deems necessary. Employees issued State-provided uniform items shall be responsible for loss of or damage to the uniform items other than that incurred as the result of normal wear or through no fault of the employee.

D. In those cases where the State does not provide the uniform to be worn, Unit 10 employees shall be responsible for the purchase of the required uniform as a condition of employment. After a Unit 10 employee has been employed for the equivalent of one full year in a permanent position which requires a uniform, he/she must submit a request in accordance with existing departmental practice in order to receive a uniform allowance. The uniform replacement allowance anniversary date for employees in the Department of Parks and Recreation shall continue to be February 1 of each year.

E. All required uniform items substantiated with a receipt(s) for same will be reimbursed up to the maximum allowance for the respective allowances as listed in Subsection A. above.

6.5 Damage of Personal Items

A. In accordance with established procedures, when requested by an employee and approved by the department, the State will replace, repair or reimburse for various articles of personal property necessarily worn by unit employees in the course of his/her employment when such property is damaged or destroyed, through no fault of the employee, while the employee is carrying out his/her job assignment. Coverage is limited to articles of clothing, eyeglasses, hearing aids, watches and dentures. Depreciation will be considered in arriving at the reimbursement value of clothing and other articles. The repair or replacement cost for a watch shall not exceed fifty dollars ($50.00).

B. This provision does not apply to lost or stolen articles or when recovery is possible under Workers' Compensation laws.
6.6 License Renewal Fees

The State agrees to reimburse permanent full-time employees who are required by law to maintain a license or certification as a condition of employment for the actual cost of the license renewal fees in effect on July 1 of each year of this Agreement.

It is understood that if any additional classes of Unit 10 employees are required to maintain a license or certification during the term of the Agreement, any required fees shall be paid by the State.

6.7 Safety Footwear

A. The purchase of specific safety or protective footwear, required to be worn, but not provided by the employer shall be eligible for a reimbursement of up to $200 every two years.

B. The employee shall provide the employer with a receipt of purchase upon request for reimbursement.

C. Upon request to a department, by the Union, the department will provide a list of the assignments eligible to receive this reimbursement.

ARTICLE 7 – HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

7.1 Meal Period

A. Unit 10 employees will normally be allowed a meal period of not less than 30 minutes or more than 60 minutes which shall be determined by the employee’s supervisor. The meal period will normally be scheduled in the middle of the work shift. A supervisor shall consider employee requests for an earlier or later meal period. Meal periods shall not be counted as part of the total hours worked. For employees assigned to a straight eight (8) hour work shift, meal periods will be counted as part of the total hours worked.

B. Upon request of a Unit 10 employee to modify his/her established meal period, a supervisor shall consider the needs of the employee, the needs of the State, and the nature of the work to be performed.

7.2 Alternative Work Schedule

Upon request of a Unit 10 employee or an authorized CAPS representative, a department designee shall meet with such employee or representative and consider requests for establishment of an alternative work schedule, flextime, telecommute schedule or reduced work time for a Unit 10 employee. The request shall not be unreasonably denied. This Section is only appealable to fourth level and is not arbitrable.

7.3 Overtime Scheduling

Where practicable, a department shall establish a system to request and utilize volunteers to perform overtime work from among Unit 10 employees who are qualified and available within the appropriate work area. If insufficient employees volunteer for the overtime opportunities, the State will decide who shall perform the overtime work. Where sufficient Unit 10 employees volunteer for overtime opportunities, the overtime will be distributed fairly among employees insofar as circumstances permit. CAPS
recognizes that work in progress may be completed by the employee performing the work at the time the determination was made that overtime was necessary.

7.4 Call Back Time

A. An employee in Work week Group 2 who has completed a normal work shift, when ordered back to work, shall be credited with a minimum of four (4) hours work time provided the call back to work is without having been notified prior to completion of the work shift, or the notification is prior to completion of the work shift and the work begins three (3) or more hours after the completion of the work shift.

B. When such an employee is called back under these conditions within four (4) hours of the beginning of a previous call or an additional call is received while still working on an earlier call back, the employee shall not receive an additional four (4) hours credit for the new call back.

C. When such an employee is called back within four (4) hours of the beginning of the employee’s next shift, call back credit shall be received only for the hours remaining before the beginning of the employee's next shift.

D. When staff meetings, training sessions, or work assignments are regularly scheduled on an employee's authorized day off, the employee shall receive call back compensation. When staff meetings and training sessions are regularly scheduled on an employee's normal work day and outside the employee's normal work shift, overtime compensation shall be received in accordance with the rules governing overtime.

DHS On-call Assignment

A. On-call assignment is defined as a work-shift of no less than one day in which the Unit 10 employee is: (1) available by telephone or electronic paging device at all times; and (2) normally immediately available to return to the facility for any emergency response deemed necessary by the employee or Supervisor. On-call assignment shall be in addition to the employee’s normal work schedule. If the State deems it necessary, the State shall issue a Unit 10 employee an electronic paging device during an on-call assignment.

B. Those employees completing an on-call assignment shall receive one (1) hour CTO for each eight (8) hours time period of each on-call assignment, to a maximum of three (3) hours CTO for each 24 hour period on call. Payment for fractions of an hour shall be made in quarter hour increments.

C. On-call assignments shall not be rescheduled to be less than one full day solely to avoid payment under this Section.

D. On call compensation can apply to all Unit 10 staff regardless of work week group.

7.5 Fair Labor Standards Act

A. Notwithstanding any other contract provision, departmental policy, or practice, the travel time of employees who are covered by FLSA shall only be considered as time worked if it meets the definitions and requirements of travel time in Sections 785.34 through 785.41 of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

B. No employee in a classification assigned to Work week Group E shall have his/her salary reduced (docked) for absences of less than an entire day.
7.6 Duty Officer - Department of Toxic Substances Control

A. The after-hours Emergency Response Duty Officer (ERDO) Program is staffed by HSS, Range C volunteers from the Emergency Response Program, and if there are insufficient ER unit volunteers, other qualified DTSC volunteers based upon the volunteers’ current job assignment, background, skills, experience, and training. The ERDO assignment involves responding to telephone calls received from the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services or from other government agencies for the purpose of taking immediate corrective actions necessary to remedy or prevent an emergency resulting from fire, explosion, release, or potential release of hazardous substances that threaten human health or the environment. This activity includes, but is not limited to, approving expenditures of State funds, providing technical guidance, and coordinating emergency responses.

B. ASSIGNMENT:

1. On a seven consecutive day rotational basis, an ERDO volunteer will serve as primary contact during non-regular work hours and will be available by telephone or electronic pager at all times during the assignment as ERDO. A period of less than seven days may be assigned at the ERDO’s request due to extreme and unusual conditions.

2. Those ERDO volunteers not acting as primary ERDO will act as backup contacts, if available, in the event the primary ERDO cannot be reached or is unable to carry out the duties of the assignment. The non-regular work hours that will be covered by the ERDO include weekdays from 5:00 pm to 8:00 am, with 24 hour coverage on weekends and days the office is closed during normal workdays, holidays, and/or emergencies.

C. COMPENSATION

1. Effective upon ratification of this Agreement, ERDO volunteers shall receive a baseline compensation of one (1) hour of overtime credit for each weekday period (5 pm to 8 am), and 3.5 hours of overtime credit for each day (24 hours) on the weekend for a total of 12 hours credit per week.

2. Any compensation for time spent acting as ERDO for less than a full weekday or weekend period shall be prorated on these baseline rates.

3. An after-hours ERDO working on a holiday shall receive an additional four (4) hours of overtime credit.

4. In addition to the baseline compensation of 12 hours per week, employees shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours overtime credit per incident handled. Time exceeding two hours will be compensated at time and one-half for each quarter hour increment. DTSC will reimburse overtime credits as pay unless management and the employee agree on compensating time off (CTO).

5. When an ERDO volunteer determines he/she needs rest during regular work hours, the ERDO volunteer may request up to four (4) hours administrative time off to be granted at the supervisor’s discretion.
7.7 Work Week Group Definitions and Compensation

A. Work Week Group 2

1. Work Week Group 2 applies to those classifications in State service subject to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

2. Overtime for employees subject to the provisions of the FLSA is defined as all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a period of 168 hours or seven consecutive 24-hour periods.

3. The State employer agrees to administer current rules and practices regarding work week groups and overtime.

4. Employees in Work week Group 2 required to work in excess of forty (40) hours per week shall be compensated for such ordered overtime either by cash payment or compensating time off (CTO) in the following manner:
   a. Cash compensation shall be at one and one-half times the hourly rate.
   b. Compensating time off for Work week Group 2 employees shall be given at one and one-half (1½) hour for each overtime hour worked.

5. Overtime may be compensated on a cash or CTO basis at the discretion of the department head or designee. Both parties agree and understand that a different type of overtime payment (cash or CTO) may be provided to employees at different times and may even be different for employees in the same or similar situations.

6. The Department of Food and Agriculture and CAPS agree that Unit 10 employees who are approved for Alternate Range Criteria 208 may be compensated for up to 20 hours of overtime at straight time per month for the period of the Alternate Range applicability.

7. The Department of Food and Agriculture and CAPS agree that Unit 10 employees who are assigned to Governor declared Emergency Projects will have their Work Week Group changed to 2 for the duration of the assignment. This provision does not apply to employees who are approved for Alternate Range Criteria 208 or 209.

B. Work Week Group E

1. State employees who are exempt from the FLSA are salaried, not hourly, workers.

2. To assure continued exemption from the FLSA, the following is the state’s policy for all employees exempt from the FLSA:
   a. Management determines, consistent with the current memorandum of understandings, the products, services, and standards which must be met by FLSA exempt employees.
   b. The salary paid to FLSA exempt employees is full compensation for all hours worked.
   c. FLSA exempt employees are not authorized to receive any form of overtime compensation, whether formal or informal.
d. FLSA exempt employees are expected to work the hours necessary to accomplish assignments and fulfill their responsibilities. The employee’s workload will normally require 40 hours per week to accomplish. However, inherent in the job is the responsibility and expectation that work weeks of longer duration may be necessary for which there will be no additional compensation in any form.

e. Management can require FLSA exempt employees to work specified hours. However, consistent with operational needs, and the services which management has determined must be provided, the FLSA exempt employee, subject to notifying and obtaining management concurrence, has the flexibility to alter his/her daily and weekly work schedules.

Employees are responsible for keeping management apprised of their schedules and whereabouts, must receive approval from management for the use of formal leave (e.g. vacation, sick leave, personal leave) and for absences of one day or more, and must respond to directions from management to complete work assignments by specific deadlines.

f. Consistent with the salaried nature of FLSA exempt employees, these employees:

(1) Shall not be charged any paid leave for absences in less than whole day increments;

(2) Shall not be docked for absences of less than a day;

(3) Shall not be suspended in increments of less than one complete work week (one week, two weeks, three weeks, etc.) when facing discipline; suspensions, demotions, or discharge;

(4) Shall not have absences of less than a day recorded for attendance record keeping or compensation purposes.

C. Work Week Group SE

1. Work week Group SE applies to those positions that under the FLSA are statutorily exempted, (physicians, attorneys, teachers) from coverage.

7.8 On-Call Assignments

A. Department of Fish and Game

1. On-Call Program

a. “On-call” is the requirement that an employee be available during specified off-duty hours to receive an order to work. An employee assigned to on-call duty shall at all times while on-call be prepared to respond in a fit and able condition. Employees not scheduled for on-call duty who are called back to work are not eligible for on-call compensation. Rather, appropriate call back provisions apply.
b. The Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and the Marine Region Spill Response (MRSR) programs require designated Unit 10 employees to be available during non-work hours to respond in accordance with program procedures to departmental emergencies and any other urgent, operational needs of the Department. The programs shall clearly specify in writing when any designated Unit 10 employee will be required to be available when not working, and what periods of non-working hours such employees shall be required to be available.

2. Selection of OSPR and MRMR Unit 10 Employees for On-call Duty

a. The OSPR and MRSR will establish and publish on-call schedules for 6-month periods of time. On-call schedules shall be established with designated program Unit 10 employees bidding on weekly on-call shifts at their respective work locations based on program seniority within his/her classification. Each employee shall be given the opportunity to select one weekly on-call shift at a time in order of seniority until the schedule is complete.

b. In order to allow employees to substitute for others, the schedules shall be published at least one month in advance. Substitution must be voluntary on the part of both employees and approved by the appropriate Response Supervisor at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of the on-call assignment. A Response Supervisor is a manager or supervisor having the authority to call back and assign employees to an emergency incident.

c. If an employee due to an emergency or illness is unable to fulfill his/her on-call duty responsibilities, he/she must notify the dispatch center. The program will first seek volunteers to cover the on-call shift. However, if no one volunteers or the program is under time constraints, management retains the discretion to make on-call assignments from among program Unit 10 employees.

d. Management retains the right to place additional program Unit 10 employees on on-call duty during emergency situations.

e. Employees assigned to on-call duty must respond within fifteen (15) minutes of being contacted by a program communication dispatcher. If the employee does not respond to the initial page, the dispatcher will contact the employee via the listed telephone number provided by the employee. "Respond" in this case means contacting the dispatcher and beginning the response assessment procedure, including fact finding via telephone and/or driving to a particular incident.

f. Employees on-call who do not respond or cannot be located may forfeit their on-call compensation.
3. Telephonic Pagers
   a. The program will furnish telephonic pagers and cellular telephones and require employees assigned to on-call duty to carry these with them. Assigned employees shall be required to keep the pager activated and available, and to respond in the event he/she is contacted by a departmental representative during such on-call time.
   b. The employee shall self-page at the beginning of each on-call shift to ascertain the pager is working, and when visiting an area where the paging system’s capabilities are unknown.
   c. It is the responsibility of the employee to give the dispatcher a telephone number if the employee is in an area where the pager does not work, or during hours when the pager may not be heard by the employee.

4. Compensation. Any OSPR Unit 10 employee covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and assigned to be available for on-call duty shall be credited with two (2) hours of compensating time off (CTO) for on-call time on a workday and three (3) hours of CTO for on-call time on an administrative day off (24 hour period) provided his/her on-call time is not interrupted by a call-back.
   
   If during the workday the employee’s on-call time is interrupted by a call-back, then the employee will only be compensated one (1) hour of CTO for eight (8) hours or less of on-call time or two (2) hours of CTO for more than eight (8) hours of on-call time. If this situation occurs during an administrative day off, the employee will receive only one (1) hour of CTO for eight (8) hours or less of on-call time, two (2) hours of CTO for more than eight (8) but less than sixteen (16) hours of on-call time, or three (3) hours of CTO for more than sixteen (16) hours of on-call time. For purposes of this agreement, “On-call Time” does not include the employee’s normal work hours, including the lunch period, and scheduled or unscheduled overtime.
   
   On-call time and compensation shall not be considered as time worked for overtime purposes consistent with federal and state law.

   An OSPR Unit 10 FLSA exempt employee assigned to be available for on-call duty shall be compensated with vacation or annual leave credits instead of CTO. However, with regards to the employee’s actual response time, such time is considered part of his/her regular duties for which he/she is fully compensated by his/her monthly salary.

5. Response While On-Call. If a program Unit 10 FLSA covered employee, while on-call duty, is required by the OSPR/MRSR to attend to the operational needs of the Department and to report to a particular site or work location, that employee shall be compensated in accordance with the call-back provisions in Article 7.4 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CAPS and the State of California. If a response to a particular site or work location is not required, the employee will only be compensated for the actual time spent on the telephone and assessing the situation.

6. Dispute Resolution. Disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure in Article 9.
B. Department of Health Services

1. On-call assignment is defined as a work-shift of no less than one day in which the Unit 10 employee is: (1) available by telephone or electronic paging device at all times; and (2) normally immediately available to return to the facility for any emergency response deemed necessary by the employee or supervisor. On-call assignment shall be in addition to the employee’s normal work schedule. If the State deems it necessary, the State shall issue a Unit 10 employee an electronic paging device during an on-call assignment.

2. Those employees completing an on-call assignment shall receive one (1) hour CTO for each eight (8) hours time period of each on-call assignment, to a maximum of three hours CTO for each 24 hour period on call. Payment for fractions of an hour shall be made in quarter hour increments.

3. On-call assignments shall not be rescheduled to be less than one full day solely to avoid payment under this Section.

4. Unit 10 employees who complete on call assignments of less than seven (7) consecutive days shall receive pro rata CTO or pro rata pay.

5. On call compensation can apply to all Unit 10 staff regardless of work week group.

7.9 Arduous Duty Differential for FLSA Exempt Employees

The State shall establish an “arduous pay” program to provide additional compensation to FLSA exempt employees assigned to WWGs E and SE when there is no other way to recognize the performance of additional duties and responsibility which clearly exceed the normal demands of an employee’s classification/position. Employees shall be eligible for this pay differential for up to four months per fiscal year (or per event for emergencies involving loss of life or property).

Requests for arduous pay shall be made to the Department of Personnel Administration on a case-by-case basis by the employing department. The Department of Personnel Administration shall evaluate said requests based on whether it satisfies all of the following.

A. Nonnegotiable Deadline or Extreme Urgency

The work must have a deadline or completion date that cannot be controlled by the employee or his/her supervisor, or must constitute an extreme urgency. The deadline or extreme urgency must impose upon the employee an immediate and urgent demand for his/her work that cannot be avoided or mitigated by planning, rescheduling, postponement or rearrangement of work, or modification of the deadline.

B. Work Exceeds Normal Work Hours and Normal Productivity

The work must be extraordinarily demanding and time consuming, and of a nature that significantly exceeds the normal work week and work productivity expectations of the employee’s work assignment.

Employees who are excluded from FLSA are expected to work variable work schedules as necessary to meet the demands of the job. This pay differential is not intended for employees who regularly or occasionally work in excess of the
normal work week to meet normal workload demands. It is intended where in addition to working a significant number of hours in excess of the normal work week, there is a demand for and achievement of greater productivity or result.

C. Work is Unavoidable

The work must be of a nature that it cannot be postponed, redistributed, modified, reassigned or otherwise changed in any way to provide relief.

D. Work Involves Extremely Heavy Workload

The work is of a nature that it cannot be organized or planned to enable time off in exchange for the extra hours worked. The absence from work would cause difficulty or hardship on others and would result in other critical work not being completed. Occasional heavy workload of less than 12 to 14 days in duration would not normally satisfy this requirement because time off can be arranged as compensation for this demand.

E. No Other Compensation

The employee who is receiving this pay differential is not eligible for any other additional compensation for the type and nature of the above described work.

Department decisions not to submit arduous pay requests to the Department of Personnel Administration, and DPA decisions to deny arduous pay, shall not be subject to the grievance or arbitration provisions of this agreement.

7.10 Telecommute/Telework Program

A. Where operational considerations permit, a department may establish a telework program. If the telework arrangement conforms to telework criteria established in the department’s telework policy and guidelines, no employee’s request for telework shall be unreasonably denied. Such programs shall operate within the policies, procedures, and guidelines established by the Telework Advisory Group.

B. Formal written telework or telecommuting policies and programs already adopted by departments before the date of this Contract will remain in effect during the term of this Contract.

C. Departments that desire to establish a telework or telecommuting policy and/or program or departments desiring to change an existing policy and/or program shall first notify the Union. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of such notification, the Union may request to meet and confer over the impact of a telework or telecommuting policy and/or program or change in an existing telework or telecommuting policy and/or program.

ARTICLE 8 - RETIREMENT

8.1 Employee Retirement Contribution Reduction for Miscellaneous Members

If the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) informs the parties in writing that it has determined that the recent temporary arrangement whereby state employees were relieved of paying into their retirement fund may be extended for 12 months and that such an extension would be fiduciarly sound and meet the Board’s established actuarial standards, which in turn provide temporary cash flow relief to the State, the parties will agree to the following:
1. Effective the first of the pay period following approval by the CalPERS Board and ratification of the legislature and continuing for 12 monthly pay periods thereafter, the State agrees to the following:

- Employees who are miscellaneous and/or industrial members of the first tier plan, and who are subject to Social Security under the Public Employee’s Retirement System (CalPERS), shall have their employee retirement contribution rate reduced to zero.

- Employees who are miscellaneous and/or industrial members of the first tier plan, and who are not subject to Social Security under the Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS), shall have their employee retirement contribution rate reduced from 6% of compensation in excess of three hundred seventeen ($317) dollars each month to 1.0% of compensation in excess of three hundred seventeen ($317) dollars each month.

2. After 12 months, the employees’ retirement contribution rate shall be restored to levels in effect on August 30, 2001.

3. The State employer will continue to ensure that pension benefits are properly funded in accordance with generally accepted actuarial practices. In accordance with the provisions of the June 20, 2001, communication to DPA from CalPERS’ Actuarial & Employer Services Division, effective the date referenced in paragraph 1 above, the State Employer’s CalPERS retirement contribution rate shall incorporate the impact resulting from the temporary reduction in the employee retirement contribution rate. As indicated in the above referenced letter, “10% of the net unamortized actuarial loss shall be amortized each year”. However, if the CalPERS Board of Administration alters the amortization schedule referenced above in a manner that accelerates the employer payment obligation, either party to this agreement may declare this section of the Contract, and all obligations set forth herein, to be null and void. In the event this Contract becomes null and void, the employee retirement contribution rate shall be restored to levels in effect on August 30, 2001, and the parties shall be obligated to immediately meet and confer in good faith to discuss alternative provisions.

8.2 Employee Retirement Contribution Reduction for Safety Members

If the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) informs the parties in writing that it has determined that the recent temporary arrangement whereby state employees were relieved of paying into their retirement fund may be extended for 12 months and that such an extension would be fiduciarily sound and meet the Board’s established actuarial standards, which in turn provide temporary cash flow relief to the State, the parties will agree to the following:

Effective the first of the pay period following approval by the CalPERS Board and ratification of the legislature and continuing for 12 monthly pay periods thereafter, the State agrees to the following:

- Employees who are safety members (2.5% at 55) under the Public Employee’s Retirement System (CalPERS), shall have their employee retirement contribution rate reduced from 6% of monthly compensation in excess of three hundred seventeen ($317) dollars each month to 1.0% of compensation in excess of three hundred seventeen ($317) dollars each month.

After 12 months, the employee’s retirement contribution rate shall be restored to levels in effect on August 30, 2001.
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8.3 Second-Tier Retirement Plan

CAPS and the State agree to participate in the Second-Tier Retirement Plan as prescribed by law. Any Unit 10 employee mandatory enrolled in the Tier II plan shall be encouraged to participate in the Savings Plus Program administered by DPA.

8.4 Savings Plus Program

A. The Savings Plus Program is comprised of an IRC 457 plan, and IRC 401(k) plan. All Unit 10 employees shall be eligible to participate in these program options. Participation shall be voluntary.

B. The Savings Plus Program shall maintain a brokerage option available to all participants. The brokerage option offered shall provide the broadest array and number of investments practicable included in the program. All costs for the brokerage option shall be paid by participants enrolled in the brokerage program.

C. DPA agrees to continue the Savings Plus Advisory Committee. Members shall include DPA staff and interested management, legislative and employee organization representatives.

8.5 Items Excluded from Compensation for Retirement Purposes

The State and CAPS agree that the following items shall be excluded from compensation for the purposes of retirement contributions:

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8.6 Enhanced Industrial Retirement

The state agrees to provide enhanced industrial disability benefits as described in Government Code section 20047 when a Unit 10 scientist has been injured as a result of a violent act by a patient or client in a forensic facility.

8.7 First Tier Retirement Formula (2% @ 55)

A. The table below describes the first Tier age benefit factors, provided pursuant to Government Code 21354.1. The Retirement Calculation Factors change on the quarter year.

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B. The amount of member contributions required of employees who will be covered under these new factors will be five percent of monthly compensation in excess of $513, pursuant to Government Code 20677.

8.8 First Tier Eligibility for Employees in Second Tier

A. Employees currently in the Second Tier retirement plan may elect, pursuant to Government Code 21073.7, to be covered under the First Tier, as described in this article.
B. Pursuant to Government Code 21073.1, an employee in the Second Tier may exercise the Tier 1 right of election at any time after January 1, 2000. An employee who makes this election is eligible to purchase past Second Tier service, over a period of time up to 180 months (15 years), and purchase partial amounts of service. Employees who purchase past service are required to pay the amount of contributions they would have paid had they been First Tier members during the period of service that they are purchasing. As required by CalPERS law, the amount will then include interest at 6 percent, annually compounded.

C. Pursuant to Government Code 21070.5, New employees who meet the criteria for CalPERS membership would be enrolled in the First Tier plan and have the right to be covered under the Second Tier plan within 180 days of the date of their appointment. If a new employee does not make an election for Second Tier coverage during this period, he/she shall remain in the First Tier plan.

ARTICLE 9 – GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

9.1 Purpose
A. This grievance procedure shall be used to process and resolve grievances arising under this Agreement and employment-related complaints.

B. The purposes of this procedure are:
   1. To resolve grievances informally at the lowest possible level.
   2. To provide an orderly procedure for reviewing and resolving grievances promptly.

9.2 Definitions
A. A grievance is a dispute of one or more employees, or a dispute between the State and CAPS, involving the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the express terms of this Agreement.

B. A complaint is a dispute of one or more employees involving the application or interpretation of a written rule or policy not covered by this Agreement and not under the jurisdiction of SPB. Complaints may be appealed to the fourth level if the department head or designee does not timely answer at Step 3.

C. As used in this procedure, the term "immediate supervisor" means the individual identified by the department head.

D. As used in this procedure, the term "party" means CAPS, an employee, or the State.

E. A "CAPS representative" refers to an employee designated as a CAPS representative or a paid staff consultant.

9.3 Time Limits
Each party involved in a grievance shall act quickly so that the grievance may be resolved promptly. Every effort should be made to complete action within the time limits contained in the grievance procedure. However, with the mutual consent of the parties, the time limitation for any step may be extended.
9.4 Waiver of Steps
The parties may mutually agree to waive any step of the grievance procedure.

9.5 Presentation
At any step of the grievance procedure, the State representative may determine it desirable to hold a grievance conference. If a grievance conference is scheduled, the grievant or a CAPS representative, or both, may attend without loss of compensation. A CAPS representative may request a meeting at the first or second step providing it causes no additional cost to the State.

9.6 Informal Discussion
An employee's grievance initially shall be discussed with the employee's immediate supervisor. Within seven (7) calendar days, the immediate supervisor shall give his/her decision or response.

9.7 Formal Grievance - Step 1
A. If an informal grievance is not resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant, a formal grievance may be filed no later than:
   1. Twenty-one (21) calendar days after the event or circumstances occasioning the grievance, or
   2. Within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the decision rendered in the informal grievance procedure.
B. However, if the informal grievance procedure is not initiated within the period specified in Subsection A.1 above, the period in which to bring the grievance shall not be extended by Subsection A.2 above.
C. A formal grievance shall be initiated in writing on a form provided by the State and shall be filed with a designated supervisor or manager identified by each department head as the first level of appeal.
D. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the formal grievance, the person designated by the department head as the first level of appeal shall respond in writing to the grievance.
E. No contract interpretation or grievance settlement made at this stage of the grievance procedure shall be considered precedential. All interpretations and settlements shall be consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

9.8 Formal Grievance - Step 2
A. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered pursuant to Step 1, the grievant may appeal the decision within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt to a designated supervisor or manager identified by each department head as the second level of appeal. If the department head or designee is the first level of appeal, the grievant may bypass Step 2.
B. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the appealed grievance, the person designated by the department head as the second level of appeal shall respond in writing to the grievance.
C. No contract interpretation or grievance settlement made at this stage of the grievance procedure shall be considered precedential. All interpretations and settlements shall be consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

9.9 Formal Grievance - Step 3

A. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered pursuant to Step 2, the grievant may appeal the decision within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt to a designated supervisor or manager identified by each department head as the third level of appeal. If the department head or designee is the second level of appeal, the grievant may bypass Step 3.

B. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the appealed grievance, the person designated by the department head as the third level of appeal shall respond in writing to the grievance.

9.10 Formal Grievance - Step 4

A. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered at Step 3, the grievant may appeal the decision within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt to the Director of the Department of Personnel Administration or designee.

B. Within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the appealed grievance, the Director of the Department of Personnel Administration or designee shall respond in writing to the grievance.

9.11 Response

If the State fails to respond to a grievance within the time limits specified for that step, the grievant shall have the right to appeal to the next step.

9.12 Formal Grievance - Step 5

A. If the grievance is not resolved at Step 4, within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the fourth level response, CAPS shall have the right to submit the grievance to arbitration.

B. Within seven (7) calendar days after the notice requesting arbitration has been served on the State or at a date mutually agreed to by the parties, the parties shall meet to select an impartial arbitrator. If no agreement is reached at this meeting, the parties shall, immediately and jointly, request the American Arbitration Association, State Conciliation and Mediation Service, or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit to them a panel of seven (7) arbitrators from which the State and CAPS shall alternately strike names until one name remains and this person shall be the arbitrator. The State shall have forty (40) calendar days after a request to the American Arbitration Association, the State Conciliation and Mediation Service or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service prior to selecting an arbitrator.

C. The arbitration hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The cost of arbitration shall be borne equally between the parties.
D. An arbitrator may, upon request of CAPS and the State, issue his/her decision, opinion or award orally upon submission of the arbitration. Either party may request that the arbitrator put his/her decision, opinion, or award in writing and that a copy be provided.

E. The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, or modify this Agreement. Only grievances as defined in Section 9.2.A. shall be subject to arbitration. In all arbitration cases, the award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

9.13 Health and Safety Grievances

All Health and Safety grievances deemed necessary for expedited processing shall first be appealed directly to the second level of the grievance procedure pursuant to the modified time limits set forth below:

A. Health and Safety Grievance - Step 2
   1. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered by his/her supervisor pursuant to Section 9.6, the grievant may appeal the decision within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the decision to a designated supervisor or manager identified by each department head as the second level of appeal.
   2. Within five (5) calendar days after receipt of the appealed grievance, the person designated by the department head as the second level of appeal shall respond in writing to the grievance.

B. Health and Safety Grievance - Step 3
   1. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered pursuant to Step 2, the grievant may appeal the decision within twenty-one (21) calendar days of receipt to a designated supervisor or manager identified by each department head as the third level of appeal. If the department head or designee is the second level of appeal, the grievant may bypass Step 3.
   2. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the appealed grievance, the person designated by the department head as the third level of appeal shall respond in writing to the grievance.
   3. If the grievance is not resolved at Step 3, within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the third step response, CAPS shall have the right to submit the grievance to arbitration.

C. The selection of the arbitrator shall be in accordance with Section 9.12.B., and the case must be before an arbitrator within twenty (20) calendar days.

ARTICLE 10 – CAPS REPRESENTATIONAL RIGHTS

10.1 Representational Designation
   A. The State recognizes and agrees to deal with designated representatives, or CAPS staff on the following:
      1. The administration of this contract;
      2. Employee discipline cases;
3. Informal settlement conferences or formal hearings conducted by the Public Employment Relations Board;

4. Matters scheduled for hearing by the Board of Control;

5. Matters pending before the State Personnel Board.

B. A written list of CAPS representatives, broken down by units within each individual department and designated area of primary responsibility, shall be furnished to each department and a copy sent to the State immediately after their designation, and CAPS shall notify the State promptly of any changes of such representatives. CAPS representatives shall not be recognized by the State until such lists or changes thereto are received. A CAPS representative's "area of primary responsibility" is meant to mean institution, office or building. However, the parties recognize that it may be necessary for CAPS to assign a representative to an area of primary responsibility for several small offices or buildings within close proximity.

10.2 Access

CAPS representatives or staff may have access to employees to represent them pursuant to Section 10.1.A. above. Access shall not interfere with the work of the employees. CAPS representatives or staff seeking access to employees must notify the department head or designee in advance of the visit. The department head or designee may restrict access to certain work sites or areas for reasons of safety, security, or patient care including patient privacy; however, where access is restricted, other reasonable accommodations shall be made.

10.3 Use of State Phones

CAPS representatives shall be permitted reasonable use of State phones to make calls for CAPS representation purposes; provided, however, that such use of State phones shall not incur additional charges to the State or interfere with the operation of the State.

10.4 Distribution of Literature

A. CAPS may use existing employee organization bulletin boards to post materials related to CAPS business. Upon mutual agreement between an authorized CAPS representative and the department, CAPS bulletin boards will be installed at reasonable locations. When required in advance, CAPS shall reimburse the State for additional costs incurred. A copy of all materials posted must be distributed to the facility or office supervisor at the time of posting.

B. CAPS may, before or after work hours and during meal or break periods, distribute CAPS literature in non-work areas.

C. CAPS may continue to use existing employee mailboxes for distribution of literature.

D. CAPS agrees that any literature posted or distributed on site will not be libelous, obscene, defamatory, or of a partisan political nature.

10.5 Use of State Facilities

The State will continue to permit use of certain facilities for CAPS meetings, subject to the operating needs of the State. Requests for use of such State facilities shall be made in advance to the appropriate State official. When required in advance, CAPS shall
reimburse the State for additional expenses, such as security, maintenance and facility management costs, or utilities, incurred as a result of CAPS use of such State facilities.

10.6 Representative Time Off

Upon request of an aggrieved employee, a representative shall be allowed reasonable time off during working hours, without loss of compensation, for representational purposes in accordance with Section 10.1.A. of this Agreement, provided the employee represented is in the representative's department and designated area of primary responsibility. Release time for these purposes is subject to prior notification and approval by the representative's immediate supervisor.

10.7 Employee Time Off

Employees shall be entitled to reasonable time off without loss of compensation to confer with a CAPS representative on representational matters at the work site in accordance with Section 10.2 above during work hours, subject to approval of the employee’s supervisor.

10.8 Representative Protection

The State shall be prohibited from imposing or threatening to impose reprisals, from discriminating or threatening to discriminate against CAPS representatives or otherwise interfering with, restraining, or coercing CAPS representatives because of the exercise of any rights given by this Agreement.

10.9 Releases of Home Addresses

A. Home Addresses – Generally

Consistent with the PERB regulations and State law, the State shall continue to provide CAPS with home addresses on a monthly basis for all non-law enforcement related employees covered by this contract until it expires. A law enforcement employee is defined as someone with peace officer powers as provided by the California Penal Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any employee may have his/her home address withheld from the union at any time by submitting a written request to his/her appointing power on a form provided by the State.

B. Home Address Withholding by Non-Law Enforcement Related Employees

Effective one-month following ratification of this Agreement by both parties, the State will no longer use an Employee Action Request form that provides Unit 10 employees who perform non-law enforcement related functions with the option of having their home address withheld from CAPS. Instead, employees who perform non-law enforcement related functions will, upon request, be given a separate form by their appointing power that permits two choices: (1) withhold their address from CAPS, or (2) to cancel a previous withhold request thereby permitting release of their home address to CAPS.

C. Home Address Withhold Notification to Non-Law Enforcement Related Employees

Within one month following ratification of this Agreement by both parties, the State will send a letter to all existing Unit 10 employees who perform non-law enforcement
related functions that have previously requested their home address remain confidential. The letter will provide said employees with the option of canceling their previous withhold request thereby permitting release of their home address to CAPS.

D. Release and Use of Addresses

The State Controller’s Office will send CAPS a list of all Unit 10 employees who, pursuant to Subsection (C) above, either did not respond or responded by indicating they wanted to continue withholding their home address from CAPS. The State Controller’s Office will also send CAPS a list of all Unit 10 employees who perform law enforcement-related functions (if any). Said list(s) will contain the employees’ name, agency and reporting unit.

E. Home Address Mailings by the State

The State Controllers’ Office will mail CAPS information once per year to the home address of law enforcement-related employees, and non-law enforcement employees who have requested their home address be withheld from CAPS. Said material shall be provided by CAPS. The cost of this mailing shall be paid for by CAPS. CAPS agrees to hold the State harmless for any annual mail that does not reach Unit 10 employees.

F. Address Confidentiality

Employee work and home addresses shall be maintained as confidential by CAPS. CAPS shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the security of work and home addresses, and shall not disclose or otherwise make them available to any person, entity or organization. Employee addresses shall only be used by CAPS for representational purposes.

G. Nature of Material

CAPS agrees that any CAPS literature mailed to employees by the State will not be libelous, obscene, defamatory or of a partisan political nature or constitute a solicitation of any product or service unrelated to representation by the union.

CAPS agrees to pay necessary and reasonable costs incurred by the State Controller’s Office to produce the necessary name/home/work address tape file on a monthly basis.

H. Hold Harmless and Indemnification

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, CAPS agrees to jointly defend this section and to hold the State of California, its subdivisions, and agents harmless in defending challenges of any nature arising as a result of this section of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 11 – ORGANIZATIONAL SECURITY

11.1 Organizational Security

A. The State agrees to deduct and transmit to CAPS all membership dues authorized on a form provided by CAPS.
B. Fair Share or "Agency Shop" (hereinafter known as "Fair Share") in Unit 10 shall be in effect from the beginning of the first pay period following ratification of this Agreement by the parties, through June 30, 2001.

C. The State agrees to deduct and transmit to CAPS Fair Share fees from State employees in Unit 10 who do not become members of CAPS. The State and CAPS agree that a system of authorized dues deductions and a system of Fair Share deduction shall be operated in accordance with Government Code Sections 3513(h), 3513(j), 3515, 3515.6, 3515.7, 3515.8, subject to the following provisions:

1. The State and CAPS agree that if a Fair Share rescission election is conducted in Unit 10 pursuant to Government Code Section 3515.7(d), a majority of those votes cast, rather than the majority of the members of the unit, shall determine whether the Fair Share deductions shall continue.

2. An employee in Unit 10 may withdraw from membership in CAPS by sending a signed withdrawal letter to CAPS with a copy to the State Controller. An employee who so withdraws his/her membership shall be subject to paying Fair Share fees if such a fee is applicable to Unit 10.

3. CAPS agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the State and its agents harmless against any claims made of any nature and against any suit instituted against the State arising from this Article and the deductions arising therefrom.

4. CAPS agrees to annually notify all State employees in Unit 10 who pay Fair Share fees of their right to demand and receive from CAPS a return of part of that fee pursuant to Government Code Section 3515.8.

D. No provision of this Article nor any disputes arising thereunder shall be subject to the grievance procedure contained in Article 9 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12 – STATE RIGHTS

12.1 State Rights

A. Except for those rights which are abridged or limited by this Agreement, all rights are reserved to the State.

B. Consistent with this Agreement, the rights of the State shall include, but not be limited to, the right to determine the mission of its constituent departments, commissions, and boards; to maintain efficiency of State operation; to set standards of service; to determine, consistent with Article VII of the Constitution, the Civil Service Act and rules pertaining thereto, the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotion, layoff, assignment, scheduling and training; to determine the methods, means and personnel by which State operations are to be conducted; to take all necessary action to carry out its mission in emergencies; to exercise control and discretion over the merits, necessity, or organization of any service or activity provided by law or executive order. The State has the right to make reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to employees consistent with this Agreement provided that any such rule shall be uniformly applied to all affected employees and those similarly situated.
C. This Article is not intended to, nor may it be construed to, contravene the spirit or intent of the merit principle in State employment, nor limit the entitlement of State Civil Service employees provided by Article VII of the State Constitution or by-laws and rules enacted thereto.

ARTICLE 13 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

13.1 No Strike
A. During the term of this Agreement, neither CAPS nor its agents nor any Bargaining Unit 10 employee, for any reason, will authorize, institute, aid, condone or engage in a work slowdown, work stoppage, strike, or any other interference with the work and statutory functions or obligations of the State.

B. CAPS agrees to notify all of its officers, stewards, and staff of their obligation and responsibility for maintaining compliance with this Section, including the responsibility to remain at work during any activity which may be caused or initiated by others, and to encourage employees violating this Section to return to work.

13.2 No Lockout
No lockout of employees shall be instituted by the State during the term of this Agreement.

13.3 Individual Agreements
The State shall not negotiate with or enter into memoranda of understanding or adjust grievances or grant rights or benefits not covered in this Agreement to any employee unless such action is with CAPS concurrence.

13.4 Savings Clause
Should any provision of this Agreement be found unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction or invalidated by subsequently enacted legislation, the remainder of the Agreement shall continue in force. Upon occurrence of such an event, the parties shall meet-and-confer as soon as practical to renegotiate the invalidated provision(s).

13.5 Reprisals
The State and CAPS shall be prohibited from imposing or threatening to impose reprisals by discriminating or threatening to discriminate against employees, or otherwise interfering with, restraining, or coercing employees because of the exercise of their rights under the Dills Act or any right given by this Agreement. The principles of agency shall be liberally construed.

13.6 Supersession
The following enumerated Government Code Sections and Education Code Sections and all existing rules, regulations, standards, practices and policies which implement the enumerated Government Code Sections and Education Code Sections are hereby incorporated into this Agreement. However, if any other provision of this Agreement alters or is in conflict with any of the Government Code Sections or Education Code Sections enumerated below, the Agreement shall be controlling and supersede said
Government Code Sections or Education Code Sections or parts thereof and any rule, regulation, standard, practice or policy implementing such provisions. The Government Code Sections listed below are cited in Section 3517.6 of the Dills Act.

A. Government Code Sections

1. General

   19824 Establishes monthly pay periods.
   19839 Provides lump sum payment for unused vacation accrued or compensating time off upon separation.
   19888 Specifies that service during an emergency is to be credited for vacation, sick leave and Merit Salary Adjustments (MSA).

2. Step Increases

   19829 Requires DPA to establish minimum and maximum salaries with intermediate steps.
   19832 Establishes annual MSAs for employees who meet standards of efficiency.
   19834 Requires MSA payments to qualifying employees when funds are available.
   19835 Provides employees with the right to cumulative adjustments for a period not to exceed two years when MSAs are denied due to lack of funds.
   19836 Provides for hiring at above the minimum salary limit in specified instances.
   19837 Authorizes rates above the maximum of the salary range when a person's position is downgraded. (Red Circle Rates)

3. Holidays

   19853 Establishes legal holidays.
   19854 Provides for personal holiday.

4. Vacations

   19858.1 Defines amount earned and methods of accrual by full-time employees.
   19856 Requires DPA to establish rules regulating vacation accrual for part-time employees and those transferring from one State agency to another.
   19856.1 Requires DPA to define the effect of absence of 10 days or less on vacation accrual.
   19863 Allows vacation use while on temporary disability (due to work-incurred injury) to augment paycheck.
   19143 Requires DPA to establish rules regarding
vacation credit when employees have a break in service over six months.

19991.4 Provides that absence of an employee for a work-incurred compensable injury or disease is considered continuous service for the purpose of the right to vacation.

5. Sick Leave

19859 Defines amount earned and methods of accrual for full-time and part-time employees.

19861 Allows DPA to define the effect on sick leave credits of absences of 10 days or less in any calendar month.

19862 Permits sick leave to be accumulated.

19863 Allows sick leave use while on temporary disability (due to work-incurred injury) to augment paycheck.

19863.1 Provides sick leave credit while employee is on industrial disability leave and prescribes how it may be used.

19864 Allows DPA to provide by rule for sick leave without pay for employees who have used up their sick leave with pay.

19866 Provides sick leave accumulation for non-civil service employees.

19991.4 Provides that absence of an employee for a work-incurred compensable injury or disease is considered continuous service for the purpose of the right to sick leave.
6. Paid Leaves of Absence

19991.3 Jury duty.
19991.5 30-day educational leave for the medical staff and medical technicians of the Veterans Home.
19991.7 Teachers’ educational leave and earned credits subject to DPA rule.

7. Uniforms, Work Clothes and Safety Equipment

19850 Definitions.
19850.1 Provides for uniform allowances.
19850.3 Requires DPA to establish procedures to determine need for uniforms and the amount and frequency of uniform allowances.
19850.4 Provides for work clothes for purposes of sanitation or cleanliness to be maintained and owned by the State.
19850.5 Provides for initial issuance of required safety equipment at State expense.

8. Industrial Disability Leave (IDL)

19869 Defines who is covered.
19870 Defines "IDL" and "full pay."
19871 Provides terms of IDL coverage in lieu of workers’ compensation temporary disability payment.
19871.1 Provides for continued benefits while on IDL.
19872 Prohibits payment of temporary disability or sick leave pay to employees on IDL.
19873 Inapplicability of retraining and rehabilitation provisions of Labor Code to employees covered by IDL.
19874 Allows employees to receive Workers’ Compensation benefits after exhaustion of IDL benefits.
19875 Requires three-day waiting period, unless hospitalized or disability more than 14 days.
19876 Payments contingent on medical certification and vocational rehabilitation.
19877 Authorizes DPA to adopt rules governing IDL.
19877.1 Sets effective date.

9. Non-industrial Disability Insurance (NDI)

19878 Definitions.
19879 Sets the amount of benefits and duration of payment.
19880 Sets standards and procedures.
19880.1 Allows employee option to exhaust vacation prior to NDI.
19881 Bans NDI coverage if employee is receiving unemployment compensation.
19882 Bans NDI coverage if employee is receiving other cash payment benefits.
19883 Provides for discretionary deductions from benefit check, including employer contributions; employee does not accrue sick leave or vacation credits or service credits for any other purpose.
19884 Filing procedures; determination and payment of benefits.
19885 Authorizes DPA to establish rules governing NDI.

10. Life Insurance
20750.11 Provides for employer contributions.
21400 Establishes group term life insurance benefits.
21404 Provides for Death Benefit from PERS.
21405 Sets Death Benefit at $5,000 plus 50 percent of one year's salary.

11. Health Insurance
22816 Provides for continuation of health plan coverage during leave of absence without pay.
22825 Provides for employee and employer contribution.
22825.1 Sets employer contribution.

12. Work week
19851 Sets 40-hour work week and 8-hour day.
19843 Directs DPA to establish and adjust work week groups.

13. Overtime
19844 Directs DPA to establish rules regarding cash compensation and compensating time off.
19848 Permits the granting of compensating time off in lieu of cash compensation within 12 calendar months after overtime worked.
19849 Requires DPA to adopt rules governing overtime and the appointing power to administer and enforce them.
19863 Allows use of accumulated compensable overtime while on temporary disability (due to work-incurred injury) to augment paycheck.

14. Callback Time
19849.1 Allows DPA to set rules and standards for callback time based on prevailing practices and the needs of State service.

15. Deferred Compensation
19993 Allows employees to deduct a portion of their salary to participate in a deferred compensation plan.

16. Relocation Expenses
19841 Provides relocation expenses for involuntary transfer or promotion requiring a change in residence.

17. Travel Expenses
19820 Provides reimbursement of travel expenses for officers and employees of the State on State business.
19822 Provides reimbursement to State for housing, maintenance and other services provided to employees.

18. Unpaid Leaves of Absence
19991.1 Allows the appointing power to grant a one-year leave of absence; assures the employee a right of return.
19991.2 Allows the appointing power to grant a two-year leave for service in a technical cooperation program.
19991.4 Provides that absence of an employee for work-incurred compensable injury or disease is considered as continuous service for purposes of salary adjustments, sick leave, vacation or seniority.
19991.6 Provides one year of pregnancy leave or less as required by a permanent female employee.

19. Performance Reports
19992 Provides for establishment of performance standards by State agencies.
19992.1 Provides for a system of performance reports and allows DPA to enforce adherence to appropriate standards.
19992.2 Requires the appointing power to prepare performance reports and show them to the employee.

19992.3 Requires performance reports to be considered in salary increases and decreases, layoffs, transfers, demotions, dismissals and promotional examinations as prescribed by DPA rule.

19992.4 Allows DPA to establish rules leading to reduction in class and compensation or dismissal for unsatisfactory service.

20. Involuntary Transfers

19841 Provides relocation expenses for involuntary transfer or promotion requiring a change in residence.

19994.1 Authorizes involuntary transfers. Requires 60-day prior written notice when transfer requires change in residence.

19994.2 Allows seniority to be considered when two or more employees are in a class affected by involuntary transfers which require a change in residence.

21. Demotion and Layoff

19997.2 Provides for subdivisional layoffs in a State agency subject to DPA approval. Subdivisional reemployment lists take priority over others.

19997.3 Requires layoffs according to seniority in a class, except for certain classes in which employee efficiency is combined with seniority to determine order of layoff.

19997.8 Allows demotion in lieu of layoff.

19997.9 Provides for salary at maximum step on displacement by another employee’s demotion, provided such salary does not exceed salary received when demoted.

19997.10 An employee displaced by an employee with return rights may demote in lieu of layoff.

19997.11 Establishes reemployment lists for laid-off or demoted employees.

19997.12 Guarantees same step of salary range upon recertification after layoff or demotion.

19997.13 Requires 30-day written notice prior to layoff and not more than 60 days after seniority is computed.
Employees affected by layoff due to management-initiated changes should receive assistance in finding other placement in State service.

22. Incompatible Activities

Requires each appointment power to determine activities which are incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to their employees’ duties; provides for identification of and prohibits such activities.

23. Use of State Time

Provides State time for taking civil service examinations including employment interviews for eligibles on employment lists, or attending a meeting of DPA or SPB on certain matters.

24. Training

Provides counseling and training programs for employees whose positions are to be eliminated by automation, technological or management-initiated changes.

Provides for Department of Rehabilitation to retrain and refer disabled State employees to positions in State service.

B. Applicable Education Codes

Part 43, Section 70000, et al.

Part 32, Section 59000, et al.

13.7 Non-Discrimination

A. The State and CAPS agree that neither party will discriminate against any employee on the basis of age, sex, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, physical handicap, or sexual orientation, and agree to take such action as necessary to assure that this purpose is achieved.

B. Alleged violations of this Section shall not be grievable under the grievance procedure contained in Article 9 of this Agreement.

13.8 Sexual Harassment

A. The State and CAPS agree that no employee shall be subject to sexual harassment and agree to take such actions as necessary to assure that this purpose is achieved. In this spirit, the State agrees to post a statement of this commitment to this principle in all work sites.

B. Complaints alleging harassment shall not be grievable under the grievance procedure contained in Article 9 of this Agreement.
C. If the complaint is resolved in favor of the employee and the employee feels he/she is unable to return to his/her current job assignment, the State shall give consideration to transferring the employee to an equivalent position at the same salary and class, in the same location if a vacancy exists.

13.9 State-Owned Housing Rental and Utility Rates

A. Rent

Effective July 1, 1992 and annually thereafter for the duration of this contract, current rental rates for all types of State-owned employee housing, including trailers and/or trailer pads, may be increased by the State with 60-day notice as follows:

1. Where employees are currently occupying State-owned housing, the State may raise such rates paid by employees up to 25 percent each year, not to exceed fair market value.

2. During the term of this contract, where no rent is being charged, the State may raise rents up to $75.00 per month or when an employee vacates State-owned housing, including trailers and/or trailer pads, the State may raise rents for such housing up to the fair market value.

3. Employee rental of State housing shall not ordinarily be a condition of employment. In any instance after July 1, 1992, and annually thereafter, when the rental of State housing is made a condition of employment, the State may charge the employee 10 percent less than the regular rate of rent.

4. Employees renting State-owned housing occupy them at the discretion of the State employer. If the State decides to vacate a State-owned housing unit currently occupied by a State employee, it shall give the employee a minimum of 30 days’ advance notice.

B. Utilities

Effective July 1, 1992, and annually thereafter, current utility charges for all types of State-owned employee housing, including trailers and/or trailer pads, may be increased by the State as follows:

1. Where employees are currently paying utility rates to the State, the State may raise such rates up to eight (8) percent each year.

2. Where no utilities are being charged, the State may impose such charges consistent with its costs.

3. Where utilities are individually metered to State-owned housing units, the employee shall assume all responsibility for payment of such utility rates, and any increases imposed by the utility company.
ARTICLE 14 – HEALTH AND SAFETY

14.1 Health and Safety Committees

A. The parties agree that Joint CAPS/Management Health and Safety Committees are appropriate in many areas of State employment. At CAPS request, each department shall establish at least one Joint CAPS/Management Health and Safety Committee. Additional Joint CAPS/Management Health and Safety Committees may be established as appropriate for the larger departments.

B. Joint CAPS/Management Health and Safety Committees may consist of no more than one representative in the area served by each Joint CAPS/Management Health and Safety Committee. The State may appoint an equal number of State representatives.

C. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly for the purpose of discussing safety problems and recommending appropriate actions, making recommendations from time to time on the subjects of safety, safety promotion, and how to encourage employees to be more conscious of safety.

D. Employees appointed to serve on the Committee shall serve without loss of compensation.

E. When an employee in good faith believes that he/she is being required to work where a clear and present danger exists, he/she will so notify his/her supervisor. The supervisor will immediately investigate the situation and either direct the employee to temporarily perform some other task or proclaim the situation safe and direct the employee to proceed with his/her assigned duties. If CAPS or the employee still believes the unsafe condition exists, CAPS or the employee may file a grievance alleging a violation of this Section at Step 2 of the grievance procedure contained in Article 9.

F. To the extent permitted by law, all copies of employee occupation injury reports will be furnished to the appropriate Joint CAPS/Management Health and Safety Committee and remain confidential.

ARTICLE 15 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT

15.1 Release Time for State Civil Service Examinations

Employees who are participating in a State civil service examination shall be granted reasonable time off without loss of compensation to participate in an examination if the examination has been scheduled during his/her normal work hours and the employee has provided reasonable (normally two working days) notice to his/her supervisor. For the purposes of this Section, hiring interviews for individuals certified from employment lists shall be considered part of the examination process. The State shall attempt to accommodate a shift change request from an employee who is scheduled to work a graveyard shift on the day of an SPB examination.

15.2 Performance Appraisal

The performance appraisal system of each department shall include annual written performance appraisals for permanent employees. Such performance appraisals shall be completed at least once each 12 calendar months after an employee completes the
probationary period for the class in which he/she is serving. The department shall notify CAPS when performance standards are implemented or changed.

15.3 Training
A. The State agrees to reimburse Unit 10 employees for expenses incurred as a result of attending departmental approved and authorized job-required training. Attendance shall be without loss of compensation. Departmentally approved and authorized training attended during off-duty hours shall be considered work time. This includes in-service training courses offered by the department. Such reimbursement shall be limited to:

1. Tuition and/or registration fees,
2. Cost of course-required books and materials,
3. Transportation or mileage expenses,
4. Toll and parking fees, and
5. Lodging and subsistence expenses.

B. Reimbursement for the above expenses shall be in accordance with Section 6.1 of this Agreement.

C. The State shall not seek reimbursement for tuition and other necessary expenses if the training assignment is terminated prior to completion of either: (1) the convenience of the State; or (2) because of death, prolonged illness, disability or other similar eventuality.

D. As authorized and approved by a department, a Unit 10 employee may attend, without loss of compensation, and may be reimbursed, in full or in part, for training designed to increase the employee's job proficiency or professional career development and growth, and/or to maintain or obtain required professional licensure, certification or registration.

E. All training requests, approvals, and disapprovals, shall be in accordance with departmental procedures. Management shall respond to all training requests within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date the request was received. The parties may mutually agree to extend this response period. Employee training requests must be compatible with his/her approved individual development plan where such plans are utilized. When an employee training request is denied, the department will give consideration to this fact when reviewing the employee’s next request for training.

F. This Section is only appealable to the third step of the grievance procedure and is not arbitrable.

15.4 Certification or Registration
A Bargaining Unit 10 employee may be provided up to eight (8) hours CTO upon successful completion of a certification or registration examination taken during off-duty hours. The certification or registration must be directly related to an employee’s
scientific specialty and assigned duties and be approved by the department head or designee.

15.5 Departmental Orientation

The State recognizes the value of having Unit 10 employees knowledgeable of programs and activities carried out by the departments. Each department shall periodically conduct a departmental orientation program for new permanent, full-time Unit 10 employees. Upon approval, existing employees may participate in the orientation.

15.6 Professional Papers

A. Upon prior approval of the department head or designee, the State may provide a Unit 10 employee up to 40 hours per year and/or necessary travel expenses for the purpose of research, preparation, and presentation of professional papers, provided that the professional papers are directly related to the employee's job assignment and the department head or designee has determined that the presentation of the research paper will benefit the State's operational needs.

B. The department head or designee may deny the employee's request for presentation for reasons related to training, employee supervision, job performance and operational needs. If the employee's request is denied, the reason for denial shall be stated in writing.

C. Upon request by the employee, the department will review professional papers for publication. Upon approval by the department head or designee, a copy of the paper may be provided to appropriate departmental and State libraries. This Section is not grievable under the grievance provisions.

D. Signature credit shall be given employees who author or co-author any scientific research document.

E. The department head or designee shall respond to the employee's request for research, preparation and presentation of professional papers within thirty (30) days from the date the request was received.

15.7 Volunteer Training

Any Unit 10 Fish and Game employee who has approval to serve as a volunteer deputized Fish and Game Warden must complete the appropriate training required by Penal Code Section 832. If a volunteer, deputized warden has approval to carry a firearm, the employee must complete firearms training required by Penal Code Section 832.

15.8 Professional Society Dues

In recognition of the professional nature of Unit 10 employees, each department, commission, board, or agency may reimburse a Unit 10 employee a total of up to $100.00 per year. This is for membership dues in one or more job-related professional societies or associations of the employee's choice. Both parties agree and understand that a different amount of reimbursement, if any, may be provided to employees in the same or similar situation.
ARTICLE 16 – TRANSFER AND LAYOFF

16.1 Layoff and Reemployment

A. **Application.** Whenever it is necessary because of a lack of work or funds, or whenever it is advisable in the interest of economy to reduce the number of permanent and/or probationary employees (hereinafter known as "employees") in any State agency, the State may layoff employees pursuant to this Section.

B. **Order of Layoff.** Employees shall be laid off in order of seniority pursuant to Government Code Sections 19997.2 through 19997.7 and applicable State Personnel Board rules.

C. **Notice.** Employees compensated on a monthly basis shall be notified 30 calendar days in advance of the effective date of layoff. Where notices are mailed, the 30 calendar day time period will begin to run on date of mailing of the notice. Notice of the layoff shall be sent to CAPS.

D. **Transfer or Demotion in Lieu of Layoff.** The State may offer affected employees a transfer or a demotion in lieu of layoff pursuant to Government Code Sections 19997.8 through 19997.10 and applicable State Personnel Board rules. If an employee refuses a transfer or demotion, the employee shall be laid off.

E. **Reemployment.** In accordance with Government Code Sections 19997.11 and 19997.12, the State shall establish a reemployment list by class for all employees who are laid off. Such lists shall take precedence over all other types of employment lists for the classes in which employees were laid off. Employees shall be certified from department or subdivisional reemployment lists in accordance with Section 19056 of the Government Code.

F. **State Service Credit for Layoff Purposes.** In determining seniority scores, one point shall be allowed for each qualifying monthly pay period of full-time State service regardless of when such service occurred. A pay period in which a full-time employee works eleven (11) or more days will be considered a qualifying pay period except that when an absence from State service resulting from a temporary or permanent separation for more than eleven (11) consecutive working days falls into two (2) consecutive qualifying pay periods, the second pay period shall be disqualified.

G. An appeal of any portion of this layoff provision shall solely be through the procedures established in Government Code Section 19997.14.

16.2 Reducing the Adverse Effects of Layoff

Whenever the State determines it necessary to layoff employees, the State and CAPS shall meet in good faith to explore alternatives to laying off employees such as, but not limited to, voluntary reduced work time, retraining, early retirement and unpaid leaves of absence.

16.3 Change in Work Location

The State, CAPS, and Bargaining Unit 10 employees recognize that the nature of the work performed by Unit 10 employees may require the State to make temporary reassignments of employees on short notice.
The State will normally provide Unit 10 employees with at least seven (7) working days advance notice of a change in their work location which would not reasonably require the employee to change his/her place of residence. This advance notice is not required if: (1) the new work location is within the general vicinity of the employee's current regular street business address, (2) the change is due to an unforeseen emergency, or (3) the change is made at the request of the employee.

16.4 Appeal of Involuntary Transfer

A. An involuntary transfer which reasonably requires an employee to change his/her residence may be grieved under Article 9 only if the employee believes it was made for the purpose of harassing or disciplining the employee. If the appointing authority or the Department of Personnel Administration disapproves the transfer, the employee: (1) shall be returned to his/her former position; (2) shall be paid the regular travel allowance for the period of time he/she was away from his/her original headquarters; and (3) shall be paid his/her moving costs both from and back to the original headquarters, in accordance with the Department of Personnel Administration laws and rules.

B. An Appeal of an involuntary transfer which does not reasonably require an employee to change his/her residence shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure. It shall be subject to the complaint procedure if the employee believes it was made for the purpose of harassing or disciplining the employee.

ARTICLE 17 - CLASSIFICATION

17.1 Classification Changes

A. When the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA) desires to establish a new classification and assigns it to Bargaining Unit 10 or intends to modify an existing one that is in Bargaining Unit 10, DPA shall inform CAPS of the proposal during DPA's preparatory stages of the proposal. CAPS may request to meet with DPA regarding these classification proposals. Such meetings shall be for the purpose of informally discussing the classification proposal and for CAPS to provide input. Upon request, DPA may furnish CAPS with drafts of the proposed classification specifications.

B. DPA shall notify and submit to CAPS the final classification proposal at least 20 work days prior to the date State Personnel Board (SPB) is scheduled to adopt it.

C. If CAPS requests in writing within ten (10) work days of receipt of the notice, DPA shall meet with CAPS to discuss the final proposal. If CAPS does not respond to the notice, or if CAPS does not meet within five (5) work days from the date of request, the classification proposal shall be deemed agreeable to CAPS and be placed on SPB's consent calendar.

D. DPA shall meet-and-confer, if requested in writing within five (5) work days from the date SPB approved the classification change, regarding only the compensation provisions of the classification. DPA shall respond to CAPS within ten (10) days of CAPS' written request to meet regarding the compensation provisions of any new classification. DPA shall not implement the proposed or revised classification until DPA and CAPS meet-and-confer regarding the compensation.
E. Neither the classification nor the compensation provisions shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure in Article 9.

17.2 Out-of-Class Grievance Process

A. Definitions

1. “Working out-of-class” (a.k.a. “out-of-class work”) is defined as performing, more than 50 percent of the time, the full range of duties and responsibilities allocated to an existing class and not allocated to the class in which the employee has a current, legal appointment.

2. A “pre-arranged out-of-class assignment” is defined as the intentional assignment of out-of-class work to an employee by the employee’s appointing power, department head or designee for a defined period of time of up to 120 days or, if approved by the Department of Personnel Administration, up to one year.

3. “Terminated out-of-class work or assignment” is defined as “working out-of-class” (as defined above) in which the out-of-class work or assignment has ceased either because the duties and responsibilities that created the out-of-class situation were removed, or the percentage of time spent performing the full range of duties and responsibilities fell below 50 percent, or the employee is no longer working in the position alleged to have created the out-of-class situation.

B. Pre-arranged Out-of-Class Assignments

Notwithstanding Government Code Sections 905.2, 19818.8, 19818.6, 19818.16, and 19823 an employee may be required to perform work other than that described in the specification for his/her classification for up to 120 consecutive calendar days during any 12-month period. An employee may be assigned to work out of class for more than 120 consecutive calendar days only with the approval of the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA). Out-of-class assignments shall not exceed one year.

Authorization and Rate of Pay

1. *Rate of Pay*: If an appointing power, department head or designee requires an employee to work “out-of-class” in a higher classification for more than two consecutive weeks, the employee shall receive the rate of pay, pursuant to DPA Regulation 599.673, 599.674, or 559.676 that the employee would have received if appointed to the higher class for the entire duration of the assignment. The out-of-class compensation shall not be considered as part of the base pay in computing the promotional step in the higher class.

2. *Rotation to Avoid Out-of-Class Pay*: The State shall not rotate employees in and out of out-of-class assignments for the sole purpose of avoiding payment of an out-of-class compensation.

C. Out-of-Class Grievances

1. *Exclusive Appeal Process*: The grievance and arbitration procedure described in subsection (E) below shall be the exclusive means by which alleged out-of-class assignments shall be remedied, including requests for review by the Department of Personnel Administration referenced in Government Code Section 19818.16. Out-of-class grievances shall not be filed with the State Board of Control.
2. **Out-of-Class Remedy:** The grievance and arbitration procedure described in subsection (E) shall be the exclusive means by which alleged out-of-class appeals shall be remedied, including those referenced in Government Code Sections 19818.6 and 19818.20.

3. **Retroactive Pay:** The only remedy that shall be available to grievants is retroactive pay for out-of-class work.

4. **Back Pay Limited to One Year:** A timely filed grievance concerning out-of-class work which is granted under this Article shall not be compensated retroactively for a period greater than one (1) year before the filing of the grievance.

5. **Arbitrator Limitations:** Arbitrators shall not have the authority to order reclassification (reallocation) of a grievant's position or discontinuance of out-of-class work assignments.

D. **Grievance Procedure and Time Limits**

1. **Duty to File Timely Grievance:** If an employee believes that he/she has been assigned out-of-class duties and responsibilities, he/she must file an out-of-class grievance no later than 60 days after the conclusion of the out-of-class duties/work. Any claim for back pay concerning the out-of-class work is waived if the employee fails to timely file the grievance as provided by this section.

2. **Third Level Appeal:** Out-of-class grievances shall be filed with a designated supervisor or manager identified by each department head as the third level of appeal in the usual grievance procedure found in Article 9.

3. **Third Level Response:** The person designated by the department head as the third level of appeal shall respond to the grievance in writing within 45 calendar days after receipt of the grievance.

4. **Fourth Level Appeal:** If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered by the person designated by the department head at the third level of appeal, he/she may appeal the decision in writing within 21 calendar days after receipt to the Director of the Department of Personnel Administration.

5. **Fourth Level Response:** The Director of the Department of Personnel Administration or designee shall respond to the grievance in writing within 60 calendar days after receipt of the appealed grievance.

6. **Arbitration Request:** If the grievance is not resolved by the Department of Personnel Administration, the union shall have the right to submit the grievance to arbitration within 30 calendar days following receipt of the Department of Personnel Administration's decision.

7. **Arbitration Process:** Article 9.12 "Formal grievance - Step 5" shall apply to out-of-class grievances except as otherwise provided in this section.

E. **Arbitrator Award:** The arbitrator's award regarding out-of-class grievances shall be final and binding on the parties. Said awards shall not be subject to challenge or review in any forum, administrative or judicial, except as provided in Code of Civil Procedure Section 1286.2 et seq.

17.3 **Classification Studies**

A. Industrial Hygienist and Ergonomic Specialist
CAPS and the State agree to form a joint labor-management committee to perform a classification study on Assistant Industrial Hygienist; Associate Industrial Hygienist, SCIF; Assistant Ergonomics Specialist, SCIF; and Associate Ergonomics Specialist, SCIF classes. The committee shall review and compare the scope of work, typical tasks, minimum qualification requirements, including knowledge and abilities, for the purpose of making recommendations to the classification structure.

The committee shall be staffed with an equal number of labor and management representatives, not to exceed a total of six members and a Chairperson. The Chairperson will be a representative of the Classification and Compensation Division (CCD), Department of Personnel Administration (DPA). The Chairperson will provide guidance on the method of data collection and analysis. The committee will attempt to come to mutual agreement on determining data collection methods, and resolve issues. The chair of the committee shall only vote to break a tie.

The study shall begin no later than February 1, 2004. The committee will issue a report no later than January 31, 2005, or if extended, a mutually agreed upon date between CAPS and DPA. At a minimum, the report will contain a summary of data collected and method used, classification considerations analysis and recommendation.

If the State and CAPS do not come to mutual agreement on the issuance of a report and recommendation, the State and CAPS agree to meet and confer on the results of the study.

B. CAPS and the State agree to form a joint labor-management committee to perform a classification study on the Assistant State Park Resource Ecologist and Associate class. The committee shall review and compare the scope of work, typical task, minimum qualification requirements, including knowledge and abilities, for the purpose of making recommendations to the classification structure.

The committee shall be staffed with an equal number of labor and management representatives, not to exceed a total of six members and a Chairperson. The Chairperson will be representative of the Classification and Compensation Division (CCD), Department of Personnel Administration (DPA). The Chairperson will provide guidance on the method of data collection and analysis. The committee will attempt to come to mutual agreement on determining data collection methods, and resolve issues. The chair of the committee shall only vote to break a tie.

The study shall begin no later than February 1, 2004. The committee will issue a report no later than January 31, 2005, or if extended, a mutually agreed upon date between CAPS and DPA. At a minimum, the report will contain a summary of data collected and method used, classification considerations analysis and recommendation.

If the State and CAPS do not come to mutual agreement on the issuance of report and recommendation, the State and CAPS agree to meet and confer on the results of the study.
C. CAPS and the State agree to form a joint labor-management committee to perform a classification study on the Associate Toxologist, Staff Toxologist, (Specialist), Assistant Public Health Biologist, Associate Public Health Biologist, Senior Public Health Biologist, Research Chemist and Research Clinical Chemist classes and consider the inclusion of these classifications into the Research Scientist series. The committee shall review and compare the scope work, typical tasks, minimum qualification requirements, including knowledge and abilities, for the purpose of making recommendations to the classification structure.

The committee shall be staffed with an equal number of labor and management representatives, not to exceed a total of six members and a Chairperson. The Chairperson will be a representative of the Classification and Compensation Division (CCD), Department of Personnel Administration (DPA). The Chairperson will provide guidance on the method of data collection and analysis. The committee will attempt to come to mutual agreement on determining data collection methods, and resolve issues. The chair of the committee shall only vote to break a tie.

The study shall begin no later than February 1, 2004. The Committee will issue a report no later than January 31, 2005, or if extended, a mutually agreed upon date between CAPS and DPA. At minimum, the report will contain a summary of data collected and method used, classification considerations analysis and recommendation.

If the State and CAPS do not come to mutual agreement on the issuance of a report and recommendation, the State and CAPS agree to meet and confer on the results of the study.

17.4 Salary Survey

DPA and CAPS will jointly survey, on an annual basis, the salaries for the comparable classes listed and take into consideration the information contained in these reports, prior to making salary recommendations to DPA for these employees.

This labor/management committee will have three members from CAPS and DPA. These members will serve on this committee with no loss in compensation. This committee will agree on the methodology, benchmark classes in California cities and counties, UC, CSU, the federal government, and the private sector for the classes of:

Environmental Scientist/Biologist
Chemist
Geologist
Research Scientist
Industrial Hygienist
Health Physicist
18.1 Permanent Intermittent Appointments

A. An "intermittent" position or appointment is a position or appointment in which the employee is to work periodically or for a fluctuating portion of the fulltime work schedule. An intermittent employee may work up to 1,500 hours in any calendar year based upon SPB rule. The number of hours and schedule of work shall be determined based upon the operational needs of each department.

B. Each department may establish an exclusive pool of intermittent employees based upon operational need.

C. Each department will endeavor to provide intermittent employees reasonable advance notice of their work schedule.

D. Upon mutual agreement, a department head or designee may grant an intermittent employee a period of nonavailability not to exceed twelve (12) months during which the employee may not be given a waiver. The period of nonavailability may be revoked based on operational needs. An employee on nonavailable status who files for unemployment insurance benefits shall be immediately removed from such status.

E. An intermittent employee will become eligible for leave credits in the following manner:

1. **Sick Leave.** An intermittent employee in Bargaining Unit 10 will be eligible for eight (8) hours of sick leave credit with pay on the first day of the qualifying monthly pay period following completion of each period of 160 hours of paid employment. The hours in excess of 160 hours in a qualifying monthly pay period shall not be counted or accumulated. An intermittent employee shall not be removed from scheduled work hours because he/she is on sick leave.

2. **Vacation Leave.** An intermittent employee will be eligible for vacation leave credit with pay as defined in Section 3.1, on the first day of the following qualifying monthly pay period following completion of 960 hours of compensated work. Thereafter, an employee will be eligible for vacation credit with pay in accordance with the schedule in Section 3.1, on the first day of the qualifying monthly pay period following completion of each period of 160 hours of paid employment. The hours in excess of 160 hours in a qualifying monthly pay period shall not be counted or accumulated. When it is determined that there is lack of work, a department head or designee may:
   a. pay the employee in a lump sum payment for accumulated vacation leave credits; or
   b. schedule the employee for vacation leave; or
   c. allow the employee to retain his/her vacation credits; or
   d. effect a combination of a, b or c above.

3. **Holidays.** An intermittent employee will be eligible for holiday pay on a pro rata basis, based on hours worked during the pay period when the holiday occurred in accordance with DPA rules.
4. **Bereavement Leave.** An intermittent employee may only be granted bereavement leave if scheduled to work on the day(s) for which the leave is requested and only for the number of hours the employee is scheduled to work on the day or days.

5. **Jury Duty.** An intermittent employee may only be granted jury duty leave if the employee is scheduled to work on the day(s) in which the service occurs and only for the number of hours the employee is scheduled to work on the day or days. If payment is made for such time off, the employee is required to remit to the State the fee(s) received. An intermittent employee shall not be removed from scheduled work hours because he/she is on jury duty.

6. **Non-industrial Disability Leave.** Where employment is intermittent, the payments shall be determined on the basis of the proportionate part of a monthly rate established by the total hours actually employed in the 18 monthly pay periods immediately preceding the pay period in which the disability begins as compared to the regular rate for a fulltime employee in the same group or class. An employee will be eligible for NDI payments on the first day of the monthly pay period following completion of 960 hours of compensated work.

7. **Pay Day.** Each department will establish a date by which its PI employees shall receive their regular pay.

8. **Dental Benefits.** An intermittent employee will be eligible during each calendar year for dental benefits if the employee works at least half time, has an appointment for more than six (6) months, and must have been credited with a minimum of 480 paid hours within one of the two designated six (6) month periods in a calendar year. To continue benefits, an employee must be credited with a minimum of 480 paid hours in a designated six (6) month period or 960 paid hours in two consecutive designated six (6) month periods. For the purposes of this Section, the designated six (6) month periods are January 1 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31 of each calendar year. An eligible intermittent employee must enroll in a dental benefit plan within 60 calendar days from his/her date of qualification.

9. **Health Benefits.** An intermittent employee eligibility for health benefits is consistent with Item (8) above.

10. All remaining conditions of employment that relate to the employee shall be administered in accordance with existing rules and regulations, unless modified by this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 19 - MISCELLANEOUS**

**19.1 Work and Family Labor/Management Committee**

A. The committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Personnel Administration’s Work and Family Program. Work and family related activities that the Committee will engage in include sponsoring research, reviewing existing programs and policies, recommending new programs and policies, initiating marketing efforts, and evaluating the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Work and Family Program.
B. The committee shall be comprised of an equal number of management and union representatives. The committee shall have co-chairpersons, one representing management and one representing labor. The union shall have one representative.

C. The parties agree the union representatives shall attend committee meetings without loss of compensation. The co-chairpersons may determine that subcommittees are necessary or preparatory work other than at committee meetings is necessary. If this occurs, the management co-chairperson may request that additional release time be granted for this purpose. Approval of release time is subject to operational need.

D. The Work and Family Fund shall be administered by the Department of Personnel Administration. Amounts to be allocated and expended annually from the fund shall be determined by the Department of Personnel Administration and the committee. Representatives shall be present to vote on committee issues.

19.2 Incompatible Activities

Each department shall have a formal incompatible activities policy. Copies of the policy shall be provided to employees upon request.

Unit 10 members who wish to engage in outside activities may request, in writing, a formal departmental review. The department shall provide a determination, in writing, within 30 calendar days. Departmental determinations of incompatibility shall be grievable but not arbitrable.

19.3 Personnel and Evaluation Materials

A. An employee's official departmental personnel file shall be maintained at a location identified by each department head or designee.

B. Information in an employee's official departmental personnel file shall be confidential and available for inspection only to the employee's department head or designee in connection with the proper administration of the department's affairs and the supervision of the employee; except, however, that information in an employee's official departmental personnel file may be released pursuant to court order or subpoena. An affected employee will be notified of the existence of such a court order or subpoena.

C. Evaluation material or material relating to an employee's conduct, attitude, or service shall not be included in his/her official personnel file without being signed and dated by the author of such material. Before the material is placed in the employee's file, the department head or designee, shall provide the affected employee an opportunity to review the material, and sign and date the document acknowledging receipt. A copy of the evaluation material relating to an employee's conduct shall be given to the employee.

D. An employee or his/her authorized representative may review his/her official personnel file during regular office hours. Where the official personnel file is in a location remote from the employee's work location, reasonable arrangements will be made to accommodate the employee.

E. The employee shall have a right to insert in his/her file reasonable supplementary material and a written response to any items in the file. Such response shall remain attached to the material it supplements for as long as the material remains in the file.
F. Any performance evaluation conducted of an employee who is a participant in CAPS/State collective bargaining negotiations shall recognize the employee's frequent absence from his/her State job and the impact of such absences on the employee's performance.

G. Materials relating to an employee's performance included in the employee's official departmental personnel file shall be retained for a period of time specified by each department, except that at the request of the employee, materials of a negative nature shall be purged after three years. This provision, however, does not apply to formal adverse actions as defined in applicable Government Code Sections or to material of a negative nature for which actions have occurred during the intervening three-year period. Except that, by mutual agreement between a department head or designee and an employee, an adverse action material may be removed.

19.4 Release Time for State Personnel Board

Upon two working days' advance notice, the State shall provide reasonable time off without loss of compensation for a reasonable number of employees to attend hearings conducted by the California State Personnel Board during the employee's normal work hours provided that the employee is either: (1) a party to the hearing proceedings (e.g., an appellant), or (2) is specifically affected by the results of the hearing and has been scheduled to appear or testify by the State Personnel Board. The State shall attempt to accommodate a shift change request from an employee involved in Item (1) or (2) above who is scheduled to work a graveyard shift on the day of an SPB hearing.

19.5 Peer Review

The State and CAPS recognize that peer review can be advantageous to maintaining the quality of laboratory research in scientific disciplines. Upon request, the departments will within thirty (30) calendar days, meet-and-confer regarding the use of peer review where appropriate. Up to two (2) CAPS employee representatives may be given release time to meet-and-confer without loss of compensation.

Article 9 does not apply to this Section.

19.6 Transportation Incentives

A. The State and Union agree that the State shall encourage employees to use alternate means of transportation to commute to and from work in order to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

B. Employees working in areas served by mass transit, including rail, bus, or other commercial transportation licensed for public conveyance shall be eligible for a 75 percent discount on public transit passes sold by State agencies up to a maximum of $65 per month. Employees who purchase public transit passes on their own shall be eligible for a 75 percent (75%) reimbursement up to a maximum of $65 per month. This shall not be considered compensation for purpose of retirement contributions. The State may establish and implement procedures and eligibility criteria for the administration of this benefit including required receipts and certification of expenses.
C. Employees riding in vanpools shall be eligible for a 75 percent (75%) reimbursement of the monthly fee up to a maximum of $65 per month. In lieu of the van pool rider reimbursement, the State shall provide $100 per month to each State employee who is the primary vanpool driver, meets the eligibility criteria, and complies with program procedures as developed by the state for primary van pool drivers. This shall not be considered compensation for purposes of retirement contributions. A vanpool is defined as a group of seven or more people who commute together in a vehicle (State or non-State) specially designed to carry an appropriate number of passengers. The State may establish and implement procedures and eligibility criteria for the administration of this benefit.

D. Employees headquartered out of State shall receive reimbursement for qualified public transportation and vanpool expenses for 75 percent (75%) of the cost up to a maximum of $65 per month or in the case of the primary van pool driver, the $100 per month rate. The appointing power may establish and implement procedures regarding the certification of expenses.

E. For the term of this Agreement, the parties agree that the State may increase parking rates in existing owned or leased lots, in urban congested areas, no more than twenty dollars ($20) per month above the current rate charged to employees in specific locations where they park. Congested urban areas are such as Sacramento, San Francisco Bay, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego areas. Every effort shall be made to provide employees 60 days but no less than 30 days notice of a parking rate increase. The State shall not increase rates for existing parking lots where employees do not currently pay parking fees. Rates at new lots administered or leased by the State will be set at a level comparable to rates charged for similar lots in the area of the new lot, e.g. rates for open lots shall be compared to rates for open lots, rates for covered parking shall be compared with rates for covered parking.

F. The State shall continue a system for employees where parking fees may be paid with pre-tax dollars.

G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the Union agrees that the State may implement new policies or change existing ones in such as transit subsidies, vanpool/carpool incentives, walking/biking incentives, parking, parking fees, hours of work, and other actions to meet the goals of transportation incentives. The State agrees to notify and meet-and-confer regarding the impact of such new or changed policies.

19.7 Group Legal Services
The State of California agrees to contract for an employee-paid group legal services plan. The plan will emphasize a choice of providers and access to legal services. The plan shall be offered on a voluntary, after-tax, payroll deduction basis, and any costs associated with administering the plan shall be paid by the participating employees through a service charge.

19.8 Workplace Violence Prevention
A. In order to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees, the State agrees to develop and implement “Workplace Violence Prevention” policies and programs.

B. The State agrees to develop a model Workplace Violence Prevention Program and make the program available to all departments.
C. The State agrees to provide training on procedures for preventing workplace violence and the Union will encourage employees to use these procedures.

19.9 CalEPA Relocation and Transportation Agreement

Except as otherwise specified, this section shall apply to those employees headquartered in the CalEPA Building located at 1001 I Street in Sacramento, California.

A. Telecommute Policy

The CalEPA Telecommute Policy shall be implemented and available to all scientists throughout the State employed by the CalEPA.

B. Commute Mitigation

1. Alternate Transportation Support – The State and CAPS agree that the State shall encourage employees to use alternate means of transportation to commute to and from work in order to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

2. Incidental Use Parking – CalEPA shall develop an “Incidental Use Parking Program” for employees who use alternate means of transportation to commute to and from work. Upon 24 hours notice, employees who self-certify that they are using alternate transportation to commute to and from work at least three times per week, shall be eligible to park for up to two days per pay period in a CalEPA paid parking space set aside for this purpose.

3. Guaranteed Ride Home Program – This program exists through the Sacramento Transportation Management Association. This program allows employees who use alternative transportation at least three time per week to obtain transportation in the case of emergency or unanticipated approved overtime that precludes the use of their regular ride home. Eligible employees may use the program up to six times in a 12-month period. All CalEPA boards, departments and offices will maintain membership in this organization in order to provide this benefit to all qualifying employees.

C. Parking

1. Parking Lot Waiting List – For purposes of allocating available parking spaces to CalEPA employees who were not assigned a lottery number on August 3, 2000, the following priority order shall be used after September 1, 2000: 1) handicapped, 2) car/vanpools and shared permits with at least two CalEPA employees, and 3) all others, on a first come first served basis, without exceptions.

2. Waiting List Status Reports – Upon request of the exclusive representative for any of its affected bargaining units, CalEPA shall provide reports describing: 1) the number of parking permits available by lot, 2) the number of permits issued, and 3) the number of employees on the waiting list of each lot.

3. Parking – It is understood that the State will not subsidize employee parking.
D. Bicycle Transportation

A. Bicycle Storage Fee Reimbursement – Employees charged a bicycle storage fee shall be eligible for reimbursement of $15.00 per month from when the employee relocates to the CalEPA building. This shall not be considered compensation for purposes of retirement contributions. The State may establish and implement procedures for the administration of this benefit.

B. Bicycle Storage Assignments – Bicycle storage shall be assigned based on commute days, by lottery numbers, and in accordance with the following priority: 1) five days per week, 2) four days per week, and 3) three days per week. CalEPA shall notify each bicyclist of storage arrangements beginning October 1, 2000. Advance acceptance of the storage assignment may be submitted to appropriate administrative officials. After assignments are final at each bicycle storage area, each employee may then request to be placed on a waiting list for specific bicycle storage areas. Placement on a waiting list shall be based on a first come, first served basis. Upon satisfactory proof of the need for such accommodation, bicycle commuters who require special needs accommodations shall have priority over all others commuting the same number of days per week.

The CalEPA Bicycle Storage Area is not scheduled to be available for parking until December 2000. Employees with permits may either park bicycles in general work areas of a CalEPA sponsored Pilot Project, or use available bicycle storage facilities located at 901 P Street, or any other state building.

C. City Storage Fee Reimbursement – Employees who commute to and from work by bicycle at least three days per week shall be eligible for reimbursement of the fee charged by the City for bicycle parking until the bicycle storage facilities in the new building are available for use, and afterwards, if the facilities in the new building are fully utilized.

E. Clothing Lockers

Priority assignment shall be given to employees who commute by bicycle or on foot by lottery number and in accordance with the following priority: 1) five days per week, 2) four days per week, 3) three days per week. Employees who commute to and from work by bicycle or on foot who were not assigned a lottery number, shall be assigned available clothing lockers in accordance with the same priority and on a first-come, first-served basis. Employees requiring a clothes locker to meet special needs accommodations shall be assigned a clothes locker upon satisfactory proof of the need for such accommodation. All other clothing lockers shall be utilized on a first-come first-served basis.

F. Safety Committee

CalEPA agrees to establish a Safety Committee to review and discuss safety issues and concerns applicable to the employees of CalEPA and its Boards, Departments and Offices (BDO) located at the new CalEPA Headquarters building at 1001 I Street in Sacramento. The Committee shall meet quarterly and participants shall include the safety officer from each BDO and one representative from each bargaining unit willing to participate. The Committee shall establish Bylaws that may or may not be based on any such existing committees, so long as they are not in conflict with the Memoranda of Understanding for each participating bargaining unit.
G. Building Card Key Costs

Employees are responsible for their building card keys. Except in cases of loss and/or damage due to negligence, building card keys will be replaced at no cost to employees up to two times per year.

H. Implementation

Where necessary, CalEPA shall develop procedures to implement any of the above programs.

19.10 Contracting Out

A. Purpose. CAPS has presented evidence that State departments are presently contracting out work appropriately done by Unit 10 employees, and that said contracting results in unnecessary additional costs to the State. Thus, the purpose of this section is to guarantee that the State does not incur unnecessary, additional costs by contracting out work appropriately performed at less expense to the State by Unit 10 employees, consistent with the terms of this section. In achieving this purpose the parties do not intend this section to expand the State’s ability to contract out for personal services. The parties agree that this section shall not be interpreted or applied in a manner which results in a disruption of services provided by state departments.

B. Policy Regarding Personal Services Contracts and Cost Savings. Except in extremely unusual or urgent, time-limited circumstances, or under other circumstances where contracting out is recognized or required by law, Federal mandate, or court decisions/orders, the State must make every effort to hire, utilize and retain Unit 10 employees before resorting to the use of private contractors. Contracting may also occur for reasons other than cost savings as recognized or required by law, Federal mandate, or court decisions/orders.

C. Information Regarding Contracts To Be Let

1. Departments will provide CAPS’ designated representative with copies of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and Invitations for Bid (IFBs) for personal services contracts when released for publication if they call for services found in Unit 10 class specifications.

2. To the extent that a department is preparing to enter into a contract (or amend a contract) and it does not require an RFP or IFB, the department shall provide CAPS’ designated representatives with a copy of the Standard Form 215 (or its departmental equivalent) if and when the Form 215 is completed, provided the contract is/will be for services found in Unit 10 class specifications. If the Form 215 contains confidential or proprietary information, it shall be redacted as discussed below in subsection D.2.

3. The purpose of subsection C is to provide CAPS with notice and an opportunity to present alternatives which mitigate or avoid the need for contracting out, while still satisfying the needs of the State to provide services. Directors (or their designee) shall therefore meet with CAPS for this purpose, if requested by CAPS.
D. Labor/Management Committee To Review Personal Service Contracts In Existence

1. A State Joint labor/management committee shall be established. It shall consist of representatives of CAPS, the Department of Personnel Administration, the Department of Finance and affected departments. The first meeting of this committee shall occur no later than 10 working days from ratification of the MOU, and shall be for purposes of determining the procedures by which the committee will operate. An initial review of all currently existing contracts as requested by the committee shall be completed within six (6) months from ratification of this agreement. However, if this deadline cannot be met due to the number or complexity of existing contracts for review, the committee may mutually agree to extend this deadline.

2. Upon request of the committee (or either party on the committee) each department shall submit copies of any or all personal services contracts that call for services found in Unit 10 class specifications. For each contract, departments shall provide additional documents establishing the number, scope, duration, justification, total costs of all such contracts, and payment of all overhead and administrative costs paid through each contract, provided it does not disclose confidential or proprietary information, in which case it shall be redacted as discussed below. The requested contract and related information shall be provided as soon as reasonably possible. The parties expect that this shall be provided no more than 21 calendar days following the request by the joint labor/management committee, or longer if approved by the committee. This shall include contracts that may otherwise be protected from public disclosure, if they provide for services found in Unit 10 class specifications. However, the State may redact those portions of protected contract(s) that are proprietary, necessary to protect the competitive nature of the bid process, and that which does not pertain to the costing of personnel services found in Unit 10 classes. The goal shall be to protect against disclosure of information which should remain confidential, while at the same time providing the committee with sufficient information to determine whether unnecessary, additional costs are being incurred by contracting out work found in Unit 10 class specifications. Costing information provided to the committee for protected contracts shall include total personnel costs for personnel services found in Unit 10 classifications plus any overhead charges paid to the contractor for these services, provided such disclosure does not breach confidentiality requirements or include proprietary information.

3. Within 10 workdays after receipt of the personal service contracts and associated documents as provided for in subsection D.2. above, the committee shall begin reviewing the contracts. The committee shall examine the contracts based on the purpose of this section, the terms of the contracts, all applicable laws, Federal mandates and court decisions/orders. In this regard, the committee will consider which contracts should and can be terminated immediately, which contracts will take additional time to terminate, which contracts may continue (for how long and under what conditions) and how (if necessary and cost effective) to transition contract employees or positions into civil service. All determinations shall be through express mutual agreement of the committee. Committee determinations regarding contracts let by the Department of Corrections shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in subsection F below.

4. The committee will continue to meet as necessary to examine personal services contracts which have been let.
5. If savings are generated by the terminations of personal service contracts under this provision, it is the intent of the State to implement findings of the committee for utilization of said savings. Such findings may include:

a. Contributing toward position reductions which would otherwise be accomplished by the layoff, salary reduction or displacement of Unit 10 employees.

b. Enabling the employment of Unit 10 employees for services currently performed by contractors.

c. Enabling of the conversion to Unit 10 civil service employment of qualified contract employees who wish to become State employees, as otherwise permitted by law, regulations, provisions of the contracts and resolutions by the State Personnel Board.

d. Providing timely, adequate and necessary recruitment efforts. These efforts may include focused recruitment, publicizing in professional journals, use of the media, job fairs, expedited hiring, expedited background checks, spot testing authorized by the SPB, State employee registries, and recruitment and retention incentives.

e. Such other purposes as may be mutually agreed upon by the joint labor/management committee.

E. Displacement Avoidance

1. The objective of this subsection is to ensure that Unit 10 employees have preference over contract employees consistent with, but not limited to the following principles:

a. The duties at issue are consistent with the Unit 10 employee's classification;

b. The Unit 10 employee is qualified to perform the job; and

c. There is no disruption in services.

2. To avoid or mitigate Unit 10 employee displacement for lack of work, the appointing power shall review all existing personal services contracts to determine if work consistent with the affected employee's classification is being performed by a contractor. Displacement includes layoff, involuntary demotion, involuntary transfer to a new class, involuntary transfer to a new location requiring a change of residence, and time base reductions. If the joint labor/management committee that reviews personal services contracts determines that the terms and purpose of the contract permit the State to assign the work to a Unit 10 employee who would otherwise be displaced, this shall be implemented consistent with the other terms of this section. The State and CAPS shall meet and confer for purposes of entering into an agreement about the means by which qualified employees are notified and provided with such assignments. This shall include developing a process that ensures that savings realized by terminating the contract and reassigning the work to a Unit 10 employee to avoid displacement, are utilized to offset that employee's moving and relocation costs, the amount for which shall be consistent with Section 6.2 of the parties' collective bargaining agreement.
F. Department of Corrections

1. This section shall not be applicable to the Department of Corrections until such time as it has been approved by the Federal court special master(s). Nothing in this section shall be interpreted or applied in such a manner as to interfere with Federal court orders, the authority of the Federal court or the authority of the special masters.

2. The Department of Corrections shall present this section to the special master(s) immediately in writing upon ratification of this agreement. The parties agree to make themselves immediately available to meet with the special master, on a schedule determined by the special master.

3. No contract for services by the Department of Corrections shall be prohibited, modified, restricted or terminated by virtue of this memorandum of understanding or by operation of the joint labor/management committee established by this memorandum of understanding without approval of the special masters in Madrid v. Alameida et. al (as it pertains to contracts effecting Pelican Bay State Prison), and/or the Special Master in the Coleman litigation (as it pertains to contracts effecting Coleman Class members), and/or counsel for the parties in the Plata litigation or the Plata court (as it pertains to contracts effecting medical care for Plata class members).

4. If this section is not approved by the special master the parties agree to reopen negotiations for the purpose of agreeing on an alternative contracting out provision, with the goal of satisfying the concerns of the Federal court and CAPS.

G. Relationship Between this Section and Related Statutes. The State is mindful of the constitutional and statutory obligations (e.g., Government Code Section 19130) as it pertains to restriction on contracting out. Thus, nothing in this section is intended to interfere with pursuit of remedies for violation of these obligations as provided by law (e.g., Public Contracts Code Section 10337).

ARTICLE 20 – ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND DURATION

20.1 Entire Agreement

A. This Agreement sets forth the full and entire understanding of the parties regarding the matters contained herein, and any other prior or existing understanding or agreement by the parties, whether formal or informal, regarding any such matters are hereby superseded. Except as provided in this Agreement, it is agreed and understood that each party to this Agreement voluntarily waives its right to negotiate with respect to any matter raised in negotiations or covered in this Agreement, for the duration of the Agreement.

With respect to other matters within the scope of negotiations, negotiations may be required during the term of this Agreement as provided in Subsection B. below.

B. The parties agree that the provisions of this Subsection shall apply only to matters which are not covered in this Agreement.

The parties recognize that during the term of this Agreement it may be necessary for the State to make changes in areas within the scope of negotiations. Where the State finds it necessary to make such changes, the State shall notify CAPS of the proposed change 30 days prior to its proposed implementation.
The parties shall undertake negotiations regarding the impact of such changes on the employees in Unit 10, when all three of the following exist:

1. Where such changes would affect the working conditions of a significant number of employees in Unit 10.

2. Where the subject matter of the change is within the scope of representation pursuant to the Dills Act.

3. Where CAPS requests to negotiate with the State.

Any agreement resulting from such negotiations shall be executed in writing and shall become an addendum to this Agreement. If the parties are in disagreement as to whether a proposed change is subject to this Subsection, such disagreement may be submitted to the arbitration procedure for resolution. The arbitrator's decision shall be binding. In the event negotiations on the proposed change are undertaken, any impasse which arises may be submitted to mediation pursuant to Section 3518 of the Dills Act.

20.2 Duration

The Terms of this agreement shall go into effect upon ratification by both the legislature and CAPS, and shall remain in full-force and effect through July 1, 2006.

At the sole discretion of CAPS during both the second (July 1, 2004 – July 1, 2005) and third (July 1, 2005 – July 1, 2006) years of this agreement, up to three economic and three non-economic items shall be subject to negotiation or renegotiation. Such notice shall be provided by CAPS in writing. Negotiations shall commence no sooner than March 1, 2004 and March 1, 2005, respectively.
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