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AGREEMENT

Between

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

And

LOCAL 521
(SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHAPTER)
affiliated with
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

~~March 9, 2020 through June 25, 2023~~
June 26, 2023 through June 21, 2026

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Section 3.4 – Union Notices and Activities

a) Bulletin Boards

The Union, where it represents workers of a County Department, shall be provided by that Department use of adequate and accessible space on bulletin boards for SEIU 521 communications.

b) Distribution

The Union may distribute material to workers in its representation units through normal channels.

c) Visits by Worksite Organizers -County Not in Agreement w/ UP from April 14 and holds to CP April 14

Union Worksite Organizers shall request permission from the appropriate management representative to visit County worksites at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the requested visit date. The Union Worksite Organizers shall inform the management representative, as part of the request, of the time, location, and purpose of the visit.

The management representative shall have the right to deny access to the work location if they determine a visit at that date, time, and location will interfere with the operations of the department or facility. If the management representative denies access, they will offer an alternative date, time, and/or location for the visit.

In cases where management denies access to a critical patient care area and the issue which gives rise to the request for access is one of employee health or safety, then the department shall provide escorted access.

If the Union Worksite Organizer identifies a specific health and safety concern in their access request, and the request is one that management would otherwise deny, then the department shall provide escorted access at an appropriate date and time as determined by management.

~~Union Worksite Organizers shall give notice to the department head or his/her designated representative prior to entering departmental facilities to visit other than public areas. When a Union Worksite Organizer is approved, pursuant to the process described above, to visit a county worksite, the Union Worksite Organizer shall be allowed reasonable contact with workers on County facilities provided such contact does not interfere with the worker's work and occurs is during the worker's rest period, meal period or outside the worker's working hours. Solicitation for membership or other internal worker organization business shall not be conducted during work time. Prearrangement for routine contact may be made on an annual basis.~~

For this purpose, rest periods are not work time.

The Union agrees that these access rules apply to the Union's access to any County worksite, and waives any other access rights that may apply under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act.

d) **Facilities**

County buildings and other facilities shall be made available for use by the Union or their Representatives in accordance with administrative procedures governing such use.

e) **Names and Addresses of Covered Workers**

The County shall supply the Union with a biweekly data processing run of names and addresses and classifications of work of all workers within the representation units. Such list shall be supplied without cost to the Union in an electronic format. Addresses shall not be supplied of those workers who request the County in writing to not provide such information. A copy of such request shall be forwarded to the Union.

f) **Notification of Union Coverage**

When a person is hired in any classification covered by a bargaining unit represented by the Union, the County shall notify that person that the Union is the recognized bargaining representative for the workers in said unit and present that person with a copy of the present Agreement and a membership form.

g) **Report of Transactions**

The County shall supply the Union a data processing run covering the following worker transactions as are currently available on the system: newly hired worker, reinstatement, re-employment, return from leave, return from military leave, miscellaneous, promotion, return to former class, voluntary demotion, disciplinary demotion, transfer, title change, suspension, temporary military leave, injury or illness leave, other leave, indefinite military leave, resignation, probationary release, provisional release, miscellaneous release, dismissal, retirement, death, layoff, provisional appointments.

Section 3.5 – Union Label -CCL

Section 3.6 – Printing of Agreement -CCL

Section 3.7 – New Worker Orientation -County Not in Agreement w/ UP from April 14 but propose continue meeting on joint language

When a new workers areis hired into a Union-represented classification, the County shall notify such the workers that SEIU, Local 521 is the recognized employee organization in of the classification into which she/he the worker is has been hired. The County shall provide a copy of the current Agreement and a packet of Union-supplied information. which shall be supplied to the County by SEIU, Local 521.

The County shall provide designated Union representative(s) reasonable access to the new worker orientations for Union-represented full-time and part-time workers to provide information on the Union. Worker attendance at any presentations by the Union shall be voluntary. Each individual Department shall work with designated Union representatives to arrange New Worker Orientations.

The Union shall be allowed a Representative at new hire orientations for new workers or departmental orientations where they are held in place of County-wide orientations including orientations at Human Resources Service Centers, ESA, HHS, and SSA. This Representative may be a Steward, Chief Steward, or union designated representative who will notify his/her supervisor in advance. A Steward, Chief Steward, or union designated representative who attends new hire orientation will be provided release time. No overtime shall be incurred as a result of the make-up time.

~~Such~~The Representative shall be allowed thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of the orientation to make a presentation and answer questions of workers in classifications represented by their organization. County representatives shall not be present during the Union portion of the orientation. The Union may present packets to represented workers at orientation, such packets being subject to review by the County. The County or Department, where appropriate, will notify the Union ten (10) business days in advance of such orientation sessions and to the extent available, shall include a list of SEIU represented employees scheduled to attend. All new workers shall be scheduled and entitled to attend new hire orientation, or Department orientation where they are held in place of new hire orientation.

The number of stewards/leaders released for the orientation shall be based on the number of SEIU represented workers at each orientation as follows:

- 1-25 Workers - 1 Representative Released
- 26-50 Workers - 2 Representatives Released
- 51-75 Workers - 3 Representatives Released
- 76 or more Workers - 4 Representatives Released

Section 3.8 – Third-Party Requests

The County shall comply with the law, including ~~Government Code section 6254.3~~the California Public Records Act, in responding to third-party requests for information about the home addresses, home telephone numbers, personal cellular telephone numbers, birthdates, and personal email addresses of Union-represented workers. The County will provide the Union with notice of outside third-party requests for this information in a timely manner. Section 3.8 shall not be subject to the grievance procedure in this Memorandum of Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 – OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES, STEWARDS AND NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

County Not in Agreement w/ UP from April 14 and holds to CP April 14

Section 4.1 – Official Representatives

a) Meetings with Management

The County agrees to provide release time for Union Representatives for attendance at mutually agreed Department/Agency meetings. Each Department/Agency shall notify the Union of the person(s) to be contacted for approval of release time in that Department/Agency. The Union agrees, insofar as possible, to notify Management at least 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, in advance of the request for release time and the names of the Union Representative(s) to be released. Management agrees to arrange for release time with the appropriate supervisor(s). Release time arrangements shall include a reasonable amount of travel time.

For purposes of County-wide meetings with Management, requests for release time shall be made through the Office of Labor Relations.

b) Number for Release

The parties agree that no more than three (3) Local 521 Official Representatives from a single representation unit shall be recognized for the purpose of release time at any single meeting, unless additional representatives are mutually agreed upon.

The Clerical and APT units each may have no more than four (4) Local 521 Official Representatives granted release time by the County to attend any single Board of Supervisors meeting. The Blue Collar, EHU, PCS, PHN, SSU, and Supervisory units each may have no more than three (3) Local 521 Official Representatives granted release time by the County to attend any single Board of Supervisors meeting.

c) Release Time Log

Release time shall be granted after consideration of operational and staffing needs. Official Representatives will log the time they leave their work assignments, where they can be reached, and the time they return on a form provided by the County.

d) Bank of Hours

Release time shall be granted to Local 521 Official Representatives up to a maximum of two thousand (2000) hours per fiscal year for attendance at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and the Personnel Board. The Official Representative shall notify his/her supervisor of his/her intention to be on release time as far in advance as reasonably possible, but not later than the end of normal business hours the day before such meeting, except in emergency situations. Insofar as possible, such release time shall be made through the Department of Labor Relations at least 24 hours in advance of the Board meeting.

Section 4.2 – Stewards -CCL

Section 4.3 – Chief Stewards -CCL

Section 4.4 – Negotiating Committee -CCL

Not more than six (6) negotiators at one time shall participate in negotiations. The balance of the worker negotiators may be present but shall not participate in negotiations nor be seated at the negotiating table. Any person who disrupts or interferes in any way with the negotiations, verbally or otherwise, shall be excluded from the meeting room.

a) **Number of Union Worker Negotiators for Release**

For each of the following Units, the following is agreed:

1. For the Administrative, Professional, and Technical Unit there shall be seventeen (17) committee members. The County agrees to release seventeen (17) persons upon such request where required.
2. For the Blue Collar Unit there shall be seven (7) committee members each. The County agrees to release seven (7) persons upon such request where required.
3. For the Clerical Unit there shall be nine (9) committee members each. The County agrees to release nine (9) persons upon such request where required.
4. For the Public Health Nursing Unit there shall be three (3) committee members. The County agrees to release three (3) persons upon such request where required.
5. For the Environmental Health Unit there shall be three (3) committee members. The County agrees to release three (3) persons upon such request where required.
6. For the Probation Counselor Safety Unit there shall be two (2) committee members. The County agrees to release two (2) persons upon such request where required.
7. For the Social Services Unit there shall be seven (7) committee members. The County agrees to release seven (7) persons upon such request where required.
8. For the Supervisory Unit there shall be three (3) committee members. The County agrees to release three (3) upon such request where required.
9. The Chapter President and two (2) Vice Presidents.

b) **Compensatory Time**

Those negotiators who are on their own time during the meetings will not be granted compensatory time.

c) **Resource People**

Resource people for the unit negotiations shall be allowed on their own time, leave without pay, vacation, or compensatory time off to attend scheduled negotiation meetings for this unit to provide information to the committee on specific items on an as needed basis and as mutually agreed, prearranged and scheduled by the committees. The County shall facilitate arranging time off for resource people attending negotiations.

d) **New Units**

Should any new units be established for representation by Local 521, the parties will meet and confer regarding negotiation committee size.

ARTICLE 6 – PERSONNEL ACTION

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Section 6.1 – Initial and Subsequent Probationary Periods -CCL

Section 6.2 – Administrative Investigation

a) **Employee's Rights During Administrative Investigation:**

Upon request, an employee has a right to have a representative present at an investigatory meeting with the employer where it is reasonably likely that disciplinary action against that worker may result.

A worker has the right to know the purpose of a meeting with a supervisor, manager, and/or investigator. If asked, the supervisor, manager, and/or investigator must reveal any intent to conduct an investigatory meeting that might lead to discipline of the worker asking, and give that worker sufficient time to secure representation for such meeting. The worker may not unreasonably postpone the meeting to schedule a particular representative but may have to accept the presence of the steward, or union worksite organizer or other representative who can be available within a reasonable period of time.

Regarding any investigatory meeting with a worker that may lead to discipline of that worker, the County shall permit a steward, worksite organizer, or representative to be present to assist during such meeting. The representative and worker may confer during breaks, which the investigator shall not unreasonably deny.

Requesting and securing representation is the responsibility of the worker. Supervisors, Managers, and/or Investigators shall not be involved in the selection of a steward, union worksite organizer or other representative.

b) **Employee Rights During Internal Affairs Investigations:**

1. Internal Affairs (IA) will include in its administrative admonishment to a non-peace officer employee who is the subject of the investigation the following, if applicable:

- The interview will be recorded and the employee will have the right to bring his/her own recording device.
- The employee will have access to the audio recording of his/her interview if any disciplinary action is contemplated or prior to any further questioning at a subsequent time.

2. When IA is directing the witness not to discuss the investigation directly or indirectly with any other person, the administrative admonishment will include the following:

- After the witness has been interviewed and IA has concluded its interview of the witness, the witness may speak to the representative of the employee who is the subject of the investigation.

c) **Authority of Investigator**

In a County investigation, the County's supervisor, manager, and/or investigator has the authority to direct any worker to fully participate or cooperate in that investigation, including to provide complete and truthful responses to questions.

Section 6.3 – Philosophy on Discipline

The intent of progressive discipline is to be corrective in nature and allows for a worker to correct behavior. Ordinarily, the County will use progressive discipline in correcting the behavior of a worker. However, the circumstances of each case dictate the appropriate progressive disciplinary response, and the County reserves the right to skip one or all levels of progressive discipline in appropriate circumstances. The County and the Union agree that the level of discipline recommended for any instance of discipline should take into account the nature and seriousness of the offense as well as the employee's record.

Coaching, mentoring, verbal counseling or written counseling will identify the expectations of the worker, or identify the issue to be corrected, and give guidance on how to correct the issue and provide for a reasonable period for the worker to make the correction. Coaching and mentoring through the progressive discipline philosophy are not considered discipline nor are they grievable.

Job expectations and/or objectives will be provided to probationary workers. Work performance and behaviors will be evaluated during a worker's probationary period.

Philosophy on discipline shall be excluded from consideration under the grievance procedure outlined Section 19.1.

Section 6.4 – Counseling and Unfavorable Reports -CCL

Section 6.5 – Recommended Disciplinary Action - Permanent Classified -CCL

Section 6.6 – Notice of Final Disciplinary Action - Permanent Classified -CCL

Section 6.7 – Disciplinary Action – Unclassified Workers -CCL

Section 6.8 – Return to Former Class -CCL

Section 6.9 – Unclassified Appointment -CCL

Section 6.10 – Rights Upon Promotion or Transfer to Classified or Unclassified Service -CCL

Section 6.11 – Performance Appraisal Program

The program covers all workers represented by the Union, with the exception of extra help employees unless otherwise required by state or federal regulation or law. With the exception of clerical leads, leads may provide input to supervisors on performance appraisals. Leads will not write or issue performance appraisals on other workers but may be in attendance to observe the issuance and any discussion of the performance appraisal. If the worker objects to the Lead being present, the Lead shall not attend. Performance appraisals shall be conducted during a worker's initial probationary period.

~~It is agreed that~~ The performance appraisals will not be used by the County, the worker or the Union in the disciplinary process or for the purpose of transfers or for the purpose of promotions.

Section 6.12 – Personnel Files

The County shall maintain a personnel file for each worker. The department may also maintain a personnel file for each worker. Workers shall have the right to review both of their personnel files or authorize review by their representative. No adverse material will be inserted into the worker's personnel files without prior notice to the worker. Workers may cause to be placed in their personnel files responses to adverse material inserted therein and a reasonable amount of correspondence originating from other sources directly related to their job performance.

Notices of Recommended Disciplinary Actions including any attachments or disciplinary actions overturned on appeal shall not be retained in a worker's personnel file.

An unfavorable report shall be removed from the worker's personnel file at the end of two (2) years except unfavorable reports involving charges as listed in A25-301(a)(4) Brutality in the performance of duties and (b)(2) Guilty of immoral conduct or a criminal act and provided no additional discipline has been issued during the intervening period.

Materials relating to suspensions which become final will be removed after three (3) years if no other suspensions have occurred during the three (3) year period except those involving charges as listed in A25-301(a)(4) Brutality in the performance of duties and (b)(2) Guilty of immoral conduct or a criminal act.

Unfavorable reports or materials relating to suspensions may be removed from the worker's personnel file earlier than the regular removal schedule through a mutually agreed settlement.

Section 6.13 – Lateral Transfers

When making a lateral transfer or demotion to another class, an application review by the Personnel Director shall be deemed an appropriate qualifying examination for workers in instances where a qualifying examination is required. If otherwise qualified under this provision and the only prohibition to lateral transfer is the salary of the new class, it shall be deemed to be a lateral transfer if the move from one classification to another does not exceed ~~fifteen~~ ten percent (~~15~~10%) upward range movement.

If a worker was moved to a lower classification due to his/her prior class being eliminated, abolished or a worker is laid off from his/her position and was placed on a re-employment list, the transfer band shall be calculated step to step, e.g., step one of the prior classification to step one of the new classification or step five of the prior classification to step five of the new classification. When determining the difference between classifications by using equivalent step to step, the actual step used to calculate the transfer band shall be the step that provides the worker the most benefit. Transfers under this provision may be made for a period of eight years from date of movement to the lower classification.

Section 6.14 – Administrative Transfers -County is reviewing and may make a future proposal

Administrative transfers are based on the needs identified by the Department/Agency. Absent a departmental agreement, seniority (based on days of accrued service) shall be used when it is necessary to transfer a worker within the Department/Agency and between two geographical locations. For the purpose of this section, geographical locations is defined as two different street addresses. The transfer will be conducted as follows:

1. Volunteers who hold a position in the same classification. If there is more than one volunteer, they shall be selected in the order of most seniority (based on days of accrued service absent a departmental agreement).
2. If there are no volunteers, the least senior worker will be assigned. (Based on days of accrued service absent a departmental agreement).

Note: The County will notify the Union in a timely fashion of any planned Administrative Transfers. Upon Union request, the County will meet to determine the group of workers to be designated for the seniority purposes of this section.

3. Transfers necessary to comply with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act shall not be governed by this section.
4. Transfers necessary to comply with any other requirements of law as in transfers necessitated by civil rights complaints shall not be governed by this section. However should an investigation of a complaint to EOD or complaints of other civil rights violations not be sustained, a transferred worker will have the right to return to his/her former position and location.
5. This section shall not apply to transfers made pursuant to a reorganization, as defined under Article 21, as well as purely geographic moves.

Section 6.15 – Minimum Qualification Application

Minimum qualifications in job bulletins announcing examinations shall not exceed the minimum qualifications listed in the job specification. A worker shall have the right to take an examination for any County appointment if the worker meets the minimum qualifications/employment standards listed in the job specification, for that appointment, unless specified otherwise in this Agreement and/or in the Merit System Rules. Any worker whose application for examination has been disqualified shall be notified in writing. The notification shall include an explanation of why the worker does not meet the minimum qualifications that led to their disqualification. Any worker whose application for examination has been disqualified may make corrections/revisions within the timeframe specified in the notification prior to the examination.

ARTICLE 7 – PAY PRACTICES

County not in agreement w/ UP from April 14 and Counter Propose May 2 Section 7.1 – Salaries and Payments

Effective after ratification by the Board of Supervisors (salary ordinance amendment effective the first pay period after the second reading by the Board of Supervisors), but no earlier than June 26, 2023, Pay Period 23/14, all salaries shall be increased by three and one quarter percent (3.025%) and shall be listed in the appendices attached hereto and made a part hereof.

~~Effective June 16, 2020, Pay Period 20/14, all salaries shall be increased by three percent (3%) and shall be listed in the appendices attached hereto and made a part hereof.~~

Effective June 124, 20214, Pay Period 214/134, all salaries shall be increased by three percent (3%) and shall be listed in the appendices attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Effective June 123, 20225, Pay Period 225/134, all salaries shall be increased by three percent (3%) and shall be listed in the appendices attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The parties agree that the rates of pay established by this Agreement are commensurate with those prevailing throughout the County for comparable work as required by the Charter of the County of Santa Clara.

a) ~~Lump Sum Payment(s)~~

- ~~1. Effective after ratification by the Board of Supervisors (salary ordinance amendment effective the first pay period after the second reading by the Board of Supervisors) current employees at time of signing of successor contract who are in SEIU-represented positions shall receive a three percent (3%) lump sum bonus based on coded status from June 17, 2019 to the first pay period after the second reading by the Board of Supervisors. The lump sum for full and part time employees will be based on base salary only. The lump sum for extra help workers will be based on actual hours worked during that period.~~
- ~~2. All SEIU-represented employees in a paid status effective Pay Period 20/26 (excluding Extra Help) whose classification receives a total of less than 0.51% in realignments (inclusive of all unit realignments, equity realignments, and any other special realignments) shall receive a lump sum bonus based on coded status of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per FTE. For the purpose of this lump sum bonus, the total amount of realignments shall be computed by adding the amounts of all unit, equity, and any other realignments.~~

Section 7.2 – Basic Pay Plan -CCL

Section 7.3 – Effect of Promotion, Demotion or Transfer on Salaries -CCL

Section 7.4 – Part-Time Work

a) Salary Ranges

The salary ranges provided in the attached appendices are for full-time service in full-time positions, and are expressed in dollars per the number of working days in a biweekly pay period. If any position is established on any other time basis, the compensation for such position shall be adjusted proportionately.

b) **Benefits**

Workers filling part-time positions of half-time or more shall receive all other benefits of this Agreement except as listed below:

1. Those workers who elect to be covered by either the County's insurance package (medical, dental, vision and life) or medical coverage only shall authorize a payroll deduction for the appropriate prorated cost.
2. Workers may withdraw from the insurance package (medical, dental, vision and life) or medical coverage only at any time when they have a qualifying event. Workers may enroll in the County's insurance package or medical coverage only upon entering part-time, upon changing from any increment of part-time to any other increment of part-time or to full-time, or once per year during the County-wide insurance window.
3. Any worker who becomes a part-time worker as a result of layoff from a full-time position will continue to receive full-time benefits until such time as he/she is offered a full-time position in his/her current classification or higher.
4. Any worker in a part-time status who pays for the insurance package (medical, dental, vision and life) or medical coverage only shall have his/her pay adjusted for the additional pro-rated premiums consistent with any hours worked above their coded status the previous month.

c) **Split Codes**

The County shall provide a minimum of two hundred (200) full-time codes to be filled on a half-time basis at any one time. The County shall provide an additional eleven (11) full-time codes to be filled on a half-time basis at any one time for Social Services Unit. The location and choice of these codes will be determined on a departmental basis. Requests for split codes shall not unreasonably be denied. Reasonable denial shall include, but not be limited to, demonstration that the work is not divisible, demonstration that qualified partners, if needed, are not available, or that the two hundred (200) available codes are filled. Workers shall make a written request for a split code to their immediate supervisor. If the request is denied, it shall be reviewed by their department head and they shall receive a written response. If the worker is not satisfied with the decision of the department head, the worker, through the Union, may proceed in the manner listed in Article 8.3 of this Agreement.

d) **Variations of Part-Time Work**

The County may establish positions at 1/2, 3/5 and 3/4 positions. In addition the County may establish positions in configurations that are less than full time but at least one half-time at the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, except for Public Health Nursing.

e) **Filling Part-Time Codes -County is reviewing and may make a future proposal**

Within each department workers working fewer hours shall be offered any established or vacated higher hours level coded positions before new workers are hired into them. In addition, within the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, workers in less than full-time positions shall be offered established or vacated full-time positions before new workers are hired into them. In order to be offered the full-time position, the worker must advise the appointing authority in writing annually.

f) **Extra Hours of Work**

Absent a Departmental Agreement, no extra help worker shall receive extra hours when part-time regular employees would like to work extra hours and are available for such work.

The extra hours will be subject to the following:

1. extra hours are within the same classification; and
2. extra hours do not result in overtime; and
3. are within the immediate work area and assignment; and
4. extra hours do not create partial coverage issue in assignment that must be completed by extra help (e.g. part-time worker can only complete 4 hours of a 5 hour assignment or a project that requires continuity; and
5. extra hours are distributed equitably (as much as possible) provided the part-time worker submits a memo each year stating his/her interest to the manager for extra hours and provides the appropriate contact information

Note: When the manager is authorizing extra hours that would result in overtime pay and those overtime hours do not affect continuity of services as outlined in #4, then coded workers shall have preference over extra-help workers. Hours shall be distributed in accordance with Section 8.2(f).

Section 7.5 – Work Out of Classification -CCL

Section 7.6 – Paychecks

a) **Night Workers**

The County agrees to provide paychecks for night workers by 12:01 a.m. on payday.

b) **Shortage Errors**

Cash advance by the Finance Department to cover shortage errors in worker's paycheck, shall be provided to workers within ~~two (2)~~ five (5) working days after

written notification of discrepancy to Finance. This provision is to cover only those discrepancies above a net ~~one~~five hundred dollars (\$~~1500.00~~). This provision only covers regular hours worked or use of paid leave that was not paid; it does not apply to other payroll adjustments.

c) **Overpayment Errors**

When the County has overpaid a worker by a net one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more, the County shall provide to the worker notice of the amount of the overpayment as well as a proposed repayment schedule. If the worker would like to negotiate a different repayment schedule, the worker must respond to the County within ten (10) business days of receiving the notice.

If the worker does not respond within ten (10) business days or the worker and the County do not reach a repayment agreement within thirty (30) business days, the County shall send the overpayment to DOR (County collections) to be recouped.

Section 7.7 – Automatic Check Deposit

All workers shall be paid by Automatic Check Deposit unless the worker certifies he/she does not have a bank account.

ARTICLE 8 – HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME, PREMIUM PAY

County Not in Agreement w/ UP from April 14 and Counter propose May 2

Section 8.1 – Hours of Work

Eight (8) hours' work shall constitute a full day's work and forty (40) hours work shall constitute a full week's work unless otherwise provided by law, code or other agreement. Workers assigned to an eight (8) hour shift which is shortened to seven (7) hours due to daylight savings time shall be paid for eight (8) hours.

Section 8.2 – Overtime Work

a) **Overtime Defined - Workers Covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) County is reviewing and may make a future proposal**

For hospital workers, overtime is defined as time worked beyond eighty (80) hours in any fourteen (14) consecutive day work period, or beyond eight (8) hours in any workday except as mutually agreed upon between the County and the Union. For workers, who do not meet FLSA criteria for different work periods, overtime is defined as time worked beyond forty (40) hours in any seven consecutive day work period or beyond eight (8) or ten (10) hours in any workday (depending on the number of hours in the duty shift to which the worker is assigned). Workers assigned under FLSA to work periods other than seven (7) or fourteen (14) consecutive day work periods, shall have work periods and daily overtime defined accordingly. Time for which pay is received but not worked such as vacation, sick leave, and authorized compensatory time off, will be counted towards the base period. Workers shall not be assigned irregular work hours to avoid the payment of overtime. The County Executive shall determine by administrative order those classes and positions which shall be eligible for overtime work and for cash payment.

The County and Union agree that in any arbitration involving an FLSA non-exempt employee and Section 8.2 the arbitrator shall be strictly bound by U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, Regulations, Bulletins, Regional Opinion Letters and provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act in reviewing, deciding and rendering a decision. The arbitration award and remedy must be in strict compliance with said Regulations, Bulletins, Regional Opinion Letters and provisions of the FLSA and cannot exceed that which would have been ordered by the DOL, Wage and Hour Division if the dispute had been submitted for their review.

If the Fair Labor Standards Act is determined by the U.S. Supreme Court or Legislation to not apply to state and local government Section 8.2(a) will be deleted and Section 8.2(b) shall apply to all classifications, in addition, Section 8.2(c) will be deleted and Section 8.2(d) shall apply to all classifications.

b) **Overtime Defined -Workers Exempt from the FLSA -County is reviewing and may make a future proposal**

For hospital workers, overtime is defined as time worked beyond eighty (80) hours in a biweekly pay period, or beyond eight (8) hours in any workday except as mutually agreed upon between the County and the Union. For all other workers,

overtime is defined as time worked beyond forty (40) hours in any workweek or beyond eight (8) or ten (10) hours in any workday (depending on the number of hours in the duty shift to which the worker is assigned). Time for which pay is received but not worked such as vacation, sick leave, and authorized compensatory time off, will be counted towards the base period. Workers shall not be assigned irregular work hours to avoid the payment of overtime. The County Executive shall determine by administrative order those classes and positions which shall be eligible for overtime work and for cash payment.

c) **Rate of Pay -Workers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)**

~~When overtime work is assigned and is authorized by an appointing authority, and consistent with authorization from the County Executive, to be worked, compensation for such time worked shall be time-off-with-pay computed at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) hours times the regular hourly rate off for every hour of overtime worked. When authorized by the County Executive, the appointing authority may offer compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay in its discretion, except that such overtime work shall be paid in cash at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the regular hourly rate when specifically authorized by administrative order of the County Executive.~~

FLSA compensatory time off accruals/balance shall be limited to a maximum of two hundred and forty (240) hours or four hundred and eighty (480) hours for Communication Dispatcher I, II, III and Complaint Center Dispatcher.

All compensatory time off must be taken within twelve (12) months of the date the overtime was worked. Any balance remaining after twelve (12) months shall be paid in cash at the regular rate. Compensatory time balances shall be paid in cash on separation. ~~A worker may elect in advance to receive compensatory time off credit in lieu of cash compensation for overtime where compensatory time off is allowed, if the appointing authority agrees.~~

d) **Rate of Pay -Workers Exempt from the FLSA**

~~When overtime work is assigned and is authorized by an appointing authority, and consistent with authorization from the County Executive, to be worked, compensation for such time worked shall be time-off-with-pay computed at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) hours times the regular hourly rate off for every hour of overtime worked. When authorized by the County Executive, the appointing authority may offer compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay in its discretion, except that such overtime work shall be paid in cash at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the hourly rate of pay when specifically authorized by administrative order of the County Executive.~~

All compensatory time off must be taken within twelve (12) months of the date the overtime was worked, and failure to take the compensatory time off shall be deemed a waiver of the compensatory time by the worker. In the event the appointing authority does not provide compensatory time off during the mandatory

time period, the worker may take compensatory time off as a matter of right immediately before the end of the pay period in which the compensatory time would be lost. Compensatory time balances shall be paid in cash on separation. A worker may elect in advance to receive compensatory time off credit in lieu of cash compensation for overtime where compensatory time off is allowed, if the appointing authority agrees.

- e) The Union and the Department of Labor Relations, where permitted by law, may waive the overtime provisions of this Agreement in order to implement mutual agreements reached pursuant to Section 8.14 - Varying Hours.
- f) **Distribution of Overtime**
In the absence of a departmental agreement on the subject, overtime work assignments shall be distributed among workers in the same classification and applicable work unit as equally as practicable, where volunteers exist, volunteers will be utilized first, when possible. Overtime work required beyond the regular eight (8) hour or ten (10) hour duty shift shall be offered first to the regular workers who normally work such assignments.

Section 8.3 – Work Schedules -CCL

Section 8.4 – Meal Periods

a) **Length**

Workers shall be granted an unpaid meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes nor more than one (1) hour, scheduled at approximately the mid-point of the workday. Workers required to be at work stations for eight (8) or more consecutive work hours shall have their meal during work hours.

b) **Overtime Meals**

If a worker is assigned and works two (2) or more hours of overtime work at the worker's County worksite (excludes telework worksites) contiguous to his/her regular work shift or is called into the worker's County worksite (excludes telework worksites) within three (3) hours of his/her their scheduled quitting time and then works two (2) or more hours of overtime work, the County will pay a meal reimbursement of up to fourteen (\$14.00) dollars. Workers shall be provided an additional reimbursement as above for every seven (7) hour period of overtime completed thereafter. If a worker is called into the worker's County worksite (excludes telework worksites) after three (3) hours of his/her scheduled quitting time and if less than two (2) hours prior notice is given and the worker then works four (4) or more hours of overtime, then the County will pay a meal reimbursement of up to fourteen (\$14.00) dollars.

Workers authorized meals pursuant to Section 8.4(c) or otherwise provided meals at no cost, are not eligible for meal reimbursement as outlined in this section.

The assigned overtime must be consecutive hours either before or after the workers' normal work hours and cannot be split.

Workers must provide a receipt for reimbursement up to the maximum amount.

c) **County Facilities**

Whenever the duties or responsibilities of any County worker require him/her to be present and on duty during the serving of meals in a County facility and where such duty or responsibility occupies that worker's meal period, such individual shall be entitled to that meal without charge.

d) **Meal Rates**

In each County dining facility where meals are served to workers at the worker's expense, the department head in charge of the operation of that facility shall prescribe the rates to be charged. The rates so prescribed shall, as a minimum, be sufficient to defray the costs of the food served.

Section 8.5 – Rest Periods -CCL

Section 8.6 – Clean-up Time -CCL

Section 8.7 – On-Call Pay

a) **Definition**

On-call is defined as the requirement to remain immediately available to report for duty to perform an essential service when assigned by the appointing authority, subject to approval by the County Executive. On-call duty is in addition to and distinct from the normal workweek. This Section is not applicable to those situations where workers are recalled to work when not previously placed on an on-call status.

b) **Classifications Eligible**

Each department head, subject to approval by the County Executive, shall designate which class(es) of worker(s) shall be subject to on-call duty.

c) **Rates of Pay**

Workers assigned to on-call duty shall receive, in addition to their regular salary, thirty ~~eight~~^{nine} dollars (\$3~~98~~⁹⁹) for each eight (8) hour shift, or substantial portion thereof, of assigned call duty, except for the following classifications which shall receive one-half of their regular base rate of pay for each hour of assigned call duty within the same 24 hour-period when assigned to the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System.

R78 Anesthesia Technician

R88 Diagnostic Imaging Technician II

S85 Licensed Vocational Nurse, when acting in lieu of S23 ~~Operating Room~~
Surgical Technician

~~R2E Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist~~

- R6A ~~Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist-Angio~~Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologist - Magnetic Resonance Angiography
- R6C ~~Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist-Angio~~Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologist - Computed Tomography
- S23 Surgical Technician
- R27 Pharmacist
- P40 Pharmacist Specialist
- J1S Epic Pharmacy Informaticist
- R15 Respiratory Care Practitioner I
- R1S Respiratory Care Practitioner II
- R54 ~~Respiratory Therapy Inservice Coordinator~~ Services Specialist
- S30 Ultrasonographer I
- S29 Ultrasonographer II

One (1) position of Occupational Therapist (when assigned on call to the Burn and Plastics service)

d) **Notification to Union**

Should any other classes unique to Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System be assigned to on-call duty, the County agrees to notify the Union of the assignment and to meet and confer as to which of the above rates apply.

e) **Beepers**

Beepers shall be provided to all workers, who request them, when placed on on-call status.

Section 8.8 – Non-Contiguous Overtime Guarantee

If overtime work does not immediately follow or precede the regular work shift and the worker is required to leave home and return to a recognized a County work location, a minimum of ~~four~~ two (42) hours overtime shall be credited to the worker. Workers in the following classes are not eligible for the ~~four~~ two (42) hour minimum if the worker has been called in from assigned on-call duty under 8.7(c):

- R78 Anesthesia Technician
- R88 Diagnostic Imaging Technician II

- S85 Licensed Vocational Nurse, when acting in lieu of S23 ~~Operating Room Surgical Technician~~
- S23 Surgical Technician
- R27 Pharmacist
- P40 Pharmacist Specialist
- R15 Respiratory Care Practitioner
- R54 Respiratory Therapy ~~in service Coordinator~~ Services Specialist
- S30 Ultrasonographer I
- S29 Ultrasonographer II
- One (1) position of Occupational Therapist (when assigned on call to the Burn and Plastics service)

The payment of the guaranteed ~~four~~ two (4)-(2) hour minimum is subject to all the provisions of Article 8, Section 8.2, Overtime Work.

A worker who is required to return to a recognized County work location is credited with a guaranteed ~~four~~ two (42) hour minimum under this section for each occurrence of non-contiguous overtime during a scheduled shift, except that a worker shall not be credited with an additional ~~four~~ two (42) hour guaranteed minimum until the original ~~four~~ two (42) hours has elapsed.

A worker who is required to return to a recognized County work location and receives the two (2) hour minimum may be required to perform work for the entire two-hour period, including additional work that is not the original work that the worker was required to return and perform.

A worker who is On-Call pursuant to Section 8.7 and responds to telephone calls, or who respond to telephone calls for emergency purposes without having to leave home and return to a recognized work location shall be credited with twenty-four (24) minutes for each after-hour telephone call, or the actual time spent, whichever is greater. More than one call within the same twenty-four (24) minute window shall be considered one transaction and shall result in pay for only one twenty-four (24) minute period. The worker will keep a record of the number of calls, the length of each call, the name of the caller(s), and the purpose of each call.

Section 8.9 – Evening/Night Shift Differential

a) Evening Shift Differential

An evening shift differential of three dollars and sixty-four cents (~~\$3.0064~~) per hour shall be paid to workers for each hour worked after 2:00 p.m. if at least four (4) hours of an assigned schedule of contiguous work hours (to include overtime) are worked after 5:00 p.m. ~~Effective June 15, 2020 Pay Period 20/14, the evening shift differential will be increased to three dollars and fourteen cents (\$3.14). Effective June 14, 2021, Pay Period 21/13, the evening shift differential will be increased to three dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$3.39). Effective June 13, 2022, Pay Period 22/13, the evening shift differential will be increased to three dollars and sixty-four cents (\$3.64).~~

b) **Night Shift Differential**

A night shift differential of four dollars and sixty-four cents (~~\$4.0064~~) per hour shall be paid to workers for each hour worked after 11:00 p.m. and prior to 7:30 a.m. if at least four (4) hours of an assigned schedule of contiguous work hours (to include overtime) are worked after 11:00 p.m. and before 7:30 a.m. ~~Effective June 15, 2020, Pay Period 20/14, the night shift differential will be increased to four dollars and fourteen cents (\$4.14). Effective June 14, 2021, Pay Period 21/13, night shift differential will be increased to four dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$4.39). Effective June 13, 2022, Pay Period 22/13, the night shift differential will be increased to four dollars and sixty-four cents (\$4.64).~~

c) **Regularly Scheduled Shifts**

A worker shall not be paid two different shift differential rates during a regularly scheduled shift. If a worker meets the criteria for both evening and night shift differential during a regularly scheduled shift, the worker shall receive the night shift differential for all eligible hours.

d) **Overtime Shifts**

Overtime shifts stand alone and shall be treated as two separate shifts for purposes of determining whether the night or evening shift differential rate is paid. (Total hours worked is the basis used for computing eligibility for the differential.)

e) **Part-time Workers**

Workers in part-time codes (twenty hours (20) or less in a work week) will receive the above differential if at least two (2) hours of an assigned schedule of contiguous hours meet the above guidelines.

f) **Eligible Classifications**

The premium for shift differential shall be paid to all County workers (as outlined above), irrespective of classification, pay level, overtime status, holiday work, or other wage variations (except as required by law).

g) The shift differential shall not be allowed in computing payments at time of termination.

- h) This differential shall only be paid on actual hours worked. In addition, workers whose shifts are temporarily changed (either voluntarily or at management discretion) will be paid based on actual hours worked.

Section 8.10 – Split Shift Pay -CCL

Section 8.11 – Temporary Work Location -CCL

Section 8.12 – Bilingual Pay

On recommendation of the appointing authority and the Director of Personnel, the County may approve payments of one hundred seventy dollars (\$170) per month to a bilingual worker whose abilities have been determined by the Director of Personnel as qualifying to fill positions requiring bilingual speaking and/or writing ability. Bilingual payments will be when:

- a) Public contact requires continual eliciting and explaining information in a language other than English; or in sign language (ASL or SEE); or
- b) Where translation of written material in another language is a continuous assignment; or
- c) The position is the only one in the work location where there is a demonstrated need for language translation in providing services to the public.

The County shall review positions covered by this Agreement not less than annually to determine the number and location of positions to be designated as requiring bilingual abilities.

Differential may be removed when the criteria ceases to be met for two (2) pay periods.

Section 8.13 – Voluntary Reduced Work Hours Program

- a) ~~The County agrees to establish a Voluntary Reduced Work Hours Program, is available to for full-time workers represented by the Union. The purpose of the Program is to reduce work hours and a commensurate amount of pay on a voluntary basis.~~
- b) ~~Workers may elect a two and one-half percent (2 1/2%), five percent (5%), ten percent (10%), or twenty percent (20%) reduction in pay for a commensurate amount of time off for a six (6) month period. Admission to the plan will be at six (6) month intervals – pay period 5 and pay period 18. The parties shall meet and agree upon the beginning date for the Program.~~
- c) ~~All persons in the Program will revert to their former status at the end of six (6) months. If a worker transfers, promotes, demotes, terminates, or in any other way vacates or reduces his/her present code, he/she will be removed from the Program for the balance of the six (6) month period.~~

- d) ~~Workers who wish to voluntarily reduce their work hours may submit a written request to their immediate supervisor within the designated window period. Supervisors must issue a written response to the worker within five (5) working days. If the request is being denied, the specific reason for denial will be included in the response. Copies of this shall be delivered by mail to the Union and the designated Chief Steward.~~
- e) ~~If the worker is not satisfied with the decision, he/she may, within five (5) working days after receipt of the supervisor's response, submit a written request to the Department Director for a meeting to make a verbal appeal.~~
- f) ~~It is agreed that the Department Director or his/her direct report or another member of Executive Management, will arrange a meeting with the worker within five (5) days after the receipt of such a request. The worker may have a Steward assist him/her in the meeting. Every effort will be made to accommodate the worker, steward and manager when scheduling the meeting. Timelines can be extended by mutual agreement to accommodate absences. The Department Director shall send a final decision in writing to the worker within five (5) working days of such a meeting. Copies of this decision shall be delivered by mail to the Union and the designated Chief Steward.~~
- g) ~~Compensatory time shall accrue as earned and shall not be scheduled on any day considered as a County holiday. Workers may use the reduced hours time in advance of accrual and will reimburse the County for hours taken in advance of accrual upon early termination from the Program.~~
- h) ~~Participation in this Program shall be by mutual agreement between the worker and the department/agency head. At no time will approval be given if it results in overtime. Restrictions by Department/Agencies within work units shall be uniformly applied.~~
- i) ~~It is understood by the County that due to this Program there may be lower levels of service.~~
- j) ~~All workers will be notified in writing regarding the Program specifics and the sign-up options. Such written notice to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.~~
- k) ~~Full and timely disclosure of actual sign-ups and any analysis developed will be made available to both the County and the Union.~~
- l) ~~This agreement governs as to the Voluntary Reduced Work Hours Program, but will in no way alter the meaning of the Union and County agreements currently in effect. This will include any departmental, master, unit, sideletter agreements, etc.~~

~~m) It is agreed that the workload standards referred to in the Social Services Unit will be reduced for each worker, proportionate to each worker's reduction in hours. (This section is only applicable to SSU.)~~

Section 8.14 – Request for Alternate Hours Schedule -CCL

Section 8.15 – Departmental Agreements -County is reviewing and may make a future proposal

All agreements between departments and the Union covering hours, job assignments, shifts, shift assignments, overtime, seniority, and holiday and vacation scheduling currently in effect or entered into during this Agreement shall remain in effect pursuant to their terms. Work assignments by seniority and provisional appointments by seniority are proper subjects for inclusion in a Departmental Agreement. New or existing agreements may be opened or reopened by mutual agreement of any year. During odd years, only new agreements may be opened. During even years, only existing agreements may be reopened.

Matters subject to departmental negotiations under this Agreement shall proceed as follows:

a) Negotiations

1. New agreements may be negotiated by mutual agreement with three (3) months to negotiate in an attempt to reach agreement, or then impasse may be declared by either party.
2. During November the Union or the Department/Agency may request to meet and confer as specifically listed in this Section. The other party shall respond promptly, and they shall promptly commence meeting and conferring in an attempt to reach agreement. Thereafter, either party may declare impasse in such negotiations.

b) Impasse

If impasse is declared, the Union and the department shall commence mediation-arbitration which shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days. The results of mediation-arbitration are advisory to Board of Supervisors. Costs of mediation-arbitration are to be split equally between the County and the Union.

c) Board of Supervisors

Decisions reached in mediation-arbitration shall be moved to the level of the Board of Supervisors and shall be promptly agendized and referred to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

Section 8.16 – Hazard Duty Pay

a) Coverage

The work places covered by this differential are the JPD Ranches and the locked/secured sections of the following facilities:

1. Emergency Psychiatric Service
2. Main Jail
3. Elmwood
4. North County Jail
5. JPD Hall (including Transportation Officers)
6. Psychiatric Inpatient

b) **Full Time Payment**

A premium of one dollar and ~~twenty-five~~ **forty-five** cents (\$1.~~45~~**025**) per hour shall be paid to coded classifications while in paid status whose regular assignment for the County is in a work place described in a). This payment shall be made irrespective of classification, pay level, overtime status, holidays worked, or other wage variations. This hazard duty premium shall be included in the pay status time of the coded classifications described in this paragraph b). Workers must physically work within the locations outlined in Section 8.16 to receive the hazard duty pay. Telework, remote work, vacation, sick, compensatory time, holiday time off, and personal leave do not qualify for the pay.

~~Effective June 13, 2022 Pay Period 22/13 Hazard Duty Pay will be raised by fifteen cents (\$0.15) to one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40).~~

c) **Part Time Payment**

A premium of one dollar and ~~twenty-five~~ **forty-five** cents (\$1.~~45~~**025**) per hour shall be paid to coded classifications whose regular assignment is not in a work place described in a) for only the hours assigned and worked in a work place described in a). This payment shall be made irrespective of classification, pay level, overtime status, holiday work, or other wage variations.

A worker must work a minimum of thirty (30) consecutive minutes per entry into a work place described in paragraph a) prior to being eligible for the hazard duty premium. Coded classifications shall receive an additional full hourly premium for time worked of more than six (6) minutes in any hour after the first hour of work. This hazard duty pay should not be included in the paid status time of the coded class described in this paragraph c).

~~Effective June 13, 2022 Pay Period 22/13 Hazard Duty Pay will be raised by fifteen cents (\$0.15) to one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40).~~

d) **Classifications Assigned to Elmwood**

Included in the coded classifications covered by a) and b) are the following coded classifications assigned to Elmwood: Community Workers and Rehabilitation Officers; provided that if any of the foregoing is assigned for an entire pay period to work outside Elmwood, such worker shall not receive hazard duty pay for such pay period.

- e) If the work of a coded classification covered by paragraphs a), b), and d) requires absence from a work place described in paragraph a) for less than 100% of working time during any pay period such coded classification shall receive hazard duty pay.
- f) **Termination Payment**
The hazard duty premium shall not be allowed in computing payments at the time of termination.
- g) **Safety Retirement Exclusion**
No worker covered by Safety Retirement shall receive a payment for hazard duty.

Section 8.17 – Notary Public Differential

A Notary Public differential of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) per month will be paid to all workers when assigned and performs the function of notary public.

Section 8.18 – Telework

~~a) **Telework Program**~~

~~The County of Santa Clara recognizes that flexible work arrangements and reduced commutes may benefit the employee, the department and the public by making the most efficient use of staff time.~~

The County shall may maintain a teleworking program for workers in SEIU 521 represented classifications, consistent with the County's Telework policy. The County shall provide training for supervisors and workers who meet the criteria for participating in the program.

~~The Union shall have the right to meet and confer over any proposed changes to the telework program.~~

~~b) **Eligibility for telework**~~

~~Eligibility is based on many criteria, and many job classifications and associated job responsibilities may not be conducive to teleworking. The following requirements are presented to help the employee and supervisor determine if teleworking is feasible. Additionally, a change in job duties and assignments, such as being assigned to work out of class, being assigned to a new project, or covering for coworkers who are out on vacation or leave, may affect eligibility. For this reason, it is the supervisor's responsibility to periodically assess the teleworking arrangement with the employee to address any change in eligibility.~~

~~Meeting any eligibility requirement does not guarantee approval to telework. Approval is given on a case by case basis; however, for approval to be given, an employee must meet all requirements.~~

~~Criteria for an employee to telework include:~~

- ~~Full or part time status~~
- ~~Permanent status (no original probationary status); others on exception basis only, subject to approval by department head~~
- ~~Classified or unclassified position~~
- ~~Employee is in compliance with County merit system rules, regulations or policies, and/or department rules and policies~~
- ~~Demonstrated job performance to be able to work independently as determined by the immediate supervisor~~
- ~~Job performance meets or exceeds expectations~~
- ~~Employee's telework consists of the employee's regular work responsibilities, including call-back and on-call duties~~
- ~~Employee's job duties allow him/her to be away from the County work site for a period of time during the work week~~
- ~~Teleworking does not impede other workers from performing their job duties~~
- ~~No reduction of service to internal and external customers and clients~~
- ~~Employee and supervisor agree in writing on a teleworking arrangement, which is approved in writing by the department head or designee.~~
- ~~Employee has access to required supplies and equipment to telework and has an acceptable workspace and environment to effectively work at home.~~

~~In addition to meeting these eligibility requirements, the following items are required before allowing an employee to telework:~~

- ~~Telework Request and Approval Form is completed and approved~~
- ~~Telework Agreement/Assignment Form is completed and approved~~

c) Teleworking is a management option, not an entitlement. Any telework agreement may be revoked or modified by the Department at any time for any reason. This section is not subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 9 – UNIFORMS AND CLOTHING

County Not in Agreement w/ UP from April 14 and Counter propose May 2

Section 9.1 – Uniforms

a) Uniform Allowance

1. A yearly uniform allowance of five hundred fifty (\$550.00) dollars shall be payable annually in the month of March. Departments may provide the uniform allowance through voucher process. The uniform allowance will be prorated for new hires and for any worker on an unpaid leave of absence of one or more full pay periods. If a department pays the worker a cash uniform allowance, the uniform allowance will be divided by the number of pay periods in the payroll calendar year (26 or 27 pay periods depending on the payroll calendar year) and the quotient will be paid to the worker each pay period. The uniform allowance will not be paid for any pay periods in which the worker is in an unpaid status for the complete pay period. The uniform allowance will be prorated for code status (full time employee or part time employee). Newly hired workers will receive the uniform allowance beginning on their pay period of hire. Newly hired workers will not be paid the uniform allowance retroactively to the first pay period of the payroll calendar year. Uniforms allowance shall be payable to the following classes:

- V57 Animal Control Officer
- V5H Senior Animal Control Officer
- G74 Custody Support Assistant
- V42 Estate Property Specialist
- M11 Fleet Maintenance Scheduler (Sherriff Office only)
- N96 Hospital Stationary Engineer
- D43 Law Enforcement Clerk (Sheriff's Office Records & Admin Booking DOC only)
- D63 Law Enforcement Records Specialist (Sheriff's Office Records & Admin Booking DOC only)
- D42 Law Enforcement Records Technician--(Sheriff's Office Records & Admin Booking DOC only)
- M38 Parking Lot Checker
- M35 Parking Patrol Coordinator
- F02 Property/Evidence Technician
- U98 Protective Services Officer
- U9Z Sheriff Protective Services Officer
- G73 Sheriff Technician (Sheriff's Office civil and court division)
- N95 Sr. Hospital Stationary Engineer *correction*
- N93 Stationary Engineer
- X81 Weed Abatement Inspector

2. Newly hired coded workers, not previously employed by the County, who are required to wear a uniform and in classifications listed in Section 9.1(a) within the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Correction, shall receive an initial eight hundred and fifty (\$850) dollar uniform allowance. Those workers who receive the initial eight hundred and fifty (\$850) dollar

allowance will not receive the five hundred fifty (\$550) dollar March allowance in their first year of service. The eight hundred and fifty (\$850) dollar uniform allowance will be divided by the number of pay periods in the remaining in the pay roll calendar year (26 or 27 pay periods depending on the payroll calendar year) and the quotient will be paid to the employee each pay period. After the worker is paid the initial eight hundred and fifty (\$850) dollar uniform allowance in their first pay roll calendar year of employment, the worker will receive a five hundred and fifty (\$550) dollar uniform allowance in each subsequent pay roll calendar year of their employment. The five hundred and fifty (\$550) dollar uniform allowance will be divided by the number of pay periods in the pay roll calendar year (26 or 27 pay periods depending on the payroll calendar year) and the quotient will be paid to the worker each pay period of the subsequent calendar years. The uniform allowance will not be paid for any pay periods in which the worker is in an unpaid status for the complete pay period. The uniform allowance will be prorated for code status (full time employee or part time employee).

3. If the uniform requirement for any class listed above is eliminated by the County, notice of same shall be given to the Union, and the allowance will be discontinued. Modification to County required articles of clothing which cause an increase in costs shall be met and conferred upon during the contract term.

b) **County Issued Uniforms**

Other than the classifications shown in Section 9.1(a), uniforms supplied by the County and required prior to July 12, 1999 shall continue to be required and supplied for the term of this agreement unless notice to discontinue is provided to the Union.

c) **New Uniform Requirements**

During the term of this Agreement, the County may designate specific classifications within Departments/Agencies which may be required to wear a standard uniform or standard uniform items for bona fide business purposes.

In such instances, the Union will be given a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days notice and an opportunity to meet and confer as to whether the classification shall be eligible for a uniform allowance, the amount of the allowance (not to exceed the amount and payment schedule listed in Section 9.1(a), or if the Department/Agency will provide the uniform or uniform items, as well as the safety aspects of the uniform requirements and uniform items.

d) **Clothing Allowance**

A yearly clothing allowance of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars shall be payable annually ~~in the month of March. The clothing allowance shall be prorated for new hires and for any worker on an unpaid leave of absence of one or more full pay periods.~~ The clothing allowance will be divided by the number of pay periods in the

payroll calendar year (26 or 27 pay periods depending on the payroll calendar year) and the quotient will be paid to the worker each pay period. The clothing allowance will not be paid for any pay periods in which the worker is in an unpaid status for the complete pay period. The clothing allowance will be prorated for code status (full time employee or part time employee). Newly hired workers will receive the clothing allowance beginning on their pay period of hire. Newly hired workers will not be paid the clothing allowance retroactively to the first pay period of the payroll calendar year. Clothing allowances shall be payable to the following classes:

H18 Janitor
H67 Food Service Worker I
H66 Food Service Worker II
M48 General Maintenance Mechanic I
M47 General Maintenance Mechanic II
M56 General Maintenance Mechanic III
L35 Telecommunications Technician
N96 Hospital Stationary Engineer
N95 Sr. Hospital Stationary Engineer

If any classification above is required to wear a uniform and fall under 9.1 a) or b) notice shall be given to the Union and the allowance will be discontinued.

Section 9.2 – Repair/Replace Claims

The County shall provide the necessary protective clothing to workers and classifications pursuant to such requests by the workers affected as provided by law under Cal-OSHA, Title 8, Article 10. The County shall pay the cost of repairing or replacing the uniforms, clothing and equipment of County workers which have been damaged, lost or destroyed in the line of duty when the following conditions exist:

- a) The clothing, uniform or equipment is specifically required by the department or necessary to the workers to perform his/her duty; and not adaptable for continued wear to the extent that they may be said to replace the worker's regular clothing; or
- b) The clothing, uniform or equipment has been damaged or destroyed in the course of making an arrest, or in the issuance of a citation, or in the legal restraint of persons being placed in custody or already in custody, or in the service of legal documents as part of the worker's duties or in the saving of a human life; and
- c) The worker has not, through negligence or willful misconduct, contributed to such damage or destruction of said property.

Claims for reimbursement shall be reviewed and approved by the Department/Agency in accordance with procedures set forth by the County Executive.

Section 9.3 – Safety Shoes

a) Reimbursement

Workers in classifications listed in Section 9.3(b) and meeting the requirements of Section 9.3(c) shall be eligible for County approved safety shoes not to exceed the cost of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). The reimbursement or voucher may include sole inserts.

b) Eligible Classifications

Airport Operations Worker Series
Animal Control Officer Series
Associate Telecommunications Technician
Auto Attendant & Helpers
Auto Mechanic Series
Bindery Worker I (Delivery position only)
Chief of Party
Communications Cable Installer
Communication Systems Technician
Construction Inspector Series
Cook I/II
Custody Support Assistant
Election Materials Processing Coordinator/Asst
Election Systems Technician I/II
Electrical/Electronic Technician Series
Electronic Repair Technician Series
Emergency Vehicle Equipment Installer
Engineering Aide I/II
Engineering Technician I/II/III
Environmental Technician
Estate Property Specialist
Facility Maintenance Rep
Field Survey Technician Series
Fleet Maintenance Scheduler (Sherriff Office Only)
Fleet Parts Coordinator
Fleet Services Assistant Mechanic
Fleet Services Modification Mechanic
Fleet Services Mechanic
Food Service Worker I/II
Food Service Worker/Correction
Gardener
General Maintenance Mechanic Series
Janitors assigned to Facilities and Fleet
Law Enforcement Clerk (Sheriff's Office and Admin. Booking – Records Div. only)
Law Enforcement Records Specialist (Sheriff's Office and Admin. Booking – Records Div. only)
Law Enforcement Records Technician (Sheriff's Office and Admin. Booking – Records Div. only)

Laundry Worker I/II
Material Testing Technician Series
Messenger Drivers
~~Offset Press Operator III~~
Park Equipment Operator
Park Maintenance Worker Series
Parks Rangemaster Series
Park Services Attendant
Park Trail Specialist
Parking Lot Checker
Parking Patrol Coordinator
Probation Assistant I/II
Probation Counselors I/II
Property/Evidence Technician
Protective Services Officer
Rangemaster Series
Road Maintenance Worker Series
Senior Warehouse Material Handler
Sheriff Protective Services Officer
Sheriff's Technician (Sheriff's Office Civil and Court divisions)
Sign Shop Technician
Stationary Engineer/Senior Stationary Engineer
Stock Clerk SeriesMaterial Supply Specialist
~~Storekeeper Series~~
Telecommunications Technician
Traffic Painter Series
Utility Worker
Vector Control Technician I/II/III
Vector Control Ecology Ed Specialist
Warehouse Material Handler Series
Weed Abatement Inspector

c) **Approved Safety Shoes/Mandatory Wearing Requirements**

All workers in the classifications listed in 9.3(b) shall be required to wear appropriate safety footwear, as authorized and approved by the County Executive, during all working hours unless the worker is occupying a position exempted from the mandatory requirement.

A worker occupying an exempted position within a classification listed in Section 9.3(b) may participate in the safety shoe reimbursement program, provided if the worker participates he/she shall be required to wear appropriate authorized safety footwear as authorized and approved by the County Executive, during all working hours.

d) **Safety Committee**

On a periodic, and as needed basis, the Safety Committee shall review and advise the County Executive on the list of authorized and approved safety footwear, mandatory classes and exempted positions within the mandatory classes. The County Executive shall make the final determination.

e) **Reimbursement Process**

Workers claiming safety shoe reimbursement must purchase safety shoes from approved vendors.

Workers with specialized fitting needs may be referred to additional approved vendors by the office of Occupational Safety and Environmental Compliance.

f) **Individual Workers**

If any worker believes s/he needs safety shoes to perform his/her assignment, s/he may request a job hazard assessment of his/her assignment to County OSEC. An assessment shall be conducted by County OSEC or the Safety Coordinator or department designated representative (who is trained to conduct assessments) within 60-90 calendar days to determine whether the position requires safety shoes. A final determination and shoe reimbursement shall be in accordance with Section 9.3(d) and within 120 days.

ARTICLE 10 – HOLIDAYS

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Section 10.1 – Legal Holidays

The following shall be observed as legal holidays:

- a) January 1st
- b) Third Monday in January (Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday)
- c) Third Monday in February
- d) March 31st (Cesar Chavez' Birthday)
- e) Last Monday in May
- f) Juneteenth, June 19th
- g) July 4th
- h) First Monday in September
- i) Second Monday in October
- j) Veteran's Day to be observed on the date State of California workers observe the holiday
- k) Fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day)
- l) The Friday following Thanksgiving Day (Day after Thanksgiving)
- m) December 25th
- n) Other such holidays as may be designated by the Board of Supervisors

All previous informal time off practices are eliminated and unauthorized.

Section 10.2 – Legal Holiday Observance -CCL

Section 10.3 – Legal Holiday Work -CCL

Section 10.4 – Independence Day, Christmas and New Year's Holiday – Actual Calendar Day vs. Day of Observance -CCL

When Independence Day – July 4, Christmas Day - December 25 or New Year's Day - January 1 actually falls on a Saturday or Sunday, workers who are normally scheduled to work on that day and actually work, shall receive legal holiday pay in accordance with Section 10.3 for the time worked on Independence Day ,Christmas Day or New Year's Day. For these workers, no legal holiday pay shall be paid for work on the observed day (either the Friday prior to, or the Monday that follows Independence Day , Christmas Day or New Year's Day). It is understood that the Union may waive departmental agreement provisions for purposes of this section.

ARTICLE 12 – LEAVE PROVISIONS

County holds to its April 14th proposal, as supplemented by its April 20

Bereavement Leave proposal

Section 12.1 – Personal Business/Belief Day -CCL

Section 12.2 – Sick Leave -CCL

Section 12.3 – Fitness for Duty Examination -CCL

Section 12.4 – Use of Paid Administrative Leave during an Administrative Investigation -CCL

Section 12.5 – Military Leave -CCL

Section 12.6 – Leaves of Absences -CCL

Section 12.7 – Other Family Leave

Paid and/or unpaid leaves of absence may be granted by the County as designated in the County Leave of Absence Policy. The Leave of Absence Policy provides information related to paid and/or unpaid leaves of absence, including leaves provided by Federal or State law, and provides eligibility requirements, guidelines and procedures for paid and/or unpaid leaves of absence. Leaves provided by Federal or State law are not subject to the grievance procedure of this agreement.

a) **Parental Leave**

1. **Length**

~~Upon request, parental leave without pay shall be granted to natural or adoptive parents by the appointing authority for a period of up to six (6) months. With notice no less than one (1) month prior to the conclusion of the leave, such leave may be extended up to one (1) year upon approval of the appointing authority. A request for extension can only be denied for good cause. A worker who is pregnant may continue to work as long as her physician approves. Adoptive parents shall not be covered by County medical benefits while on maternity leave except as otherwise provided by law.~~

2. **Sick Leave Use**

~~If, during the pregnancy leave or following the birth of a child, the worker's physician certifies that she is unable to perform the duties of her job, she may use her accumulated sick leave during the period certified by the physician.~~

b) **Other Family Leave**

1) ~~Upon request, family leave, with or without pay shall be granted for the placement of a foster child or to attend to the serious illness of a family member in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act, and the County's Family and Medical Leave Policy, for the serious illness of a registered domestic partner, for a period of up to six (6) months.~~

Section 12.8 – Leaves to Perform Jury Duty or to Respond to a Subpoena -CCL

Section 12.9 – Educational Leave and Tuition Reimbursement Fund -CCL

Section 12.10 – In-Service Education Programs

The County and the Union may meet and confer on any existing in-service programs or proposed programs during the term of this Agreement at the department level.

Section 12.11 – Bereavement Leave -CP April 20

Leaves of absence with pay shall be granted workers in order that they may discharge the customary obligations arising from the death of a ~~member of their immediate family member~~. "Immediate Family member" shall mean the child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, domestic partner, parent-in-law, stepparent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, any person living in the immediate household of the worker, and any other family member for whom bereavement leave is required by law. ~~mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, son or daughter of the worker or of the spouse of the worker or of the registered domestic partner of the worker; and the spouse, registered domestic partner, stepparent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister, grandchild, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of the worker or any person living in the immediate household of the worker.~~ Up to forty (40) hours pay shall be granted which will consist of sixteen (16) hours not charged to any accumulated balance followed by twenty-four (24) hours chargeable to sick leave, if necessary. An additional twenty-four (24) hours, sixteen (16) chargeable to sick leave and eight (8) not charged to any accumulated balance, is authorized if out-of-state travel is required.

Section 12.12 – State, Federal and/or County Required Continuing Education Fund -CCL

Section 12.13 – State, Federal, and/or County Required Licensure/Certification Reimbursement -CCL

Section 12.14 – Education Reimbursement Committee -CCL

Section 12.15 – Drivers Licenses -CCL

Section 12.16 – Time Off for Career Advancement for County Employment Opportunities

The County shall permit workers to pursue County employment opportunities, including scheduled examinations, interviews, typing tests, and background investigations without loss of compensation or benefits with supervisory approval and when forty-eight (48) hours' notice is provided.

ARTICLE 13 – BENEFIT PROGRAMS

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Section 13.1 – Workers' Compensation

a) **Eligibility**

Every worker shall be entitled to industrial injury leave when he/she is unable to perform services because of any injury as defined in the Workers' Compensation Act.

b) **Compensation**

A worker who is disabled as a result of an industrial injury shall be placed on leave, using as much of his/her accumulated compensatory time off, his/her accrued sick leave and vacation time as when added to any disability indemnity payable under the Workers' Compensation Act will result in a payment to him/her of not more than his/her full salary, unless the worker subsequently notifies his/her department payroll unit of his/her desire not to have integration occur. The change from integration to non-integration shall be implemented at the beginning of the next pay period after such request.

The first three (3) days shall be charged to the worker's accrued but unused sick leave. If the temporary disability period exceeds fourteen (14) calendar days, temporary disability will be paid for the first three (3) days.

c) **Industrially Injured Workers – Temporary Modified Work Program**

The County has established a program to return workers with temporary disabling occupational injuries or illnesses to modified duty within the County as soon as medically practical. ~~Ppursuant to the County's ADA, Reasonable Accommodation, and Injury Prevention Policies. the program, the County will make every reasonable effort to provide meaningful work assignments to all such workers capable of performing modified work. The maximum length of such work program shall not exceed twelve (12) weeks. With the approval of the Worker's Compensation Division, a temporary modified work assignment may be extended to no more than 16 weeks.~~

~~There are three kinds of "Temporary Modified Work" shown in order of preference:~~

- ~~1. Return to the worker's same job with some duties restricted.~~
- ~~2. Return to the same job, but for fewer hours per day or fewer hours per week. To be used if an injured worker cannot return on a full time basis.~~
- ~~3. Return temporarily to a different job. This is the least desirable and will only be attempted if the regular job cannot be reasonably modified to meet the injured worker's medical limitations.~~

d) **Treatment Following Return from Leave**

Workers required by their physician to undergo therapy or treatment due to an industrial injury shall receive leave with pay under the following conditions:

1. Treatments are being paid under Workers' Compensation.
2. The therapy or treatment falls within the worker's normal working hours.
3. Applies only to actual prescheduled treatment time and reasonable travel time.
4. The worker provides a statement from the treater.

e) **Clothing Claims**

Loss of, or damage to, a worker's clothing resulting from an industrial injury which requires medical treatment will be replaced by the County through the following procedures:

The Department/Agency will review and make a determination on all such incidents as submitted in writing by the worker. Reimbursement will be limited to the lesser of:

1. 75% of proven replacement cost, or
2. the repair cost.

However, both of the above are limited by a fifty dollar (\$50.00) maximum. (Nothing in this Section is intended to replace or supersede Section 9.2 which provides for replacement of items damaged, lost or destroyed in the line of duty.)

Section 13.2 – Insurance Programs

a) **Medical Insurance**

1. **Insurance Plans**

The County and covered workers shall share in the cost of medical plan premiums. The County, in order to provide one health plan where there is not premium sharing, shall continue to offer Valley Health Plan without premium sharing. The County will pay the cost of any premiums for "employee only" and "employee plus dependent" tiers that is not covered by the workers' share of the premium. The worker share shall be as follows:

Valley Health Plan 0% Single, Adult and child(ren), Two adults or Family

Non-VHP HMO 0% Single, 2%, Adult and child(ren), Two adults or Family

POS 0% Single, \$52.83 Family

Provider	Single	Adult and child(ren)	Two Adults	Family
Valley Health Plan	0%	0%	0%	0%
Non-VHP HMO	0%	2%	2%	2%
POS	0%	\$52.83 per pay period	\$52.83 per pay period	\$52.83 per pay period

Effective with coverage on or about January 1, 2012, the Kaiser Plan will be changed to \$10 co-payment for office visits, \$35 co-payment for emergency room visits, \$5-\$10 co-payment for prescriptions (30-day supply) and \$10-\$20 co-payment for prescriptions (100-day supply), and \$100 co-payment for hospital admission; the Health Net Plan will be changed to \$15/\$20/30% (Tier 1/2/3) co-payment for office visits, \$50/\$75/30% co-payment for emergency room visits, and \$5/\$15/\$30 (generic/brand/formulary) co-payment for prescription (30-day supply) and \$10/\$30/\$60 co-payment for prescription (90-day supply).

The County and covered workers shall share in the cost of medical plan premiums. The County will pay the cost of any premiums for "employee only" and "employee plus dependent" tiers that is not covered by the workers' share of the premium. The worker share shall be as follows:

Valley Health Plan: of total premium cost for the following coverage tiers:
0% Single, 0% Adult and child(ren), Two adults or Family

Non-VHP HMO Plan of total premium cost for the following coverage tiers:
0% Single, 2% Adult and child(ren), 2%Two adults or 2%Family

POS Plan: 0% of total premium cost for Single and \$52.83 for Family

The required percentage of premium sharing shall be based on the actual premium in effect on June 23, 2013. This shall be reviewed in the limited reopener.

~~Limited Reopener on Medical Insurance plans and plan designs:~~
Effective June 15, 2017 the County and the Union shall reopen this section to consider PPO, POS, and HMO plans and plan designs with a goal of the County to mitigate the federal excise "Cadillac Plan" tax of the Affordable

~~Care Act and replace the POS plan. This reopener shall include discussion on a narrow and a broad network for VHP and other healthcare cost containment strategies.~~

2. **Dual Coverage**

Married couples and registered domestic partners who are both County workers shall be eligible for coverage under one medical plan only with the County paying the full premium for dependent coverage. County worker couples are not eligible to participate in the Health Plan Bonus Waiver Program.

3. **Domestic Partners**

Benefits shall be provided in accordance with Article 14 Domestic Partners.

4. **Medical Premium Payments During Family Leave Without Pay, Medical Leave Without Pay and Industrial Injury Leave**

The County will pay the medical premium subject to the applicable co-payments in this Section as follows:

- a. For a worker on parental or industrial injury leave without pay or medical leave without pay, up to thirteen (13) pay periods of worker only coverage. A portion of the leave may include dependent coverage in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act, the California Family Rights Act and the County's Family and Medical Leave Policy.
- b. For a worker on family leave without pay, in accordance with the County's Family and Medical Leave Policy, up to twelve (12) weeks of dependent coverage.

5. **Medical Benefits for Retirees**

- a. For workers hired before August 12, 1996.

The County shall contribute an amount equal to the cost of Kaiser retiree-only medical plan premium to the cost of the medical plan of workers who have completed five (5) years service (1305 days of accrued service) or more with the County and who retire on PERS directly from the County on or after December 5, 1983. Retirees over 65 or otherwise eligible for Medicare Part B must be enrolled in such a plan, and the County shall reimburse the retiree for the cost of Medicare Part B premium on a quarterly basis. This reimbursement is subject to the maximum County contribution for retiree medical. The surviving spouse or domestic partner (as defined in Article 14, Domestic Partner) of a worker eligible for retiree medical benefits may continue to purchase medical coverage after the death of the retiree.

- b. For workers hired on or after August 12, 1996.

The County shall contribute an amount equal to the cost of Kaiser retiree-only medical plan premium to the cost of the medical plan of workers who have completed eight (8) years of service (2088 days of accrued service) or more with the County and who retire on PERS directly from the County. Retirees over 65 or otherwise eligible for Medicare Part B must be enrolled in such a plan, and the County shall reimburse the retiree for the cost of Medicare Part B premium on a quarterly basis. This reimbursement is subject to the maximum County contribution for retiree medical. The surviving spouse or domestic partner (as defined in Article 14, Domestic Partner) of a worker eligible for retiree medical benefits may continue to purchase medical coverage after the death of the retiree.

- c. For workers hired on or after June 19, 2006.

The County shall contribute an amount equal to the cost of Kaiser retiree-only medical plan premium to the cost of the medical plan of workers who have completed ten (10) years of service (2610 days of accrued service) or more with the County and who retire on PERS directly from the County. Retirees over 65 or otherwise eligible for Medicare Part B must be enrolled in such a plan, and the County shall reimburse the retiree for the cost of Medicare Part B premium on a quarterly basis. This reimbursement is subject to the maximum County contribution for retiree medical. The surviving spouse or domestic partner (as defined in Article 14, Domestic Partner) of a worker eligible for retiree medical benefits may continue to purchase medical coverage after the death of the retiree.

- d. For workers hired on or after September 30, 2013.

The County shall contribute an amount equal to the cost of Kaiser retiree-only medical plan premium to the cost of the medical plan of workers who have completed fifteen (15) years of service (3915 days of accrued service) or more with the County and who retire on PERS directly from the County. Retirees over 65 or otherwise eligible for Medicare Part B must be enrolled in such a plan, and the County shall reimburse the retiree for the cost of Medicare Part B premium on a quarterly basis. This reimbursement is subject to the maximum County contribution for retiree medical. The surviving spouse or domestic partner (as defined in Article 14, Domestic Partner) of a worker eligible for retiree medical benefits may continue to purchase medical coverage after the death of the retiree.

e. Such years of service expressed in a., b., c., and d. above must be continuous service with the County and shall have been completed immediately preceding retirement directly on PERS from the County.

f. **Delayed Enrollment in Retiree Medical Plan**
A retiree who otherwise meets the requirements for retiree only medical coverage under Section 13.2 (a) 5 subsections a, b, c, or d may choose to delay enrollment in retiree medical coverage. Application and coverage may begin each year at the annual medical insurance open enrollment period after retirement.

g. **Employee Contribution Toward Retiree Medical Obligation Unfunded Liability**
Effective pay period 15/14, June 22, 2015, all coded employees shall contribute on a biweekly basis twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) toward the retiree medical obligation unfunded liability. Such contributions are to be made on a pre-tax basis and employees shall have no vested right to the contributions made by the employees. ~~The County shall make~~ Such contributions shall be used by the County exclusively to offset a portion of the County's annual required contribution amount to the California Employers Retirement Benefit Trust established for the express purpose of meeting the County's other post employment benefits (OPEB) obligations and shall not be used for any other purpose.

~~h. **Limited Reopener on Retiree Health Reimbursement Account:**
Effective the third year of the agreement, the County and the Union shall reopen this section solely to consider the option of a retiree health reimbursement account. Any changes shall only be upon mutual agreement of both parties.~~

b) **Dental Insurance**

The County agrees to contribute the amount of the current monthly insurance premium for dental coverage to cover the worker and full dependent contribution. The existing Delta Dental Plan coverage will be continued in accordance with the following schedule:

Basic and Prosthodontics:	75-25 - no deductible. \$2,000 maximum per patient per calendar year.
Orthodontics:	60-40 - no deductible. \$2,000 lifetime maximum per patient (no age limit).

The County will pick up inflationary costs for the term of the agreement.

The County will continue to provide an alternative dental plan. The current alternative dental plan is Liberty Dental. The County will contribute up to the same dollar amount to this alternative dental plan premium as is paid to the Delta Dental Plan.

c) **Health Plan Bonus Waiver Program**

With proof of alternative medical coverage, a worker may opt to waive County provided medical coverage:

1. Effective with each new plan year, a worker who waives medical coverage for self and family must do so for the entire plan year by signing up in a special the open enrollment period, ~~in the prior November~~. The worker shall then receive a bonus of seventy-four dollars (\$74.00) gross payment per pay period (subject to the usual payroll deductions) commencing in the pay period when open enrollment changes take effect, ~~the first pay period of the pay year and through the end of the pay year.~~
2. A part-time worker who waives medical coverage will receive a pro-rated bonus payment according to the code status. At the end of a plan year, a part-time worker may submit a request for supplemental bonus payment to ESA-Benefits Department ~~Division~~ for adjustments due to additional hours worked beyond code status.
3. A new hire worker may waive medical coverage at the time of new employment and receive a pro-rated bonus of seventy-four dollars (\$74.00) gross payment per period starting with the first full pay period.
4. During the plan year, a worker participating in this Program is eligible to re-enroll for coverage within thirty (30) calendar days of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) defined qualifying event. A worker who re-enrolls shall no longer be eligible to receive the bonus waiver payment effective with the date of coverage.
5. Retirement is not an IRS defined qualifying event. If a worker who is enrolled in the Health Plan Bonus Waiver Program retires during the plan year, the retiree is not eligible to enroll in retiree medical coverage upon retirement until the next open enrollment period after retirement, typically in September.

d) **Life Insurance**

The County agrees to continue the existing base group Life Insurance Plan of twenty-five-thousand (\$25,000) per worker.

e) **Vision Care Plan**

The County agrees to provide a Vision Care Plan for all workers and dependents. The Plan will be the Vision Service Plan - Plan A with benefits at 12/12/24 month intervals with twenty dollar (\$20.00) deductible for examinations and twenty dollar (\$20.00) deductible for materials. The County will fully pay the monthly premium for worker and dependents and pick up inflationary costs during the term of this agreement.

f) **Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Plan**

The County has implemented a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 125 and its Board approved Plan Document. The County established FSA plan enables a County employee to set aside a bi-weekly payroll deduction on a pre-tax basis for reimbursement of IRS approved eligible medical/dental expenditures for the employee and/or his/her dependents. The bi-weekly payroll deductions are subject to the maximum annual allowable limits under the County's Plan Document and, subject to any federal limits and regulations.

g) **County-wide Benefits**

The parties agree that, during the term of this Agreement, County-wide changes in benefits, such as medical, dental, holidays, or retirement, shall be applied to workers in these units.

Section 13.3 – Training for Disabled Workers -County is reviewing and may make a future proposal

a) **Vocational Rehabilitation**

When a worker is determined by the County unable to return to the classification in which he/she was employed at the time of injury or illness because of a work-connected illness or injury and does not elect a disability retirement, that worker will be offered vocational rehabilitation.

b) **Lateral Transfer/Demotion Openings**

If the worker meets all the qualifications for a particular position (this would take into account his/her medical limitations, prior work experience and skills) and an opening exists that involves a lateral transfer or demotion, the position shall be offered to the worker.

c) **Salary Level**

In accordance with Chapter VI, Article 5, Section A25-661 (e) of the Personnel Practices, "...the salary of the employee shall be placed at the step in the salary range which corresponds most closely to the salary received by the employee as of the time of injury. In the event that such a demotion would result in a salary loss of more than ten (10) percent, the employee's new salary shall be set at the rate closest to but not less than ten (10) percent below his salary as of the time of injury." It is understood that "salary as of time of injury" as used in the previous sentence refers to range and step, not specific dollars.

- d) **Training Program**
In those cases where the worker may not have the necessary prior experience or all the required skills but there is reasonable assurance that the worker will be capable of obtaining them through a designated formal on-the-job training program, the County will make reasonable efforts to place the worker in a training program.
- e) **Placement Review**
If, after a period on the job, it is demonstrated that the worker is unable to develop the required skills, knowledge and abilities and/or cannot meet the physical requirements to handle the new position, he/she will be placed on a leave of absence and the placement process begins again.
- f) **Promotions**
Any position which involves a promotion will call for the normal qualifying procedures, written and/or oral examination. However, if it is found that a worker meets all the qualifications for a higher paying position and an eligibility list is already in existence, the worker shall be allowed to take a written and/or oral examination, and, if the worker qualifies, the worker's name will be placed on the eligibility list commensurate with his/her score.
- g) **Referral to Accredited Rehabilitation Agency**
In those cases where the County is unable, for one reason or another, to place a worker in a comparable occupation, that worker's case will be referred to an accredited rehabilitation agency as approved by the Division of Industrial Accidents for testing, counseling and retraining at either the County's or State's expense.
- h) **State Legislation**
The provisions of this Section shall not apply if State legislation removes from the County the control of training for disabled workers.

Section 13.4 – Deferred Compensation Plan -CCL

Section 13.5 – Joint Health Care Cost Containment Committee -CCL

Section 13.6 – Joint Childcare Committee

The County and the Union agree to continue the Joint Childcare Committee. The committee shall continue to meet and confer regarding the creation and implementation of a Childcare Program for County workers at no cost to the County. The Dependent Care Assistance Tax Program will continue at no cost to the County during the term of this Agreement unless legislative changes or lack of enrollment determine continuation to be impractical.

ARTICLE 19 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

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Section 19.1 – Grievance Defined

The County and the Union recognize early settlement of grievances is essential to sound employee-employer relations. The parties seek to establish a mutually satisfactory method for the settlement of grievances of workers, the Union, or the County. In presenting a grievance, the aggrieved and/or his/her representative is assured freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.

a) **Definition**

A grievance is defined as an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the provisions of this Memorandum of Agreement, Department Memoranda of Agreement and/or Understanding, ~~Merit System Rules, or other County ordinances, resolutions, Policy and/or Procedure Manuals, or alleged infringement of a worker's personal rights (i.e., discrimination, harassment) affecting the working conditions of the workers covered by this Agreement, except as excluded under Section 19.1(b) or otherwise expressly provided in this Memorandum of Agreement.~~

b) **Matters Excluded From Consideration Under the Grievance Procedure**

1. Disciplinary actions taken under Section 708 of the County Charter.
2. Probationary release of workers.
3. Position classification.
4. Workload/Caseload.
5. Merit System Examinations.
6. Items requiring capital expenditure.
7. Article 2 – No Discrimination
8. Items within the scope of representation and subject to the meet and confer process.

Section 19.2 – Grievance Presentation

Workers shall have the right to present their own grievance or do so through a representative of their own choice. Grievances may also be presented by a group of workers, by the Union, or by the County. No grievance settlement may be made in violation of an existing rule, ordinance, memorandum of agreement or memorandum of understanding, nor shall any settlement be made which affects the rights or conditions of other workers represented by the Union without notification to and consultation with the Union.

The Union shall be provided copies of individual or group grievances and responses to same. Such grievances may not proceed beyond Step One without written concurrence of the Union.

The Union shall have the right to appear and be heard in all individual or group grievances at any step. Upon request by County, the Union shall appear and be heard in such grievances at any step.

Section 19.3 – Procedural Compliance -CCL

Section 19.4 – Time Limits -CCL

Section 19.5 – Informal Grievance Step

It is agreed that workers will act promptly through an informal meeting with their immediate supervisor outside of the bargaining unit on any act, condition or circumstance which is causing worker dissatisfaction and to seek action to remove the cause of dissatisfaction before it serves as the basis for a formal grievance.

A meeting should take place whenever requested by either party to assist to clarify or resolve the grievance. The worker may be accompanied by his/her steward, Assistant Chief Steward or Chief Steward at the informal meeting.

Any resolution reached at the informal step must be in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, or other rule or ordinance and shall not set precedent.

Section 19.6 – Formal Grievance Procedure

a) **Step One** - Within twenty (20) working days of the occurrence or discovery of an alleged grievance, the grievance shall be presented in writing to the appointing authority. A copy of the grievance will be sent to Labor Relations and this copy shall dictate time limits. The grievance form shall contain information which identifies:

1. The aggrieved;
2. The specific nature of the grievance;
3. The time or place of its occurrence;
4. The rule, law, regulation, or policy alleged to have been violated, improperly interpreted, applied or misapplied;
5. The consideration given or steps taken to secure informal resolution;
6. The corrective action desired; and
7. The name of any person or representative chosen by the worker to enter the grievance.

A decision shall be made in writing within twenty (20) working days of receipt of the grievance. A copy of the decision shall be directed to the person identified in (7) above and grievant, or in the case of a group grievance, to the grievant listed first in (1) above. A copy shall be sent to the Union and this copy shall dictate time limits.

- b) **Step Two** – If the aggrieved is not satisfied with the Step One decision, they may, within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the first step decision request to meet with the Director of Labor Relations or designee and present a written presentation to review. Unless mutually waived, the Director of Labor Relations or designee shall meet with the grievant/Union prior to issuing their decision. The Director of Labor Relations or designated representative shall provide a written decision within twenty (20) working days of the meeting or the date the meeting was mutually waived.
- c) **Mediation** - Prior to advancing to arbitration under “d) Step Three,” both parties shall jointly consider whether the type of case involved lends itself to immediate mediation. If both parties agree to do so, the parties shall jointly request that a mediator be assigned by the State Mediation and Conciliation Service. If the mediation process does not promptly result in an acceptable resolution to both parties, the case shall advance to subsection d) Step Three. The parties shall equally share any costs relating to mediation. If there is no agreement to proceed through the mediation step, then the case shall be determined under subsection d) Step Three.
- d) **Step Three** - If the aggrieved is not satisfied with the Step OneTwo decision, he/shethey may, within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the first step decision, present a written presentation to be directed to the County Executive's designated representative indicating the aggrieved wishes (1) the County Executive's designated representative to review and decide the merits of the case or whether (2) the aggrieved wishes the grievance to be referred to an impartial arbitrator. At this step, a meeting shall be held if requested by either party. The grievant may be accompanied by his/her Steward, or Assistant Chief Steward or Chief Steward. All parties meet and disclose the theory of the grievance and the theory of denial as well as the facts upon which these theories are based.
- e) **Pre-Arbitration Meeting (Stipulation and Arbitrator Selection)** – After a grievance has been moved to Step Two, the Union and County shall continue efforts at resolution. In addition, all parties will attempt to stipulate to all facts, disclose all pertinent information and agree on the question or questions to be submitted to an arbitrator.

Pre-Arbitration meetings shall be held monthly for each department/agency. By mutual agreement, pre-arbitration meetings may be scheduled more frequently. The Union shall be entitled to have released, for pre-arbitration meetings, the grievant, and in the case of a group grievance, no more than two (2) of the affected

workers, and the appropriate Chief Steward, or Assistant Chief Steward in his/her absence, and the Steward.

Each grievance shall be specifically reviewed and discussed at a maximum of two pre-arbitration meetings. The parties may mutually agree to have additional meetings prior to arbitration. If a grievance remains unresolved after discussion, review, fact stipulations, information disclosure and determination of the questions or question to be submitted to the arbitrator, the parties will select an arbitrator from the panel in Section 19.6(d).

The parties will also decide if the grievance will be arbitrated on an expedited or regular arbitration basis.

f) **Arbitration -County is reviewing and may make a future proposal**

For the term of this agreement the County and the Union have agreed to the following panel:

John Kagel
Paul Roose
Katherine Thomson
Monica Colondres

David Weinberg
Alexander Cohn
Luella Nelson

When the parties cannot reach mutual agreement regarding an arbitrator, they shall strike names from the above panel. The parties shall flip a coin to determine who strikes first. The parties will alternate the flipping of the coin.

No matter other than a grievance that is an alleged violation of a specific provision(s) as written and submitted in the formal grievance may be reviewed on the merits by an arbitrator. This memorandum of agreement shall be submitted as a joint exhibit. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to empower any arbitrator to change, modify or amend any of its provisions.

Members of this arbitration panel shall be requested to agree to render their decision within fifteen (15) working days of the hearing, receipt of the transcription or the briefs.

The parties may mutually agree to use an arbitrator not on the list or to add to, or modify the list. The arbitrator's compensation and expenses shall be borne equally by the worker or the Union and the County. Decisions of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.

Section 19.7 – Expedited Arbitration -CCL

Section 19.8 – Arbitration Release Time -CCL

ARTICLE 21 – REORGANIZATION

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For the purpose of this article, "reorganization" is defined as a major change of organizational structure within a department or within the County that results in substantial changes or a written plan that outlines cumulative changes resulting in substantial changes and that: 1) alters the basic relationships among the core functions of a that department and the working relationships among the affected employees; who carry out those functions in the agency or established workgroup within the department/agency Reorganization could include, but is not limited to 2) changing or deleting of a program; or merging of programs within a Department, or 3) changing the Department's reporting structure within the County.

The County will notify the Union a minimum of 60 calendar days prior to the reorganization of any department/agency. Should the reorganization impact wages, hours or terms and conditions of employment, the County and the Union agree to meet and confer regarding the impact of such proposed reorganization 45 calendar days prior to the reorganization. The parties agree to meet promptly to ensure timely implementation of any changes. Modifications to any noticed reorganization will not require a new 60-day notice or otherwise reset the timelines contained in this Article.

Upon the Union's request the department/agency will meet with the Union and explain the business rationale for the reorganization and consider any alternatives proposed by the Union.

~~Should the reorganization impact wages, hours or terms and conditions of employment, the County and the Union agree to meet and confer regarding the impact of such proposed reorganization 45 calendar days prior to the reorganization. The parties agree to meet promptly to ensure timely implementation of any changes.~~

In cases of emergency, when it is determined that an ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation must be adopted immediately without prior notice, such notice and the opportunity to meet shall be provided at the earliest practicable time following the adoption of the ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation.

ARTICLE 26 – STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

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~~During the term of this Agreement, the County agrees that it will not lock out workers and the Union agrees that it will not engage in any concerted work stoppage. A violation of this Article will result in cessation of Union dues deduction by the County.~~

~~If a worker represented by Local 521 is expected to cross a picket line set up due to a labor dispute sanctioned by the Central Labor Council and if the crossing of that picket line is in conflict with the worker's conscience, the County Executive and his/her staff will meet, if requested, within twenty-four (24) hours with Local 521 and attempt to reassign said worker in a manner which retains County services and does not result in disciplinary action against the worker.~~

During the term of this Agreement the County will not lock out the employees who are covered by this Agreement. The Union and Union-represented employees, both individually and collectively, shall not organize, carryout, cause, encourage, or condone any job actions, such as strikes, work stoppages, slowdowns, blue flu, sickouts, work-to-rule, sit-ins/sit-downs, intermittent strikes, partial strikes, sympathy strikes, or secondary actions such as refusing to cross picket lines or any other individual or concerted refusal to render services (including refusal to work overtime or any other curtailment or restriction of work at any time) or to obstruct efficient operations of the County, collectively ("Strike Activity") by Union-represented employees during the term of this Agreement.

If the Union learns that bargaining unit employees intend to engage in Strike Activity, either through notice from the County or through other means, the Union will send a notice to all bargaining unit employees, with a copy to the Labor Relations Director, indicating: (1) the Strike Activity is not authorized or supported by the Union; and (2) Strike Activity may violate County or Departmental rules and result in disciplinary action. The Union shall take all other steps reasonably necessary to induce employees to cease any and all Strike Activity.

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NEW ARTICLE
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Except as expressly modified or restricted by a specific provision of this Agreement, all inherent managerial rights and managerial past practices are retained and vested exclusively with the County. This includes the right to reprimand, suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline employees; to determine and revise the number of employees to be employed; to hire employees, and assign and direct their work; to promote, demote, transfer, lay off, recall to work; to train, retrain, and to test and determine their ability; to contract out bargaining unit work to meet operational and patient needs; to set and revise standards of work quality; to determine and change the equipment to be used and operated; to determine and change the staffing methods, means, and facilities by which operations are conducted; to control, regulate, delete or change the use of machinery, facilities, equipment and other property of the County and operating procedures pertinent thereto with the County providing employee training and education on operation of any new machinery and equipment; to schedule and reschedule work, jobs, and assignments; to introduce new or revised equipment and/or service or services; to determine the number, location and operation of bargaining unit work; to establish and revise safety standards; to conduct performance reviews of employees; to issue, amend and revise policies, rules, regulations, and practices not inconsistent with the specific terms of this Agreement; and to assure continuous performance of the unit's work. The enumeration of the above Employer's prerogatives shall not be deemed to exclude its other prerogatives not herein listed in this section.

Management Rights Continue after Contract Expiration

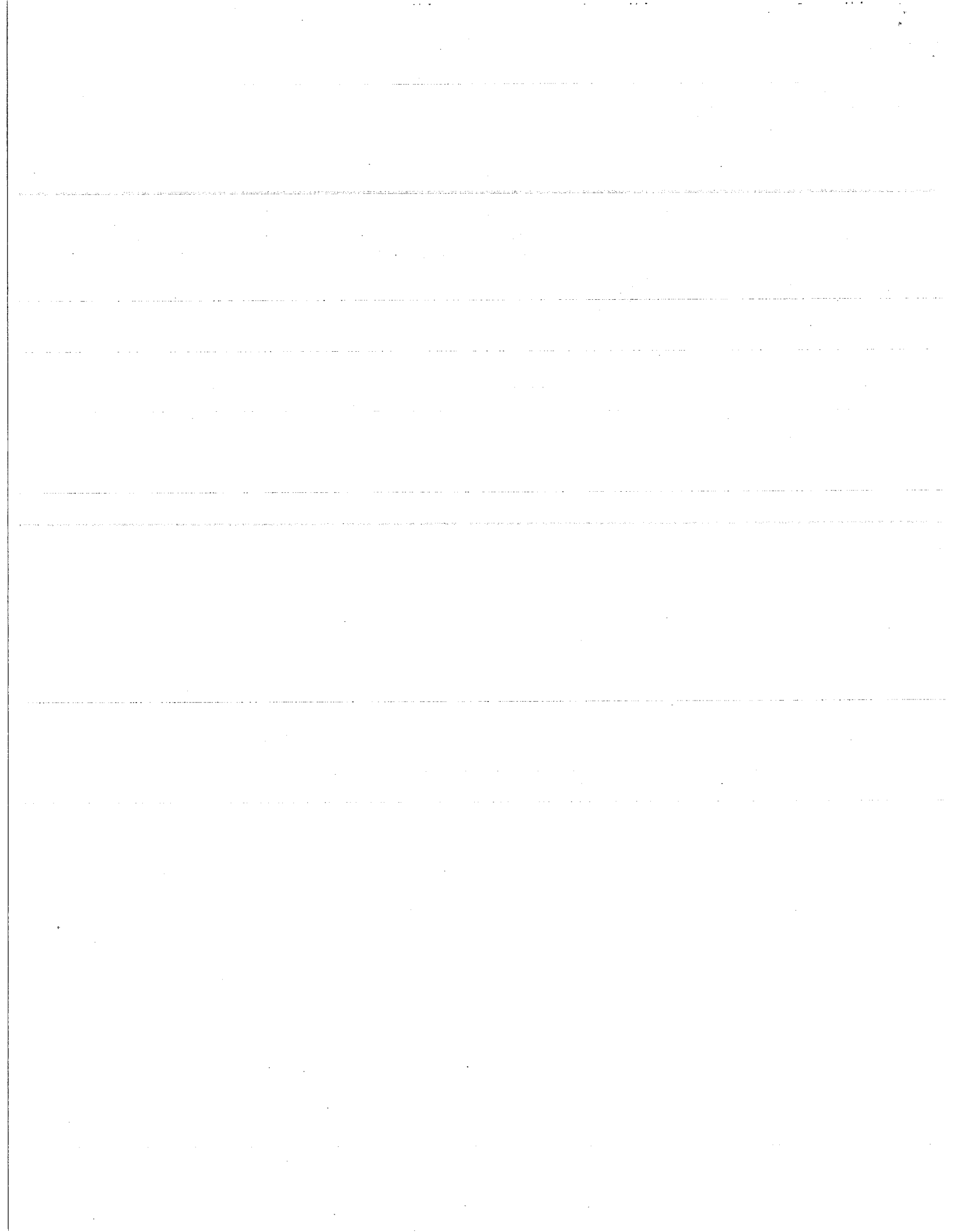
The terms of this Article survive contract expiration and remain in force until the execution of a successor memorandum of agreement.

(The County views this proposal to be codifying in the MOA the County's existing management rights and not as a change to the status quo.)

TERM OF AGREEMENT

County holds to CP April 14

This Agreement shall become effective only upon approval by the Board of Supervisors and for the units listed in Article 1 upon ratification by the individual unit as listed, and shall remain in full force and effect from ~~March 9, 2020~~TBD to and including ~~June 25, 2023~~June 21, 2026 and from year-to-year thereafter; provided, however, that either party may serve written notice on the other at least sixty (60) days prior to ~~June 25, 2023~~June 21, 2026 or any subsequent ~~June 25~~June 21, of its desire to terminate this Agreement or amend any provision thereof.



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ARTICLE 24 – DELIVERY OF QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS

Section 24.1 – Quality Public Service Unit Based Teams (UBTs)

The County recognizes engaging workers in designing and implementing their work can create a healthy work environment that can improve and sustain delivery of quality and efficiency of public services.

The County shall work with the Union to implement, support, and expand Unit Based Teams in the Health and Hospital System. The parties agree to implement, support and expand additional UBTs in Social Services Agency, ~~the Finance Agency~~ Department of Revenue, Library, Department of Environmental Health, Vector Control, 911 Dispatchers, Planning Department, Parks and Recreation, County Clerk-Recorder's Office, Registrar of Voters, ~~Tax Collector~~, Facilities and Fleet and Procurement. Other Unit Based Teams may be established by mutual agreement of the Administration of an Agency or Department and the Union.

A Unit Based Team's scope of work may include any or all of the following:

- Day to day operations
- Performance improvement
- Implementing key initiatives

A Unit Based Team shall be defined as a natural work group of frontline workers and managers who work collaboratively to solve problems, improve performance, and enhance quality for measurable results. The Unit Based Team shall use the rapid improvement model or any other mutually agreed upon improvement model to execute the work of the team.

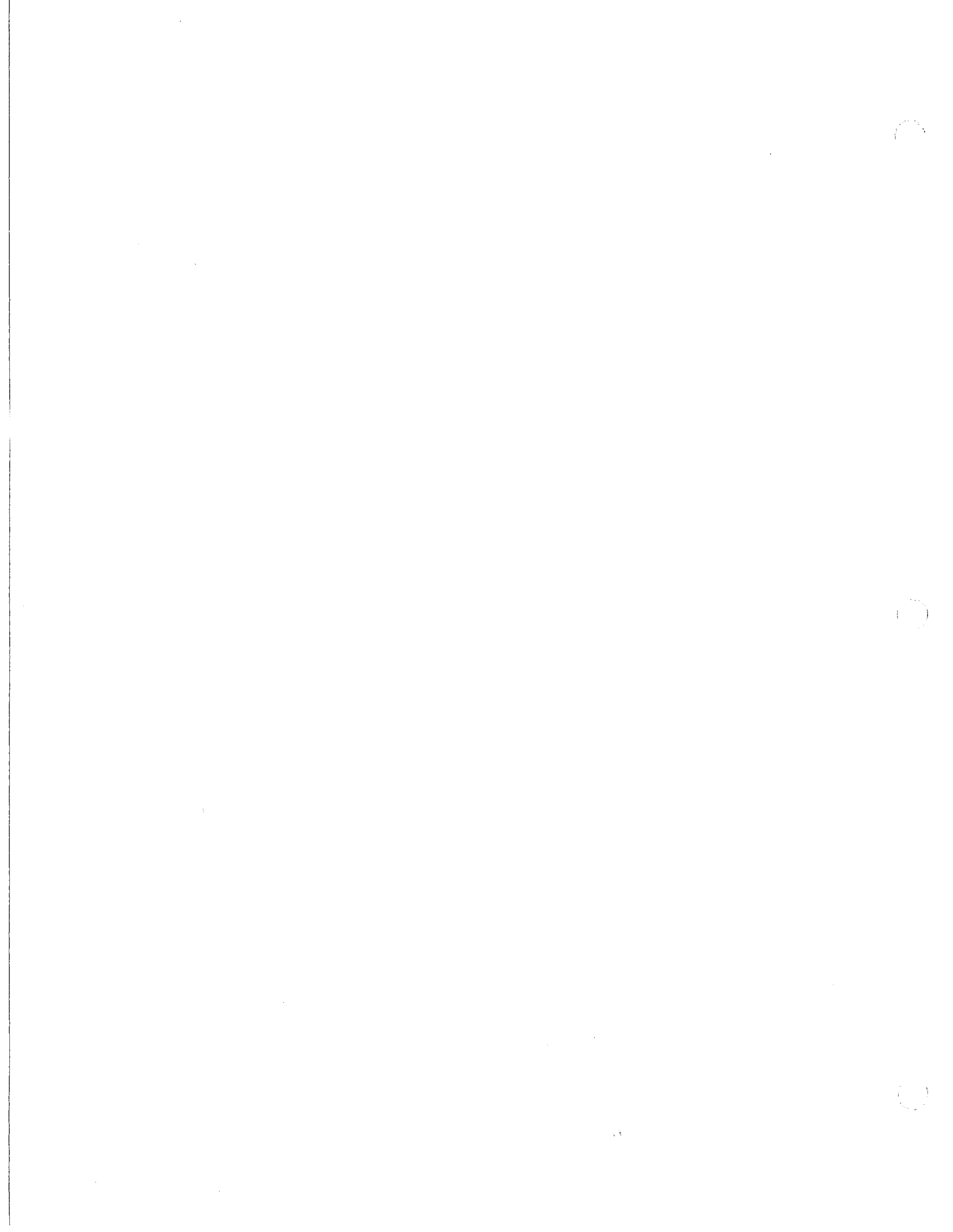
The County and Union recognize that including other County Labor Organizations, where applicable and necessary, is the desire of both parties.

Each Union participating in the Unit Based Team shall have the right to choose one (1) co-chair, one (1) co-sponsor, and participants in the Unit Based Team to represent the Union. Each Union shall have the right to replace its co-chairs and co-sponsors.

A Unit Based Team's scope of work does not include: Labor Relations, Contractual Issues (i.e. SEIU Local 521 Contract, Departmental Agreements, or any other agreements) or Meet and Confers.

A Department or Agency and the Union who agree to start a new Unit Based Team shall meet to establish an oversight process for resolving issues that may arise in the course of the Unit Based Team.

A worker who is a participant in a Unit Based Team in his/her own department shall be given release time for the time he/she is participating in the Unit Based Team. A worker may participate in a Unit Based Team that is in a department other than his/her own department on release time with prior approval of his/her supervisor.



ARTICLE 20 – CLASSIFICATION

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Section 20.1 – Classification Study

~~With the exception of calendar year 2020, w~~Workers may request a classification study during the month of March, or such time as designated by the Director of Personnel, but in any event no less than one (1) month per calendar year. Requests shall be submitted to ESA-Human Resources (ESA-HR) on the authorized online request form.

A Committee, made up of representatives from ESA-HR and the Union, will meet annually one (1) month after the close of the window, to determine which submitted requests will be accepted for study, which requests will be placed in a deferred status, and which requests will be denied. The Committee will base their consideration on a number of factors, which may include classification levels, recruitment or retention difficulties, fiscal impact, and new responsibilities assigned but not covered on existing job specifications. The Committee will finalize the list and the scope of each study (i.e. full classification study, job specification revision, salary review, etc.) within three (3) months after the first meeting. The maximum number of requests accepted by the committee for study shall be capped at twelve (12) per year, but upon completion of the accepted studies, ESA-HR may continue to work studies in the deferred status. Requests in the deferred status not initiated for study by ESA-HR before the next window may be considered by the committee without requiring a new request, however, an updated PCQ and job application may be requested.

If the request is incomplete, ESA-HR will notify the worker to complete the request, along with a due date for completing the request.

ESA-HR will notify workers of the status of their request (i.e. accepted, deferred, or denied) and the scope where appropriate.

Workers who are under study shall not be permitted to submit a request. Workers whose classification study was denied shall not be permitted to request another classification study until one additional window has passed.

If the study is denied, the worker may appeal to the Director of Personnel. The appeal shall be submitted in writing within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the denial. The Director of Personnel shall determine the procedure of the appeal. The Director shall provide the Union with the list of the appeal decisions.

The Director will provide a list of accepted studies, including those accepted on appeal, and the expected completion date.

If ESA-HR determines some assigned duties fall outside of the worker's classification, ESA-HR will notify the appointing authority to remove such duties within ten (10) working days of that determination.

Any duties performed at a higher-level while receiving work-out-of-class pay will not be considered.

If a study is accepted or approved on appeal, the completed study shall be posted to the Union no later than 12 months after the date of acceptance or favorable appeal determination, unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.

If it is recommended that the worker be reclassified, all Merit System Rules that apply to regular classification studies, such as test requirements, meeting the employment standards, serving a new probation period, etc. shall apply.

Section 20.2 – Lead Worker

Lead duties whether included in the job description or paid for through a differential shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a) Assigns, distributes and adjusts short-term workloads;
- b) Resolves work-related problems within guidelines set by the supervisors, including written counseling. Leads shall not issue verbal or written counselings without supervisory approval for each occurrence. Supervisor approval shall be reflected on the documented counseling;
- c) Keeps apprised of the progress of the work;
- d) Answers procedural and work-related questions;
- e) Assists the supervisor in reviewing the work;
- f) May train new workers by providing general orientation to office, instruction on specific tasks, and review of task performance;
- g) May assist the supervisor in the interview process for new workers--such input shall be advisory;
- h) Peer to peer leads within the same classification shall not issue verbal or written counselings to each other;
- i) All leads shall be trained on the principles of counseling;
- j) The Lead will not issue personnel actions as outlined in Section 6.1, 6.4b, 6.5, 6.6 or 6.7;
- k) Leads will not conduct investigations that may lead to disciplinary action.

Section 20.3 – Reallocations

a) Allocation to a Supervisory Position

When the Department of Human Resources reclassifies or reallocates a position that is represented by SEIU Local 521 to a supervisory unit, such action may be appealed. The County will notify the Union in writing of its intent to take the action and the reasons. The Union will have five (5) working days following receipt of the notice to file an appeal in writing and the reasons to the Deputy County Executive. Prior to conducting a hearing, the County shall arrange a meeting within five (5) working days to include the worker whose job is in question, a Union representative(s) and a County representative to review the contents of the worker's job and the relevant organization structure. The Deputy County Executive will conduct a hearing on the appeal within ten (10) working days after the meeting. A decision will be rendered by the Deputy County Executive within five (5) working days following the hearing.

b) **Vacant Positions**

At least ten (10) working days prior to the Board of Supervisors hearing a request to change a vacant Local 521 position to a position outside a Local 521 unit, the County will notify the Union. The notification will include positions/codes to be supervised and an updated proposed organizational chart.

Section 20.4 – County Initiated Job Specification Revision

In response to County proposed job specification revisions that make changes to the duties and employment standards the Union shall have the right to meet and confer, upon request, including making proposals on additional compensation related to significant new duties and employment standards.



ARTICLE 15 – PERS

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The County will continue the present benefit contract with PERS for Classic Miscellaneous employees, which is the 2.5% at 55 Retirement Plan, as amended December 17, 2007 except those workers covered by safety retirement as listed in Appendix H.

In consideration for continuing the 2.5% at 55 Retirement Plan, the Union agrees for each Classic Miscellaneous worker covered under this benefit to contribute to PERS, through payroll deduction, effective September 2, 2013 an amount equal to 3.931% of PERS reportable gross pay.

In accordance with § 20636, sub section (c) (4) of the California Public Employee Retirement Law, the County and SEIU Local 521 agree that the County shall report Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC) as special compensation concurrent with the effective date of PERS "Single Highest Year."

The County shall pay on behalf of all Classic Miscellaneous workers covered under PERS Miscellaneous 7% member (worker) contribution to the Public Employee's Retirement System as well as an additional 0.49% which is attributable to reporting EPMC as special compensation. Taking into consideration the agreement between the parties as a result of the prior implementation of 2% at 55 Plan, the County is entitled to add 7.49% to the base wage for effective wage.

Effective Pay Period 20/13 and then each year thereafter on pay period XX/13, the percentage of Classic Miscellaneous workers covered under PERS Miscellaneous will be rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent (0.1%) then multiplied by 7.49%. The percentage will be rounded to two (2) decimal places and the resulting percentage will be used for the following twenty-six (26) pay periods for purposes of effective wage. (Ex: 47.5% Classic Miscellaneous workers multiplied by 7.49% is expressed as $0.475 * 0.0749 = 0.035575$ with a resulting effective wage of 3.56%.) A courtesy notice will be provided to SEIU.

Classic miscellaneous employees shall refer to those employees who are eligible for and are placed in the 2.5% at age 55 retirement tier. Classic safety employees shall refer to those employees who are eligible for and are placed in the 3% at age 50 retirement tier. Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) miscellaneous employees shall refer to those employees who are eligible for and placed in the 2% at age 62 retirement plan. PEPRA safety employees shall refer to those employees who are eligible for and are placed in the 2.7% at age 57 retirement tier.

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