

# CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION

January 15, 2010 - Weekly Update

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**State Controller Chiang Says to Comply to Court Order:** The State Controller John Chiang, stated on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> that he plans to have his office make changes to the state's payroll system to eliminate the pay cuts resulting from the three furlough days a month.

Controller Chiang said he will not be in contempt of court. The Governor's administration filed in the 1<sup>st</sup> District Court of Appeal on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> "to prevent this illegal action by the Controller," DPA Spokesmen Lynelle Jolly said.

Note: The State has paid over ½ million dollars in lawsuits, to date in fighting the furloughs. The litigation continues to increase the costs to the state. The irony is that the state is pulling monies from California's General fund to fight the lawsuits.

**State Ordered to Cut Inmate Numbers in 2 Years:** A federal court panel on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> ordered the Schwarzenegger administration to lower California's prison population by more than 40,000 within two years to lessen overcrowding and improve health care. The three-judge panel said its order, the first to require the administration to meet deadlines for reducing the number of inmates, was compelled by the state's "long-standing failure to provide constitutionally adequate medical and mental health care." The panel said a 40,000 reduction in two years was needed to create the conditions for adequate care, found that it could be done safely, and left the details up to the state.

CCSO opposes the release of 40,000 inmates. This is not the solution to save money, provide better medical or mental health care to inmates or to relieve overcrowding. All the release of 40,000 inmates over the next 2 years will accomplish is to increase crime in California communities and open the door for additional layoffs of CDCR staff.

**Non - Peace Officer State V.P. Board Position:** This week, all CCSO Chapter Presidents as well as non-custody members were sent a request for names of members willing to accept an appointment to the vacant State Board Non-Peace Officer Vice President position. Chapter Presidents and non-custody members have until Wednesday, January 20, 2010 to call or return a name of someone who may be interested in the appointment to the CCSO State Board position. The term will commence when the appointment is made and the term will end December 31, 2011. Take a minute to respond, and thank you in assisting CCSO in compiling names.

**Layoffs Hit CDCR:** This New Year started off bad for so many CDCR employees in the rehabilitation and dental programs. CCSO was given a list of CDCR employees that were laid off due to cost saving measures. It saddens me to say that, to date, there have been 784 CDCR employees (excluded and rank & file) laid off including some CCSO members.

Employees with 18 years were laid off because there were no vacant positions for them to fill. Rehabilitation was cut by 1/3 and this cut negatively affected approximately 2054 employees. These affected employees were either transferred, demoted or both. They were the lucky ones because they kept a job.

This is a hard pill to swallow when so many good, hardworking people in CDCR join the ranks of so many other Americans in the unemployment line. CCSO is working with members who have been laid off to find placement for them in state service. We have been successful in overturning a few lay-offs.

**The CCSO Office will be closed  
Monday, January 18, 2010 in  
Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

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