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## WEEKLY UPDATE

To: Chapter Presidents, Recruiters & PAC  
From: Pat Le Sage, Chief Operations & Financial Officer  
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### CCSO Meeting with YACA/DPA/CDC

CCSO met with YACA/DPA/CDC over five facilities that were disputing the numbers regarding the assignments for Sergeants and Lieutenants. Chapter Presidents represented their facility, along with State President Tatum, Administrative Field Services Representative Canutt, Attorney Gary Goyette and myself. Facilities disputed on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> were Wasco, Avenal, Pelican Bay, Solano and Chuckawalla.

PBSP Chapter President Sgt. Don Gallian came away with two additional sergeant positions, Solano Chapter President Sgt. Jose Montalban gained one lieutenant position, Wasco Chapter President Sgt. Bruce Carter walked away from the table with three additional lieutenant positions and four sergeant positions. The CVSP Chapter President Lt. James Natividad had no problems with the 60% accuracy but disputed that the MSF was given all to management. He agreed to take the second watch sergeant in MSF and trade it for the central sergeant position. Avenal Chapter President Lt. Tim Smith gained one sergeant position and three lieutenant positions for supervisors. Overall, the disputes went well; however, CCSO walked away with opposition to language in the SA policy regarding RDO's:

***Page 1, Section A: Methods, 1, second paragraph, which cites: "The representative number of SA's at each institution will be determined by establishing an equitable distribution of posts by area, watch and RDO. An equitable distribution is as close to a 60/40 representation in each of these areas in keeping with operational needs." YACA policy does not reflect what they implemented.***

By excluding the exempt positions from the RDO calculation, it is not 60/40 in RDO's. YACA's interpretation, CCSO believes is not correct. CCSO, also believes operational needs should be either deleted from this policy or specifically detailed to clarify what "operational needs" encompasses. Thus, CCSO will pursue through the courts interpretation of the language revolving RDO's and clarity of operational needs.

### Rumor Control

There is a rumor going around that the administration is proposing to eliminate the IST Sergeants and Lieutenants at all facilities, replacing them with analysts and officers. Suzan Hubbard, CDC Institutions Division, informed CCSO that the rumor is **not true**.

### Justices Reject Segregation in State's Prisons

By David G. Savage and Jenifer Warren  
Times Staff Writers – February 24, 2005

"WASHINGTON – The Supreme Court on Wednesday all but overturned California's policy of housing new prison inmates by race, declaring that the temporary segregation must be halted unless state officials could show it was the only way to maintain safety and security.

In a 5-3 decision, the court said the largest state prison system in the nation was dangerously close to violating the Constitution's ban on racial segregation by the government. 'We rejected the notion that separate can ever be equal...50 years ago in Brown vs. Board of Education, and we refuse to resurrect it today,' Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said for the court. However, she left open the option for prison officials to segregate gang members or violent individuals from other inmates. A high-level state corrections official greeted the decision with alarm, saying that abandoning race-based housing would be 'catastrophic and extremely dangerous.'

Officials in other states, such as Texas, said that they separated new inmates for a few days; prison experts said California was the only state that relied on race for screening over weeks or months.

Critics of the state's \$6.5-billion prison system praised Wednesday's decision. Senator Gloria Romero (D-Los Angeles), called on Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger 'to move with all deliberate speed to integrate our prisons once and for all.' But California prison officials said they were not ready to abandon the policy. 'This wasn't a clear-cut decision from the Supreme Court,' Margot Bach, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Corrections in Sacramento said. 'Our legal affairs people are looking at the decision and are determining the next steps.'

### **Death Penalty Will Be Sought in Guard's Death**

By Lance Pugmire, Times Staff Writer, February 19, 2005

"The San Bernardino County district attorney announced Friday that he would seek the death penalty against the inmate who allegedly killed a Chino prison correctional officer in January. Inmate Jon Christopher Blaylock, 35, allegedly stabbed veteran correctional officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr., three times with a homemade knife Jan. 10 at the Chino Institution for Men, killing the 43-year-old father of six from Whittier. Blaylock was serving a life sentence for the attempted murder of a police officer.

'We have to protect our guards in prison,' Dist. Atty. Michael Ramos said at a news conference attended by the officer's family. 'The only message to send (prisoners) from this case is that if you kill, we're going to take your life. Blaylock took the life of a wonderful human being.'

Blaylock is expected to be arraigned within two weeks. Manuel Gonzalez' slaying—the first of a state correctional officer in 20 years—is being investigated by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, the state Office of the Inspector General and a special panel organized by the Department of Corrections.

John A. Ferrone and Mark J. Peacock, attorneys representing the Gonzalez family, said they will file a civil lawsuit against the Department of Corrections and the Chino Institution for Men for alleged misconduct related to the slaying. The attorneys say Warden Lori DiCarlo was negligent because she failed to move Blaylock to another prison despite his violent history. She also failed to isolate him while he was held at the Chino prison, and did not distribute protective vests to correctional officers even though the vests were in storage at the prison, they said. Gonzalez was not wearing a vest when he was stabbed in the upper torso and abdomen while in the prison's reception center."

### **Activity in California Legislature**

There is a lot of activity in California's Legislature. Newly proposed legislation is being presented to California Legislators at a rapid pace. Before, it is over, there will be more than a thousand new pieces of legislation. CCSO lobbyists are on top of all proposals and are working with us to outline our position. CCSO Administrative Services Representative Ford Canutt is working hand in hand with lobbyists Paul Curry and John Lovell to keep abreast of the deluge of new legislation.

I will be posting every few weeks additional positions CCSO has taken on proposed legislation. Please visit our website at [ccsonet.org](http://ccsonet.org) to view CCSO's positions to date. This list will increase over the next couple of months. Questions concerning CCSO's position, on any legislation, can be addressed by Ford Canutt (Wednesday-Friday). Please find this week's stand on newly proposed legislation attached.

### **Welcome New Members**

On behalf of the CCSO State Board and staff, I want to welcome the new members who have joined CCSO this week.

### **Thought for the Week**

"Sometimes a scream is better than a thesis." Ralph Waldo Emerson

