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## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

April 29, 2005

### **Interim Acting Warden at CIM**

Apologies are extended to Interim Acting Warden Tom Felker at CIM. In our Weekly Update of April 15, 2005, we incorrectly cited his last name as "Selker". We sincerely apologize for this error.

### **CCSO Legislative Day**

CCSO's Legislative Day held on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, was a great success. By joining the Alliance of California Law Enforcement we united with the following agencies:

- California Peace Officers' Association
- California Police Chiefs Association
- California District Attorneys Association
- California State Sheriffs' Association
- California Narcotic Officers' Association
- California Highway Patrol
- California Reserve Peace Officers' Association
- California Law Enforcement Association of Records Supervisors
- Chief Probation Officers of California
- Peace Officers Research Association of California
- California College and University Police Chiefs Association
- Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training
- California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association
- Southern California Public Safety Dispatchers
- California District Attorney Investigators' Association
- California Correctional Supervisors Organization

Among the list of notable speakers were Assembly Member Keith Richman, CHP Commissioner Mike Brown, Senator Charles Poochigian, Senator Joe Dunn, California's Director of Finance Tom Campbell, Assembly Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy and various dignitaries from law enforcement agencies. After lunch, CCSO members visited with their district representatives and/or staff. This was the first time CCSO joined in such an event, and we plan to build on the relationships established at our legislative day.

### **Luncheon Meeting w/Rod Hickman, YACA Secretary**

Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, State President Tatum and myself (Chief Operations & Financial Officer Le Sage) had a luncheon meeting with YACA Secretary Rod Hickman, YACA Secretary of Labor Relations Brigid Hanson and Special Assistant to the YACA Secretary Frenchie Sells. This very informal meeting allowed a free flow of issues and ideas to address CYA and CDC problems. Mr. Hickman was open to our recommendations, and we ended the meeting with an understanding that the CCSO State Board will meet with him after July. CCSO was invited to participate in an effort to design criteria by which California's 32 prisons and 8 youth detention facilities will be reviewed for staff safety issues.

The review will be facilitated by the California State Board of Corrections staff and will include national subject-matter experts from the American Correctional Association and the Association of State Correctional Administrators, as well as representatives such as CCSO, various labor and employee organizations and staff from the California Department of Corrections (CDC) and the California Youth Authority (CYA). It is anticipated that following the establishment of review criteria and/or a review instrument, staff from the Board of

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Corrections will take the lead. This review will be supported by CDC and CYA staff who will perform staff-safety reviews at the state prison and youth detention facilities and report their findings to the Board of Corrections and YACA.

This review has been undertaken due to the findings of the independent reports related to the conditions at CIM. State President Tatum has selected State Board Member Sergeant Chris Gold to represent CCSO at this review.

### **CCSO Annual Conference**

CCSO held its annual conference on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Anaheim. Chapter presidents heard and asked questions of our keynote speaker, CDC Director Jeanne Woodford. Ms. Woodford addressed the reorganization of CDC. She graciously answered questions for an hour from our attendees.

Bill McPoil, Labor Consultant and instructor at Chapman University presented a power point presentation on supervisory leadership. Attorney Mike Lackie updated our chapter presidents on the appeal procedure regarding the parity court case. Paul Curry and John Lovell, CCSO legislative advocates, provided a legislative report. Overall, the conference was beneficial because it was informative and allowed our chapter presidents, state board, associates and staff to interact and share ideas.

### **Gov. Schwarzenegger: Legislature's Passage of Corrections Reorganization Proposal**

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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, made the following statement on the Legislature's passage of his proposal and its companion legislation, SB 737 by Senator Gloria Romero (D-Los Angeles), to transform the Youth Adult Correctional Agency into the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation:

"I want to thank the legislative leadership for their bipartisan effort to take this important step in reforming our corrections system. This proves once again that when we work together to fix the problems in our state, anything is possible. Protecting public safety and guaranteeing every Californian the right not to become a victim is my priority. Today we took the first step to change the agency and its structure. We laid the foundation necessary to continue to reform our broken corrections system so we can prevent further crimes and protect the safety of all Californians".

### **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**

"The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it always to be kept alive." --Thomas Jefferson