

# California Correctional Supervisors Organization, Inc.

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## *“Supervisors Representing Supervisors”*

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### **WEEKLY UPDATE -THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006**

By: Pat Le Sage, Chief Operations & Financial Officer

#### **CDCR Acting Secretary Jeanne Woodford Resigns:**

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Acting Secretary for CDCR Jeanne Woodford abruptly resigned as the Acting Secretary and will serve temporarily as Undersecretary before officially leaving CDCR in July of this year. Ms. Woodford has been with the Department of Corrections for 28 years and began her career as a correctional officer at San Quentin.

Ms. Woodford expressed the same concerns as the former Secretary Rod Hickman expressed regarding the political environment and the power of the special interest groups that appear to run the department. The Governor is simply not supporting the Agency Secretary position as he promised he would when he made the appointment.

Ms. Woodford was quoted as saying, “She just did not like the signals she was getting from the administration. She believed labor should go through proper channels, and that wasn’t happening anymore.”

The Governor now appears to have a management crisis with the back-to-back resignations of Hickman and now Woodford. In addition to Ms. Woodford, several other high and medium level executives have left since Mr. Hickman stepped down.

Experts have said that the Governor faces a major challenge in searching for a new Secretary because no one is going to come to a place where the environment just makes it impossible to do the business of corrections.

#### **AB 2835 and AB 2994: Assembly Committee Passage**

CCSO is pleased to announce that AB 2835 and AB 2994 passed the Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security. (View comments on these two bills by going to our website [www.ccsonet.org](http://www.ccsonet.org) and clicking “News” and then “Legislative” found in the left column.) CCSO thanks the supporters who were present to testify in support of these two bills. The Coalition of Excluded Employees Organizations is working jointly to support each others bills in order to pass legislations that will benefit excluded employees in California.

#### **Peace Officers’ Memorial Day Services:**

Join CCSO and other peace officers on May 5, 2006 in a Memorial Ceremony commencing at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held at the Memorial Monument, 10<sup>th</sup> Street & Capitol Mall. The ceremony concludes with a 21-gun salute, taps, and returning of the colors.

#### **Welcome New Members:**

The State Board and staff, welcome the new members who have joined CCSO this week.

#### **Thought for the Week:**

“Turbulence is life force. It is opportunity. Let’s love turbulence and use it for change.” — Ramsey Clark