

# CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION

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## WEEKLY UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2, 2008

*Rest in Peace,  
Patricia Diane Mc Cullar*



CCSO's longtime CTC Chapter President Sgt. Terol McCullar's wife, Patricia, passed away on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Patricia was a strong, loving, and compassionate woman who was always helping family and friends. Our prayers go out to Sgt. Terol McCullar, and his family over the loss of his wife and mother of his children. May, Patricia Diane McCullar, Rest in Peace.

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### **Sgt. Injured at SAC:**

Sgt. Michael Murray, was injured during a staff assault by an inmate last Sunday at CSP-SAC. CCSO contacted Sgt. Murray and he is doing well, but will be off work until his shoulder heals. All of us at CCSO wish Sgt. Murray a speedy and complete recovery. Take care, and thank you for the work you do.

**Governor Signs 2 CCSO Sponsored Bills →SB 1353 and AB 2158:** CCSO is proud to announce that SB 1353 (Negrete McLeod) was signed by the Governor and will become law. **SB 1353** is a piece of legislation that we were instrumental in moving forward. This is a CCSO sponsored bill that extends benefits for state employees serving their country.

Existing law authorized a state employee who is a member of the California National Guard or a United States military reserve organization to receive specified compensation benefits for a period not to exceed 730 days if he or she is ordered to serve on active duty on and after September 11, 2001, as a result of the War on Terrorism. SB 1353 now authorizes the Governor to extend these benefits by executive order up to an additional 1,460 days.

CCSO thanks the National Guard and all our members who wrote their legislators to support this bill. CCSO took this piece of legislation on when one phone call from a distraught wife of a CCSO member called us for help. The CCSO sergeant had been called back to military duty and had exhausted the 730-day benefit period. It has taken a year to make this change, but we did it and are thrilled that it is now law.

As the Governor has vetoed thousands of bills, we are pleased that he has chosen to sign these worthy bills into law.

**AB 2158(Soto):** The Governor, also signed into law the CCSO sponsored AB 2158 (Soto) which will provide that if a state employee or an annuitant who retired from state employment and sustained an injury as the result of a work-related event that arose out of and in the course of his or her official duties as a state employee, and that meets a specified definition of a blood-borne or airborne infectious disease, and a dependent, as defined, or former dependent of that person contracts the blood-borne disease from that person, the dependent or former dependent may receive health care benefits sufficient to cover all medically necessary health care costs associated with the disease, for the duration of the disease. The bill will require the state to contribute the cost of providing that benefit coverage from the General Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature. The bill will also provide that a person who elects to receive these benefits would be prohibited from bringing a civil action against the state for damages related to contracting the disease.

Again, this bill was given birth by a CCSO member who called our office and asked for assistance for her daughter who had contracted a disease from her and was not covered. Bravo, on the passage of both these bills!

**CDCR Out-Of-State Transfers:** CDCR announced that they have reduced “bad beds” by roughly 27% over last year. As of September 31<sup>st</sup>, CDCR has transferred 5,101 inmates to Arizona, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Tennessee facilities. The out of state transfers have allowed CDCR to deactivate dayrooms at CCI, CMC, ISP, PVSP, SCC, and WASCO.

**State Budget Now Caught in Financial Crisis:** California's budget nightmare may not be over after all. Treasurer Bill Lockyer said the national crisis threatens to exhaust California's reserves by late this month. Congress thus far has been unable to agree on a \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan. "The credit market is frozen because financial institutions are afraid to commit capital amid enormous uncertainty," the treasurer said in a written statement. California is unable to sell infrastructure bonds and short-term securities - revenue anticipation notes - that are necessary to meet the state's cash-flow needs, said Lockyer, a former Democratic legislator and attorney general.

"Payments for teachers' salaries, nursing homes, law enforcement and every other state-funded service would stop or be significantly delayed," he said. "And California's 5,000 cities, counties, school districts and special districts would face the same fate.

**CalPERS Stays the Course in Market Storm:** CalPERS reported that ...“the news in the financial markets can be alarming for CalPERS members, but the current credit crisis does not directly affect their retirement benefits, which are securely protected by law, or the Fund’s ability to pay them. The pension system is designed to withstand market fluctuations. The CalPERS portfolio is well diversified with investments in public and private companies, real estate, bonds and other fixed income. CalPERS is closely monitoring its exposure to the market’s financial sector, identifying buying opportunities in the changing market environment, and taking advantage of the availability of high-quality fixed income investments. Its portfolio is well-positioned for full market recovery once the current market storm subsides.”

**Nominees for State Board:** Remember this is the last chance to put your name or someone you know is interested in running for the upcoming State Board election as a nominee. The deadline is Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. All nomination forms were mailed September 5<sup>th</sup> to the home address of our members. Become actively involved at the statewide level.

**Take Care—Be Safe**