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WEEKLY UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 10, 2008

CTF Sgt. Dan Salviejo in Critical Condition: CCSO extends our prayers and best wishes for Dan Salviejo who is a Sgt. at CTF and is in ICU at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. He was taken ill while working at CTF and is currently fighting his way to health. CCSO thanks the CTF Chapter President Lt. Truett who is keeping our office informed and working to assist the family.

CCSO Meets With SPB: CCSO has scheduled a meeting for October 28th to meet with Paul Ramsey, SPB Chief Administrative Law Judge. This initial meeting will open discussion on the backlog of SPB hearings and the skelly hearing process and Disciplinary Matrix affecting SPB. Updates after that hearing will be posted.

SCC Inmates Protest: The court-mandated plan to desegregate bunk beds at SCC was met with opposition by inmates Monday, October 6th when prison officials attempted to implement it. SCC and MCSP are the first prisons in California to end the practice of using ethnicity to determine how inmates are housed. In a silent protest, SCC inmates refused to go to their jobs or to meals Monday, October 6th. One man was assaulted after going against his ethnic counterparts and going to breakfast. His injuries were minor, officials said, and they added, it was the only act of violence on Monday. If an inmate refuses, he can lose work time credit (early release), can be placed in administrative segregation and be sent to "workgroup C" where the inmate can lose all privileges including television, personal property, phone access and yard access. "There's a lot to lose for refusing to accept integrated housing," said Captain Kenny Calhoun. "Everything's been pretty peaceful, except for the one incident," Captain Calhoun said. No one is certain how long the several thousand inmates will hold out. Fewer than 20 left their dorms to work as clerks or in the kitchen.

CDCR New Chief of Labor Relations: CCSO met on Tuesday, October 8th, with the new acting Chief of Labor Relations Tony Jones. Jones informed CCSO that Labor Relations was undergoing a change to expedite the grievance process and to accommodate the needs of labor groups representing their members. Margie McCune, the former Chief of Labor Relations has moved to another assignment within CDCR. CCSO looks forward to working with Tony Jones and hopes he can fix the current problems plaguing the labor relations department.

California Must Pay for Prison Health Care: Judge Henderson has scolded California officials for failing to provide the billions of dollars a court-appointed receiver says is needed to upgrade the state's prison health care system. U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson made it clear Monday, October 6th that he expects California to pay \$8 billion for seven new inmate medical facilities. But he stopped short of immediately holding Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and State Controller John Chiang in contempt for failing to turn over the money. The judge says he is likely to order the state to pay \$250 million as a first installment to demonstrate good faith. J. Clark Kelso, the receiver, said he needs that amount to start designing three new medical and mental health units. Kelso said he will need more than \$3 billion before July 1 to begin building them. The rest of the \$8 billion would come in later years. Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Lisa Page said the administration would not comment until it sees Henderson's written order. The Governor's Office stated earlier in the week that there simply is no money to pay the Receiver. This constitutional confrontation may end up in Supreme Court.

Recall Petition Rejected: California's Secretary of State Debra Bowen rejected on October 7th a petition by CCPOA to recall Governor Schwarzenegger based on lack of legal requirements. CCPOA has 10 days to submit a corrected petition.

The CCSO office will be closed Monday, October 13th in honor of Columbus Day

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