

CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION

June 5, 2009 - Weekly Update

CCSO Lobbyists Paul Curry and John Lovell Report:

The climate in the legislature is very somber with the failure of the initiatives on May 19th they now face a budget hole of over 21.3 billion. During the Governor's speech on June 2, 2009 to the joint houses of the legislature he stated that, "We spend \$49,000 per inmate, per year. The national average is \$32,000 per inmate, per year. Other states have privately-run correctional facilities that operate at half the cost. Why can't we?" Given the Governor's earlier comments on releasing thousands of undocumented immigrant inmates the impact on the Department of Corrections will be great. The Governor and legislature are looking for about 5.8 billion from Corrections at this early stage of the budget talks.

Since nothing is carved in concrete yet, we will be watching the ball very closely in the coming days. There is a sense of urgency as the State Controller has said that the state will run out of money in about 14 days. Understand this is a cash flow issue and not a real empty wallet situation.

CDCR could regain control of inmate medical care:

CDCR is hopeful that the latest agreement with the federal receiver may allow them to get back control of California's inmate health care. The cost to the state is \$4 billion to build two prison hospitals and renovate various institutions in order to create 5,000 beds for ill inmates.

CCSO Baby:

CCSO Senior Office Tech Nicole Rollins had a beautiful baby girl named Mylie. Nicole is doing fine and baby Mylie came into this world, on Wednesday May 27th, weighing 6lbs. 4ozs. Nicole will be on maternity leave until August 1st.

Welcome Jen:

CCSO has hired this summer, 17 year-old, Jennifer Schmidt to assist the office over the long, hot summer. Jen is a senior and will be a big help to CCSO this summer. Welcome aboard Jen!

Keynote Articles:

CCSO will be preparing a summer keynote publication. The office is now accepting articles. Please email, fax, or mail your article to CCSO and attention it to Pat.

All letters and articles will be subject to editing for style, grammar, length, and appropriate news.

Reported By Lt. Chris Gold, State Board Member and Law Enforcement Liaison

June 2nd Rally at Capitol: As the California Correctional Supervisors Organization's State Board Member and Law Enforcement Liaison, I am pleased to announce that on June 2, 2009, I participated in a Rally organized by SEIU, at the State Capitol. The purpose of this rally was to demonstrate a combined and unilateral support by State Employees who said "NO MORE PAY CUTS!" CCSO will continue to stand in opposition against salary, benefit cuts, and work furloughs given to state employees who are tasked with keeping our great State of California running.

CCSO Cares:

In May of 2009, CCSO stepped up to the plate to assist local foster children of El Dorado County and Sacramento County by purchasing much needed toys and games for these less fortunate children. We have never been an Organization with "deep pockets" but the money we receive from our members has always and will continue to go right back to support our members, and at times to help out in our local communities. I am proud to be a member of this Organization because even during these very difficult times of uncertainty CCSO, cared enough to host the CDCR Medal of Valor annual awards ceremony in order to demonstrate our support for the heroic actions of CDCR employees.

TAKE CARE AND BE SAFE!