

CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION

July 31, 2009 - Weekly Update

Governor Signs Budget - No 4th Furlough:

The Governor signed, on Tuesday July 28th a \$24 billion budget that includes \$16.1 billion in spending reductions. Governor Schwarzenegger used his line-veto power to cut an additional \$489 million. Fortunately, he said a 4th furlough day would not be part of the solution to make up the \$1 billion in revenues he still needed to cut.

The \$16.1 billion in cuts were taken from Education, Corrections, General Government, State Employee Compensation and Health and Human Services. CDCR will see a \$1.2 billion in reductions taken from custody and parole reforms. The specific plans for reductions in CDCR will be determined upon the Legislature's return in August.

CCSO is lobbying and battling against the reduction of the inmate population by 27,000 whether it comes from keeping some offenders in county jails and assigning other (aged and ailing) inmates to home confinement or if it comes down to early-release programs. Either way this will amount to the reduction of 27,000 inmates from state prisons. This massive reduction in the inmate population will negatively impact CDCR custody to the degree that lay-offs will be justified. CCSO was informed earlier this year at an Executive CDCR meeting that inmate reduction equates to custody reduction. CDCR must find the \$1.2 billion to cut by stopping all unnecessary rehabilitation programs, by reducing the top-heavy administration staff that spend most of their time attending meetings discussing the problems, and CDCR needs to stop the wasteful spending of money on futile investigations.

Contact your legislator and let them know inmate population reduction is unsafe for the communities, unmanageable for the county jails, and will result in even more state employees being laid-off.

State Workers To Get PPO Health Premium Break:

The legislature gave thousands of state workers and other public employees a temporary respite from health premiums as part of the budget Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed on Tuesday. The health premium holiday, as CalPERS is calling it, would last for two months – although a start date has yet to be determined. The program is expected to save \$43 million in paycheck deductions for 324,000 public employees in a preferred provider insurance plan, or PPO. Workers in HMOs will not get the break. The state also will be excused from paying its share of premiums for PPO members, totaling \$131 million over two months, and other public agencies will save \$91 million. CalPERS will use more than \$265 million in excess reserves to offset health premiums for two months.

Governor Approves New San Quentin Death Row:

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has given the go-ahead for construction of a new Death Row at San Quentin State Prison by vetoing legislative restrictions, an action that a Marin County lawmaker called both unwise and illegal. Schwarzenegger said he was saving additional, unspecified amounts by rejecting language added to the budget that would have delayed the Death Row project.

Vacant CCSO State Vice President Position:

State Vice President (NPO) Richard Ortiz gave his notice that he would be stepping down from his elected position as the (NPO) Non Peace Officer Vice President on the CCSO State Board. Mr. Ortiz cited personal reasons for resigning his position.

On behalf of everyone at CCSO we wish Richard Ortiz well and thank him for his past service as the Non Peace Officer Vice President. Mr. Ortiz remains an active Member in the retired chapter and will assist CCSO in his political capacity as he is the Mayor of Soledad and is quite active with cities and counties via ACAPP.

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