

CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION

October 30, 2009 - Weekly Update

Legal Updates: Furlough – Action on the CCSO furlough litigation should occur within the next couple of weeks.

Managers Litigation – DPA has filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings requesting the Court send CCSO before an Administrative Law Judge for review of our claims. The motion will be heard on November 6, 2009. DPA's main contentions are that the grievances filed do not include reference to Govt. Code, section 19826. CCSO argues that the mention of a specific govt. code does not negate their full knowledge of the claims at stake, and that DPA is simply stalling.

3.125% Retro Pay litigation – The court will review where this case stands at a Case Management Conference on November 20, 2009, at which time CCSO expects the court will set a trial date.

State Board Meeting: The CCSO State Board met and approved an increase in the death benefits given to a beneficiary upon a members' death. Currently, a CCSO active member has a \$2000 death benefit. Effective January 1, 2010 the death benefit will increase to \$5000. If you want to check or change your designated beneficiary, contact the main office at 800-449-2940 and ask to have your membership card pulled for your review. If you need to change the beneficiary, a CCSO representative will mail you a form or you can download the beneficiary form online by going to ccsonet.org and clicking on the Benefits page. Go to Death Benefit and click on beneficiary.

State plans to close two community correctional facilities in Kern: Two privately run prisons in Kern County were issued 60-day closure notices on October 26th by CDCR. McFarland Community Correctional Facility in McFarland and Mesa Verde Correctional Facility in Bakersfield now face closure. Wardens at both facilities declined to discuss the situation. The decision was made because downward trends in the minimum-security inmate population have reduced demand for the services the private prisons provide, said Terry Thornton, a spokeswoman for CDCR.

Assemblyman Danny Gilmore challenged the decision to close the McFarland Community Facility citing that closing this facility will only exacerbate the increase in job loses in California. Gilmore said that it is irresponsible to continue employing people in other states, at the expense of California residents. The Assemblyman said that this facility could be upgraded to hold higher-level inmates thus easing the overcrowding at other state prisons. He went on to argue that California continues to ship inmates to other states when we need to focus on keeping jobs in California and retrofitting community facilities to accommodate inmates that are not low-level. CDCR spokesperson Terry Thornton said it would be too expensive to upgrade the community facilities, but that the state will be taking bids to house female inmates and these facilities have a shot at those contracts.

Federal judges reject plan to cut California prison crowding: Three federal judges on Wednesday, October 21st, rejected the prison population reduction plan submitted to them by the state and gave the Schwarzenegger administration three more weeks to produce a plan that complies with their wishes. If the court doesn't get one by Nov. 12, the judges said they will order attorneys who represent sick inmates to submit a plan by the end of November, and the judges would order that plan be implemented.

Operation Boo! Parole agents from CDCR will be enforcing special limits on sex offenders during "Operation Boo" to ensure that offenders stay home and away from children on Halloween Night.



Happy Halloween – Don't Let the Goblins Get You

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