

CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION

December 30, 2009 - Weekly Update

CalPERS loses furlough suit in Court:

CalPERS is considering appealing the San Francisco Superior Court judge's rejection of CalPERS argument that the state-worker furlough program is hindering the pension fund's ability to recover from huge investment losses.

Judge Charlotte Woolard ruled that Governor Schwarzenegger, "acted reasonably in furloughing all employees to save funds and preserve parity." The spokesman for CalPERS said that they are, "going to look at all our options, including an appeal."

There is discussion within the Schwarzenegger administration that the state is planning to extend the furloughs beyond June as the state is coping with a \$20.7 billion deficit.

There are over 2 dozen lawsuits that have been filed against the Governor's furlough plan with mixed rulings from the courts. The recent ruling from the Alameda Superior Court that ruled in favor of CCPOA and cited that the correctional officers self directed furloughs is a violation is a win; yet, the ruling does not invalidate the furlough plan.

The CalPERS Board voted this month to increase the state's annual contribution to the pension fund by \$200 million. The Governor, however, wants the contribution to increase by \$1 billion. The Governor says the state should pay its bills promptly rather than defer the impact of the CalPERS losses. Critics of the Governor say he is only trying to dramatize the situation in order to reduce pension benefits for newly hired workers.

Furlough Declarations:

CCSO will be mailing to all Chapter Presidents a packet, with instructions included, requesting that Chapter Presidents make contact with members to complete simple forms and contact sheets that will be used by the CCSO attorney Mark Kruger in the continuance of our furlough suit. This is very important that Chapter Presidents assist the office in obtaining the necessary declarations. The CCPOA lawsuit addressing R06 officers, sergeants and lieutenants supervising R06 needs to be expanded on in order to include all employees who have banked furlough hours.

The instructions in the packet explain what needs to be done, but if you have questions please call the CCSO office and ask for Ford, Bill or Pat for further explanation.

Chief Dentist Lawsuit Update:

The court received the State's argument regarding the elimination of the Chief Dentist positions in CDCR, and CCSO has until January 4th to provide the court its argument citing the elimination of the Chief Dentist positions will harm patient care. The court will hear the case in San Francisco on January 15th, and Judge White will hopefully make a decision before the end of January.

The CCSO Office will be closed at Noon on December 31st and all day on January 1, 2010

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