

**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**AND**

**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS**

**STATIONARY ENGINEERS, LOCAL 39, AFL-CIO**

**COVERING ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE**

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE UNIT**

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## **PREAMBLE**

This AGREEMENT, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement, entered into by the COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, hereinafter referred to as the County, and the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, STATIONARY ENGINEERS, LOCAL 39, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union, has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious labor relations between the County and the Union; establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment.

The term "agreement" as used herein means the written agreement provided under Section 3505.1 of the Government Code.

## **ARTICLE I RECOGNITION AND COVERAGE**

### **1.1 RECOGNITION**

a. The County recognizes the Union as the exclusive negotiating agent for all employees in the Operations and Maintenance Unit.

b. The Union recognizes the County Executive or his/her designee as the negotiating representative for the County and shall negotiate exclusively with him/her or his/her designee, except as otherwise specifically spelled out in this Agreement.

### **1.2 COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES**

a. The Operations and Maintenance Unit consists of all employees as stated in the listing of classes set forth in Exhibit "A" of this Agreement.

b. This Agreement applies only to employees in the above-described representation unit.

## **ARTICLE II UNION RIGHTS**

### **2.1 UNION SECURITY**



It is the intent of this article to provide for payroll deductions of Union members to be deducted from their warrants insofar as permitted by law, Local 39 shall provide the County with a list of employees from whom membership dues should be deducted from the paycheck. Local 39 shall provide the County with any subsequent modifications to that list. The County shall initiate deductions in accordance with the information provided by Local 39.

a. . In the event the County misses one (1) or more dues deductions in a payroll period, due to no fault on the part of the Union, the County will correct the error in the next biweekly pay period if notified by the Union in writing within five (5) workdays of the initial transmittal to the Union.

b. (1) The written authorization for Union dues deductions shall remain in full force and effect during the life of this Agreement between the County and the Union, unless canceled in writing.

(2) The written authorization for approved insurance and benefit programs and the amount of dues deducted from Union members' warrants shall be changed by the County upon written request of the Union.

(3) The Union agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless against any claims made of any nature and against any suit instituted against the County arising from its checkoff for the dues, insurance, or benefit programs of the Union.

c. "Approved insurance and benefit programs" are those which the County has approved as being non-competitive or non-duplicative of County-offered programs. The County reserves the right to disapprove any insurance program, in advance, if competitive or duplicative; and to cancel all Union insurance and benefit program payroll deductions where they are established without prior County approval. It is understood that life insurance, except for accidental death and dismemberment, is competitive and duplicative of County-offered programs. It is understood that insurance programs offered by the Union to employees not eligible for enrollment in County insurance programs are "approved insurance and benefit programs."

d. Solicitation and/or servicing of Union insurance and benefit programs shall not interrupt on-duty employees nor be conducted in County facilities without prior approval of the County.

## **2.2 UNION NOTICES AND MEETINGS**

a. The Union may use County conference rooms and similar building facilities for meetings with employees in the units it represents, may post materials on bulletin boards which have been provided for their use in the units it represents, and may visit work locations to confer with its members regarding grievances or other business within the scope of representation or otherwise provided for within this Agreement.

b. Use of County meeting facilities requires at least twenty-four (24) hours

advance notice to the appropriate County official and is subject to County use of such facilities; provided, however, that once scheduled, such Union meetings may not be canceled by the County except under emergency situations. The County may establish reasonable regulations governing the use of County facilities as provided by this section.

c. The Union shall be entitled to the use of a bulletin board at each work location where they are established or where they may be reasonably necessary.

d. Duly authorized representatives of the Union shall be permitted, at all times that employees in the units it represents are working, to enter offices to transact business within the scope of representation and to observe conditions under which employees are employed and carry out their responsibilities; provided, however, that the Union representative shall, upon arrival at the facility, notify the person in charge of the areas he/she wishes to visit. Access shall not be unreasonably denied. If denied, the reason or reasons for denial must be stated.

e. The Union may transmit reasonable amounts of written materials through the County's departmental interoffice mail system. The County agrees to instruct personnel that sealed mail marked "Local 39 Business, Confidential" is to be delivered to the addressee unopened.

## **2.3 UNION REPRESENTATION**

a. The County recognizes and agrees to deal with designated stewards and representatives of the Union on all matters relating to grievances and the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the express terms of this Agreement.

b. The Union may designate up to twenty-three (23) shop stewards to be assigned as follows:

Sacramento County Airport System (4)

Bradshaw Complex (8)

Downtown Complex (3)

Outlying Areas (7)

At Large (1)

To be assigned at Union's discretion

The designated job stewards must be employees and work in the area to which they are assigned as a job steward (example: a Bradshaw steward cannot work in the downtown location). The Union will be responsible for distributing job stewards in accordance with the above allocations. Such distributions shall be made so as not to cause unreasonable disruption of operations and shall not result in more than two (2) stewards at any single work area.

c. The Union shall furnish the County with the names of designated representatives and shop stewards immediately after their designation. Shop stewards will not be recognized by the County until such a list is received by the County Executive and the department head involved.

d. Upon the request of the aggrieved employee, a shop steward or representative of the Union may investigate the specified grievance provided it is in his/her assigned area of responsibility and assist in its presentation. Shop stewards who are full-time employees shall be allowed a reasonable time for this purpose during working hours without loss of pay, subject to prior notification of his/her immediate supervisor. If the shop steward requests to leave the work site, notification shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the County, which form will state the amount of time spent for the purpose. All shop stewards shall keep to a minimum the time spent in fulfilling their duties. The right to use County time as designated above will be limited to designated shop stewards only.

e. It shall be the responsibility of all shop stewards to discuss first with their immediate supervisor any question regarding interpretation or application of this Agreement.

f. At the request of the Union, a shop steward may be allowed reasonable time off without loss of pay to represent the Union in meetings with representatives of the County. Such time off shall be subject to prior notification and approval as provided in Subsection d. above.

## **2.4 NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION**

a. Unless otherwise agreed in advance, Union Business Representative, or their designees, shall be provided up to thirty (30) minutes to attend the County's regularly scheduled new-employee orientation so that they may provide information about the Union and the labor agreement. The new-employee orientation schedule, and the reserved thirty (30) minutes of time for the Union's representative(s) to attend, shall be established by the County and provided to the Union annually. The County shall make a reasonable effort to provide the Union with at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice of changes to the regular schedule.

b. At least every thirty (30) days, the County shall provide the Union with a list of employees who are employed in classifications represented by the bargaining unit.

c. If the County elects to implement an electronic orientation not conducted in a virtual format, the following will apply:

1. The County will provide Local 39 with a list of attendees at each orientation including a County email address if applicable.
2. Employees will be allowed 30 minutes not in addition to the time in 2.4.a. to attend a virtual union orientation scheduled by Local 39.

The employee must notify his or her supervisor reasonably in advance in order to secure this paid release time. Such time shall not be unreasonably denied.

3. Employees shall be provided an opportunity to attend the virtual union orientation in a location where they will not be interrupted or overheard by others. This does not guarantee a private indoor space. Where such indoor space is unavailable, employees shall be allowed to participate in an outdoor space, including in their vehicles if parked in the worksite lot.
4. Local 39 will provide the County with annual schedule of meeting dates and times.

## **ARTICLE III COUNTY RIGHTS**

### **3.1 COUNTY RIGHTS**

a. All County rights and functions, except those which are expressly abridged by this Agreement, shall remain vested with the County.

b. The rights of the County include, but are not limited to, the exclusive right to determine the mission of its constituent departments, commissions and boards; set standards of service; determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotion; train, direct and assign its employees; take disciplinary action; relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; maintain the efficiency of County operations; determine the methods, means and personnel by which County operations are to be conducted; determine the content of job classifications; take all necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies; and exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and the technology of performing its work. The County has the right to make reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to employees consistent with this Agreement.

c. This Agreement is not intended to, nor may it be construed to, modify the provisions of the Charter relating to civil service or personnel administration. The Civil Service Commission shall continue to exercise authority over classification of jobs and procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotion.

d. This Agreement is not intended to restrict consultation with the Union regarding matters within the right of the County to determine. This section is not subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure as outlined in this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **4.1 STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS**

a. No lockout of employees shall be instituted by the County during the term of this Agreement.

b. The Union agrees that during the term of this Agreement, neither it nor its officers, employees or members will engage in, encourage, sanction, support, or suggest any strikes (including economic strikes, sympathy strikes, and unfair labor practice strikes), work stoppages, boycotts, slowdowns, mass resignations, mass absenteeism, picketing or any other similar actions which would involve suspension of, or interference with, the normal work of the County. In the event that Union members participate in such activities in violation of this provision, the Union shall notify those members so engaged to cease and desist from such activities and shall instruct the members to return to their normal duties.

### **4.2 DISCRIMINATION**

a. The County will not interfere with or discriminate in any way against any employees by reason of membership in the Union or participation in any activity approved by this Agreement, nor will the County discourage membership in the Union or encourage membership in any other employee organization.

b. The Union, in turn, recognizes its responsibility as exclusive negotiating agent and agrees to represent all employees without discrimination, interference, restraint, or coercion. The provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all employees without discrimination as to physical or mental disability, age, sex, marital status, religion, race, color, creed, national origin, or political or employee organization affiliation. The County and the Union shall share equally the responsibility for applying this provision of the Agreement.

## **ARTICLE V GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

### **5.1 PURPOSE**

a. This grievance and arbitration procedure shall be used to process and resolve grievances arising under this Agreement.

b. The purposes of this procedure are:

- (1) To resolve grievances informally at the lowest possible level;

- (2) To provide an orderly procedure for reviewing and resolving grievances promptly.

## **5.2 DEFINITIONS**

- a. A grievance is a complaint of one (1) or a group of employees, or a dispute between the County and the Union, involving the interpretation, application or enforcement of the express terms of the Agreement.
- b. As used in this procedure the term "immediate supervisor" means the individual who assigns, reviews and directs the work of an employee.
- c. As used in this procedure the term "party" means an employee, the Union or the County.
- d. As used herein, "representative" or "Union representative", if an employee of the County, refers to an employee designated as such pursuant to Section 2.3.

## **5.3 TIME LIMITS**

Each party involved in a grievance shall act quickly so that the grievance may be resolved promptly. Every effort should be made to complete action within the time limits contained in the grievance procedure, but with the written consent of all parties the time limitation for any step may be extended. In the event the grievance is not appealed to the next step as prescribed by this procedure or mutually agreed to extend the time limitation, the grievance shall be deemed to be withdrawn.

## **5.4 PRESENTATION**

The grievant or the Union representative or both may present a grievance while on duty. For purposes of this section, a Union representative is defined as a professional Union staff member or a Union steward, so long as said Union steward is a full-time or regular part-time employee.

## **5.5 EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

The employee retains all rights conferred by Section 3500, et seq., of the Government Code or Chapter 2.79 of the Sacramento County Code.

## **5.6 APPLICATION**

Grievances as defined in Section 5.2 shall be brought through this procedure. The procedure adopted by the Board of Supervisors, effective October 1, 1969, shall not apply to employees covered by this Agreement for any purpose whatsoever.

## **5.7 INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

a. The grievance initially shall be discussed with the immediate supervisor. The employee may be represented by the Union representative.

b. Within five (5) workdays, the immediate supervisor shall give his/her decision or response. If the immediate supervisor fails to respond to the informal grievance within five (5) workdays, the grievant shall have the right to initiate a formal grievance no later than ten (10) workdays after the event or circumstance occasioning the grievance.

## **5.8 FORMAL GRIEVANCE - STEP 1**

a. If an informal grievance is not resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant, or if there is reason to bypass the informal step, a formal grievance may be initiated. A formal grievance may be initiated no later than:

- (1) Ten (10) workdays after the event or circumstances occasioning the grievance; or
- (2) Within five (5) workdays of the decision rendered in the informal grievance procedure, whichever is later.

b. However, if the informal grievance procedure is not initiated within the period specified in Subsection (1) above, the period in which to bring the grievance shall not be extended by Subsection (2) above.

c. A formal grievance shall be initiated in writing on a form prescribed by the County and shall be filed with the person designated by the appointing authority as the first level of appeal. The employee may be represented by the Union representative.

d. Within ten (10) workdays after the initiation of the formal grievance, the designee of the appointing authority at the first level of appeal shall investigate the grievance, and give his/her decision in writing to the grievant.

## **5.9 FORMAL GRIEVANCE - STEP 2**

a. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered pursuant to Step 1, he/she may appeal the decision within five (5) workdays to the appointing authority or his/her designee. The employee may be represented by the Union representative. If the appointing authority or his/her designee is the first level of appeal, the grievant may bypass Step 2.

b. Within ten (10) workdays the appointing authority or his/her designated representative shall respond in writing to the grievance. If a meeting is held between the Union and the Step 2 designee, the appointing authority shall have ten (10) workdays from the date of the meeting to respond.

## **5.10 FORMAL GRIEVANCE - STEP 3**

- a. The Step 3 appeal shall be considered a formal request for a meeting and a written decision by the County Executive or his/her designee. The meeting should be held within twenty (20) working days from receipt of the appeal to Step 3.
- b. The County and the Union agree to make every effort to schedule Step 3 grievance meetings twice a month. The intent of the parties is to hear all grievances within forty (40) working days of the appeal.
- c. There shall be two (2) tracks to solve the problem at Step 3. The Union shall reserve the right to choose either:
  - (1) Mediation as described in Section 5.11; or
  - (2) Third step appeal as described in Section 5.12.

## **5.11 MEDIATION**

- a. Grievances appealed to Step 3 may be submitted by the Union to mediation. Mediation shall take place on the first and third Tuesday of each calendar month. Subsequent days for mediation will be scheduled, if necessary. The parties agree to mutually select a panel of mediators. If the parties are unable to select a panel of mediators, they shall utilize the State Mediation and Conciliation Service.
- b. Under no case shall the adjustment or resolution of the grievance at this level exceed forty (40) working days from the date of their appeal to Step 3, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties. If not extended, the Union may appeal the grievance to arbitration.
- c. Mediators who have been selected by the parties to mediate grievance disputes will be scheduled on a rotating and available basis.
- d. The parties agree to meet annually in May to review the mediators listed above. The list of mediators for the subsequent year shall be mutually agreed upon, but should the parties be unable to agree on a new list, the previous list will continue until such time as a new list is agreed to or the State Mediation and Conciliation Service is utilized.
- e. All costs of the mediator, if any, shall be borne equally by the parties. No party shall purposely withhold information at this level but shall disclose all information relevant to the grievance for consideration by the other party.
- f. Mediation Procedures: The mediation procedure shall be entirely informal in nature. However, copies of exhibits upon which either party bases its case shall be



shared with the other party. The relevant facts should be elicited in a narrative fashion to the extent possible, rather than through examination and cross-examination of witnesses. The rules of evidence will not apply, and no record of the proceedings will be made. All persons involved in the events giving rise to the grievance should be encouraged to participate fully in the proceeding, both by stating their views and by asking questions of the other participants at the mediation hearing.

g. The primary effort of the mediator shall be to assist the parties in settling the stated grievance in a mutually satisfactory fashion. In attempting to achieve a settlement, the mediator is free to use all of the techniques customarily associated with the mediation process, including private conferences with only one (1) party. If settlement is not possible, the mediator shall provide the parties with an immediate bench opinion, based on the stated grievance and the Collective Bargaining Agreement, as to how the grievance would be decided if it went to arbitration. That opinion would not be final or binding but would be advisory. It would be delivered orally and would be accompanied by a statement of the reasons for the mediator's opinion. The advisory opinion may be used as the basis for further settlement discussions or for withdrawal or granting of the grievance. If the grievance is not settled, granted or withdrawn, the parties are free to arbitrate. If they do, the mediator shall not serve as arbitrator, and no offers or concessions made by the parties or the mediator during mediation can be used against a party during arbitration. Neither attorneys nor court reporters or any other type of note taker shall be allowed to be present at the proceedings.

h. If the parties agree to be bound by a mediator's recommendation, the subsequent agreement shall be reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

i. Any grievance not resolved within twenty (20) working days of the initial mediation session with no subsequent mediation session(s) scheduled and which the Union wishes to pursue may be appealed by the Union to arbitration within ten (10) working days.

## **5.12 HEARING AND RESPONSE - STEP 3**

a. If the Union/grievant chooses not to utilize mediation and is not satisfied with the decision rendered pursuant to Step 2, he/she may appeal the decision within five (5) workdays to the County Executive. The employee may be represented by a Union representative.

b. The County Executive or his/her designated representative shall, within ten (10) workdays of receipt of the appeal, schedule and conduct a grievance hearing unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties. The County Executive or his/her representative shall render a written response to the grievance within fifteen (15) workdays following the date of the grievance hearing unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

### **5.13 ARBITRATION - STEP 4**

If the County Executive or his/her designated representative fail to respond in writing as provided in Step 3, or if the Union is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, the Union shall have the right to refer the matter to binding arbitration. Such referral shall be made by written demand submitted to the County Executive within ten (10) workdays of receipt of his/her decision.

### **5.14 PROCEDURE FOR DISCOVERY**

a. Personal Service: At any time after the hearing date has been set for an appeal, but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days before the date set, unless mutually agreed to extend, for such hearing, any party may personally serve a written request upon the responding party, or representative of record, for information that is necessary and relevant to prosecution of the Grievance as defined in Government Code 3500 et. seq. The requesting party shall bear the full cost of any discovery request, with that cost being mutually agreed to.

b. Service by Mail: At any time after the hearing date has been set for an appeal, but in no event later than thirty-five (35) calendar days before the date set, unless mutually agreed to extend, for such hearing, any party may serve, by first-class mail, a written request upon the responding party, or representative of record, for any or all of the information set forth in Subsection a. above. The effective date of service shall be the date of the postmark.

c. Response: Within twenty (20) calendar days of receiving the request mentioned in (a) and (b) above, unless mutually agreed to extend, the responding party shall prepare and serve a response to the request. Such response shall be served upon the requesting party, or representative of record, by the same means as service of the request was made.

d. Request to be Deemed Continuing Request: The discovery request is a continuing request, which requires a continuous response. Where new or additional information becomes available to the responding party, such information shall forthwith be furnished to the requesting party, or representative of record.

e. Negative Response: In the event the responding party does not have an item of the information requested, the responding party shall give a written negative response as to that particular item within the time specified for response, but shall respond fully as to the information which the responding party does possess. The responding party shall comply with (d) above after such negative response.

f. Disputes: Any dispute between parties regarding discovery shall be resolved by the arbitrator.

g. Penalties for Failure to Comply: The arbitrator shall impose penalties for failure to comply with this subsection. These penalties shall be based upon the seriousness of the failure to comply, the good or bad faith of the non-complying party, and the extent to which the non-compliance results in surprise to the requesting party and handicaps the requesting

party in preparing the case. The following penalties may be imposed:

- (1) Exclusion of evidence;
- (2) Continuing the hearing at any stage; or
- (3) Upon proof of a willful or repeated violation, the arbitrator shall determine the issue against the noncomplying party.

h. The Association waives the right to make Public Records Act requests as an alternative to this process and may not use as evidence at the hearing County information obtained through a third-party Public Records Act request. Both parties waive the right to use information obtained through an MMB request submitted after the timelines in Section 5.14 (a).

## **5.15 SELECTION OF ARBITRATOR**

a. The parties to the hearing and to the selection of the arbitrator shall be the Union and the County.

b. An impartial arbitrator shall be selected jointly by the parties within ten (10) workdays of receipt of the written demand.

c. In the event the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator within the time stated, the parties shall solicit from the State of California Mediation and Conciliation Service a list of five (5) arbitrators.

d. After receipt of the list, the parties shall alternately strike arbitrator's names from the list until one (1) arbitrator's name remains.

e. If an arbitrator selected declines appointment or is otherwise unavailable, a new list shall be requested as per Subsection b. above, and the selection shall be made as in Subsection c. above, unless an arbitrator can be mutually agreed upon.

f. The County and the Union may use expedited arbitration. Expedited arbitration would include:

- (1) A requirement that the arbitrator selected render a decision within sixty (60) calendar days of the conclusion of the hearing.
  - (2) Either side may request, at their cost, a court reporter.
  - (3) No post hearing briefs unless mutually agreed by the parties.
- g. Either the County or the Union may require a full arbitration hearing on any

grievance.

## **5.16 DECISION**

- a. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.
- b. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add, delete or alter any provisions of this Agreement, nor shall the arbitrator substitute his/her discretion in any case where the County is given or retains such discretion. The arbitrator shall limit his/her decision to the application and interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement.

## **5.17 COSTS**

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the court reporter, if required by the arbitrator or requested by a party, shall be shared equally by the parties.

## **5.18 WITNESSES**

The County agrees that employees shall not suffer loss of compensation for time spent as witnesses at an arbitration hearing held pursuant to this Agreement. The Union agrees that the number of witnesses requested to attend, and their scheduling shall be reasonable.

## **5.19 RESPONSE**

If the County fails to respond to a grievance within the time limits specified for each step, the grievant shall have the right to appeal to the next higher step up to Step 3.

## **5.20 COPY OF DECISION**

At each step of the formal grievance procedure, a copy of the decision shall be sent to the Union at the same time as the decision is sent to the grievant.

## **5.21 GRIEVANCES/PERSONNEL FILES**

Copies of grievances filed pursuant to this section will not be placed in personnel files as defined in Subsection 15.7-a.

# **ARTICLE VI HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME**

## **6.1 HOURS OF WORK**

- a. The regular workweek shall commence Sunday and extend through

Saturday, eight (8) hours per day, five (5) days per week, for a total of forty (40) hours, which includes authorized absences with pay.

b. The hours of work, including authorized absences with pay, of a part-time employee shall be established by the appointing authority but shall normally be less than eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week.

c. An employee normally shall be allowed a lunch period of not less than thirty (30) minutes nor more than one (1) hour which shall be scheduled generally in the middle of the work shift. A permanent employee shall be given at least five (5) workdays' written notice prior to a permanent change in their assigned lunch hours. The notice requirement shall not apply to temporary or emergency assignments.

d. Whenever it is necessary for an employee to work overtime in excess of two (2) consecutive hours, he/she shall be granted an additional lunch period, the taking of which is optional with the employee.

e. Lunch periods shall not be counted as time worked except for an employee for whom lunch periods includes the actual performance of assigned duties such as an employee who works a straight eight-hour shift.

f. When an employee is ordered by the County to attend training, the time spent in training shall be counted as hours worked. Training which takes place during off-duty hours with attendance voluntary is not hours worked.

g. A permanent employee shall be given at least five (5) workdays' written notice prior to a permanent change in their assigned hours of work. The notice requirement shall not apply to temporary or emergency assignments.

h. Notwithstanding a. above, an employee of a specific section, unit, division, or department may work a modified biweekly pay period of less than ten (10) days, but not less than eighty (80) hours, subject to approval of the County and the Union.

## **6.2 9/80 WORK SCHEDULES**

a. An appointing authority, with prior approval of the County Executive, may approve individual requests of employees covered by this Agreement in their department to work a 9/80 work schedule. In addition, in recognition of the type and nature of work performed by many groups of employees covered by this Agreement, the appointing authority has the right to place, at their discretion, all employees in a work unit, section or division on a 9/80 work schedule.

b. For an employee who does not receive time and one-half overtime pay, the workweek will remain from 12:00 a.m. on Sunday to 12:00 a.m. the following Sunday, a period of seven (7) consecutive twenty-four-hour periods.

(1) For such employee, the 9/80 work schedule is a schedule which

during one (1) week of the biweekly pay period the employee is scheduled to work four (4) nine-hour workshifts for a total of thirty-six (36) hours, and during the other week of the pay period, is scheduled to work four (4) nine-hour workshifts and one (1) eight-hour workshift.

- (2) For such employee working the 9/80 work schedule, who is eligible to earn straight-time overtime, overtime shall be earned when the employee is required to work in excess of nine (9) hours when normally scheduled to work the nine-hour workshift and in excess of eight (8) hours when normally scheduled to work the eight-hour workshift. Overtime shall also be earned when an employee eligible for overtime is required to work in excess of thirty-six (36) hours during the week the employee is scheduled to work thirty-six (36) hours, or in excess of forty-four (44) hours during the week the employee is scheduled to work forty-four (44) hours.

c. For an employee who does receive time and one-half overtime pay, the individual employee's workweek must be redesignated by the County so that it commences in the middle of the eight-hour workshift as described in Subsection b.(1) above. This redesignated workweek must be in writing and specifically state the day of the week and time of day that the workweek commences and the effective date of the redesignated workweek. This must be completed and approved prior to the employee working the 9/80 schedule and be filed in the employee's personnel file. This redesignated workweek must be changed prior to the employee altering the day of the week or time of day that the eight-hour workshift occurs; the redesignated workweek must always commence during the middle of the eight-hour workshift. This redesignated workweek must also be changed back to the standard Sunday through Saturday workweek upon the employee moving off the 9/80 work schedule.

- (1) For such employee, the 9/80 work schedule is a schedule in which during each redesignated workweek the employee works four (4) nine-hour workshifts and one (1) four-hour workshift. The two (2) four-hour workshifts are worked consecutively in a manner to constitute one (1) eight-hour work period, similar to the eight-hour workshift provided in Subsection b.(1) above.
- (2) For such employee overtime shall be earned when the employee is required to work in excess of nine (9) hours when normally scheduled to work the nine-hour workshift, and in excess of forty (40) hours during the redesignated workweek. Additionally, overtime will be earned when the employee is required to work more than four (4) hours when normally scheduled to work either of the four-hour work shifts.

d. An employee working a 9/80 schedule shall take an unpaid meal period in the middle of their nine-hour and eight-hour workshifts, or between the two (2) four-hour

workshifts, consistent with Section 6.1. An employee may receive one (1) rest period during the first half of the employee's nine-hour or eight-hour workshift and one (1) rest period during the second half of the nine-hour or eight hour workshift, consistent with Section 6.6. An employee who works two (2) four-hour workshifts may receive one (1) rest period during each four-hour workshift.

e. An employee shall be granted a holiday that falls on the employee's scheduled eight-hour workshift. If the holiday falls on the scheduled nine-hour workshift, the remaining hour must be taken off as leave first from accumulated compensating time off or holiday in lieu, and second from accumulated vacation time; and, if there are no leave balances, then leave without pay. If the holiday falls when the employee is scheduled to work the two (2) four-hour workshifts, then both four-hour workshifts shall be deemed to be the holiday. If a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled day off, the employee shall accrue eight (8) hours compensating time off.

f. Full shift absences on vacation, sick leave, compensating time off, or holiday in lieu taken by an employee on a scheduled nine-hour workshift shall result in the deduction of nine (9) hours from the employee's accrued leave balances. Full shift absences on the eight-hour workshift shall result in the deduction of eight (8) hours from the employee's accrued leave balances. Full shift absences from either four-hour workshift shall result in the deduction of four (4) hours from the employee's accrued leave balances.

g. An employee may return to the standard five-day, forty-hour workweek upon the approval of their appointing authority.

h. The appointing authority shall have the right to return an employee(s) to the standard five-day, forty-hour workweek schedule after providing advance written notice of two (2) full pay periods to the affected employee(s).

i. An employee covered by this Agreement who is assigned to the Traffic Signs and Signals Sections or Highway Maintenance Section of the Transportation Department within the Municipal Services Agency shall receive a paid lunch period when assigned to a 9/80 work schedule. This is in recognition that a lunch period is work time if an employee is required to perform duties while eating. Being ordered to remain with a vehicle while in the field during the lunch period is considered work time. In recognition that the employee described herein in Subsection i. works jobs that during the course of a workday move from site to site, has fluctuating work flows, may await material delivery, and may fill out paper work before and/or after completion of a job and recognizing an employee described herein also receives a paid lunch, this employee shall not receive rest periods at regularly scheduled times as described in Section 6.6 of this Agreement.

j. An employee in the Traffic Signs and Signal Sections of the Transportation Department who was on a 9/80 work schedule and working a "44/36" work schedule as outlined in Section 6.2 of the Operations and Maintenance Agreement of 1990-93, shall be covered by the 9/80 language described in Section 6.2 of this Agreement. The salary received by such employee for working eighty (80) hours in a two-week period shall be

the same received when working eighty (80) hours in a two-week period under the previously described "44/36" work schedule.

### **6.3 OVERTIME**

a. An employee will be compensated only for overtime ordered by designated supervisory personnel.

b. An employee required to work in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week shall be compensated for such overtime with pay at one and one-half times the hourly rate or by compensating time off (CTO) on the basis of one and one-half hours off for each hour of overtime worked. While ultimate discretion of cash vs. CTO shall reside with the department, departments shall consider employee preference. If the department is unable to schedule and grant time off within one (1) year from the date the overtime was performed, cash payment shall be made in lieu of CTO.

c. All paid leave except sick leave shall be counted as time worked. Time worked in excess of (8) eight hours in a day shall not be counted in determining whether an employee has worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a week.

d. A part-time employee shall be compensated for overtime at their regular hourly rate or one (1) hour of compensating time off for each hour worked in excess of their normal workday or week; provided, however, for work performed in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week, he/she shall be compensated as provided in Subsection b.

e. An employee who works overtime shall promptly and accurately report such time in the manner prescribed by the County.

f. Overtime shall be distributed fairly among employees insofar as circumstances permit.

g. The County agrees to make a reasonable effort to assign overtime work to Sanitation Workers, Collection Equipment Operators, Senior Collection Equipment Operators, Landfill Equipment Operators, Senior Landfill Equipment Operators, and Transfer Equipment Operators on a voluntary basis if practical. All overtime will be assigned at the beginning of the workday whenever reasonable and practical.

h. A regular employee required to work on a holiday shall receive, in addition to straight-time pay for holiday work, overtime compensation with pay at one and one-half times the hourly rate or by CTO on the basis of one and one-half hours off for each hour of overtime worked. An employee who is granted one (1) day off every four (4) weeks (H-day) in lieu of prescribed holidays shall be compensated pursuant to this subsection if he/she is required to work on a day which has been scheduled as a day off (H-day) in lieu of prescribed holidays.

i. Employees shall have a right to request the use of accrued CTO. Requests for such use will be approved on the date(s) requested where possible, or as reasonably



close to the requested date as possible. The employer shall also have the authority to require the use of accrued CTO. Where such requirement is made, the employer shall seek to work with the employee on scheduling specific dates.

#### **6.4 EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF OVERTIME, STANDBY AND CALL-BACK TIME**

a. Purpose: This section is established for equal distribution of overtime, standby and call-back time.

b. General Provision: Overtime work shall be distributed equally insofar as possible among qualified employees engaged in the same activities or any one class in accordance with the criteria established herein.

c. General: The County shall determine which employee is qualified for overtime based on the following factors:

- (1) Employee class.
- (2) Job location.
- (3) Experience related to task for which overtime is required.
- (4) Physical qualification required to perform the work.
- (5) Project assignment.
- (6) Shift.
- (7) Completion of started assignment.
- (8) Emergency.
- (9) Desire to work overtime.
- (10) Employee availability.

d. Practice: The qualified employee who has the least number of overtime hours to his/her credit shall work the overtime.

e. Overtime Hours to be Charged:

- (1) All hours worked as overtime.
- (2) An employee who is on "Controlled Leave" shall be excluded from the provisions of Section 6.4.

f. Distribution: The distribution of overtime shall be equalized over each six-month period beginning on the first day of the calendar month following the effective date of this Agreement. It is understood that the nature of certain work assignments does not easily permit equal distribution of overtime, and in such cases exceptions may be made to equal distribution. Such exceptions are to be identified by the County for each activity. Any disagreement between the Union and the County regarding the exceptions shall be resolved pursuant to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

g. Records:

- (1) Overtime records shall be made available to an employee and authorized Union representatives.
- (2) Records shall show all hours worked during the preceding month and total cumulative hours.
- (3) Each activity, function, or organization element within which equal overtime distribution is considered feasible for identified groups of employees shall maintain appropriate records. The specific format of these records shall be determined by the appropriate level of management in charge of the activity but shall consist of a listing or grouping of employees among which overtime is considered feasible or practicable.

## **6.5 STANDBY ASSIGNMENTS**

a. Any employee who is required to remain on standby for emergency work shall be paid the equivalent of two (2) hours' straight-time pay for each standby shift, whether or not he/she is called to work. A standby shift shall be eight (8) or less hours.

b. The employee who performs emergency work on standby duty shall be compensated therefore as overtime worked. A minimum of two (2) hours' overtime compensation per shift shall be paid to an employee who is called back, in addition to the standby pay to which such employee is entitled pursuant to Subsection a. An employee who is notified of the need to respond to another emergency while still on-call shall be compensated as a continuation of time; it shall not be considered a second call-back subject to a separate two-hour minimum. If the employee has returned home and the two-hour minimum has elapsed, an additional call-back would be subject to a separate two-hour minimum. If the two-hour minimum has not elapsed, it will be considered a continuation of time, not subject to an additional two-hour minimum.

c. Any regular employee not on standby called in to work shall be compensated a minimum of two (2) hours' pay at the overtime rate.

d. An employee on standby who is called in, while enroute to work in a County vehicle, is not entitled to the two-hour minimum.

## **6.6 REST PERIODS BETWEEN WORKDAYS**

It is the intent of this Article to provide for and ensure a reasonable amount of rest for employees who may be required to work an extraordinary number of overtime hours between workdays or on a continuous emergency work schedule. In such circumstances, the County agrees to the following provisions as a means of assuring adequate rest, and the prevention of fatigue and safety hazards.

- a. Except in emergency situations and upon request, an employee shall be authorized CTO or Vacation time off to allow for a minimum of 8 hours of rest before the beginning of their next scheduled shift. However, the employee's ability to earn CTO for overtime work shall not be denied unless he/she would exceed the maximum allowable CTO hour cap. In that case, the CTO will be earned up to the maximum cap, and excess hours will be paid as overtime.
- b. An employee is entitled to an uninterrupted rest period of eight (8) hours immediately prior to the start of his/her work shift, unless the initial "call back" occurs within four (4) hours of the start of the employee's regular work shift.
- c. If, at the conclusion of the employee's rest period, the number of hours remaining on his/her regular work shift amount to four (4) or less, the employee, with the approval from his/her supervisor, may use accrued vacation or compensatory time off (CTO) to account for the time between the end of the rest period and the end of his/her regular work shift.

## **6.7 REST PERIODS**

- a. An employee may be allowed rest periods not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes during each four (4) consecutive hours of work.
- b. An employee who misses a scheduled break may be allowed to take a break later during the four-hour work period. However, all rest periods shall be scheduled in accordance with the requirements of the department.
- c. The appointing authority may designate the location or locations at which rest periods may be taken.
- d. Rest periods shall be considered hours worked and the employee may be required to perform duties, if necessary.

## **6.8 CHANGES IN SCHEDULED SHIFT, HOURS OF WORK, OR DAYS OFF**

A permanent employee shall be given at least five (5) workdays' notice prior to a permanent change in their shift, hours of work, or days off. If an employee's permanent shift, hours of work, or days off are changed without the above notification, he/she shall be paid the overtime rate for all hours worked on the first day of the new shift. The notice requirement and overtime provision shall not apply to temporary or emergency changes in shift, hours of work, or days off.

## **6.9 CHANGES IN WORK LOCATION FOR PERMANENT EMPLOYEES**

This section applies to permanent employees only.

a. No permanent employee shall be permanently transferred between work sites without five (5) days' prior notice. An appointing authority may temporarily transfer a permanent employee to another worksite. The permanent employee will be notified of the duration or approximate duration of the temporary transfer, to the extent possible.

c. A temporary work site transfer of a permanent employee shall not exceed a period of thirty (30) working days.

d. This section shall not apply to a permanent employee who, due to the nature of their assignment, reports to a different location on a regular basis.

e. For purposes of this section, a change in work site means a significant change in report location (that is: Downtown to Bradshaw, not Sheriff's Building to County Administration Building).

f. If an employee's work location is changed without the above notification under subsection (a) he/she shall be paid the overtime rate for all hours worked on the first day of the assignment to the new work location.

## **6.10 FOUR-DAY/FORTY HOUR WORKWEEK**

a. An appointing authority may assign employees identified herein to work ten (10) hours per day, four (4) days per week:

1. Where such schedule has not been previously in use in a department, the County will provide to Local 39 an opportunity to meet and confer over implementation, prior to a department implementing such schedule.

b. Overtime: An employee working a 4/10 schedule shall earn overtime in accordance with Section 6.3 of this agreement, except that such overtime shall be earned when employees work in excess of ten (10) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week.

c. Sick Leave: Sick leave with pay shall be accrued, accumulated and taken in accordance with Section 9.3 of the current Agreement and Subsection (d) below.

d. Vacation Leave: Vacation leave with pay shall be accrued and used in accordance with Section 9.1 of the current Agreement and Subsection (d) below.

e. Leave Usage: Full shift absences on vacation, sick leave, compensating time off, or holiday-in-lieu taken by employees on a scheduled ten (10) hour work shift shall result in the deduction of ten (10) hours from the employee's accrued leave

balances.

f. Holidays: Employees shall be granted the day off in accordance with Section 8.1 of the current Agreement if a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled workday, except that the remaining two (2) hours must be taken off as leave first from accumulated compensating time off and second, from holiday-in-lieu or accumulated vacation time; and, if there are no leave balances, then leave without pay. If a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled day off during the normal Monday through Friday workweek, the employee shall accrue right (8) hours of compensating time off.

g. Holiday-in-lieu: Employees who work in a unit for which the normal work schedule includes Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, shall accrue eight (8) hours holiday time every four weeks in accordance with Section 8.1 of the Agreement, except that in-lieu-days off shall be for ten (10) hour workday.

h. Other Provisions: All other provisions of the Agreement shall apply to employees who work a regular eight (8) hour/day/forty (40) hour workweek.

i. Return to Normal Five-Day Schedule: The County shall have the right to discontinue the four (4) day workweek schedule after providing advance written notice of two (2) full pay periods to the affected employees.

## **ARTICLE VII SALARIES**

### **7.1 SALARY INCREASES**

- a. Fiscal Year 2025-26: Effective the first full pay period following Board of Supervisors' approval, but no sooner than June 29, 2025, salaries will be increased by two and eight tenths' percent (2.8%).
- b. Fiscal Year 2026-27: Effective the first full pay period following Board of Supervisors' approval, but no sooner than June 28, 2026, salaries will be increased by three percent (3 %)
- c. Fiscal Year 2027-28: Effective the first full pay period following Board of Supervisors approval, but no sooner than June 27, 2027, salaries will be increased by three percent (3%)

### **7.2 MARKET WAGE ADJUSTMENTS**

- a. Effective upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors, but no sooner than June 29, 2025, wages will be adjusted as follows for the following classes:
  - Fleet Service Worker – 7.5%

- Building Security Attendant – 5%

### 7.3 SALARY ADMINISTRATION

a. Entry Step:

- (1) Effective July 2, 2000, the entry step within the established range for each class shall be Step "5" unless specifically designated as Step "6", "7", "8", or "9". Except as otherwise provided, any person appointed to a class shall receive the entry step of the ranges of such class and shall accrue other benefits as a new employee.
- (2) Transition of Employees in Salary Steps "2," "3," and "4": Effective July 2, 2000, employees in salary Steps "2," "3," and "4" shall be moved as follows:
  - (a) Employees in salary Steps "2" and "3" will be moved to Step "5" with no change in step increase date.
  - (b) Employees in salary Step "4" will be moved to salary Step "6" with a new step increase date of July 2, 2000.

b. Reemployment: Any person appointed in accordance with the rule governing reemployment following layoff shall receive compensation and benefits as though he or she had been on leave without pay.

c. Reinstatement: Any person appointed in accordance with the rule governing reinstatement following resignation in good standing shall be considered a new employee. At the discretion of the appointing authority, a reinstated employee may receive a starting salary higher than Step "2", but not exceeding the step that he or she received at the time of resignation.

d. Return to Former Class: An employee who is returned to a former class following promotion, transfer, or demotion due to layoff, shall receive that step of the range which he or she would have received had he or she never left the former class.

e. Promotion: Upon promotion an employee shall receive the lowest step in the new class which provides an increase of at least five percent (5.0%). Extra-help employees shall be placed at the lowest step of the new class.

f. Transfer: Upon transfer an employee shall receive the same step in the new range as he or she received in the former range. For purposes of this provision, a transfer is a change between classes when the maximum salary range of the class to which the transfer is made is less than five percent (5.0%) higher or is less than five percent (5.0%) lower.

g. Demotion: A demotion is a change to a class which has a maximum salary rate which is at least five percent (5.0%) lower than the maximum salary rate of the

former class. Whenever an employee is demoted due to layoff, without cause or inability on his or her part, his or her salary shall be that step in the new range which provides an equal salary, or in the absence thereof, the nearest lower salary, to that received prior to the demotion. In all cases of demotion for cause, the employee shall receive the same step in the lower range as he or she received in the higher range. An employee with permanent status in a class who, with the approval of the appointing authority, voluntarily demotes to a lower class shall receive the step in the lower range which provides an equal salary or, in the absence thereof, the nearest lower salary to that which was received prior to demotion.

h. Return from Leave Without Pay: Return following leave without pay is not an appointment, but is a continuation of service; however, salary and benefits, other than employment status, shall be based on actual service. This provision shall not apply to employees returning from military leave.

i. Y-Rate: The Board of Supervisors may adopt a Y-rate to apply to: (1) an employee who would suffer an actual decrease in salary as a result of action taken by the County, without fault or inability on the part of the employee, or (2) an employee who is changing from one (1) class series to another, as a normal consequent of career development through the County's upward mobility program, and the salary of the class the employee enters in the new class series is less than the salary the employee was receiving in the former class. A Y-rate means a salary rate, for an individual employee, which is greater than the established range for the class.

j. Y-Rate Salary Increase: An employee for whom a Y-rate is established shall not receive any increase in salary until such time as his or her rate of compensation is within the established range for his/her class, at which time the employee shall receive the highest step of the range. The employee shall receive a proportionate decrease in salary whenever a lower range is established for the class in the Agreement.

k. Granting of Status: Whenever the Civil Service Commission or other appropriate authority grants an employee direct status in another class, the employee shall receive the step determined in accordance with the provisions of this section.

l. Class Salary Range Changes: When the salary range for a class is changed in the Agreement, employees in the class shall change to the new range but shall remain at the same step. When changes in an employee's class or salary, or both, occur simultaneously with salary range adjustments in the Agreement, the employee changes shall precede the Agreement adjustments in application.

m. Entry Step Adjustments: When the entry step for a class is adjusted to above Step "2" in the Agreement, the salary step for each employee in the class shall be increased in proportion to the change in entry step; provided, however, that no employee shall advance beyond Step "9".

n. Biweekly Salaries: The pay period for all employees shall cover fourteen (14) calendar days, starting on a Sunday and ending with the second Saturday thereafter.

Salaries shall be paid on the Friday following the end of the pay period; except that if Friday falls on a holiday, salaries shall be paid on Thursday. Salaries shall be computed as provided in this Agreement.

o. Salary Computation: The regular salary for each employee shall be based on the actual number of days or hours worked in the pay period, including authorized absences with pay, multiplied by the employee's daily or hourly rate. Such payments shall not exceed the biweekly rate as determined by the employee's range and step.

p. Special Pay: Special payment, including standby, overtime, premium, and other special payment, shall be calculated in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement.

q. Payment in Full: Compensation paid pursuant to this Agreement shall be payment in full for services rendered in a County position. No employee shall accept any other compensation for services performed in such position.

r. The salary level at which initial appointments are made to classes with more than one (1) salary level, and advancement from the lower to the higher salary level of such classes (for example, from Level I to Level II) shall be at the discretion of the appointing authority provided the minimum qualifications as stated in the class specifications as adopted by the Civil Service Commission are met. Advancement from the lower to higher salary level shall not be arbitrarily or capriciously denied. By virtue of this provision, the Civil Service Commission is given the authority by both the County and the Union to determine the appropriate minimum qualifications for the salary levels of current and new classes. However, neither the Union nor the County have transferred or assigned any meet and confer rights or obligations regarding the establishment of minimum qualifications for salary levels to the Civil Service Commission.

## **7.4 SALARY STEP INCREASES**

a. Increases to steps above the entry step shall be based on performance and length of service. The employee must have earned the equivalent of at least twenty-six (26) biweekly pay periods of full-time eligible service since his/her step increase date.

b. Except as otherwise provided below, an employee's step increase date shall be the first day of the first full biweekly pay period in any class or the date of his or her last step increase, whichever is most recent.

c. An employee's step increase may be deferred while he or she is in provisional or probationary status. Upon receipt of a deferred increase, the employee's step increase date shall be the same as it would have been had the increase not been deferred; and retroactive payment will be made.

d. Upon change in class which results in a salary decrease, an employee shall retain the same step increase date.



e. Upon promotion, an employee shall receive a new increase date when the salary increase is 9.5% or higher.

f. An employee in Step "9" shall have no step increase date, and service in Step "9" shall not be considered as eligible service for future step increases.

g. Continuous extra-help employment up to fifty-two (52) weeks of full-time service, or the equivalent, shall be considered as eligible service for a step increase for an employee who is appointed to a regular position without a break in service. Such extra-help employment shall be subject to all other provisions of this section governing step increases.

h. Overtime work shall not be considered as eligible service.

i. A step increase may be denied only for just cause.

j. Temporary employees with no permanent status on June 27, 1981, who continue to be temporary employees thereafter with no break in service, will continue to be compensated at Step "7". If there is a break in service and the former employee is reappointed to a temporary position or appointed to a permanent position, the employee will start at the beginning step of the salary range for the class in which the employee is appointed. If a temporary employee has no break in service and is appointed to a permanent position, the employee will start at the beginning step of the salary range for the class in which the employee is appointed except that continuous extra-help employment up to fifty-two (52) weeks of full-time service or the equivalent, shall be considered as eligible service for a step increase for an employee who is appointed to a regular position without a break in service.

## **7.5 NIGHT-SHIFT PAY**

Employees shall receive night-shift pay if one-half of their work period is before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. Night-Shift differential shall be 7.5% of employee's standard daily or bi-weekly rate.

## **7.6 PAY DIFFERENTIAL FOR ACTING SUPERVISOR OR ACTING LEADPERSON**

a. The purpose of this provision is to permit compensation of an employee who is properly assigned in writing to perform as an acting supervisor or leadperson for relief necessitated by the temporary vacancy caused by the incumbent's absence or pending the filling of a vacant position.

b. The differential shall be five percent (5%), and will only be paid for hours worked as an acting supervisor or leadperson.

c. The differential applies only if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The position to which the employee is temporarily assigned must be vacant or the incumbent must be absent from duty.
- (2) The higher class to which the employee is assigned must have a salary range at least five percent (5%) higher than the salary range of the employee's class who is being temporarily assigned.
- (3) The assignment shall be made by the appointing authority in writing formally specifying the period of the temporary assignment.
- (4) The employee must satisfactorily perform the essential significant duties of the vacant position.

d. This pay differential shall not be utilized to circumvent the civil service appointment process. The five percent (5%) differential shall cease (1) when the absent incumbent returns to duty, (2) when the vacant position is filled, or (3) when the assignment is terminated by the appointing authority, whichever occurs first. However, under no circumstance may any temporary assignment continue nor is any compensation authorized in excess of five months and twenty-nine days in a rolling calendar period which starts on the first day of the assignment.

For example, if an employee is assigned to work out of class on August 15, 2011, they can work in that assignment for five (5) months and twenty-nine (29) days between the rolling calendar period of August 15, 2011 through August 14, 2012.

## **7.7 SANITATION CREW WORKER PAY DIFFERENTIALS**

a. Effective January 1, 1996, an employee in the classifications of Sanitation Worker, Collection Equipment Operator, Senior Collection Equipment Operator, or Transfer Equipment Operator will receive a five percent (5%) differential when assigned to work in a higher paid classification within the Waste Management and Recycling Department. The differential shall be five percent (5%) higher than the employee's hourly salary on the day of the assignment.

b. Effective January 1, 1996, an employee in the classification of Landfill Equipment Operator will receive a five percent (5%) differential when assigned to work in a higher paid classification within the Waste Management and Recycling Department, except when assigned to work in the classification of Senior Landfill Equipment Operator. When assigned to work in the classification of Senior Landfill Equipment Operator, he/she shall receive a ten percent (10%) differential. The ten percent (10%) differential shall be ten percent (10%) higher than the employee's hourly salary on the day of the assignment.

c. Effective December 26, 1996, an employee in the classification of Sanitation Worker will receive a ten percent (10%) differential when assigned to work in the classification of Transfer Equipment Operator. The ten percent (10%) differential

shall be ten percent (10%) higher than the employee's hourly salary on the day of the assignment.

d. As soon as administratively feasible, employees in the classification of Collection Equipment Operator will receive a seven-and-one-half percent (7.5%) differential when assigned to work in the classification of Senior Collection Equipment Operator. The differential shall apply to each hour worked in the assignment.

## **7.8 HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY - HELICOPTER MECHANIC**

a. When a Helicopter Mechanic is assigned in writing by the appointing authority the added responsibility to fly in helicopters, in order to diagnose and remedy maintenance problems, the employee shall receive a five percent (5%) pay differential while so assigned.

b. When a Helicopter Mechanic is assigned in writing by the appointing authority the added responsibility of piloting a helicopter, the employee shall receive a total of ten percent (10%) pay differential while so assigned. In determining the ten percent (10%) pay differential, any differential received under Subsection a. of this section shall be included, if applicable, so that the total differential shall not exceed ten percent (10%).

## **7.9 TRAFFIC SIGNS MAINTENANCE WORKER PAY DIFFERENTIAL - LEAD WORK**

A Traffic Signs Maintenance Worker who is temporarily assigned by the appointing authority, in writing, to perform the duties of a leadworker shall receive a pay differential of five percent (5%) of the employee's standard hourly salary rate. This differential shall be paid only for the time the employee is assigned to perform the duties of a leadworker.

## **7.10 DIFFERENTIAL - AUTOMOTIVE STOCK CLERK**

Any employee assigned the duties of Automotive Stock Clerk shall receive a five percent (5%) differential. Such assignment shall be made in writing. The classes of Storekeeper – Fleet Services and Senior Storekeeper – Fleet Services are excluded from receiving this differential.

## **7.11 DIFFERENTIAL - LEAD BUILDING SECURITY ATTENDANT**

Any employee assigned the duties of Lead Building Security Attendant shall receive a five percent (5%) differential. Such assignment shall be made in writing.

## **7.12 DIFFERENTIAL - PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER I**

An employee in the class of Park Maintenance Worker I assigned to operate a Case 850 Angle Tilt Dozer or larger, a Gehl MG 747 Articulated Motor Grader or larger, or a back hoe with a flat bottom digging depth of 130 inches or larger shall receive a five percent (5%) pay differential for each day such equipment is operated.

### **7.13 DIFFERENTIAL - AGRICULTURAL PEST CONTROL ADVISOR'S LICENSE**

a. An employee in the classes of Senior Park Maintenance Worker, Park Maintenance Worker II, Park Maintenance Worker I, Bridge Maintenance Worker, Senior Bridge Maintenance Worker, Senior Highway Maintenance Worker, or Highway Maintenance Equipment Operator, Senior Stormwater Utility Worker, or Stormwater Utility Equipment Operator who possesses an Agricultural Pest Control Advisor's License (PCA) may be assigned duties consistent with the use of such license. In such case, the employee will receive a three percent (3%) differential.

b. In addition to the differential for the license, the employee may receive a one-half percent (.5%) differential for each additional State of California Agricultural Pest Control Advisor's License category used in conjunction with the employee's prescribed work assignments. Each department will designate the categories which are applicable to their respective departments. The assignment of duties consistent with the license shall be made in writing.

### **7.14 DIFFERENTIAL - ASBESTOS ABATEMENT TEAM MEMBERS**

Effective the first pay period of January 1994, any employee in the classification of Building Maintenance Worker assigned to the Asbestos Abatement Team shall receive a five percent (5%) differential. Such assignment shall be made in writing. The differential shall only be paid on the days an employee is assigned to the Asbestos Abatement Team.

### **7.15 DIFFERENTIAL – REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE**

Effective the first pay period in January 1994, any employee in the classification of Animal Care Attendant, Animal Control Officer or Senior Animal Control Officer who obtains and maintains a State of California Registered Veterinary Technician certificate shall receive a five percent (5%) differential.

### **7.16 DIFFERENTIAL - SENIOR LANDFILL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

Effective the first pay period of January 1994, any employee in the classification of Senior Landfill Equipment Operator who is assigned by the appointing authority to supervise either another Senior Landfill Equipment Operator or Operators, shall be paid a five percent (5%) differential. The differential will be five percent (5%) higher for the

employee receiving the differential, based on the hourly rate of the employee on the day of assignment. This differential is agreed to in recognition of the unique staffing arrangements at the landfill.

#### **7.17 DIFFERENTIAL - 5:00 A.M. SHIFT, DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES CUSTODIANS**

An employee in the classification of Custodian in the Department of General Services shall receive shift differential if he/she is assigned to the new shift of 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as a result of their current shift being eliminated. This shift differential shall only apply to those an employee who is employed in the classification of Custodian with the Department of General Services as of September 15, 1992. It shall not apply to new hires, employees who voluntarily request transfer and those employees whose current shifts are not being eliminated or employees who transfer out of the 5:00 a.m. shift and later request reentry. The 5:00 a.m. shift differential shall be \$.80 per hour.

#### **7.18 INCENTIVE PAY – EQUIPMENT AND AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIANS**

An employee in the classifications of Equipment Technician, Automotive Technician, Senior Equipment Technician, or Senior Automotive Technician will become eligible for incentive pay up to a maximum of 8% for the certifications listed in Subsections (a) and (b) below. Eligibility will be determined upon submission of evidence of the certification to the appointing authority. The appointing authority or designee may assign duties consistent with the use of the certification. For incentive pay to continue the employee must continuously maintain a valid certification.

- a. Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certifications Incentive pay shall be paid at the rate of 0.5% for each category listed below, up to a maximum of 5%:

(1) Automotive Technician and Senior Automotive Technician

- Engine Repair
- Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
- Manual Drive Train and Axles
- Suspension and Steering
- Brakes
- Electrical/Electronic Systems
- Heating and Air Conditioning Systems
- Engine Performance
- Light Duty Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Specialist Certification Test (L3)
- Advanced Engine Performance Specialist (L1)

(2) Equipment Technician and Senior Equipment Technician

- Gasoline Engine
  - Diesel Engines
  - Drive Trains
  - Brakes
  - Suspension and Steering
  - Electrical/Electronic Systems
  - Preventive Maintenance and Inspection
  - Certification in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
  - Alternative Fuels Certification Test (F1)
  - Electronic Diesel Engine Diagnosis Specialist (L2)
- b. State of California Welder Certification/Qualification Certificate Incentive pay shall be paid at the rate of 2%. However, maximum pay under Section 7.18 shall not exceed 8%. Employees in the Auto Technician and Sr. Auto Technician classes not possessing the welding certificate as of April 1, 2022, shall not be eligible. This incentive shall be eliminated effective June 29, 2025. The classifications of Equipment Technician, Automotive Technician, Senior Equipment Technician and Senior Automotive Technician shall have their base salary increased by two percent (2%) based on the elimination of the Welder's Certificate Incentive in this article.
- c. An employee in the series who obtains and maintains the ASE certifications required to be recognized as an ASE Certified Master Technician shall receive additional incentive pay in the amount of 1%. However, the maximum pay under Section 7.17 shall not exceed 8%.

## **7.18 DIFFERENTIAL - ARBORIST CERTIFICATION**

An employee in the classifications of Tree Trimmer, Senior Highway Maintenance Worker, Highway Maintenance Equipment Operator, Senior Stormwater Utility Worker, or Stormwater Utility Equipment Operator who possesses an International Society of Arborists (ISA), Arborist Certificate may be assigned duties consistent with the use of such certification. In such case, the employee will receive a three percent (3%) differential. The assignment of duties consistent with the certification shall be made in writing.

## **7.19 DIFFERENTIAL - TREE WORKER CERTIFICATION**

An employee in the classification of Tree Trimmer who possesses an International Society of Arborist (ISA), Tree Worker Certification may be assigned duties consistent with the use of such certification. In such case, the employee will receive a one percent (1%) differential. The assignment of duties consistent with the certification shall be made in writing.

## **7.20 DIFFERENTIAL - PESTICIDE SPRAY APPLICATORS CERTIFICATION/LICENSE**

a. An employee in the classification of Senior Highway Maintenance Worker; Highway Maintenance Worker; Highway Maintenance Equipment Operator; Senior Bridge Maintenance Worker; Bridge Maintenance Worker; Park Maintenance Worker I, II; Senior Park Maintenance Worker; Park Maintenance Mechanic I; Tree Trimmer; Senior Stormwater Utility Worker, Stormwater Utility Worker, or Stormwater Utility Equipment Operator who possesses a State of California Qualified Applicators License or Qualified Applicators Certificate may be assigned duties consistent with the use of such certification or license. In such case, the employee will receive a two percent (2%) differential for the license or one and one-half percent (1.5%) for the certificate. The employee may not receive the differential for both the license and the certificate.

b. In addition to the differential for the license or certificate, the employee may receive a one-half percent (.5%) differential for each additional State of California Qualified Applicators License/Certificate category used in conjunction with the employee's prescribed work assignments. Each department will designate the categories which are applicable to their respective departments. The assignment of duties consistent with the certification shall be made in writing.

## **7.21 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY DIFFERENTIAL**

a. A regular full-time employee assigned to the Sacramento Mental Health Treatment Center shall be eligible to receive a differential of five percent (5%) of the employee's hourly rate paid biweekly.

b. A regular part-time employee who meets the above requirements shall be entitled to a pro-rata amount of this allowance.

## **7.22 DIFFERENTIAL - SENIOR PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER**

An employee in the classification of Senior Park Maintenance Worker assigned to work remote park sites (Elk Grove Park and Gibson Ranch) and does not report to an onsite supervisor shall receive a five percent (5%) differential. The assignment of such duties shall be made in writing.

## **7.23 SPECIAL DUTY PAY – COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE/ENDORSEMENTS**

An employee who is required to maintain a Commercial Class A License; Commercial Class B License with Hazardous Material Endorsement (H or X) or Tanker Endorsement (N); or Commercial Class C License with Hazardous Material Endorsement (H or X) or Tanker Endorsement (N), as a condition of employment when the class specification does not make the same requirement for all of the positions within the class,

will receive an additional 2% of pay. Eligibility will be determined upon submission of evidence of the certification to the appointing authority. For the special duty pay to continue, the employee must continuously maintain a valid certification. The appointing authority or designee may assign duties consistent with the use of the certification.

## **7.24 PAYROLL ERRORS**

a. This provision applies when the County determines that an error has been made in relation to the base salary, overtime cash payment, or paid leave accruals, balances, or usage. In such cases the County shall, for purposes of future compensation, adjust such compensation to the correct amount. The County also shall give written notice to the employee.

b. As used in this section:

(1) “Base salary” means the biweekly rate of pay including special pay allowances and differentials but excluding overtime cash payment.

(2) “Overtime cash payment” means authorized pay for working in excess of a prescribed number of hours, usually eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week.

(3) “Paid leave” means vacation, sick leave, compensating time off and all other types of authorized leave with pay.

(4) “Overpayment” means any cash or leave (balance, usage or accruals) that has been overpaid or over-credited to an employee regardless of the reason, including, but not limited to, administrative, clerical or system errors.

(5) “Underpayment” means any cash or leave (balance, usage or accruals) that has been underpaid or under-credited to an employee regardless of the reason, including, but not limited to, administrative, clerical or system errors.

c. If the error has resulted in an overpayment or underpayment, reimbursement shall be made to the County if the error was an overpayment, or by the County if the error was an underpayment, in the amount which has occurred within one (1) year prior to the date of the Director's initial written notice to the employee.

(1) In the case of overpayment, reimbursement of the overpayment shall be made through one (1), or a combination of the following methods:

(a) In cash payment(s) mutually agreed to by the employee and the Department of Personnel Services;



- (b) A one-time only leave adjustment to CTO or vacation equivalent to the dollar amount of overpayment (sick leave may not be used unless the overpayment involved the use of sick leave);
  - (c) Installments through payroll deduction to cover the same number of pay periods over which the error occurred. If the installments exceed ten percent (10%) of the employee's base salary (including incentives, et cetera), lower deductions may be made providing the lower deduction is at least ten percent (10%) of the employee's base salary including incentives, et cetera.
- (2) In the case of an underpayment the County will expedite reimbursement to the employee via an in-lieu warrant, a gross pay adjustment or a leave balance adjustment, whichever applies and is most appropriate.
  - (3) An employee whose employment terminated prior to full reimbursement of an overpayment shall have withheld from any salary owing the employee upon termination an amount sufficient to provide full reimbursement. If that amount is not sufficient to provide full reimbursement, the County shall have the right to exercise other legal means to recover the additional amount owed.
  - (4) Any amount of overpayment or underpayment for any period earlier than one (1) year prior to the date of the Director's initial written notice to the employee, shall be deemed waived and not reimbursable.

d. The provisions of this section do not apply to grievance disputes which contend that the County has underpaid by misapplying or incorrectly interpreting the terms of this or any previous agreement. The time limits for the filing and processing of any grievance shall not be deemed to be excused, extended or otherwise modified by the provisions of this section. Nor shall the relief available through the grievance procedure be enlarged by or as a result of the provisions of this section.

e. The provisions of this section apply only to errors involving base salary or overtime cash payment and paid leave accruals, balances, or usage. No provision of this Agreement shall preclude the correction or recovery by the County of past overpayments or other losses which result from errors involving other matters, such as insurance, retirement, social security and court-ordered payments.

## **7.25 BILINGUAL PAY**

- a. Employees shall be approved for bilingual-cultural pay if:
  - (1) The department head determines that bilingual skill is a requirement of the employee's position; and
  - (2) The employee agrees to utilize his or her bilingual ability and/or cultural knowledge on the job; and
  - (3) The employee is able to demonstrate bilingual proficiency that is satisfactory to the County; and
  - (4) The assignment is in writing and reviewed on an annual basis.
- b. Sign language may be treated as a bilingual skill pursuant to this subsection.
- c. Employees who qualify pursuant to the above shall be paid either:
  - (1) Oral skills differential of \$.80 (eighty cents) per paid hour per pay period; or
  - (2) Oral/written skills differential of \$1.00 (one dollar) per paid hour per pay period.

The Department of Personnel Services shall determine if the employee is qualified to receive either the (1) oral skills differential or the (2) oral/written skills differential. Such determination of proficiency is not subject to Article V, Grievance and Arbitration Procedure.

## **7.26 DIFFERENTIAL- EMPLOYEES AT INSTITUTIONS OF INCARCERATION**

Employees in the class of Building Maintenance Worker assigned to work at Sacramento County Main Jail, Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, or Juvenile Hall shall be paid a five percent (5%) differential for all hours worked in the above facilities. Such assignment shall be made in writing.

## **7.27 CRANE DIFFERENTIAL**

Employees in the classes of Bridge Maintenance Worker and Sr. Bridge Maintenance Worker who are in positions that require a CalOSHA Crane Operator Certificate shall receive a one percent (1%) differential. For the pay to continue, the employees must continuously maintain a valid certification. The appointing authority or designee may assign duties consistent with the use of the certification.

## **7.28 LONGEVITY**

Beginning June 19, 2022, permanent employees who reach ten (10) years of full-time continuous service shall receive a 2.5% differential. Upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors, the amount will increase to four percent (4%). Less than full-time permanent employees shall become eligible upon working the equivalent of ten (10) continuous years of full-time service. If an employee who receives this differential leaves county service and later returns, the employee is required to earn an additional ten (10) years of continuous full-time service to re-establish eligibility. However, employees who are laid off and subsequently return to County service will retain the prior years of service for the purpose of this Section.

## **7.30 SALARY SURVEY**

A total compensation survey of benchmark classifications consists of top step salary and the following data points available to all employees regardless of assignment: maximum education, longevity/recruitment up to 20 years of service, employee pension contribution, and any deferred compensation contribution/match. For retirement contributions, the PEPPA retirement tier will be used for all comparable agencies. The median of the market will be identified in the survey. \*Benefits that have been sunset and no longer available for new employees will not be included.

Medical contributions from employers will be included in a separate survey but not included in the total compensation. The County's contribution will be converted to a three-tier contribution by the County's broker.

All known raises for the comparable agencies with known wage increases during the term of the current agreement will be included in the wages.

Any requested change to the components of the survey may be negotiated during contract negotiations for the successor Memorandum of Understanding.

For the preparation of negotiations, no later than January 1, 2028, The County and Local 39 will be working together to conduct a total compensation study. This will include a review of existing benchmark classifications, the labor market, and the total compensation categories

## **HOLIDAYS**

### **8.1 HOLIDAYS**

a. All regular employees shall be entitled to such holidays with pay as enumerated herein. All holidays proclaimed by the Governor, other than Thanksgiving Day, shall not be deemed County holidays unless affirmatively made so by resolution of

the Board of Supervisors.

- (1) Such holidays shall include:
  - (a) January 1 - New Year's Day
  - (b) Third Monday in January - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday observed
  - (c) February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
  - (d) Third Monday in February - Washington's Birthday observed
  - (e) March 31, Cesar Chavez Observance
  - (f) Last Monday in May - Memorial Day
  - (g) June 19 - Juneteenth
  - (h) July 4 - Independence Day
  - (i) First Monday in September - Labor Day
  - (j) Second Monday in October - Columbus Day
  - (k) November 11 - Veterans' Day
  - (l) Fourth Thursday in November - Thanksgiving Day
  - (m) Day after Thanksgiving
  - (n) December 25 - Christmas Day

(2) When January 1, February 12, March 31, June 19, July 4, November 11, or December 25 holidays fall on Sunday, regular employees who work in a unit for which the normal work schedule does not include Saturday and Sunday shall be entitled to the Monday following as a holiday with pay.

(3) When January 1, February 12, March 31, June 19, July 4, November 11, or December 25 holidays fall on Saturday, regular employees who work in a unit for which the normal work schedule does not include Saturday and Sunday shall be entitled to the preceding Friday as a holiday with pay.

b. Regular employees who work in a unit for which the normal work schedules include Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays shall be granted one (1) day off for every four (4) weeks in lieu of prescribed holidays. Such time off shall be designated in the employees' regular work schedules. If not scheduled and taken every four (4) weeks, such time shall accrue at the rate of (4.6) hours for each biweekly pay period. The appointing authority shall have complete and sole discretion to determine the date or dates on which the employees shall be required to take off all or part of accrued HIL time and the appointing authority shall have complete and sole discretion to assign such time off except as outlined below.

- (1) The appointing authority will give the employees at least five (5) days' notice when scheduling HIL time.
- (2) The appointing authority will not assign employees off on HIL time for more than ten (10) hours per pay period unless employees is taking a vacation of more than ten (10) hours, in which case the appointing authority can assign the employees off on HIL time instead of vacation time for as much time as the appointing authority deems necessary. It is not the intent of this section to cause employees who have reached their maximum vacation accrual to lose vacation when scheduling HIL time. The maximum accrual of HIL time for a twelve-month period is one-hundred and four (104) hours. Cash payment shall be made for HIL time in excess of one-hundred and twelve (112) hours.

c. Except as provided in Subsection b., regular employees required to work on a holiday shall receive overtime compensation in addition to holiday pay.

d. Regular employees whose weekly two (2) days off are other than Saturday and Sunday, and who are not covered by Subsection b., shall receive holiday time off the same as regular employees whose days off are Saturday and Sunday.

e. When employees give adequate advance notice, the County will make reasonable accommodations, by rescheduling working hours or releasing from work without pay, to allow the employees to observe the Sabbath or other special religious holidays, except under circumstances when such accommodations would unduly interfere with County operations. Such release time may be charged to vacation or compensating time off if requested by the employees.

## **8.2 HOLIDAY WHILE ON VACATION**

If a holiday falls during a regular employee's vacation, that day shall not be charged against the employee's accrued vacation.

## **8.3 CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE**

a. Each employee shall be allowed four (4) hours off work with pay on the last working day before Christmas or the last working day before New Year's. If the employee is unable, because of the needs of the service, to take such time off, he/she shall be credited with four (4) hours compensatory time off.

b. Each regular full-time custodian, except those assigned to the Airports, shall be allowed four (4) hours off duty without loss of compensation on the last working day before Christmas or New Year's. A Custodian who normally reports to work at 5 p.m. shall report to work at 1 p.m. and complete a full day's work for purposes of compensation at 9 p.m. on the last working day before Christmas and New Year's.

c. Each regular full-time custodian assigned to the Airports shall be allowed four (4) hours off duty without loss of compensation on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve or some other time.

## ARTICLE IX LEAVES

### 9.1 VACATION

a. Vacation with pay shall be earned by all employees based on the equivalent of full-time service from the date of appointment. Vacation credit shall accrue to the employees upon completion of the regular work assignment on the last day of the biweekly pay period in which it is earned.

b. All employees shall accrue vacation and accumulate vacation in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Biweekly Accrual Rate</u>	<u>Approximate Number Annual Days</u>	<u>Accrued Maximum</u>
Less than 3 years	3.1 hours	10	240
More than 3 years, less than 6 years	4.6 hours	15	320
More than 6 years, less than 9 years	5.5 hours	18	400
More than 9 years, less than 10 years	5.8 hours	19	400
More than 10 years, less than 11 years	6.2 hours	20	400
More than 11 years, less than 12 years	6.5 hours	21	400
More than 12 years, less than 13 years	6.8 hours	22	400
More than 13 years, less than 14 years	7.1 hours	23	400
More than 14 years, less than 15 years	7.4 hours	24	400
More than 15 years	7.7 hours	25	400

\*eight-hour day

c. Employees shall be eligible to use accrued vacation as provided in this section. Employees who separate or are terminated from County service or who take military leave in excess of one-hundred and eighty days (180) shall be paid the full monetary value of their full vacation. Such payment to employees who separate or are terminated shall be made on the last workday of actual duty or as soon thereafter as possible.

d. Whenever possible, vacations shall be granted at the time requested by the employees. In order to avoid undue disruption of work activities or to minimize conflicts with other employees' vacations, the appointing authority may place reasonable seasonal or other restrictions on the use of accrued vacation.

e. Supervisors shall prepare and post for their organizational units a schedule of available vacation periods based on efficient staffing of the unit in relation to estimated

workload. Employees shall indicate by order of preference the vacation period(s) desired. If employees request that their vacations be taken in two (2) or more non-contiguous vacation periods, their seniority within current classifications shall apply to their first choice of vacation periods requested. Seniority shall also apply to second and subsequent choices in determinations involving employees' second and subsequent choices. Seniority shall be exercised only once by employees in each successive choice of vacation periods.

f. The supervisors shall review these requests, resolve any conflict in favor of employees with the greater seniority within current classification, and recommend the completed schedule to the appointing authority or his/her designee. After the vacation schedule has been approved by the appointing authority, an employee promoted into or transferred into a unit may not "bump" another employee's previously scheduled vacation period without that employee's consent.

g. The supervisor shall post the unit schedules mentioned in Subsections e and f above by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Employees shall submit their vacation request(s) no later than the close of business November 30<sup>th</sup>. The supervisor shall post the approved vacation calendar in an area easily accessible to employees by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

h. Employees can "cash-in" up to forty (40) hours/year vacation after ten (10) years of full-time continuous service and 240 hours accrued vacation per the terms of County policy 306 "Cash for Accrued Vacation Leave".

## **9.2 SICK LEAVE WHILE ON VACATION**

An employee who while on vacation is incapacitated for one (1) or more days due to personal illness or injury may charge such days to accrued sick leave. In such event, the employee promptly shall notify his/her department, and upon return to duty shall substantiate the need for, and use of, sick leave.

## **9.3 SICK LEAVE**

a. Sick leave credits shall be earned by regular employees based on the equivalent of full-time service from the date of appointment. Sick leave credit shall accrue to the employee upon completion of the regular work assignment on the last day of the biweekly pay period in which it is earned. Sick leave credit shall accrue on the basis of four and six-tenths (4.6) hours per biweekly pay period of service and maybe accumulated without limitation.

Temporary employees, excluding retired annuitants, shall receive the equivalent of five days of sick leave per calendar year, dependent of the employee's work schedule (i.e. 9/80, 4/10, 12 hour shifts) in accordance with labor code Section 246, up to a maximum of sixty (60) hours. Such sick leave shall not rollover on annual basis. Sick leave for temporary employees will be loaded at the beginning of the first pay period in a calendar year. For temporary employees beginning employment after the start of a



calendar year, the leave will be loaded in the first pay period of employment.

b. Sick leave may be used consistent with reasons in 9.3 (c) for the following relationships to the employee:

- 1) Self;
- 2) Child (biological, adopted foster, stepchild, legal ward, a child of an employee or the employee's domestic partner, or person to whom the employee stands in loco parentis);
- 3) Parent (biological, foster, adoptive parent, , stepparent, a legal guardian, or other person who stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child.
- 4) Spouse;
- 5) Registered Domestic Partner;
- 6) Grandparent
- 7) Grandchild;
- 8) Sibling
- 9) Parent-in-law
- 10) Designated Person
- 11) Any other close relative or child who resides with the employee.

c. Sick leave shall be provided for the relationships in 9.3 (b) for the following purposes:

- 1) Employee is physically or mentally unable to perform his/her duties due to illness, injury, dental work or medical condition, including pregnancy.
- 2) Diagnosis, care for, an employee or employee's family member including childbirth (inclusive of transportation to and from medical facility);
- 3) For an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in Government Code Section 12945.8;
- 4) Employee's Donation of Blood – scheduled at the discretion of the appointing authority, not to exceed four hours in any instance and only approved upon submission to the appointing authority of an

official blood bank receipt reflecting the donation;

d. The appointing authority may require reasonable substantiation of the need for, and use of, sick leave except where prohibited by State or Federal leave protections.

#### **9.4 FAMILY DEATH LEAVE**

a. Under Government Code Section 12945.7, employees who have been employed by the County for at least thirty (30) calendar days are entitled to five (5) days of protected bereavement leave in the event of the death of an eligible “family member.” Regular Employees will also receive forty (40) hours of paid leave that must be used concurrently with any bereavement leave taken. Regular Part-Time employees will have this leave prorated. Employees on alternate work schedules that involve more than eight (8) hours in a day who have exhausted the forty (40) hours of paid leave may choose to receive any remaining hours, to cover the difference between the 40 hours of paid County bereavement leave and the total regularly scheduled hours over 5 work shifts, as unpaid time or with the use of any available leave balances,.

b. Family members are defined by Government Code 12945.7:

- Child: A biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, a child of a domestic partner, or a person to whom the employee stands in loco parentis.
- Parent: A biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a parent-in-law, a stepparent, a legal guardian, or other person who stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child.
- Sibling: A person related to another person by blood, adoption, or affinity through a common legal or biological parent.
- Grandparent: A parent of the employee’s parent.
- Grandchild: A child of the employee’s child.
- Domestic Partner: Two adults who have chosen to share one another’s lives in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring.
- Parent-in-law: The parent of a spouse or domestic partner.

Should Government Code 12945.7 amend these relationships, this section will be amended in accordance with the relationships contained within Government Code 12945.7.

c. An employee who utilizes bereavement leave must notify their supervisor of the leave. Employees may use leave on a non-consecutive basis but must complete leave within three (3)

months of the date of death of an eligible "family member." The County may request an employee seeking bereavement leave to provide documentation to support the leave within 30 calendar days of the first day of leave.

## **9.5 MILITARY LEAVE**

Employees shall be granted military leave as required by statute.

## **9.6 DISABILITY LEAVE**

a. An employee who has suffered possible injury in the performance of assigned duties shall immediately undergo such medical examination as the appointing authority deems necessary. He/she shall not be considered absent from duty during the time required for such examination.

b. A regular employee who is unable to perform any appropriate work assignment because of disability incurred in the performance of assigned duties shall be entitled to the following disability leave benefits, in addition to those provided pursuant to the California Worker's Compensation Insurance Act:

(1) During any period of disability for which payment is not provided under worker's compensation insurance, the employee shall be placed on disability leave with pay to the extent of any leave with pay which he/she has accrued. Such disability leave with pay shall be charged against the employee's accrued leave with pay;

(2) During any period of disability for which payment is provided under worker's compensation insurance, the employee shall elect to either:

(a) Retain any worker's compensation benefits received during the pay period and receive full pay. The employee shall use their accrued sick leave, vacation, CTO and HIL on an hour-for-hour basis to cover all hours the employee is absent from duty due to the work-related disability during the applicable pay period. Or,

(b) Retain any worker's compensation benefits received during the pay period and receive a partial paycheck in an amount so that the partial pay and the worker's compensation benefits added together are equivalent to the employee's full pay. The employee shall use their accrued sick leave, vacation, CTO, and HIL in an amount equal to one-half of the number of hours the employee was absent from

work during the pay period due to the work- related disability. If, however, the amount of the worker's compensation benefits is subtracted from the employee's full pay for the time off due to the disability, and the remainder is less than one-half of the amount of such full pay, then only the number of leave balance hours necessary to equal that remainder shall be charged.

c. All disability leave provisions of this section shall terminate when the employee uses all accrued sick leave, vacation, CTO, or HIL balances, or upon the date of the employee's recovery from disability, receipt of permanent disability under worker's compensation insurance, retirement, termination from County employment or death.

## **9.7 JURY DUTY**

a. A regular employee shall be allowed such time off with pay as is required in connection with jury duty; provided, however, that payment shall be made for such time off only upon remittance of full jury fees, or upon submittal of acceptable evidence that jury fees were waived.

b. Such employee shall notify his/her appointing authority immediately upon receiving notice of jury duty.

c. An employee who takes vacation or compensating time off while on jury duty shall not be required to remit or waive jury fees in order to receive his/her regular salary.

## **9.8 TIME OFF FOR PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS AND TRANSFER INTERVIEWS**

a. A regular employee shall be released from duty without loss of compensation while competing in County civil service examinations that are scheduled during duty hours.

b. Whenever an employee has an appointment to appear for a transfer interview, the employee shall be released from duty without loss of compensation while being interviewed during normal work hours. Every effort should be made to schedule transfer interviews at times that minimize interference with County operations.

## **9.9 MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

An employee's request for leave of absence without pay during or after childbirth shall be granted. Such leaves shall not exceed six (6) weeks from date of delivery unless otherwise medically determined.

## **9.10 ASSIGNMENT OF LEAVE FOR CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS AND OTHER PURPOSES**

Regular employees shall be eligible to participate in the County's program of assignment of leave for catastrophic illness and other purposes. The County will provide the Union a copy of the standardized County Policies and Procedures regarding the implementation of this program.

## **9.11 PARENTAL LEAVE**

Employees shall be eligible for Parental Leave in accordance with County Policy 0837, "Parental Leave" revised 10/2018. This policy may only be changed by mutual agreement during the term of the Agreement.

## **9.12 WELLNESS/SICK LEAVE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

a. Effective with Pay Period #1, beginning January 1994, the County shall establish a Wellness Incentive Program. Eligible full-time regular employees who use twelve (12) hours or less of sick leave in Pay Periods #1 through #13 of any year shall receive a Wellness Certificate enabling them to take eight (8) hours off with pay during the following six-month period. Eligible full-time employees who use twelve (12) hours or less of sick leave in Pay Periods #14 through #26 of any year shall receive a certificate enabling them to take eight (8) hours off with pay during the following six-month period. The maximum hours of sick leave usage will include any hours used under the Family Medical Leave Act. The certificate shall have no monetary value.

b. Regular employees must be continuously on the County payroll and eligible to earn and use sick leave during the entire 26-week period from Pay Period #1 through #13, and from Pay Period #14 through #26. Employees on unpaid leaves of absence during a portion of the designated 26-week period are excluded for that time period. Any employees during the designated 26-week period who receive pay pursuant to Labor Code Section 4850 or who receive SDI integration pursuant to Section 10.8 or who select the disability leave option pursuant to Section 9.6, are excluded from participation for that time period. Any employees who were temporary and transferred to permanent positions during the designated 26-week time period are excluded for that time period.

c. Part-time regular employees who work forty (40) or more hours per pay period shall be eligible to participate in the Wellness Incentive Program. The same eligibility rules as outlined in Subsection b. above shall apply. However, the maximum amount of sick leave allowed for part-time employees to use in Pay Periods #1 through #13, or in Pay Periods #14 through #26, shall be prorated. This means for half-time employees the maximum sick leave that may be used is six (6) hours; for four-fifths

employees, the maximum would be 9.6 hours. The maximum hours of sick leave usage will include any hours used under the Family Medical Leave Act. The amount of time off received by qualifying part-time employees shall also be prorated. This means half-time employees would receive certificates for four (4) hours time off, and four-fifths employees would receive certificates for 6.4 hours time off.

d. This program does not restrict employees' ability to use sick leave as authorized by Section 9.3 of this Agreement.

e. The County shall provide the Union with a copy of the County Policy and Procedure necessary to implement the County's Wellness Incentive Program as outlined above.

f. Use of wellness time earned under subsections a and b above must be requested reasonably in advance of its use but shall only be denied for compelling operational reasons.

### **9.13 COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS VOLUNTEER POLL WORKERS PROGRAM**

a. Any regular County employee, other than an employee assigned to the Division of Voter Registration and Elections, may apply for paid leave from County employment to serve as a volunteer poll worker in a polling place in Sacramento County through the County Employees as Volunteer Poll Worker Program when the election day and/or required poll worker training fall within the employee's regularly scheduled workday.

b. Subject to the sole discretion of his/her appointing authority to grant or deny the request based on the needs of the service, a regular employee is qualified for approval as follows:

- (1) The employee has successfully applied for and has been selected and found qualified by the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters to serve as a volunteer poll worker;
- (2) The employee has made a request in writing to his/her appointing authority for an absence from County employment as is necessary to attend and complete poll worker training as directed by the Registrar and an absence for the employee's entire regularly scheduled workday on election day to serve as a volunteer poll worker in Sacramento County;
- (3) On the day of the election the employee has fully executed his/her responsibilities as a poll worker and reported to his/her assigned polling place at the designated time, performed all duties appointed by the County elections official and as required by applicable state and federal elections laws, and remained on duty until the poll was

properly closed and secured and until released by the County elections official. As a volunteer, the employee is entitled to receive the normal stipend paid by Voter Registration and Elections to all volunteer poll workers. The stipend shall not be counted in any computation of the total wages or compensation paid the employee by reason of his/her regular employment with the County.

c. Any regular County employee who qualifies and is approved for the County Employees as Volunteer Poll Workers Program will receive his/her regular pay while on paid leave from County employment for one (1) regularly scheduled workday that falls on the day of the election and for such leave time prior to the election as is necessary, including travel, to attend the required poll worker training during the employee's work hours. No overtime or compensatory time shall be earned or accumulated during such paid leave.

## **ARTICLE X HEALTH AND WELFARE**

### **10.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- a. **Eligibility:** Regular full-time and regular part-time County employees who work at least half-time and their dependents are eligible to participate in County-sponsored insurance and benefit programs as defined by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), Section 297 of the California Family Code, and Affordable Care Act. Temporary employees and intermittent employees are not eligible for benefits. Dependents are limited to spouse, registered domestic partner, and unmarried children (natural, step, adopted, legal guardian, foster, children of registered domestic partner) up to the age allowable by regulation and program. Dependents with coverage under the County plan who become disabled prior to age 19 may continue coverage with licensed physician certification. Appropriate documentation of relationships is required.
- b. **Enrollment:** New employees must enroll in benefits within 30 days of hire and coverage becomes effective the first of the month following enrollment. They may also choose to waive medical coverage by providing satisfactory proof of other group medical insurance coverage. If they fail to enroll within 30 days of hire, they will be enrolled in the default medical, dental, and basic life insurance coverage. New hires can make changes to their selected plan within the initial 30-day enrollment period. After this period the selection or default plan is irrevocable until a life event or open enrollment period.
- c. **Benefits Changes:** Changes to benefits covered under the IRC Section 125 plans can only be made during annual open enrollment periods to become effective the first day of the following calendar year or within 30 days of a qualifying life event to become effective the first day of the month of life event enrollment completion. Life events are

defined by the Health Insurance Portability Act (HIPAA) and IRC and include events like marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, and loss of group health care coverage.

## **10.2 MEDICAL INSURANCE AND HEALTH PLANS**

The County pays a monthly contribution for any of the medical insurance or health plans available to employees. The County contribution is applicable to the coverage level selected by the employee. If the cost of coverage exceeds the maximum County contribution, the employee will pay the additional cost.

- a. Tier A:** Employees hired prior to January 1, 2007, will be placed in Tier A until they voluntarily elect to move to Tier B or leave County service. The County insurance contribution was frozen at the level in effect on January 1, 2011, (\$1,148.80), as well as entitlement to cash back, cash back maximums, plan selection incentive, and FICA reductions, if applicable. Employees in Tier A will remain in this tier unless they voluntarily elect to move to Tier B. The election to change tiers can only be made within 30 days of a qualifying life event or open enrollment. An election to move to Tier B is irrevocable once made. For those who waive coverage with proof of other creditable coverage, cash back maximums (\$894.52) and Plan Selection Incentives (PSI) (\$150), and if applicable FICA reductions, are frozen at the level in effect on December 31, 2007.
- b. Tier B:** The County provides an insurance contribution for employees starting employment with the County on or after January 1, 2007, and employees who voluntarily elected to move from Tier A to Tier B. The County's contribution is reset annually on January 1<sup>st</sup> based on the 80% of the premium amount for the least expensive full coverage HMO health plan option offered by the County.

1) However, during the term of the agreement the County contribution amounts for each level of coverage will not be less than the County contribution amounts in effect for Calendar Years 2025 through 2027, whichever is greater. This provision will sunset on June 30, 2028.

- c. Medical Plans:** The County, at its discretion, may offer different health plans on a year-to-year basis if the County determines that those plans are advantageous to County employees and compatible with IRS regulations. The County shall share such changes at the annual Joint Labor Management (JLM) meeting discussing the coming years' benefits cycle.

At minimum, the County shall maintain at least one plan that includes the IRS minimum deductibles and the minimum out of pocket expenses.

## **10.3 RETIREE HEALTH SAVINGS PLAN**

The County contributes thirty dollars (\$30) per pay period to the employee's RHSP each biweekly pay period.



## 10.4 DENTAL PLAN

Employees and their eligible dependents will be enrolled in the County's dental insurance plan. The County pays 100% of the cost for dental coverage. The default level of dental insurance coverage is employee only; thus, for dependents to be covered under dental insurance, they must be enrolled.

## 10.5 LIFE INSURANCE

a. **Basic Benefit:** The basic life insurance will be \$18,000 for employees. This is the default level of life insurance coverage, which is provided by the County at no cost to the employee.

b. **Voluntary Life Insurance:** The County provides additional options to permit employees to elect and purchase up to the underwriting maximums, which may require approved evidence of insurability for coverage to take effect. Premiums for this coverage are published each year in the My Benefits Summary.

c. **Living Benefit:** If under the age of seventy (70) and diagnosed as terminally ill with a life expectancy of twelve (12) months or less and the life insurance is not assigned or under court order, then a living benefit up to fifty (50) percent of the combined basic and voluntary life insurances may be paid. The living benefit minimum is \$7,500 and the maximum is \$250,000. Should the employee recover, the amount paid under this provision would be subtracted from the face amount of their full benefit at the time of death.

d. **Dependent Benefit:** A life insurance benefit of \$2,000 (\$0 from birth to fourteen (14) days of age; \$200 from age fourteen (14) days of age to six (6) months of age) is provided for each dependent. Dependents must be enrolled for dependent life insurance coverage. For registered domestic partners and children of registered domestic partners, the dependent life insurance premium is imputed income.

e. **Conversion of Coverage:** The life insurance may be converted from group coverage to private individual coverage upon termination of employment or a dependent's loss of eligibility. It is the sole responsibility of the employee to notify the County within thirty (30) days of a dependent's loss of eligibility due to marriage or reaching the limiting age for coverage and failure to timely notify will result in a loss of conversion privileges.

## 10.6 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The County provides an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to eligible employees and dependents if enrolled. EAP offers many services including personal counseling to assist with personal issues including family/marital, mental health, substance abuse, and work-related issues.

Counseling is covered up to six (6) sessions per issue per calendar year for each enrolled person without employee cost. EAP has other services, such as classes on a range of topics, discount programs, legal services, child/elder care referrals, and more.

## **10.7 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS**

Employees have access to the County's flexible spending account program, which provides employees with the options of dependent care assistance benefits with a calendar year contribution maximum of \$5,000, and contribution for medical expenses up to the IRS maximum allowance in the prior calendar year. The County maintains this plan in compliance with IRC Section 125. Employee contributions for flexible spending account benefits are deducted on a pre-tax basis from employee pay.

## **10.8 STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE**

a. The County shall maintain State Disability Insurance (SDI), at the employee cost, for employees in classes covered by the Agreement. This section shall not be valid if the membership elects to withdraw from SDI during the term of this Agreement and the State has approved withdrawal from SDI.

b. Employees who are absent from duty because of illness or injury and have been authorized to use County-paid leave benefits, sick leave, vacation, compensating time off, holidays and holiday-in-lieu time, shall be eligible to integrate the payment of State Disability Insurance benefits with such County-paid leave benefits. Integration of leave benefits will be governed by Personnel Ordinance Section 2.78.792 and corresponding policy. Should the County make changes to either Section 2.78.792 and/or corresponding policy, it will first provide notice and opportunity to bargain under the Meyers Milius Brown Act.

c. In the event the County determines that legislative or judicial determinations cause changes which in any way restrict, reduce or prohibit this program operation, it shall immediately and automatically terminate without any further action by either party to this Agreement.

## **10.9 JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

The parties agree to work cooperatively in an ongoing joint labor-management health and welfare committee forum to review and address health and welfare issues that are of vital interest to both parties. At the Joint Labor Management meeting the County will receive recommendations from the Union and have meaningful discussion and engagement on benefit option for future benefit plan years.

## **10.10 RETIREE HEALTH CONTRIBUTION**

a. The County will not provide a subsidy toward the payment of insurance

premiums for medical or dental insurance for retirees.

b. If during the term of this Agreement a subsidy toward the payment of premiums for medical or dental insurance is added for retirees of another County employee bargaining unit, then the same subsidy will be provided to retirees in the Operations and Maintenance Unit.

## **ARTICLE XI RETIREMENT PLAN**

### **11.1 RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION**

- a. Effective July 13, 2014, employees will pay one-quarter of the difference, if any, between the present employee contribution and 50% of the combined employee and employer normal cost as defined in the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 (1937 Act).
- b. Effective July 12, 2015, employees will pay one-half of the difference, if any, between the present employee contribution and 50% of the combined employee and employer normal cost as defined in the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (1937 Act).
- c. Effective July 10, 2016, employees will pay three-quarters of the difference, if any, between the present employee contribution and 50% of the combined employee and employer normal cost as defined in the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 (1937 Act).
- d. Effective July 9, 2017, all employees will pay 50% of the combined employee and employer normal cost as defined in the County's Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 (1937 Act).

### **11.2 RETIREMENT TIER 3**

a. Effective the pay period beginning June 27, 1993, the County shall establish a new retirement tier. This new Retirement Tier 3 shall be the same as the existing Tier 2, except that Tier 3 shall have a 2% post-retirement cost-of-living adjustment factor pursuant to Government Code Section 31870, whereas Tier 2 has no post-retirement cost-of-living adjustment factor.

b. Employees hired prior to June 27, 1993, who are members of Tier 2, shall be given a one-time opportunity to transfer to Tier 3. These employees who elect to transfer to Tier 3 also transfer their prior service credit in Tier 2 to Tier 3 with no additional employee contributions being required for the transfer of this prior service.

c. The above employees shall be given a period of sixty (60) calendar days to submit in writing to the County their election to transfer to Tier 3. The employees' elections to transfer to Tier 3, or failure to elect to transfer to Tier 3 and remain in Tier 2, shall be irrevocable and shall apply to all periods of future service.

d. Employees hired on June 27, 1993, or after, shall upon hire be placed into Tier 3.

### **11.3 DEFERRED COMPENSATION - TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES**

a. An employee covered by this Agreement who is not a member of, or currently earning benefits under, the Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System shall become a participant in the Deferred Compensation Plan set forth in County Code Sections 2.83.200 through 2.83.360.

b. The employee shall contribute 3.75% of his/her compensation for any period of service performed for the County while a participant in this plan. The County shall additionally credit an amount equal to 3.75% of the employee's compensation to the investment account maintained for each participant.

c. The Deferred Compensation Plan and participation by the County and specified employees described above is in lieu of each party paying FICA taxes as permitted by Internal Revenue Code Section 3121(b)(7)(f).

### **11.4 RETIREMENT ENHANCEMENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS**

a. Effective June 27, 2004, or sooner if agreement reached with all other recognized employees organizations representing miscellaneous members, the County will implement the 2% @ age 55-1/2 plan and employee purchase of prior service credits to a maximum of four (4) years. The election to purchase shall be open ended with the employee purchase of the employee's share, County's share and accumulated interest.

b. Waiver of negotiations of safety retirement enhancements and acceptance of same agreement, including reduction in CPI salary increase, negotiated with recognized safety employee organizations.

c. Reduction in CPI salary increase of 3.0% to offset increased retirement costs for miscellaneous members effective with the implementation date of retirement enhancement. If the CPI increase is less than 3.0%, the CPI for the next year will be further offset for the difference so that the total offset is 3.0%.

### **11.5 CONVERSION OF MISCELLANEOUS TIER 2 SERVICE TO MISCELLANEOUS TIER 3 SERVICE**

a. Effective January 1, 2007, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible, an employee currently in Miscellaneous Tier 2 in the Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System ('SCERS') will have the opportunity to make a one-time election to convert to Miscellaneous Tier 3 status, and upon the effective date of such conversion, accrue all future service in Tier 3, at the contribution rates applicable to Tier 3, and with the retirement benefits attributable to the new Tier 3 service.

b. If an employee makes a timely election to convert from Tier 2 to Tier 3, the employee will have the opportunity to convert the employee's pre-existing Tier 2 service to Tier 3 service by paying the full actuarial cost for the conversion of the Tier 2 service to Tier 3 service, as determined by SCERS in consultation with its actuary, as of the date of commencement of the conversion.

c. The employee may pay for the conversion of Tier 2 service to Tier 3 service by lump sum payment or by installment payments over a period not to exceed five (5) years, in accordance with the limitations imposed by the United States Internal Revenue Service, as determined by SCERS' tax counsel, and in accordance with the service conversion rules established by SCERS. In order to receive credit for a Tier 2 to Tier 3 service conversion, payment for the conversion must be completed on or before the effective date of the employee's retirement. If a Tier 2 to Tier 3 service conversion is not completed on or before the employee's retirement date, a prorated amount of the Tier 2 service will be converted to Tier 3 service based on the amount paid by the employee as of the employee's effective retirement date.

d. Tier 2 to Tier 3 service conversions may be made in minimum increments of six (6) months. An existing installment payment plan to convert Tier 2 service to Tier 3 service must be paid off in full before an employee can initiate a new installment payment plan to convert additional Tier 2 service to Tier 3 service.

## **11.6 TIER 4 MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT**

e. The County shall establish a Miscellaneous Employee Retirement Tier 4 based upon Government Code Section 31676.1, resulting in a 1.92% at age 60 formula, with a final compensation based upon the highest three-year average compensation pursuant to Government Code Section 31462, and shall have a post-retirement cost-of-living adjustment factor pursuant to Government Code Section 31870 to a maximum annual 2%. This retirement tier shall apply exclusively to employees first hired after implementation of the Miscellaneous Employee Retirement Tier 4.

f. This provision will be implemented by the County for the Operations and Maintenance Unit at the same time, or as soon as practicable after, the County implements the Miscellaneous Employee Retirement Tier 4 for the new hires within represented units and unrepresented units which comprise a majority of County positions covered by miscellaneous retirement with the Sacramento County Employee Retirement

System.

g. Should the County, following the date of this agreement, implement a miscellaneous employee retirement tier with a higher benefit formula than that provided in Government Code Section 31676.1 to other unit or units, that higher benefit formula shall also be implemented for the Operations and Maintenance Unit.

## **ARTICLE XII ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENT**

### **12.1 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE**

a. Effective July 1, 2001, employees who are required to furnish and wear uniforms in the performance of their duties shall be reimbursed by the County up to a maximum per fiscal year of \$230.00.

b. The employees will be required to provide proof of purchase of the uniforms prior to reimbursement. The County will make a reasonable effort to reimburse employees no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the employees provide proof of purchase of the uniforms. Any amount of purchase that exceeds the maximum annual amount shall be the responsibility of the employees and not eligible for reimbursement.

c. If the County requires employees to provide additional items of uniform clothing, the initial cost shall be borne by the County. This provision shall not apply to revisions which employees are permitted to phase in as current uniforms wear out.

### **12.2 UNIFORM CHANGES**

Employees, who are furnished uniforms by the County shall be provided a number of uniform changes equivalent to the number of days an employee works per week. Departments may provide additional apparel, such as t-shirts, to augment the standard department uniform, to be worn at the option of the employee. Departments shall have sole and total discretion in determining the type of uniform and replacement uniforms provided. Departments shall provide replacement uniform changes when maintenance or repair of a furnished uniform is no longer sufficient.

### **12.3 COLD WEATHER AND RAIN GEAR**

Employees who are furnished uniforms shall be provided jackets, if requested, if a substantial amount of their duties are performed outdoors. The employees provided said jackets shall be required to wear the jackets at any time employees choose to wear any garment over their uniforms. If the jackets are lost, the

employees will be required at their cost to replace the jackets. The jackets will be replaced at the discretion of management when necessary due to wear and tear. Management will have the authority to determine what type of jacket is selected.

a. When it is determined by the County that employees must work in inclement weather as a normal part of their job duties, the County will provide rain gear which shall consist of a coat with a hat or hood, pants, and such rain footwear determined to be appropriate by the County.

b. When employees are required to travel between work locations in the performance of their duties, the County may provide a suitable rain jacket, based on operational needs. Management shall have sole and total discretion in determining the type of jacket to be provided.

c. The County shall replace such gear when management determines the gear is no longer serviceable.

## **12.4 TECHNICIAN'S TOOLS**

a. Automotive Technician, Sr. Automotive Technician, Equipment Technician and Sr. Equipment Technicians shall not be obligated or required to provide use of their personally owned tools to any other County employee. When temporary employees or trainees are employed in activities requiring use of such tools, the County shall provide such necessary tools.

b. The County will provide each Automotive Technician, Sr. Automotive Technician, Equipment Technician and Sr. Equipment Technician with a biweekly stipend for the purchase of tools required to perform the work. The stipend shall be in the amount of \$ 35 per pay period and shall be included in the regular pay check.

c. Employees shall be responsible for maintaining working tools necessary to complete the tasks assigned.

## **12.5 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

The use of privately-owned vehicles for official business is allowed and should be mutually agreeable by both the owner and the County and shall not be mandatory unless specifically stated as a condition of employment. All private vehicle travel will be reimbursed at the current Internal Revenue Service standard mileage rate. The mileage claim shall be submitted to the employee's supervisor no later than 60 days after the last day of the month being claimed in order for a non-taxable reimbursement.

## **12.6 TRANSIT PASS**

The transit subsidy shall be \$75 per month.

## **12.7 MEALS AT THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER**

All employees who are assigned to work at the Sacramento County Mental Health Treatment Center shall be permitted to purchase a meal at the Sacramento County Mental Health Treatment Center at a cost of \$1.25 per meal.

## **12.8 MAINTENANCE OF COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE/ENDORSEMENTS**

Employees required to maintain a commercial drivers license/endorsement shall be provided reasonable time without loss of compensation to obtain evidence of valid certifications (physical appointment, DMV appointment, etc.). Where possible employees shall submit DMV renewals electronically.

# **ARTICLE XIII SAFETY AND HEALTH**

## **13.1 OBJECTIVE**

The County and the Union will cooperate in the continuing objective of eliminating accidents and health hazards. The County shall continue to make reasonable provisions for the safety and health of its employees during the hours of their employment.

## **13.2 SAFETY GLASSES**

- a. When the County requires the use of safety glasses, the County will purchase and replace such glasses as prescribed below.
- b. An employee who needs prescription glasses and/or has prescription changes is expected to pay for his/her eye examination. The County will pay for the cost of the glasses due to such changes.
- c. If it is determined by the County that an employee who is provided safety glasses is also exposed to excessive sun glare, clip-on glasses, or tinted glasses will be provided to the employee at County expense.
- d. If County-provided safety glasses are damaged on the job, the County will pay the total cost of replacement.



### **13.3 PROTECTIVE GEAR AND EQUIPMENT**

When it is determined by the County that specific protective devices, wearing apparel, and other equipment is necessary to protect an employee from injury, the County will provide such equipment.

### **13.4 SAFETY SHOES OR PRESCRIBED WORK BOOT**

a. When it is determined by the County that the wearing of safety shoes/boots is required of certain employees, the County will provide a reimbursement up to \$300.00 per year for the purchase and maintenance of a prescribed shoe/boot. The employees will be required to provide proof of purchase or repair cost of the safety shoes/boots and related items such as polish or treatment, laces and inserts prior to reimbursement. The County will make a reasonable effort to reimburse employees no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the employees provide proof of purchase or repair cost of the safety shoe/boot. Any amount of purchase or repair costs of the safety shoe/boot that exceeds \$300.00 in the fiscal year shall be the responsibility of the employees and not eligible for reimbursement.

b. The County will agree to reimburse employees in the classification of Tree Trimmer the entire cost of either the purchase and/or repair of both tree climbing boots and regular prescribed work boots not to exceed \$450 per fiscal year.

c. The prescribed shoe/boot must meet the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard Z41.1 Rating 75 and/or whatever local revisions the issuing Division or Section may prescribe.

d. Employees receiving the reimbursement are required to wear the prescribed shoe/boot whenever on duty or be subject to disciplinary action.

e. During the term of this agreement, in lieu of the reimbursement, the County shall have the right to establish and enter into a contract with a safety shoe vendor to provide safety shoe/boot and related items to employees. If such a contract is established, employees who obtain their shoe/boot and related items via the contracted vendor shall be ineligible for the reimbursement in subsection (a) and (b).

The amount prescribed for safety shoe/boot and related items eligible for reimbursement in subsection (a) and (b) shall apply to the shoe/boot and related items obtained via the contracted vendor. Any amount exceeding the prescribed amount in subsection (a) and (b), for shoe/boot or related items obtained via the vendor, is the sole responsibility of the employee, and not eligible for reimbursement

### **13.5 RUBBER FLOOR MATS**

The County will provide rubber mats at counter locations where there are concrete, hardwood, or other types of inflexible flooring, if the job requires employees to spend significant time working at the counter.

### **13.6 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

a. When the County Executive or his/her designee determines that employees may have used or handled toxic materials under conditions which may create toxic accumulations, these employees shall be provided physical examinations at medically determined intervals at County expense to detect dangerous accumulations of toxics.

b. Employees in the Waste Management and Recycling Department shall receive typhoid and tetanus shots, at County expense, every other year when they undergo their regular County physical pursuant to driver's license renewal. The shots shall be optional on the employees' part.

### **13.7 SAFETY COMMITTEE**

a. The County and Union agree to form a safety committee for the purpose of developing safety incentive award programs for employees in the bargaining unit.

b. The safety committee will operate pursuant to Section 15.9 (Joint Labor - Management Committee).

### **13.8 COMMUNICATION WHEN WORKING IN ISOLATED AREAS**

The County agrees to provide communication equipment to employees who work in isolated areas. The intent of this section is to provide emergency communications to those employees who are assigned to remote areas where communications are otherwise not available. The County will meet with the Union prior to the issuance of the policy to implement this section.

## **ARTICLE XIV CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

### **14.1 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

The County will provide education reimbursement for education costs incurred by regular employees who apply for such reimbursement in accordance with the policies and procedures governing the education reimbursement program. The maximum reimbursement shall be \$1,500 per year.

## 14.2 LOCATION OR SHIFT BIDDING

a. Permanent employees within a class may submit bids for desired work locations or shifts to which positions in the class are assigned. Such bids shall be submitted to the department which employs the positions involved. The department will first consider and may select from the bid requests when filling vacancies in such positions and shall not be unreasonably denied. Vacancies may be filled from civil service eligible lists, transfer, or reassignment if not filled from among those who bid. Vacancies shall be posted for five (5) days prior to the filling of such positions.

b. Permanent employees is the classification of Building Security Attendant, Airport Operations Worker, Senior Airport Operations Worker, Equipment Technician, Fleet Service Worker, Automotive Technician, Senior Automotive Technician and Automotive Technician shall have the right to bid for shifts and/or days off when the respective department plans to fill a vacancy. Bids shall be awarded based upon in-class seniority. Employees who successfully bid into a shift must remain on that shift for one year before becoming eligible to make a subsequent bid. The appropriate department shall post available assignments for a period of not less than five (5) work days prior to the bid. Employees eligible to bid will submit their bids on a form prescribed by the department in which the bid is to take place. The affected department shall have the authority to deny a bid based upon bona fide EEO or ADA considerations or to clearly articulated operational reasons. If a denial is effectuated, the employee and the union shall have the right to a written explanation upon request. Any subsequent vacancy that results from a successful bid will be bid upon immediately from among those eligible employees present or from among bids on file. If no bids are received and management still wants the assignment filled, it will be assigned by inverse order of seniority.

c. The parties agree to incorporate the Department of Waste Management and Recycling Route Bid procedure as outlined in **Attachment A** to this agreement. During the term of the agreement, the parties agree to meet for the exclusive purpose of adding the new classification of Collections Equipment Operator III. The parties agree to commence the meeting on this issue within 30 days of the classification's approval by the Board.

## 14.3 PROBATIONARY PERIOD

The probationary period for an employee shall be six (6) months, except in respect to those positions for which a longer period has been prescribed by the Civil Service Commission pursuant to the Charter. The County agrees not to recommend a probationary period longer than six (6) months respecting any positions in County service within the units represented by the Union without prior notification and discussion with the Union. Any former employee who held permanent status in a class at the time of

resignation in good standing shall be required to serve the probationary period of any class to which he/she is reinstated if such reinstatement is to a permanent position.

#### **14.4 AIRPORT OPERATIONS WORKER AND SENIOR AIRPORT OPERATIONS WORKER EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAY**

- a. Effective June 15, 2014, employees in the classes of Airport Operations Worker and Sr. Airport Operations Worker shall become eligible for Education Incentive Pay. This differential is intended to encourage employees in these classes to secure a bachelor's degree in order to be eligible for promotional advancement to the Airport Operations Officer class. Education Pay is as follows to a maximum of Five percent (5%) of base salary:
  - (1) Employees who have earned an Associate's degree from an accredited, recognized college or university—as verified by the Department of Personnel Services—in a course of study meeting the minimum requirement of the Airport Operations Officer classification shall be entitled to an additional two and one half percent (2.5%) of base salary pay.
  - (2) Employees who have earned a Bachelor's Degree from and accredited, recognized college or university—as verified by the Department of Personnel Services—in a course of study meeting the minimum requirement of the Airport Operations Officer classification shall be entitled to an additional five percent (5%) of base salary pay.
  - (3) Dispute Resolution: The determination of approved accredited, recognized colleges or universities and approved course of study is not subject to the grievance/arbitration provisions of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE XV MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **15.1 CLASSIFICATION CHANGES**

The County, when developing proposed new or revised class specifications which directly change the classification of positions occupied by employees represented by the Union, shall notify the Union of the new specifications proposals. The County shall meet with the Union upon request regarding such proposed class specification changes. The County shall mail the Union copies of the final draft of the new specifications at least seven (7) days in advance of scheduled agenda date for Civil Service Commission action.

## **15.2 LETTERS OF REPRIMAND**

a. Each employee shall be given an opportunity to read and sign formal letters of reprimand prior to the placement of such material in his/her personnel file. The employee shall receive a copy of the letter of reprimand. Within thirty (30) days of issuance of a letter of reprimand by the County, the employee may submit a written rebuttal to the reprimand. A "letter of reprimand" is a written censure of an employee. Letters of reprimand shall be given only for just cause as set forth in Section 18.5 of this Agreement.

b. An employee may grieve whether a formal letter of reprimand was given for just cause through to Step 2 of the grievance procedure of the Agreement. Letters of reprimand are not arbitrable. The Union shall not have the right to refer the matter to binding arbitration.

c. If the Union is not satisfied with the County's third step decision concerning an alleged violation of Subsection a., above, the Union, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the decision, may request mediation of the grievance. The parties may jointly agree to non-binding mediation of the grievance. If the parties so agree, they shall utilize and abide by the rules of the State Mediation and Conciliation Service. The cost of such mediation, if any, shall be equally divided.

d. If an employee receives a letter of reprimand and no subsequent disciplinary action has been taken by the County during the following two (2) years, the employee may request removal of that letter of reprimand from his/her personnel file. Such request for removal shall not be unreasonably denied. Denial of such requests are not arbitrable. The Union shall not have the right to refer the matter to binding arbitration.

## **15.3 LIST OF EMPLOYEES AND REPRESENTATION INFORMATION**

a. Biweekly Reports:

- (1) A list of employees newly assigned into the representation unit, including mailing addresses, shall be provided to the Union on a biweekly basis.
- (2) The County shall provide the Union with a dues and fees deduction report each pay period specifying the following information for each employee within the Operations and Maintenance Unit for which such deduction was made through the County payroll system:

(a) Name

(b) Social security number

- (c) Budget unit number associated with the employee's position
- (d) Classification code
- (e) Employment status code
- (f) Amount of gross pay earned in the pay period
- (g) Year-to-date deduction amount on a calendar year basis
- (h) Amount of the deduction

This report includes the grand total of the biweekly deduction amounts for all employees.

b. Quarterly Reports:

- (1) The County shall furnish to the Union a list of all employees represented by the Union. Employees shall be listed by department and classification within department. Such listing shall also indicate the class code, date assigned to the class, employment date, social security number, employment code, location code, and salary range and step. Such lists shall be furnished quarterly to the Union on the first payday in the months of January, April, July, and October.
- (2) A list of employees within the Operations and Maintenance Unit who have not authorized an Operations and Maintenance Unit payroll deduction and the amount of their gross pay earned in the quarter shall be provided to the Union.
- (3) Only upon request of the Union and no more than four (4) times per fiscal year, an updated list of the names and mailing addresses of all employees in the Operations and Maintenance Unit shall be provided to the Union.

c. The above mailing addresses that are provided to the Union are given to the Union for its exclusive use for the sole purpose of conducting Union business and are to be kept confidential. The Union agrees not to release any employee mailing address to any other party without the written consent of the employee.

d. Any questions regarding any reports provided under this section shall be made in writing to the Office of Labor Relations. The Office of Labor Relations shall respond in writing to the Union questions.

## **15.4 DISABILITY RETIREE-RETURN RIGHTS**

a. This section applies to any person who formerly held permanent status in a civil service class from which such person was placed on disability retirement, who is subsequently determined by the Retirement Board to not be incapacitated and who is eligible for reinstatement as provided in Government Code Section 31730.

b. When such person is returned to County civil service, he/she shall have permanent status in a position comparable to that held at the time of retirement. The returned person's seniority and benefits shall be based on service as of the time of retirement.

## **15.5 ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE AS AUTOMATIC RESIGNATION**

a. If an employee fails to report to his/her worksite and has given no notification to his/her appointing authority or direct supervisor, the employee shall be considered absent without leave. If an employee is absent without leave for five (5) consecutive workdays, such employee shall be considered to have voluntarily resigned from County service. A notice of automatic resignation shall be sent by certified mail to the employee's last known address. The last known address shall be deemed to be that address which is entered into the County's payroll system.

b. A permanent employee may, within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the effective date of such separation, file a written request with the appointing authority for reinstatement. Reinstatement may be granted only:

(1) If the employee makes satisfactory explanation to the appointing authority as to the cause of the employee's absence or failure to obtain leave therefor; and

(2) The appointing authority determines that the employee is ready, able, and willing to resume the discharge of the duties of his/her position; or

(3) If the appointing authority consents to a leave of absence to commence upon reinstatement.

c. The appointing authority may grant an exception to item b above on a case-by-case basis.

d. This section does not preclude the employee from requesting reinstatement under the provisions of the Personnel Ordinance or any relevant sections of this Agreement.

## **15.6 DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVES TO LAYOFF**

a. If it becomes necessary for the County to have a reduction of force, the parties mutually agree to discuss alternatives to layoff. Such discussions may include reduced workweek, leaves of absence, voluntary layoffs, and/or other issues which may minimize mandatory layoffs.

b. The Union shall give notice of its intention to discuss alternatives to layoff immediately upon notification to the Union that layoffs are necessary. The parties, upon discussion, will make every effort to reach agreement within the fourteen-day notice of layoff period required in the layoff provisions of this Agreement. This provision shall not limit the County's right to layoff employees following the fourteen-day notice requirement of the layoff provisions of this Agreement.

## **15.7 PERSONNEL FILES**

a. For the purposes of this section, personnel file shall mean the employee's agency/departamental personnel files and in those divisions which keep separate division personnel files, such division personnel files.

b. The County shall provide an employee and their designees with the right to inspect their personnel files at a reasonable time and upon reasonable notice.

c. When the County finds it necessary to issue an employee an incident report documenting an incident or accident, or to issue a letter of counseling or letter of warning or letter of reprimand to an employee, the County will follow the following procedure:

- (1) Afford the employee, if available, an opportunity to read and sign the report or letter before it is placed in his/her personnel file.
- (2) Allow the opportunity to respond in writing to the facts contained in said report or letter if said report or letter contains adverse comments regarding the employee. Such written response shall be made within five (5) working days of receipt of said report or letter.
- (3) Give the employee a copy of said report or letter if it contains adverse comments. If the County fails to provide the employee with a copy of said report, a copy will be provided upon discovery of such failure or upon request of the employee.
- (4) If an employee receives a disciplinary action under Section 18.6, and that disciplinary action is no more than a 3-day suspension or its equivalent three years from the disciplinary action's issuance, an employee may request that the disciplinary action be removed from



the employee's personnel file. The disciplinary action shall be removed if there has been no subsequent disciplinary action within a three-year period following service of the final disciplinary notice. For a discipline that is more than a 3-day suspension or its equivalent, inclusive of demotions, an employee may request removal. The disciplinary action shall be removed if there has been no subsequent disciplinary action for a seven-year period following the discipline.

Removed disciplinary actions shall be maintained in a separate working folder maintained by the Department of Personnel Services. In the event the discipline is removed and maintained in the separate folder maintained by Department of Personnel Services, the discipline and related documents may nevertheless be used and disclosed as needed, including but not limited to the following situations: to defend the County against any claim, action, or litigation; if disclosure is required by subpoena, court order, or other legal process; for progressive discipline purposes and/or if disclosure is otherwise required by law.

This section may be grieved through the third step of the grievance process identified in Article V.

## **15.8 SUPERVISORY DESK FILES**

d. An employee will have access to view his/her desk files and receive copies upon request at a time that is mutually convenient.

e. Supervisors will review the contents of the supervisor's desk file annually (generally at the time of the annual performance evaluation) and remove any materials that, in accordance with the supervisor's discretion, are not of current relevance and have been in the file for over 12 months. The supervisor's decision whether to remove documents from the supervisory file may be grieved through the second step of the grievance process.

f. It is understood that maintenance of related and relevant counseling memos within the supervisory file does not impinge upon an arbitrator's ability to consider its appropriate weight for the purposes of progressive discipline under Article XVIII of this Agreement.

## **15.9 UNION WAIVER**

The Union agrees, without further action by the County or the Union, to waive its

right, if indeed there is such a right, to negotiate decisions, procedures, and rules of the Civil Service Commission and the Board of Retirement, so long as any action taken by such Board or Commission takes place after a public hearing, during which the Union may testify; and changes to the Employee Relations Ordinance which prohibit recognized employee organizations from representing both a supervisory and a non-supervisory unit, and/or restrict a law enforcement employee organization from representing non-law enforcement units.

#### **15.10 JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

In order to encourage open communication, promote harmonious relations, and resolve matters of mutual concern, the parties agree to create a joint labor-management committee. The committee will be governed by the following:

- a. The committee will meet every other month or more often if mutually agreed to by the parties.
- b. The agenda for each meeting will be decided five (5) working days in advance of the meeting, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the parties.
- c. The County will release a reasonable number of officially designated Union stewards for attendance as needed at the meetings. The number of stewards in attendance will be mutually agreed upon before each meeting.
- d. This section is not grievable within the meaning of the grievance procedure as defined in Article V of this Agreement.

#### **15.11 ASSIGNMENT OF SENIOR COLLECTION EQUIPMENT OPERATORS TO BACK-UP ASSIGNMENTS OR "JUMPING TRUCKS"**

This language applies only to those employees in the classification of Senior Collection Equipment Operator who are assigned to work back-up assignments on automated residential collection routes or commercial routes. A back-up assignment is one designated by management where the assignment of a route can vary from day to day, and the employees assigned to such a route do not have a route assigned that they work regularly. The selection process outlined below applies only to the designated back-up assignments and does not apply to any other assignment of personnel; nor does the selection process limit the department's ability to assign, move, transfer, temporarily upgrade pursuant to Section 7.7 of the Agreement or otherwise utilize personnel within the Waste Management and Recycling Department to accomplish the mission of the Department.

- e. On the third Monday in March, June, September, and December of each year, the Department will designate employees who will work back-up assignments.

f. The first group of employees to work back-up are those who on March 1, June 1, September 1, or December 1 are on "controlled leave." Controlled leave is defined in the memo from the agency titled Controlled Sick Leave Guidelines.

g. If any back-up assignments remain after those on controlled leave have been assigned, they will be filled by employees in the classification of Senior Collection Equipment Operator based on inverse seniority in the classification of Senior Collection Equipment Operator, that is, least seniority first, (excluding those on controlled leave already assigned).

h. Probationary employees in the classification of Senior Collection Equipment Operator, unless otherwise assigned by the appointing authority, will not be included when determining the seniority list for purposes of assignment to back-up routes.

i. Example: On March 1, there are twelve (12) back-up assignments. There are eight (8) Senior Collection Equipment Operators on controlled leave. These eight (8) would be assigned back-up assignments. The six (6) least Senior Collection Equipment Operators have seniority as follows:

- (1) 1 year, 2 months
- (2) 1 year, 3 months
- (3) 2 years, 1 month
- (4) 2 years, 8 months
- (5) 2 years, 10 months
- (6) 3 years

Employees (1) – (4) above would be assigned to back-up assignments. Employees (5) and (6) would not be assigned back-up assignments.

j. Employees assigned to back-up assignments pursuant to a. – e. above, stay in the assignments for a three-month period.

k. This procedure will become effective on December 1, 1993.

## **15.12 CLASS STUDY/JOB AUDIT**

The parties agree to enter into the following letter of understanding:

- The County agrees to conduct a classification study of the Highway Maintenance Worker class, which shall also include review of such

positions at the Sacramento County Airports System. The County shall provide Local 39 the pre- Commission copy of the study by December 31, 2022.

- The County agrees to conduct job/position audits of the Alarm Systems Technician classification and to share the findings with Local 39. Such findings will be provided to Local 39 by December 31, 2022.

### **15.13 CONTRACTING BARGAINING UNIT WORK**

For purposes of this Article, the Union agrees that the Employer has a right pursuant to the Civil Service 71-J rules to enter into new Status Quo Contracts. Status Quo Contracts are defined as contracts for County Services subject to Section 71-J of the County charter where all of the following conditions are met:

- a. The subject service has previously been performed in Sacramento County by a Contractor;
- b. The County has previously contracted for the subject service within the past three (3) years by the same contractor;
- c. There is no increase from the prior year estimate of the number of Full-Time-Equivalent bargaining unit positions that would be required to deliver the services; and
- d. The loaded hourly rate for the contracted positions has not increased to an amount exceeding the loaded hourly rate for the equivalent County classifications.

Notwithstanding this waiver, the County will provide notice to the Union where it is entering into a new term of contracting for Status Quo contracts. This Section may only be grieved at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Step of the grievance process as identified in Article V. It is not subject to the arbitration provision within Article V.

### **15.14 DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

- a. Full-time regular employees shall be eligible to participate in the County Deferred Compensation Program. The County will conduct semi-annual enrollments for all eligible County employees.
- b. As soon as administratively feasible and following the Board of Supervisors' approval of the 2025 Agreement, if an employee enrolled in the Sacramento County Employee Retirement System contributes into their 457(b) plan, the County will contribute a matching amount up to a maximum of three percent (3%) of the employee's salary into the employee's 401(a) plan. The 3% maximum County contribution match will be counted in the calculation of total compensation for the purposes of salary surveys.

Matching contributions will be made for whole percentages only. For any employee that has a

contribution rate of less than a whole percentage, the matching contribution rate will be made only for the whole percentage contribution amount. For example, a contribution of 1.6% will receive a “matching” contribution of 1%.

c. All newly hired, rehired, or newly transferred employees in this bargaining unit who are enrolled in the Sacramento County Employees Retirement System will be automatically enrolled in the County 457(b) Deferred Compensation plan. The automatic enrollment deduction percentage will be 1% of compensation on a pretax basis which will be deposited in the Plan's appropriate Qualified Default Investment Allocation (QDIA) Target Date fund.

d. Automatic enrollment will not take effect until the first full pay period after the 35 days from the date of hire, rehire or transfer to provide an opt-out period for the employee. Employees subject to auto enrollment who choose to opt-out must do so utilizing the online portal to stop or change their contribution rates. This change must be made sufficiently in advance of payroll timelines in order to take effect. Newly automatic enrolled 457(b) participants can “unwind” their contributions in the first 90 days of enrollment. This triggers an in-service withdrawal and tax consequences. Additionally, any matching 401(a) employer contributions are forfeit if the unwind provision is enacted.

e. Employees entered into the automatic enrollment process retain all normal Deferred Compensation participant abilities, including increasing contribution percentages, ceasing contribution percentages, reallocating contributions to alternative funds, choosing post tax contributions, etc., in accordance with the procedures and parameters established by the County as the Plan Administrator.

## **ARTICLE XVI SENIORITY, LAYOFFS AND REEMPLOYMENT**

### **DIVISION A APPLICATION-PURPOSES-RIGHTS**

#### **16.1 PURPOSE**

This article establishes layoff procedures and reemployment rights. The decision to reduce the number of positions in a class in a department and the reasons for any such reduction shall be within the sole and exclusive discretion of the County. However, the order of layoff and the identity of those employees to be laid off shall be governed by the provisions of this article. This article also establishes reemployment rights and the order of reemployment of employees who are laid off and provides for the resolution of any dispute which might arise respecting the order of layoff or reemployment of those employees who are laid off.

#### **16.2 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

Words and terms used in this article shall have the same meaning as applies to their use in Chapter 2.78, Sacramento County Code, unless otherwise defined below:

- a. Former Class: A class in which an employee previously has held permanent status. An employee may have one (1) or more former classes. However, only those classes in which the employee has held permanent status during the current period of continuous service are eligible former classes in respect to a right to demote.
- b. Layoff: The involuntary termination from a class of a permanent or probationary employee without fault on the part of the employee, because of lack of work, lack of funds, or in the interest of economy.
- c. Limited-Term Employee: A person who accepts a limited-term appointment as defined in Section 7.7(f) of the Civil Service Commission rules. A limited-term employee is a temporary employee for purposes of this article. However, a permanent employee appointed to a limited-term position shall have return rights, within the same department, from the limited-term position to the permanent position.
- d. Separation: Release from employment of a temporary employee or the return of a regular employee from a temporary upgrade to the immediate former class in which the employee held permanent status. Separation does not constitute a layoff.
- e. Status: The employee's current appointment, such as permanent, temporary, provisional, or probationary. Temporary includes intermittent and limited term.
- f. Temporary Employee: A person who has been appointed from a list of eligibles, or provisionally in the absence of a list, to a position which is other than a permanent position.

### **16.3 LAYOFF**

- a. When it becomes necessary due to lack of work, lack of funds, or in the interest of economy, to reduce the number of employees in a department, the order in which employees will be laid off within each class which is affected by the layoff shall be based on seniority as provided in Section 16.5.
- b. Temporary and provisional employees in the class involved in the layoff shall be separated prior to the layoff of any probationary or permanent employees.
- c. Prior to the layoff of any probationary or permanent employee, any permanent employee who currently is serving in a temporary position in that class shall

be separated and returned to the class in which the person holds permanent status in that department.

d. Probationary and permanent employees shall be laid off in the inverse order of their seniority.

## **16.4 RIGHT TO DEMOTE**

a. Any employee who is scheduled for layoff shall have a right to demote within the department in which layoff will occur to a class in which the employee formerly held permanent status. If there is no authorized position in the department in the class to which the employee would otherwise have a right to demote, then this subsection shall not apply. The right to demote within the department to which the employee is assigned, shall be implemented as follows:

- (1) If there is only one (1) other lower salaried class within the department in which the employee formerly held permanent status, the employee shall be demoted to that class. If there is no vacancy in that class and the demoting employee has less seniority than all other employees within the department in that class, the demoting employee shall be laid off from that class and from employment.
- (2) If there are two (2) or more lower salaried classes within the department in which the employee formerly held permanent status, the employee shall be demoted to that class in which the employee formally held permanent status which has the highest salary. If there is no vacancy in that class, and the demoting employee has less seniority than all other employees within the department in that class, the above process shall continue until the demoting employee either reaches a class within the department in which the employee formerly held permanent status in which there is a vacancy or in which the employee is not the least senior employee within the department in that class, or the employee is laid off from employment.
- (3) An employee who is least senior in a class in which there is no vacancy and to which an employee demotes from a higher class within the department shall be laid off from that class, and shall have the same right to demote as does any other employee who is laid off.
- (4) An employee demoted under this procedure shall be deemed to have exercised the employee's right to demote and to have accepted each demotion, subject to the employee's right to resign from employment.

- (5) An employee who is demoted from a class in which the employee holds permanent status shall be deemed for all purposes to have been laid off from each class from which the employee subsequently demotes or is displaced, including classes which the employee passes through because of the absence of a vacancy and insufficient seniority to occupy a position.

b. An employee who is scheduled for layoff, shall be entitled to request a demotion to another class in which the employee formerly held permanent status which is currently authorized in another department. Except as provided in (3) below, the right to request demotion to another department applies to any class in which the employee formerly held permanent status which has a lower salary than the class from which the employee was laid off, which is authorized in any department other than the department to which the employee was assigned prior to layoff.

- (1) The appointing authority of the department to which the employee requests transfer may, in the appointing authority's discretion, grant a request to demote if there is (a) a vacancy in the class within the department or (b) the requesting employee would not be the least senior employee in the new department within the class to which the request is made.
- (2) An employee whose request to demote to another department is granted, shall be deemed for all purposes to have been laid off from the class from which the employee demotes.
- (3) Such right to request demotion shall not apply to a class to which an employee is demoted within the same department. The purpose of the right to request a demotion to another department is to avoid layoff from employment.

## **16.5 SENIORITY**

a. Seniority shall be determined by the date of original appointment to the class. For purposes of this article, the "date of original appointment to the class" is defined as the date the employee first was appointed to the class, on or after the most recent date of entry into County service, regardless of type of appointment, including, but not limited to, provisional, limited term, temporary and exempt.

b. A seniority list shall be prepared for each class for purposes of layoff and shall include all probationary and permanent employees in that class. Where seniority dates in the class are the same, ties shall be broken in the following sequence:

- (1) Employees with the earliest date of entry into continuous County service.



- (2) Employees with the highest standing on the eligible list from which the appointments to the applicable class were made.

c. The seniority date for an employee who terminates and subsequently returns to County service in accordance with the military leave provisions of Section 2.78.785 of the Sacramento County Code shall be the date of original appointment to the class, prior to the military separation.

d. If an employee's position is reallocated to a different class, and the former class is no longer authorized in the employee's department, the employee's date of appointment to the former class shall be the seniority date in the class to which the position was reallocated. In such cases the right to demote shall apply to the new class.

e. If an employee is in a class which is retitled, the seniority date in the retitled class shall be the date of appointment to the original class which has been retitled.

f. If an employee returns to a former class in which the employee previously held permanent status, the employee's seniority date in the former class shall be the date of original appointment to the former class.

## **16.6 JURISDICTION**

a. If an employee in a class covered by this article is laid off from that class and demotes to a class which is not covered by this article, then this article no longer applies in respect to the determination of the employee's seniority within the class to which demotion occurs. In such cases, the determination of seniority within the class to which the employee is demoted, shall be based on the agreement of the new representation unit or the Sacramento County Code, whichever applies.

b. An employee employed under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) shall be laid off or separated in compliance with, and their right to demote within the department and to request demotion to another department shall be subject to, all requirements by Congressional enactments, Federal Regulations and Orders, and grant terms and conditions as they exist and apply on the effective date of layoff.

## **DIVISION B LAYOFF**

### **16.7 NOTICE OF LAYOFF**

a. Each employee subject to layoff shall be given written notice of layoff. The notice shall prescribe the effective date of layoff. The written notice shall either be personally handed to the employee or mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested,

and USPS 1<sup>st</sup> class to the address, maintained in the County's payroll system. The notice shall be deemed served on the date it is personally handed to the employee, or if the notice is provided by mail, the employee shall be deemed to have received the notice five (5) days after the date of mailing.

b. The effective date of layoff shall be not earlier than the 14th calendar day following the date of service of the notice of layoff.

## **16.8 NOTICE TO UNION**

Each time a layoff is ordered, the County shall mail to Union, not later than the date of service of the last notice of layoff, each seniority list by class and department in which an employee covered by this Agreement is to be laid off. Each such list shall identify the employees to be laid off and show the date of service of the notice of layoff to each employee who is to be laid off.

## **16.9 GRIEVANCE-ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

The Grievance-Arbitration procedure set forth in Sections 16.10 through 16.20 shall apply to grievances concerning the validity or timeliness of service of notice of layoff, the order of layoff, or the identification of who is laid off under the order of layoff.

## **16.10 GRIEVANCE**

A grievance is a complaint by one (1) or a group of employees or the Union involving the interpretation, application or enforcement of the express terms of this article and asserting that an employee or employees have not been served with notice of layoff, not timely served with notice of layoff, misplaced within the order of layoff, or incorrectly identified for layoff under the order of layoff, in violation of the terms of this article.

## **16.11 TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF FILING**

a. A grievance shall be filed on a form prescribed by the County. Each grievance shall state for each named employee the factual basis for the claim and the provision of the article allegedly violated. Any grievance on this subject which is not timely or does not meet the criteria established in this section shall be deemed invalid, null and void.

b. All grievances on this subject shall be filed with the County's Director of Labor Relations not later than seven (7) calendar days following the alleged violation. Any grievance which is not received by the Director of Labor Relations within seven (7) calendar days following the alleged violation shall be deemed invalid, null and void, and a waiver of the employee's assert of his/her rights.

## **16.12 DELIVERY TO UNION**

The County shall deliver a copy of each grievance filed by an employee or group of employees to Union not later than eight (8) calendar days following the date of filing.

## **16.13 COMPLAINTS BY UNION**

a. Not later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the date of delivery of copies of grievances by employees pursuant to Section 16.12 or twenty-two (22) calendar days after the filing of a grievance by Union, whichever is earlier, Union shall file a consolidated complaint with respect to all such grievances. The complaint shall name each employee previously named in a grievance, who Union asserts has been not validly served with notice of layoff, not served in a timely manner, misplaced within the order of layoff, or incorrectly identified for layoff under the order of layoff. Any employee named in a timely grievance filed by Union or a timely employee grievance, who is not so named in the complaint, shall be deemed to have been validly and correctly identified for layoff under the order of layoff.

b. By filing the complaint or by not filing a complaint, Union shall have authority to waive the claims of employees which it elects not to assert.

c. The complaint shall be filed with and received by the Director of Labor Office of Labor Relations within fifteen (15) calendar days following delivery to Union of the copies of employee grievances or twenty-two (22) calendar days following filing by Union of its grievance, whichever is earlier.

## **16.14. ARBITRATION - SCHEDULING**

Timely complaints shall be submitted to and determined by an arbitrator. Each arbitration proceeding shall commence not earlier than ten (10) calendar days and not later than thirty (30) calendar days following the date of filing of the complaint.

## **16.15 CONSOLIDATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

a. It is understood that the County is entering into this type of agreement with exclusive representatives of other representation units of County employees. The County Executive or his/her designee shall be authorized to order the consolidation for purposes of hearing and decision of a complaint by Union with one (1) or more complaints by exclusive representatives of other representation units, except as to unit representatives who file their complaints on dates which preclude the scheduling of the consolidated hearing.

b. Consolidation shall be effected by written notice by the County Executive to all unit representatives whose complaints are ordered consolidated. The written notice shall designate the arbitrator for the consolidated hearing from among those specified in

Subsection 16.16-a., or in the event of their unavailability, the arbitrator selected pursuant to Subsection 16.16-b.

c. The Union shall be authorized to withdraw from the consolidated proceedings by serving written notice of withdrawal upon the County's Director of Labor Relations within five (5) calendar days after service of the notice of consolidation.

d. In the absence of agreement between the parties and the arbitrator, the arbitrator shall schedule the date, time, and place of the hearing.

e. If the Union withdraws from a consolidated proceeding, the County shall have a right to a reasonable continuance of any hearing of the Union's complaint if necessary in order to avoid the hearing of more than one (1) complaint of a unit representative on the same day.

f. If the Union withdraws from a consolidated hearing, and subsequently an arbitrator makes a back-pay award under the Union's complaint, there shall be subtracted from the amounts owing any and all back-pay attributable to the period, between the date of an arbitrator's decision on the Union's complaint and the date of an arbitrator's decision on the complaint which is the first one decided among those ordered to be consolidated.

## **16.16 SELECTION OF ARBITRATOR**

a. The parties to the hearing and to the selection of the arbitrator shall be the Union and the County.

b. An impartial arbitrator shall be selected jointly by the parties within ten (10) workdays of receipt of the written demand.

c. In the event the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator within the time stated, the parties shall solicit from the State of California Mediation and Conciliation Service a list of five (5) arbitrators.

d. After receipt of the list, the parties shall alternately strike arbitrator's names from the list until one (1) arbitrator's name remains.

e. If an arbitrator selected declines appointment or is otherwise unavailable, a new list shall be requested as per Subsection b. above, and the selection shall be made as in Subsection c. above, unless an arbitrator can be mutually agreed upon.

## **16.17 HEARINGS**

a. Except as otherwise mutually agreed or otherwise provided herein, the arbitration hearings shall be conducted in accordance with rules of the American Arbitration Association.

b. In the event complaints are consolidated for purposes of hearing and decision, all unit representatives shall present their complaints and evidence in support of their cases in chief before the County presents any rebuttal evidence and its case in chief as to any individual complaint or the complaints as a whole.

c. Whether or not the proceedings shall be consolidated, the parties to the proceedings shall be deemed to be the County and Union (and other unit representatives, if any), and no employee or groups of employees shall be deemed to be parties of the proceedings.

## **16.18 QUESTIONS**

In any arbitration proceedings on this issue, the questions to be decided by the arbitrator shall be limited to the following:

- a. Whether or not the notice of layoff was served in a timely manner in compliance with the provisions of this article;
- b. Whether the order of layoff complied with the terms of this article;
- c. Whether the identification of particular employees for layoff violated the terms of this article;
- d. The remedy, in the event it is determined that layoff did not comply with the terms of this article; and,
- e. The employee or employees who should have been identified for layoff.

## **16.19 DECISION**

The decision by the arbitrator shall comply with the following requirements:

- a. The decision shall be issued not later than ten (10) calendar days after the close of the hearing or hearings. The decision shall be in writing, shall specifically state the interpretation of this article rendered by the arbitrator, and the remedies, if any. The decision need not state the reasons, discussion or contain reasoning, so long as the interpretation by the arbitrator is specifically stated.
- b. The arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction or authority to order reinstatement, back pay or any other relief for any employee who is identified for layoff in

violation of the terms of this article, unless the employee has been identified in both a timely grievance and a timely complaint.

- c. The arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction or authority to revise the order of layoff as to any employee except to the extent necessary to grant relief to an employee determined to have been assigned an improper order of layoff alleged in both a timely grievance and a timely complaint.
- d. The arbitrator shall have authority, in the event of a determination that an employee incorrectly identified for layoff in a timely grievance and a timely complaint, to order the reinstatement of such employee with back pay. For each employee so reinstated, the arbitrator shall determine and designate the employee currently working for the County who should have been identified instead, and shall order the layoff of each such employee. The order of layoff shall become effective fourteen (14) calendar days following service of the notice of layoff which results therefrom pursuant to Section 16.7.
- e. Under no circumstances shall an arbitrator have jurisdiction or authority to order any remedy which either directly or indirectly permits the layoff of fewer personnel than ordered by the County or which otherwise impairs the discretion of the County to determine the number of personnel within each department who will be employed.
- f. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, delete or alter any provision of this article, but shall limit his/her decision to the application and interpretation of its express provisions.
- g. The decision of any arbitrator shall be consistent with prior decisions of other arbitrators, and subsequent arbitrators shall be bound by those interpretations.
- h. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding as to all matters within his/her jurisdiction.

## **16.20 COSTS**

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and court reporter shall be shared equally by the parties. In the event of consolidated proceedings, the arbitrator shall prorate the costs to individual representation units, and the County and unit representatives shall share such costs equally.

## **DIVISION C REEMPLOYMENT**

### **16.21 ENTITLEMENT**

With respect to classes covered by this article, reemployment entitlements shall be as follows:

- a. A person who held permanent status in the class from which the person was laid off shall, during the two-year period following the effective date of layoff, be entitled to be appointed from a departmental reemployment list to a vacancy authorized to be filled in that class within the department from which the person was laid off pursuant and subject to the provision set forth in this division.
- b. A person who held permanent status in the class from which he/she was laid off, shall also, during the two-year period following the effective date of layoff, be entitled to certification from a County-wide reemployment list for a vacancy in the class from which the person was laid off, which is authorized to be filled, pursuant and subject to the provisions set forth in this division.

## **16.22 TYPE OF POSITION**

The entitlement to appointment or certification applies whether the position in which the vacancy occurs is regular, temporary, or limited term.

## **16.23 LIMITED-TERM**

Personnel serving under limited-term appointments shall not be entitled to reemployment rights or to placement on either a departmental or County-wide reemployment list, whether or not they held permanent status as limited-term appointees in the class from which they were separated.

## **16.24 DEPARTMENTAL REEMPLOYMENT LISTS**

a. The County shall prepare a departmental reemployment list for each class in each department in which an employee with permanent status in that class is laid off. As personnel are separated from a class in which they hold permanent status, their names shall be added to the list for the class and department in which the layoff occurs in the inverse order in which they are separated from service in that class.

b. Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the order of names on departmental reemployment lists shall be derived from (by inverting) the order of layoff prescribed by layoff lists, as the order of layoff may be modified by agreement between the parties or award under grievance-arbitration proceedings commenced pursuant to layoff under Division B, above. The purpose of this provision is to insure that disputes concerning the order of layoff and of departmental reemployment lists are raised and settled at or near the time of layoff, and not at the time reemployment is sought.

c. At the time the class of Mail Messenger is consolidated with the class of Stock Clerk, the departmental reemployment list for Mail Messenger shall be abolished and the name of any person on that list shall be placed on a departmental reemployment list for the class of Stock Clerk. The amount of time the name of any person was on the departmental reemployment list for Mail Messenger shall be counted in determining the date the name is removed from the departmental reemployment list for Stock Clerk.

## **16.25 COUNTY-WIDE REEMPLOYMENT LISTS**

a. The County shall prepare County-wide reemployment lists for each class from which personnel with permanent status in the class were laid off. Each list shall constitute a merger of persons who were laid off from the class and who held permanent status therein. The order of personnel on each County-wide reemployment list shall be based upon seniority according to the date of original appointment to the class to which the list refers, as determined under Division A.

b. At the time the class of Mail Messenger is consolidated with the class of Stock Clerk, the County-wide reemployment list for Mail Messenger shall be abolished and the name of any person on that list shall be placed on a County-wide reemployment list for the class of Stock Clerk. The amount of time the name of any person was on the County-wide reemployment list for Mail Messenger shall be counted in determining the date the name is removed from the County-wide reemployment list for Stock Clerk.

## **16.26 APPOINTMENT AND CERTIFICATION PRIORITIES**

The following priorities shall apply in relation to vacancies in classes to which the entitlement to appointment or certification is applicable:

- a. A vacancy in a class shall be filled first from the Medical Center transfer eligible lists prescribed in Section 7.7(d) of the Civil Service Rules, as that section existed prior to August 15, 1974. If the vacancy is not filled by appointment from the Medical Center transfer eligible list, then;
- b. The vacancy shall be filled from that departmental reemployment list for the class in which the vacancy exists and for the department in which the vacancy exists. Persons shall be appointed to vacancies in the order of the list.
  - (1) One (1) person shall be offered an appointment for each vacancy in accordance with the order of the list. If that person declines appointment, the next person in order shall be offered appointment.
  - (2) A person to whom an appointment is intended to be offered may be contacted personally and may accept appointment orally. A person shall not be deemed to have declined appointment unless the person has done so in writing, or unless written notice of the offer of



appointment has been transmitted by certified mail to the person's last known address, and the person has failed to accept the appointment in writing within five (5) calendar days following the date of mailing of the notice.

- c. No persons shall be certified for appointment from a County-wide reemployment list to a vacancy in a class until there are no longer any names on that departmental reemployment list for the class within the department in which the vacancy exists or all persons on that departmental reemployment list have declined appointment to that vacancy. In such event, the names of three (3) persons shall be certified from the County-wide reemployment lists for the class in which the vacancy exists in accordance with the order of the list. The names shall be certified to the appointing authority for the class in which the vacancy exists, who shall have discretion to offer the appointment to one (1) of the three (3). If there is more than one (1) vacancy, an additional name shall be certified for vacancy in excess of one (1).
  - (1) For each person who declines an offer of appointment, an additional name shall be certified.
  - (2) A person on the County-wide reemployment list shall be deemed to have declined appointment under the same circumstances and in accordance with the same procedure as is specified in Subsection 16.26-b.(2).
  - (3) If there are fewer than three (3) names on the County-wide reemployment list, a rank or ranks of additional names shall be certified from regular eligible lists so as to provide a total of not less than three (3) persons available for appointment.

## **16.27 REMOVAL FROM DEPARTMENTAL REEMPLOYMENT LISTS**

The names of persons shall be deemed removed from departmental reemployment lists and their entitlement to appointment from such lists terminated, as follows:

- a. Upon the expiration of two (2) years following the effective date of layoff of each person.
- b. As a result of appointment to a regular position within County service in a class which is the same as the one for which the list exists or which, at the time of appointment, is equal to or higher than the one for which the list exists in salary when measured at the top step of the salary schedule. (Personnel shall not be deemed removed from such lists by virtue of

appointment to any temporary or limited-term position in any class.)

- c. Upon declination of appointment from the list, under the same circumstances and in accordance with the same procedure as is specified in Subsection 16.26-b.(2) except in instances where the person states in writing that he/she temporarily is medically incapacitated.
- d. In the event a person states in writing that he/she does not desire appointment from the list, or fails to file a written statement expressing his/her desire for appointment within five (5) calendar days following certified mailing to the person's last known address.

## **16.28 REMOVAL FROM COUNTY-WIDE REEMPLOYMENT LISTS**

The names of persons shall be deemed removed from County-wide reemployment lists and their entitlement to certification from such lists terminated as follows:

- a. Upon the expiration of two (2) years following the effective date of layoff of each person.
- b. As a result of appointment to a regular position within the County service in a class which is the same as the one for which the list exists or which, at the time of appointment, is equal to or higher than the one for which the list exists in salary when measured at the top step of the salary schedule, (Personnel shall not be deemed removed from such lists by virtue of appointment to any temporary or limited-term position in any class).
- c. In the event a person states in writing that the person does not desire appointment from the list, or fails to file a written statement expressing the person's desire for appointment within five (5) calendar days following certified mailing, to the person's last known address.
- d. Removal from the departmental reemployment list. The removal shall be from that County-wide reemployment list for the class to which the departmental reemployment list applied.
- d. Except as provided in paragraph c. of Section 16.27 a person shall be authorized to decline appointment to a class to which the person has been certified by submitting a written statement which objects to the appointment on the basis of the identity of the department, geographical location of the job, or shift schedule of the job. Such a declination shall not result in removal of the person from the County-wide reemployment list. The person shall not thereafter be certified for appointment to a vacancy which falls

within the description of the written objection.

## **16.29 EFFECT OF REEMPLOYMENT**

a. When a person is reemployed from either a department reemployment list or a County-wide reemployment list, the period of unemployment following the layoff shall not be treated as an interruption of service for purposes of reestablishing salary, benefits, or seniority. The period of such unemployment shall be treated as County service for seniority purposes. However, with the exception of seniority, the period of unemployment shall not be treated as County service for any other purposes.

b. Effective July 1, 2009, any person who is reemployed from either a departmental reemployment list or a County-wide reemployment list into a permanent position in County service shall be entitled to reinstatement of any sick leave balances that had previously accrued to that employee as of the effective date of lay-off.

## **16.30 SERVICE OF REEMPLOYMENT LISTS**

a. Not later than January 1 of each year, the County shall serve by mail upon Union a set of copies of all County-wide reemployment lists and all departmental reemployment lists for classes covered by the Agreement. Such service shall be made once, and shall include all such lists prepared as a result of all layoffs which have occurred between July 1 and the date of service.

b. Not later than July 5 of each year, the County shall serve by mail upon Union a set of copies of all County-wide reemployment lists and all departmental reemployment lists for classes covered by this article. Such service shall be made once, and shall include all such lists prepared between the date of service pursuant to paragraph a. and June 30, inclusive.

## **16.31 GRIEVANCE-ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

The Grievance-Arbitration Procedure set forth in Sections 16.32 through 16.38 shall be applicable only to disputes arising under Division C of this article.

## **16.32 EXISTENCE, ORDER AND CONTENTS OF REEMPLOYMENT LISTS**

a. Except as provided in this section, no employee, person or other entity shall be authorized to grieve, dispute or otherwise challenge a reemployment list established pursuant to this article.

b. No later than twenty (20) calendar days following each service of reemployment lists upon the Union, the Union shall be authorized to file a grievance asserting that the County has failed to establish a reemployment list required by this

article, has established a reemployment list prohibited by this article, the order of personnel contained on any one (1) or more of the lists violates the provisions of Sections 16.21, 16.22, 16.23, 16.24, or 16.25, that personnel have been placed on a list in violation of said sections, or that personnel have been omitted from the lists in violation of said sections.

c. The grievance shall specifically identify:

- (1) The list or lists to which the grievance refers;
- (2) The nature of the alleged violation or violations, the facts on which the alleged violations are based, and the section or sections of this article violated.
- (3) The names of any personnel alleged to have been erroneously placed upon or omitted from the list or lists; and
- (4) The changes in lists alleged to be required in order to remedy the alleged violations.

d. The grievance shall be filed with the County's Director of Labor Relations, and shall be received by the Director not later than twenty (20) calendar days following service of the lists pursuant to Section 16.30.

e. The failure of Union to file a grievance within the time required herein shall constitute a waiver of the right to challenge the matters referred to in this section, which is binding upon Union and all other persons.

### **16.33 OTHER MATTERS**

a. Except as to matters referred to in Section 16.32, the Union and any persons laid off from a class covered by this article shall be authorized to file a grievance alleging a violation of Sections 16.21 and 16.29.

b. Such grievances shall be filed on forms prescribed by the County with the County's Director of Labor Relations not later than ten (10) working days after the event or circumstance occasioning the grievance. Any grievance not received by the Director within said period shall be deemed invalid, null, and void.

c. Any grievance filed pursuant to this section, other than one filed by the Union, shall be transmitted by mailed copy to the Union not later than five (5) calendar days after is it filed.

### **16.34 PRE-ARBITRATION HEARING**

a. A hearing shall be held by the County Executive or his/her designee on all

grievances filed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 16.32 and 16.33, not later than ten (10) working days following the date of filing. Union shall be given advance written notice of the time, date and place of all such hearings, and shall be authorized to appear and participate therein.

b. If the County Executive or his/her designee determines that a grievance shows a violation of this article and is otherwise timely and within the scope of the grievance-arbitration provisions, he/she shall be authorized to take all actions necessary to grant relief, including the layoff of any employees who have been employed in violation of the provisions of this division relating to reemployment.

c. The County Executive or his/her designee shall issue a written decision not later than five (5) working days following the date of the hearing, and shall mail copies to the grievant or grievants and Union.

### **16.35 REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION**

If Union is dissatisfied with the decision of the County Executive or his/her designee, it shall be authorized to file a request for arbitration.

- a. The request for arbitration shall be in writing, and shall be filed with the Director of Labor Relations not later than seven (7) calendar days after mailing of the decision of the County Executive or his/her designee. If Union fails to file a request for arbitration within the time required, the decision by the County Executive or his/her designee shall be deemed final, binding and conclusive upon all issues determined therein.
- b. In formulating and filing the request for arbitration or by not filing a request for arbitration, the Union shall have authority to waive the claims of persons who have filed grievances or others which it elects not to file. The failure to assert such claims shall be deemed to be a waiver of such claims and rights which is binding upon the Union, the persons who have filed grievances, and the personnel covered by this article.

### **16.36 ARBITRATION SCHEDULING**

Timely requests for arbitration shall be submitted to and determined by an arbitrator. Each arbitration proceeding shall commence not earlier than fifteen (15) calendar days and not later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the date of filing of the request:

- a. The arbitrator shall be selected by mutual agreement of the parties. If the parties are unable to agree, the arbitrator shall be appointed by the State Mediation and Conciliation Service.

- b. Except as otherwise mutually agreed or otherwise provided herein, the arbitration hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.
- c. The parties to the proceedings shall be deemed to be the County and the Union, and no employee, group of employees or other person shall be deemed to be parties to the proceedings.

## **16.37 DECISION**

The decision of the arbitrator shall comply with the following requirements:

- a. The decision shall be issued not later than ten (10) calendar days after the close of the hearing. The decision shall be in writing, shall specifically state the interpretation of this article rendered by the arbitrator, and the remedies, if any. The decision need not state reasons, discussion or contain reasoning, so long as the interpretation by the arbitrator is specifically stated.
- b. The arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction or authority to revise the order of either a County-wide reemployment list or departmental reemployment list as to any person on such a list who has not been alleged in a timely grievance to have been placed in incorrect order thereon, except to the extent necessary to grant relief to a person determined to have been placed in incorrect order who was so alleged in a timely grievance.
- c. The arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction or authority to invalidate the employment of any person who has been reemployed from either a County-wide reemployment list or departmental reemployment list or to grant any relief to a person on such a list who should have been so reemployed or certified for appointment, except as to persons named in a timely grievance.
- d. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, delete or alter any provision of this article, but shall limit his/her decision to the application and interpretation of its express terms.
- e. The decision of any arbitrator shall be consistent with prior decisions of other arbitrators and subsequent arbitrators shall be bound by the interpretations by prior arbitrators of the terms of this article.
- f. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding as to all matters within his/her jurisdiction.

## **16.38 COSTS**

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and court reporter shall be shared equally by the parties.

### **16.39 WITNESSES**

The County agrees that an employee shall not suffer loss of compensation for time spent as a witness at an arbitration hearing held pursuant to this article. The Union agrees that the number of witnesses requested to attend and their scheduling shall be reasonable.

## **DIVISION D MISCELLANEOUS**

### **ARTICLE XVII DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE**

#### **17.1 PURPOSE**

It is the intent of the parties that the provisions of this article, shall substitute for any and all appeal procedures provided by the Civil Service Commission relating to the discipline, as defined in Section 18.2 below, of employees in a class included in the Operations and Maintenance Unit.

#### **17.2 DEFINITION**

- a. As used herein, "disciplinary action" means demotion, reduction in pay step in class, suspension or discharge of an employee with permanent civil service status.
- b. As used herein, "parties" means the County and the Union.

#### **17.3 PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO INITIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

The employee's appointing authority or the designated representative of the appointing authority may initiate disciplinary action against an employee.

#### **17.4 APPLICATION**

- a. This article shall only apply to an employee with permanent civil service status.
- b. Probationary Status: This article shall not apply to an employee in probationary status who shall have no right to grieve or arbitrate release from such

probationary appointment.

c. Temporary Employee: An employee in a temporary position shall have no right to grieve or arbitrate release from such temporary appointment.

d. Temporary Upgrade: An employee in a temporary upgrade status shall have no right to grieve or arbitrate release from such temporary upgrade status.

e. Provisional Appointment: An employee with provisional status shall have no right to grieve or arbitrate release from such a provisional appointment.

## **17.5 CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

No disciplinary action shall be taken against a permanent employee without good cause. "Good cause" is defined as any facts which, based on relevant circumstances, may be reasonably relied on by the appointing authority in the exercise of reasonable discretion as a basis for disciplinary action. "Good cause" includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Fraud in securing appointment.
- b. Incompetency.
- c. Inefficiency.
- d. Inexcusable neglect of duty.
- e. Insubordination.
- f. Dishonesty.
- g. Being impaired from the use of alcohol and/or drugs while on duty..
- h. Inexcusable absence without leave.
- i. Conviction of a felony or conviction of a misdemeanor which is of such a nature as to adversely affect the employee's ability to perform the duties and responsibilities of the employee's position. A plea of guilty, or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section.
- j. Discourteous treatment of the public or other employees.
- k. Political activity prohibited by state or federal law.



- l. Willful disobedience.
- m. Violation of any of the prohibitions set forth in Section 71 of the Sacramento County Charter.
- n. Refusal to take and sign any oath or affirmation which is a federal, state or County requirement.
- o. Any failure of good behavior either during or outside of duty hours which is of such nature that it causes discredit to the County or his/her employment.
- p. Failure to possess or keep in effect any license, certificate or other similar requirement specified in the employee's position specification.
- q. Any violation of Civil Service Commission Rule 6.6-a; which prohibits the solicitation of waivers.

## **17.6 CAUSES FOR PERSONNEL ACTION DUE TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY**

For non-disciplinary reasons, a permanent employee's employment may be terminated or a permanent employee may be reduced in rank because of physical or mental disability which disability precludes the employee from the proper performance of the essential duties of his or her job. Any such action shall be subject to the same provisions of this article as are applicable to actions taken pursuant to Section 18.5.

## **17.7 NOTICE REQUIREMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER**

- a. The appointing authority or designee shall file a written proposed order and final order of disciplinary action with the Director of Labor Relations.
- b. A copy of the proposed and final notice of disciplinary action shall be served upon the employee either personally, or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the employee. The last known address shall be deemed to be the address which is entered in the County's payroll system. If notice is provided by mail, the employee should be deemed to have received notice five (5) days after the date of mailing. At the same time, service shall be made to the Union.
- c. The order shall be approved as to form by the Office of Labor Relations and shall include:

- (1) A statement of the nature of the disciplinary action;
- (2) The effective date of the disciplinary action;

- (3) A statement in ordinary and concise language of all specified facts or omissions upon which the disciplinary action is based; and
- (4) A statement advising the employee of the right to appeal the action through the arbitration procedure of this article, of the manner and time of which said appeal must be made, and the required content of the appeal.

d. The disciplinary action shall be effective on the date and time specified in the order of disciplinary action filed with the Director, provided notice is served as specified in this action.

## **17.8 APPEAL**

a. The Union shall have the right to appeal on behalf of an employee who is subject to the disciplinary action, within fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving the final order of disciplinary action, by filing a written notice of appeal with the Director of Labor Relations. The notice of appeal shall contain the name and address of the person to whom all written communication regarding this appeal shall be sent.

b. The Director of Personnel Services shall promptly provide the appointing authority with a copy of the employee's notice of appeal.

c. An employee for whom a notice of appeal is filed as provided herein shall be entitled to a hearing, as provided in this article.

d. An appeal of a disciplinary action is a complaint of a permanent employee with permanent civil service status regarding whether there was good cause for the disciplinary action taken against that employee.

e. If the Union fails to file a notice of appeal within the time specified in Subsection a. of this section, the disciplinary action shall become final without further action.

## **17.9 MEDIATION OF A DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

a. Prior to the arbitration hearing the Union may request mediation. Mediation shall take place on the first and third Tuesday of each calendar month. Subsequent days for mediation will be scheduled, if necessary. The parties agree to mutually select a panel of mediators. If the parties are unable to select a panel of mediators, they shall utilize the State Mediation and Conciliation Service.

b. Under no case shall the adjustment of resolution of the discipline at this level exceed forty (40) working days from the date of their appeal, unless extended by

mutual agreement of the parties.

c. Mediators who have been selected by the parties to mediate disputes will be scheduled on a rotating and available basis.

d. The parties agree to meet annually in May to review the mediators listed above. The list of mediators for the subsequent year shall be mutually agreed upon, but should the parties be unable to agree on a new list, the previous list will continue until such time as a new list is agreed to, or the State Mediation and Conciliation Services are utilized.

e. All costs of the mediator, if any, shall be borne equally by the parties. No party shall purposely withhold information at this level but shall disclose all information relevant to the appeal for consideration by the other party.

f. The mediation procedure shall be entirely informal in nature. However, copies of exhibits upon which either party bases its case shall be shared with the other party. The relevant facts should be elicited in a narrative fashion to the extent possible, rather than through examination and cross-examination of witnesses. The rules of evidence will not apply and no record of the proceedings will be made. All persons involved in the events giving rise to the appeal should be encouraged to participate fully in the proceedings, both by stating their views and by asking questions of the other participants at the mediation hearing.

g. The primary effort of the mediator shall be to assist the parties in settling the stated appeal in a mutually satisfactory fashion. In attempting to achieve a settlement, the mediator is free to use all of the techniques customarily associated with the mediation process, including private conferences with only one (1) party. If settlement is not possible, the mediator shall provide the parties with an immediate bench opinion, as to how the appeal would be decided if it went to arbitration. That opinion would not be final or binding, but would be advisory. It would be delivered orally and would be accompanied by a statement of the reasons for the mediator's opinion. The advisory opinion may be used as the basis for further settlement discussions or for withdrawal or granting of the appeal. If the appeal is not settled, granted, or withdrawn, the parties are free to arbitrate. If they do, the mediator shall not serve as arbitrator, and no offers or concessions made by the parties or the mediator during mediation can be used against a party during arbitration.

h. Neither attorneys nor court reporters or any other type of note-taker shall be allowed to be present at the proceedings.

i. If the parties agree to be bound by a mediator's recommendation, the subsequent agreement shall be reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

j. If the issue is not resolved during mediation, and in accordance with established timeliness the appeal shall move to arbitration.

## **17.10 SELECTION OF AN ARBITRATOR**

- a. The parties to the hearing and to the selection of the arbitrator shall be the Union and the County.
- b. An impartial arbitrator shall be selected jointly by the parties within ten (10) workdays of receipt of the written demand.
- c. In the event the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator within the time stated, the parties shall solicit from the State of California Mediation and Conciliation Service a list of five (5) arbitrators. Failure to select an arbitrator by the appealing party thirty (30) days of receiving the list of arbitrators from the State of California Mediation and Conciliation Services will result in withdrawal of the appeal unless such failure is through the inaction of the County.
- d. After receipt of the list, the parties shall alternately strike arbitrator's names from the list until one (1) arbitrator's name remains.
- e. If an arbitrator selected declines appointment or is otherwise unavailable, a new list shall be requested as per Subsection b. above, and the selection shall be made as in Subsection c. above, unless an arbitrator can be mutually agreed upon.

## **17.11 AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER**

At any time after a hearing has commenced on a disciplinary action and prior to the time the appeal is submitted for decision, the appointing authority may, with the consent of the arbitrator, serve on the employee and file with the Director of Labor Relations an amended or supplemental order of disciplinary action. Consent is not required for an amended or supplemental order filed prior to commencement of the hearing. If the amended or supplemental order presents new causes or allegations, the employee shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to prepare a defense thereto. Any new causes or allegations shall be deemed denied and any objections to the amended or supplemental causes or allegations may be made orally at the hearing.

## **17.12 DISCOVERY**

- a. Permissible Discovery: Pursuant to the procedure set forth in Subsection c. below, any party to the arbitration hearing may obtain the following information in the hands of or which may reasonably be obtained by the responding party or the responding party's representative (As used herein, "responding party" shall mean the person of whom the information is requested.):

- (1) Those allegations in the order of disciplinary action which are

admitted by the employee and those allegations in the order of disciplinary action which are denied by the employee.

- (2) The name, address and telephone number of each witness whom the responding party intends to call to testify at the hearing.
- (3) Copies of statements by any person whom the responding party intends to call as a witness.
- (4) All writing relevant to the issues involved in the appeal including, but not limited to, reports of mental, physical and blood examinations which the responding party intends to introduce into evidence. "Writing" as used herein shall have the meaning defined in Evidence Code Section 250 which states: "Writing" means handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds or symbols, or combinations thereof.
- (5) A statement specifically defining the issues in dispute.
- (6) The foregoing does not apply to witnesses or exhibits used for impeachment or rebuttal.

b. Confidential or Privileged Matter: If the responding party determines that the writing or other material requested is confidential or privileged, the response to the discovery request shall specifically so state, and shall set forth in detail the grounds upon which confidentiality or privilege is claimed. If the requesting party disputes the claim of privilege or confidentiality, the arbitrator shall resolve the claim. In resolving the claim, the arbitrator may order that the writing or other material be deposited with the arbitrator in a sealed container. In ruling on such claims, the arbitrator may grant or deny the claim of confidentiality or privilege in whole or in part. The arbitrator shall have no authority to resolve any claim concerning material which by statute may only be released by court order. If the arbitrator determines that the material is confidential, but limited disclosure is necessary, the arbitrator may impose conditions upon the use or disclosure of the item by the requesting party. If the arbitrator determines that the material requested is subject to an evidentiary privilege, the decision regarding disclosure of the matter shall be strictly governed by the provisions of the Evidence Code.

c. Procedure for Discovery:

- (1) Personal Service: At any time after the hearing date has been set for an appeal, but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days before the date set for such hearing, any party may personally serve a written request upon the responding party, or

representative of record, for any or all of the information set forth in Subsection (a) above.

- (2) Service by Mail: At any time after the hearing date has been set for an appeal, but in no event later than thirty-five (35) calendar days before the date set for such hearing, any party may serve, by first-class mail, a written request upon the responding party, or representative of record, for any or all of the information set forth in Subsection a. above. The effective date of service shall be the date of the postmark.
- (3) Response: Within twenty (20) calendar days of receiving the request mentioned in (1) and (2) above, the responding party shall prepare and serve a response to the request. Such response shall be served upon the requesting party, or representative of record, by the same means as service of the request was made.
- (4) Request to be Deemed Continuing Request: The discovery request is a continuing request, which requires a continuous response. Where new or additional information becomes available to the responding party, such information shall forthwith be furnished to the requesting party, or representative of record.
- (5) Negative Response: In the event the responding party does not have an item of the information requested, the responding party shall give a written negative response as to that particular item within the time specified for response, but shall respond fully as to the information which the responding party does possess. The responding party shall comply with (4) above after such negative response.
- (6) Disputes: Any dispute between parties regarding discovery shall be resolved by the arbitrator.
- (7) Penalties for Failure to Comply: The arbitrator shall impose penalties for failure to comply with this subsection. These penalties shall be based upon the seriousness of the failure to comply, the good or bad faith of the non-complying party, and the extent to which the non-compliance results in surprise to the requesting party and handicaps the requesting party in preparing the case. The following penalties may be imposed:
  - (a) Exclusion of evidence;
  - (b) Continuing the hearing at any stage; or

- (c) Upon proof of a willful or repeated violation, the arbitrator shall determine the issue against the noncomplying party.

### **17.13 TIMING AND CONDUCT OF HEARING**

a. The arbitration hearing shall be held at the earliest administratively convenient date, taking into consideration the availability of the arbitrator and the availability of counsel and witnesses. The arbitration hearing shall be a private hearing.

1. After an arbitrator has been selected and dates have been circulated, any failure by the appellant to select an arbitration date within thirty (30) days shall result in the withdrawal of the appeal, unless such failure is a result of the inaction of the County. In circumstances where a date is not selected within (30) days because the parties were unable to find a common date amongst those provided, the appeal shall not be considered withdrawn.
2. In the event of a cancellation of a scheduled arbitration, the parties will select replacement date within fifteen (15) day any failure by the appellant to select a replacement date within fifteen (15) days shall result in the withdrawal of the appeal, unless such failure is a result of the inaction of the County. In circumstances where a date is not selected within fifteen (15) days because the parties were unable to find a common date amongst those provided the appeal shall not be considered withdrawn.

b. The employee shall be represented by the Union and counsel chosen by the Union.

c. The employee shall be entitled to appear personally at the hearing and produce evidence.

d. The appointing authority may also be represented by counsel.

e. At the hearing, the appointing authority shall have the burden of going forward first with evidence in support of the allegations contained in the order of disciplinary action and shall have the burden of establishing the facts by a preponderance of the evidence. The arbitrator may administer oaths and take official notice of facts as authorized by law.

f. Oral evidence shall be taken only on oath or affirmation.

g. A court reporter shall take a transcript of the hearing.

h. The arbitrator may consider the records or any relevant prior disciplinary actions against the employee which are final, and any records contained in the employee's personnel files if such records were introduced at the arbitration hearing.

i. Each Party Shall Have These Rights: To call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues even though that matter was not covered in the direct examination; to impeach any witness; and to rebut evidence. The appellant may be called and examined as if under cross-examination.

j. The hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. Any relevant evidence shall be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, regardless of the existence of any common law or statutory rule which might make improper the admission of such evidence over objection in civil actions. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence, but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions. The rules of privilege shall be effective to the extent that they are otherwise required by statute to be recognized at the hearing, and irrelevant and unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded.

#### **17.14 SUBPOENAS**

Before the hearing has commenced, or during the hearing, the arbitrator shall have the power to issue subpoenas in accordance with Section 1282.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

#### **17.15 DECISION**

a. Following the hearing, the arbitrator shall promptly prepare and submit to the parties to the hearing a decision in the case within thirty (30) calendar days. The decision shall contain and be limited to specific factual findings relating to the facts alleged in the disciplinary order and any facts asserted by the appellant for purposes of defense or mitigation; a determination of legal issues, if any; a determination of whether the facts found constitute good cause for discipline; and an order that affirms, modifies or sets aside the order of disciplinary action imposed by the appointing authority.

b. In determining whether there is cause for discipline, the arbitrator shall independently review the sufficiency of the evidence supporting the charges. If good cause for the disciplinary action is found under this independent review standard, the arbitrator shall not modify or reduce the penalty imposed by the appointing authority unless the arbitrator issues written findings demonstrating that there is clear and convincing evidence that the level of such discipline is improper.



#### **17.16 FINALITY OF DECISION**

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.

#### **17.17 COSTS**

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator, the court reporter, and the transcript, if any, shall be shared equally by the Union and the County.

#### **17.18 WITNESSES**

The County agrees that an employee shall not suffer loss of compensation for time spent as a witness at an arbitration hearing held pursuant to this article. The employee and the Union agree that the number of witnesses requested to attend and their scheduling shall be reasonable.

### **ARTICLE XVIII TERM**

#### **18.1 TERM**

a. The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2025, except as otherwise specifically provided.

b. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to and including June 30, 2028.

#### **18.2 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The parties acknowledge that, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to negotiate with respect to any subject or matter pertaining to or covered by this Agreement, except as otherwise provided herein.

#### **18.3 SAVINGS**

If any provision of this Agreement should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdictions, or if compliance with or enforcement of any such provision shall be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

#### **18.4 SEVERABILITY**

Should any provision of this Agreement be found unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction or invalidated by subsequently enacted legislation, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force. Upon occurrence of such an event, the parties shall meet and confer as soon as practical to renegotiate the invalidated provisions.

## **Seniority Bid for Assignments/Routes at the Department of Waste Management and Recycling**

### **I. Bidding of Assignments/Routes**

1. The Department of Waste Management and Recycling shall provide the opportunity for Bargaining Unit 006 employees in the classification of Collection Equipment Operator and Senior Collection Equipment Operator to bid on specific work assignments/routes according to their seniority in class. Permanent employees in these classifications are eligible to bid.
2. Assignment/Route bidding will take place in one of two ways; one is during a General Bid and the second is when a vacancy occurs and management decides to fill it.

### **11. General Bid**

1. A General Bid is one that takes place once every odd numbered year at the below specified time or one that takes place as a result of a major re-route or as mutually agreed between the Department and the Union. A major reroute is triggered when management decides to reduce or increase the number of routes by 10% or more.
2. The bi-annual General Bid will take place in pay period two (2) of each odd numbered calendar year. All assignments/routes will be identified by management and posted on employee bulletin boards at each location for a period of not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the commencement of the bid. Postings shall include total stops/accounts, estimated can/cart counts, and disability exemptions. While these are subject to change, the information will be based on the best knowledge available to DWMR within the past 90 days.
3. Employees eligible to bid will make their selection in seniority order based upon seniority in class within the Department. Employees are allowed to bid for assignments/routes at any location. Ties will be broken by original County hire date and then by standing on the eligibility list.
4. Assignments/routes available for bid will typically include: Automated Residential Refuse Collection Routes inclusive of Green Waste and Mixed Recycling, Dead End Routes, Neighborhood Community Clean-Up, Can Yard, Kiefer Landfill and North Area Recovery Station.
5. CEO III's will bid first and be provided an available route pool inclusive of all non-prime routes (also known as "dead end" routes).
6. Bids will be submitted on a prescribed form as management may direct. Employees on vacation, leave of absence, jury duty, etc may make their bids in advance of a General Bid, but must be in writing. The County will mail a first class letter to the last known address of employees on long-term leaves notifying them of the bid. Additionally, the County will provide a list of these employees and their last known phone number to the shop steward who will attempt to make contact and notify them of the bid.
7. Assignments/routes not bid upon will be assigned in inverse order of seniority.

### III. Filling Vacant Assignments/Routes

1. Management shall post available assignments/routes for bid as many times throughout the year as necessary. Vacancies known to be permanently vacated will be posted promptly.
2. Notification of available assignments/routes will be posted on the assembly room bulletin boards at each location with employees in the affected class. These postings will contain the schedule of the assignment/route and other pertinent information such as off days, hours of service, route size, etc... Employees are allowed to submit bids for assignments/routes at any location.
3. Employees interested in bidding on the open assignment/route must be present on the day of the bid or make their bid in advance, but must be in writing or by County email to their manager. Written bids should list all routes of interest in order for which they are eligible to bid. If the employee requests a full list of all routes, the Department will provide a full list of routes to the employee so that the employee can number them in order of their preference. If an additional vacancy is created as a result of a successful bidder moving to a new assignment/route, then subsequent bids will be immediately held in succession until all assignments/routes are filled. In these subsequent rounds of bidding, the ten (10) day posting is not required. These subsequent bids will be accomplished simultaneously at all locations via telephone or other telecommunications methods. The process will be conducted by management and monitored by shop stewards at each location. If a shop steward is not available, any employee in the affected classification(s) can substitute. Management may suspend the bidding and continue on the next business day if it concludes the process cannot be completed within the first hour of operation. It is anticipated this methodology will prevent overly burdensome administration of the bid process.
4. Management may temporarily reassign employees to address vacancies during the bid process and up to the process' completion.
5. Should an assignment/route receive no bids, it will be either left unfilled or assigned in inverse order of seniority.

### IV. Post-Bid Activity

1. The successful bidder(s) must accept the assignment/route with no opportunity to decline. The successful bidder will begin the new assignment/route as directed by the Operations Supervisor, usually within five (5) working days.
2. Management reserves the right to make temporary assignments for training purposes for up to thirty calendar (30) days.
3. This does not preclude management from transferring employees or denying an assignment/route to an employee based on verifiable security, safety, or clearly articulated operational reasons. If such a transfer or denial is exercised for a period exceeding thirty (30) calendar days, a written notification will be given to the affected employee. Upon request of Local 39, a meeting shall be held to discuss the reasons behind the denial of bid or transfer of an employee.

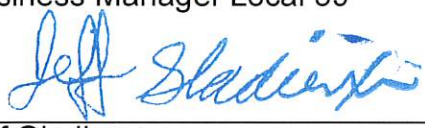
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