



# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

BETWEEN

# PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY AND IUOE, STATIONARY ENGINEERS, LOCAL 39

**REPRESENTING WATER SYSTEMS EMPLOYEES** 

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## ARTICLE 1 - PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement, was entered into by and between the Placer County Water Agency, hereinafter referred to as the Agency, and the IUOE, Stationary Engineers, Local 39, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union. Both parties conducted an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences to establish the following rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment for employees of the Water Systems Bargaining Unit.

## **ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION**

The Agency hereby recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative for all employees in the Water Systems Bargaining Unit, as defined in Appendix A of this agreement, and agrees to meet and confer and otherwise deal exclusively with the Union on all matters relating to the scope of representation pertaining to hours, wages, and conditions of employment of said employees as authorized by law.

## **ARTICLE 3 - IMPLEMENTATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding constitutes a mutual recommendation by the parties to the Agency Board that one or more resolutions be adopted accepting this Memorandum and effecting the changes enumerated herein relative to wages, fringe benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment for the employees represented by Local 39 Stationary Engineers. It is expressly intended that the duties, responsibilities, and functions of the Agency in the operation of its mission shall in no manner be impaired, subordinated, or negated by any provisions of this agreement.

## **ARTICLE 4 - EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective January 1, 2021, and will continue in effect through December 31, 2025, with respect to all employees covered by this agreement. During the period covered by the Memorandum of Understanding, any items concerning wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment provided by this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect unless the parties agree to revise the same by a written modification to this Memorandum of Understanding, subject to the limitations expressed in Section 3504 of the Government Code.

## **ARTICLE 5 - UNION RIGHTS**

The Union shall have the following rights:

#### A. Union Access

The Union shall have access to bargaining unit members outside of their assigned duties; before and after work hours, at meal and break periods, without prior notice.

#### B. Bulletin Boards

The Union may use bulletin boards designated for its use in appropriate places. All items to be posted shall be officially authorized by the Union and shall bear the date of posting. A copy shall be provided to the Human Resources Manager.

#### C. Use of Facilities

The Human Resources Manager, upon request, may permit the Union to use designated facilities, depending upon availability of space, for meeting purposes. No request for use of Agency facilities shall be unreasonably denied.

#### D. Time off for Meetings

Employees shall be given release time for organized meetings with Unit members.

#### E. List of Stewards

The Union shall furnish the Human Resources Manager upon change, or as needed, a list of all stewards for the Union. The Agency agrees to grant authorized officials and representatives access to designated Agency property to transact official Union business as provided for in this Article.

#### F. Fair Representation

The Union owes the same responsibilities to all employees in the represented Unit and has a duty to provide fair representation to all employees in all classes in the Unit whether or not they are members of the Union, in accordance with Government Code Section 3500.

#### G. Union Dues and Initiation

The Employer will make a single deduction of an initiation fee from newly hired employees who choose to become Union members and deduct one month's current periodic Union dues based upon a uniform dues schedule from the pay of each employee.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 3502.5(b), all current regular employees and all new employees in the Water Systems Bargaining Unit who choose to become Union members represented by the Union shall authorize payroll deductions to the Water Systems Bargaining Unit for the payment of dues.

The Union shall defend, indemnify, and hold the Agency harmless against any and all claims, demands, expenses, suits, orders, judgments, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken by the Agency under this article.

#### H. New Hire Orientation

The Union's Business Representative or designee shall be given the opportunity to make a membership presentation at the employer's regularly scheduled new employee orientation sessions.

#### I. <u>Federal PAC Contributions</u>

The Agency will deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ (as determined by the Local 39 member) for each hour that the employee receives wages under the terms of the Agreement, on the basis of individually signed, voluntary authorized deduction forms. It is agreed that these authorized deductions for the Local 39 Federal Political Action Committee (PAC) are not conditions of membership in the Stationary Engineers, Local 39 or of employment with the Agency and that the Local 39 Federal PAC will use such monies in making political contributions in connection with Federal, State, and local elections. Payments shall be made on a separate check to Local 39 Federal PAC, accompanied by monthly reports reflecting employee hours worked on forms provided by the Local 39 Federal PAC, shall be remitted to 1620 North Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834.

The costs of administering this payroll deduction for Local 39 Federal PAC are incorporated into the economic package provided under the terms of this Agreement so that the Local 39 Federal PAC has, through its negotiation and its execution of this Agreement, reimbursed the Agency for the costs of such administration.

#### J. Maintenance in Membership

The written authorization for IUOE dues deduction shall remain in full force and effect during the life of this Agreement; provided, however, that any employee may withdraw

from IUOE by sending a signed withdrawal letter to IUOE within 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 6 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

The rights of the Agency and its designated management representatives include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided by this MOU, the Agency reserves and retains all of its normal and inherent rights with respect to management of its affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities, whether exercised or not, including, but not limited to, the right to determine the number, location, and type of work forces, facilities, operations, and the methods, processes, and equipment to be employed; the scope of services to be performed, along with the method of service, assignment of duties, and the schedule of work time and work hours, including overtime; to contract and sub-contract existing and future work; except where such contracts for service would be for the sole purpose of workforce reductions; to determine whether and to what extent the work required in their operations shall be performed by employees covered by this MOU; to transfer work from or to, either in whole or in part, any of the Agency's work forces or facilities and locations; to determine the number, type, and classification of positions or employees assigned to a program or project unit; to establish and change work schedules, assignments, and facilities locations; to hire, transfer, promote, and demote employees; to lay off, terminate, or otherwise relieve employees from duty for lack of work or other legitimate reasons; to suspend, discharge, or discipline employees; to alter, discontinue, or vary past practices and otherwise to take such measures as the employer may determine to be necessary for the orderly, efficient, and economical operation of the Agency; to take all necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies as may be determined by the General Manager or designee; to exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and the technology of performing its work; and to make, amend, publish, and enforce rules and regulations.
- 2. The Board of Directors of the Agency has the sole authority to determine the mission of the Agency and the amount of the budget to be adopted thereto. No provision herein is intended to restrict consultation or meeting and conferring with employee organizations regarding matters within the right of the Agency to determine, nor to restrict grievances arising from the practical consequences of determinations made by the Agency. No provision herein is intended, nor shall it be construed to modify, the duties or authorities vested by law in the Agency, its Board, or its General Manager.

## **SECTION 2 – WORK WEEK SCHEDULING**

## **ARTICLE 7 - WORK WEEK AND BREAKS**

#### A. Work Week

The official work week shall begin at 5:01 p.m. on Friday and end at 5:00 p.m. on the following Friday except for those employees working a mutually agreed upon alternative work schedule (e.g., 9/80 schedule, 4/10 schedule). A work day for purposes of holiday pay and floating holiday pay accruals shall be defined as an eight- (8) hour work day, regardless of an employee's work schedule (i.e., 9/80 schedule, 4/10 schedule, or a traditional 5-8 schedule). The work week for employees on a mutually agreed upon alternative work schedule shall be modified, as necessary, in order to remain in compliance with Federal and State labor regulations regarding work hours and overtime. Except as otherwise provided, an employee who occupies a regular full-time position shall work 40 hours in each work week.

#### B. Breaks

Each employee shall be entitled to take one (1) 15-minute break for each four (4) hours of work performed in a work day. If an employee fails to take a break to which he/she is entitled, the break is waived by the employee.

## **ARTICLE 8 - MODIFIED AND ALTERNATIVE WORK SCHEDULES**

It is agreed that modified and alternative work schedules may be established with the prior approval of both management and the employee(s) affected. Such schedules may include, but need not necessarily be limited to, work weeks consisting of four (4) 10-hour days or other alternative schedules.

The parties will meet and confer if any change in shifts is proposed.

## **SECTION 3 – COMPENSATION**

## **ARTICLE 9 - COMPENSATION**

#### A. <u>Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)</u>

- 1. Effective the first full pay period of January 2021, employees shall receive a COLA of 2.0%
- 2. Effective the first full pay period of January 2022, employees shall receive a COLA equivalent to the CPI-U (All Urban Consumers for U.S. City Average) for the period of December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2021. In no event shall the COLA be less than 1.6% or greater than 5.0%.
- 3. Effective the first full pay period of January 2023, employees shall receive a COLA equivalent to the CPI-U (All Urban Consumers for U.S. City Average) for the period of December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022. In no event shall the COLA be less than 1.6% or greater than 5.0%.
- 4. Effective the first full pay period of January 2024, employees shall receive a COLA of 3.0%.
- 5. Effective the first full pay period of January 2025, employees shall receive a COLA of 3.0%.

In addition, the Agency shall conduct a salary survey with its agencies of comparison for classifications included in the Water Systems unit in calendar year 2025 based upon a select number of pre-determined benchmark classifications to be defined by the Agency and Local 39. The median salary for the agencies of comparison (based upon top step in the salary range for comparable classes) shall be used for salary comparison purposes. Agreed upon salary differentials shall be maintained for those classifications that are not included in the survey. A Side Letter will be created to document the survey methodology, benchmark classifications, differentials, timeline for data collection, and date of implementation. For purposes of the survey, the agencies of comparison shall be:

- City of Folsom
- El Dorado Irrigation District
- San Juan Water District

- City of Rocklin
- Nevada Irrigation District
- City of Roseville
- Placer County

#### B. Salary Surveys for Field Services Job Classifications

The Agency's Service Worker classification shall serve as the benchmark classification for the classifications included in the table below whenever a salary survey is conducted for the Field Services Department. Based upon market data, any required market adjustment to the Service Worker classification shall result in salary adjustments to maintain agreed-upon salary differentials with the classification as noted in the table below. Such differentials are based upon current salary ranges as included Water Systems Bargaining Unit salary schedule.

Classification	Current WSU Salary Range	Agreed-upon Salary Differential above/below Service Worker (SW) classification (based upon established WSU salary ranges)
Service Worker	37.0	n/a
Lead Worker, Treated Water Maintenance	38.0	5% above SW
Maintenance Worker II	34.5	12.5% below SW
Maintenance Worker I	31.0	30% below SW
Senior Vegetation Management Specialist	36.0	5% below SW
Vegetation Management Specialist II	35.0	10% below SW
Vegetation Management Specialist I	33.5	17.5% below SW
Lead Canal Operator	36.5	2.5% below SW
Canal Operator II	35.5	7.5% below SW
Canal Operator I	33.0	20% below SW

#### C. Certification Pay

Compensation, in the form of a premium calculated as a percentage of the employee's regular hourly rate of pay, for obtaining specified desirable professional certifications above and beyond those required as minimum qualifications for the classifications listed below shall be provided in accordance with the following schedule:

CLASSIFICATION	CERTIFICATION	PREMIUM
Canal Operator I/II	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution	2.5%*
	Operator's Certificate, Grade 2 or higher (e.g., Grade 3).	
Lead Canal Operator	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution	
	Operator's Certificate, Grade 2 or higher (e.g., Grade 3).	
Field Maintenance Supervisor	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	
	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	
Lead Worker, Treated Water	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
Maintenance	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	

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	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	
Maintenance Worker I/II	California Class A Driver's License	2.5%
Service Worker	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	
	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	
Distribution Operator II	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	
	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	
Lead Treatment Plant Operator	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Treatment Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	
	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Treatment Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	
Treatment Plant Operator	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Treatment Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	
	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Treatment Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	
Water Quality Specialist	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 3	
	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	
Water Quality Supervisor	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	
	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	

\*The certification premium for desirable Distribution Operator certifications shall be limited to 2.5%. For example, an employee who acquires a Distribution Operator Grade 2 certification and a Distribution Operator Grade 3 certification shall receive a certification premium in the amount of 2.5% not 5.0%.

In no event shall an employee earn more than 5% in premium pay for obtaining specified desirable professional certifications as identified within this MOU.

The Agency shall pay for the fees associated with obtaining and maintaining the certifications identified herein. Such reimbursement or payment shall be made only for certifications obtained and maintained while the employee is employed by the Agency and shall include only the costs associated with the employee's first attempt to secure the certification. Any employee seeking desirable certification who is unsuccessful in the testing or certification process during his/her first attempt shall be responsible for the costs of any subsequent certification efforts in which he/she may participate. The Agency shall account for its costs associated with desirable certifications identified herein as part of its training budget.

## **ARTICLE 10 - SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL**

An employee whose regular work shift is temporarily changed so that his/her shift starts between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. shall be paid an additional 5% differential unless such

temporary change in schedule is the result of a mutually agreed upon flextime arrangement or the employee is working overtime.

## ARTICLE 11 - OVERTIME

#### A. Overtime Defined

Overtime is defined as work performed by an employee in a regular full-time position in excess of 40 hours of actual work in a work week, or in excess of eight (8) hours in a work day for employees working a 5-8 schedule; nine (9) hours in a work day for employees working a 9/80 schedule; and 10 hours in a work day for employees working a 4/10 schedule. Paid time off for vacation, holidays, sick leave, CTO, as well as that part of an eight- (8) hour rest period which falls within an employee's regularly scheduled work day shall be considered actual hours worked. All overtime must be authorized in advance by the employee's Department Manager or designee.

#### B. Computation of Overtime

Overtime earned may be paid in wages or taken in the form of CTO at the option of the employee. Overtime, whether paid as wages or taken in the form of CTO, shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular rate of pay. No employee shall have more than 120 hours of accumulated CTO on the books at any time. CTO in excess of the 120-hour limit will be paid as wages. CTO may be taken at any time with the prior approval of the employee's Department Manager or designee. If the use of CTO is denied, the employee may request payment as wages in lieu of the denied CTO. CTO may be used through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Any accrued CTO in excess of 40 hours as of the end of the calendar year will be paid to the employee as wages on the paycheck for the first pay period in the new calendar year. Any CTO hours carried over to the new calendar year must be taken as paid leave in the new calendar year prior to using any other form of paid leave (e.g., vacation, floating holiday, CTO earned in the new year); the carried over hours may not be paid as wages. Overtime shall be paid to the nearest one-quarter (1/4) hour at the applicable rate.

#### C. Employee Held Over after Conclusion of Regular Work Shift

When an employee is held over after the conclusion of his/her regular work shift, the employee shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for hours worked in excess of his/her regular work shift. After 16 hours have elapsed from the start of the employee's work day, an employee who is held over shall be paid at the rate of double time and one-half (2-1/2) until the employee is released from work for an uninterrupted rest period of eight (8) hours.

#### D. Employee Scheduled in Advance to Report Prior to Start of Regular Shift

 An employee who has had an uninterrupted rest period of eight (8) hours between shifts and is scheduled in advance to report to work prior to the start of his/her regular work shift shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for hours worked before the regular work shift commences.

EXAMPLE: An employee's regular work shift begins at 7:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. The employee is scheduled in advance to report to work at 5:00 a.m. The employee will be paid at the overtime rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for the two-(2) hour period of 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

2. An employee who is scheduled in advance to report to work prior to the start of his/her regular work shift shall receive straight time pay for his/her regular work shift (e.g., hours worked between 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

## **ARTICLE 12 - CALL BACK PAY**

#### A. Call Back Defined

After completing his/her normal work shift and leaving the workstation or being off work on pre-approved scheduled leave (e.g., vacation, floating holiday, CTO), an employee who responds to an authorized order to return to work to perform emergency or non-scheduled work shall be entitled to overtime. If the employee is off work on pre-approved scheduled leave, for purposes of timekeeping he/she shall remain on paid leave and be eligible for full overtime pay. The minimum number of overtime hours to which the employee is entitled shall be two (2) hours at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2). Commuting time up to a maximum of one (1) hour shall be counted as time worked when the employee is called back.

#### B. <u>Telephone Calls</u>

Cumulative time spent on the telephone in excess of 15 minutes shall be compensable as call back time. This applies only to telephone calls taken by the employee which do not require a return to work. This section is not applicable to those employees who are on stand-by.

#### C. Call Back within Eight (8) Hours of Conclusion of Regular Work Shift

When an employee is called back within eight hours after the conclusion of his/her regular work shift, the employee shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for hours worked in excess of his/her regular work shift. After 16 hours have elapsed from the start of the employee's regular work shift, an employee who is called back shall be paid at the rate of

double time and one-half (2-1/2) until the employee is released from work for an uninterrupted rest period of eight hours.

#### D. Call Back after Eight (8) Hours Have Elapsed from Conclusion of Regular Work Shift

 When an employee is called back after eight hours or more have elapsed from the conclusion of the employee's regular work shift but prior to the commencement of his/her next regular work shift, the employee shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) until the beginning of the employee's next regular work shift, at which time the employee will receive the regular rate of pay until the end of that work shift.

EXAMPLE: An employee works his normal work shift from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The employee is called back to work at midnight and works three (3) hours. The employee is compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for those three (3) hours. The employee is entitled to an uninterrupted rest period of eight (8) hours prior to the start of his work shift. In this example, the rest period runs from 3:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Because the rest period hours extend four (4) hours into the employee's normal work shift (7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.), the employee receives straight-time pay for those four (4) hours of rest period, provided the employee returns to work at 11:00 a.m. The employee is then paid at his regular rate of pay for the remainder of his normal work shift .

2. After 16 hours have elapsed from the commencement of the employee's call back start time, the employee shall be paid at the rate of double time and one-half (2-1/2) for hours worked outside of the employee's regular work shift until the employee is released from work for an uninterrupted rest period of eight (8) hours.

EXAMPLE 1: An employee works his/her regular work schedule of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The employee is called back to work at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and works until 1:30 a.m. Sunday. The employee is compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for the hours 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. (16 hours) and double time and one-half (2-1/2) for the hours 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. (2 hours).

EXAMPLE 2: An employee works his/her regular work shift of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The employee is called back to work at midnight and works until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The employee is compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for the hours midnight to 7:00 a.m. (7 hours). The employee is compensated at his/her regular rate of pay for his normal work shift of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (8 hours). The employee is compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for the employee is compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for the time period 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (30 minutes) and double time and one-half (2-1/2) for the time period 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (1 hour). The employee receives double time and one-half (2-1/2) for the final hour because 16 hours have elapsed from the commencement of the employee's call back start time.

## **ARTICLE 13 - REST PERIOD**

- 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. If, as a result of working overtime, the employee's eight- (8) hour rest period extends into his/her next regular work shift, the employee shall receive straight-time pay for those rest period hours which extend into his/her work shift, provided the employee reports to work at the end of the eight- (8) hour rest period.
- 2. 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.

## **ARTICLE 14 - STAND-BY PAY**

When the Agency places an employee on stand-by duty, the employee is required:

- 1. To be ready to respond immediately to calls for service;
- 2. To be reachable by telephone/pager;
- 3. To be available to utilize any appropriate type of electronic or computerized means of response, including SCADA, smartphones, and mobile computers;
- 4. To remain within a reasonable distance of the work location; and
- 5. To refrain from activities that might impair his/her ability to perform assigned duties.

Employees shall be compensated for stand-by duty at the rate of \$65.00 per day for all days other than weekends and holidays and at the rate of \$80.00 for weekends and holidays, for 24 hours of stand-by duty, or any portion thereof. Such pay shall be paid in the pay period earned. In addition, if an employee on stand-by duty is called to duty, he or she shall be paid at the overtime rate for a two- (2) hour minimum or the time actually worked, whichever is greater.

## ARTICLE 15 - OUT-OF-CLASS PAY

On occasion, due to operational necessity, an employee may be required to perform a majority of essential duties of another classification with a higher salary range. In such cases, payment for

out-of-class work shall be 5% above the regular base pay of the employee for all hours worked in the higher classification. Such pay shall be a minimum of the "A" step of the higher classification and no more than the maximum of the highest step of the higher classification. If the 5% increase falls between steps, the next higher step is used.

Eligibility for out-of-class pay will be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The assignment to work in the higher classification must be made in advance by the Department Manager and approved by the Director of Administrative Services.
- 2. Employees who are assigned to the higher class must be required to perform a substantial number of the essential tasks of the higher-level position. Consideration shall be given to the employee's ability and qualifications to perform at a higher level and whether the lower level position is in direct line and job scope of the higher class.

An employee will be eligible for out-of-class pay when assigned to perform the duties of a higher classification for at least five (5) consecutive work days.

Out-of-class assignments shall not be used to circumvent the hiring process.

### ARTICLE 16 - PROMOTION OR RECLASS PAY

#### Applicable Pay Rates following Promotion or Reclassification

- If an employee is promoted or reclassified to a position in a class with a higher pay range, such employee shall be entitled to receive the rate of compensation in "Step A", the entrance step of the class to which he/she has been promoted.
- 2. If the pay ranges overlap, promotion or reclassification shall be effected to the next higher salary in the range of the new class which will provide for an increase of not less than 5%. In no event shall the new salary be higher than the maximum of the salary range of the class to which the employee is promoted or reclassified.

## ARTICLE 17 - LONGEVITY PAY

Employees with continuous service, including temporary, part-time, and/or full-time service, totaling 10 years shall receive a salary increase of 2.5% over and above their regular hourly rate. Employees with such continuous service totaling the equivalent of 15 years shall receive an additional salary increase of 2.5% over and above their regular hourly rate and the 2.5% longevity pay granted for their service over 10 years.

## **SECTION 4 – BENEFITS**

## **ARTICLE 18 - HEALTH BENEFITS**

#### A. <u>Health Insurance</u>

The Agency shall continue membership in the CalPERS Health Insurance Program. Effective January 1, 2021, the monthly Agency contribution is as follows:

\$1,170.08 per month for Employee Only\$1,634.00 per month for Employee Plus One\$2,124.00 per month for Employee Plus Family

Effective January 1, 2022, the Agency will pay the previous year's contribution plus 70% of the average premium increase for available HMO plans for employee plus one and employee plus family and will pay the BlueShield Access+ (Region 1) rate for employee only. Employees shall be responsible for any amounts over and above these amounts.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Agency will pay the previous year's contribution plus 70% of the average premium increase for available HMO plans for employee plus one and employee plus family and will pay the BlueShield Access+ (Region 1) rate for employee only. Employees shall be responsible for any amounts over and above these amounts.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Agency will pay the previous year's contribution plus 70% of the average premium increase for available HMO plans for employee plus one and employee plus family and will pay the BlueShield Access+ (Region 1) rate for employee only. Employees shall be responsible for any amounts over and above these amounts.

Effective January 1, 2025, the Agency will pay the previous year's contribution plus 70% of the average premium increase for available HMO plans for employee plus one and employee plus family and will pay the BlueShield Access+ (Region 1) rate for employee only. Employees shall be responsible for any amounts over and above these amounts.

#### B. Dental and Vision Insurance

The Agency shall continue dental and vision plans that permit dependent coverage. The Agency shall continue to pay the premium for dental and vision coverage for the employee only. Dependent coverage shall be paid by the employee.

#### C. Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance

The Agency will pay 100% of the premium cost for Term Life Insurance and AD&D coverage. The death benefit will be equal to twice the employee's annual salary (excluding overtime) up to age 65.

#### D. Long-Term Disability Insurance

The Agency will continue to provide a long-term disability insurance plan for all employees in the bargaining unit. The cost for this benefit shall be borne by the Agency.

#### E. Employee Assistance Program

The Agency will continue to provide an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for employees. The Agency reserves the right to select the provider and the benefit coverage levels.

#### F. <u>125/Flexible Spending Plan</u>

Premium costs for eligible group insurance plans will be processed through the 125 Plan (flexible spending plan) with the Agency paying the administrative fee for the insurance premium account. All deductions will be made on a biweekly basis (24 deductions in a year).

#### G. Medical Opt Out

The Agency provides a "medical opt out" option wherein if an employee is eligible for medical benefits and demonstrates in writing medical coverage from another source, the Agency will provide a monthly stipend to the employee of \$300. This amount shall be paid in two (2) installments each month (24 payments in a year) in the employee's regular payroll checks. The monthly stipend is considered taxable income.

#### H. Affordable Health Care Act – Medical Re-Opener

- 1. The parties recognize that during the term of this agreement, it may be necessary to make changes to this Article, Health Benefits, specifically: coverage tiers, plan offerings, and changes required by law. When it becomes necessary to make a one-time change to this Article due to the Affordable Health Care Act, the parties agree to meet in good faith pursuant to Government Code 3500 et seq. Current health care benefits and coverages shall remain intact until such time the meet and confer is necessary, where the current health care benefits and coverages shall be maintained to the extent possible.
- 2. Any agreement resulting from such negotiations shall become an addendum to this agreement.

3. Any changes resulting from this section will only be implemented if such change is applied to all employees within the Agency.

## **ARTICLE 19 - RETIREMENT**

The Agency participates in the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). The benefit formula for employees hired prior to January 1, 2013, or those hired on or after that date with prior CalPERS membership, is 2.7% at age 55 (single highest year). Employees pay the full 8% employee share of the cost. The benefit formula for employees hired on or after January 1, 2013 is 2.0% at age 62 (three-year average). Employees pay the full 6.25% employee share of the cost. The Agency also participates in Social Security.

## **ARTICLE 20 - RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE**

- 1. For purposes of this policy, health insurance does not include dental or vision care.
- 2. The Agency will continue the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) insurance plan through the term of this agreement.
- 3. Following is a breakdown of benefits and eligibility based on Agency date of hire:

#### Employees Hired Prior to January 1, 2010

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2010, the Agency will pay the maximum amount allowable by CalPERS for the retiree's health insurance premium. This amount is subject to the applicable Agency health insurance caps and the employer contribution cap established by CalPERS. For the specific premium amounts, visit *The Splash* or contact Administrative Services.

#### Employees Hired On or After January 1, 2010

For employees hired on or after January 1, 2010, to be eligible for retiree health insurance, it is necessary to have at least ten (10) years of service with a CalPERS agency, of which at least five (5) years must have been with the Agency. The Agency's contribution towards the retiree's health insurance premium cost is a fixed percentage based upon the total number of years of CalPERS service credit the employee has at the time of retirement. Once retired, the percentage paid by the Agency does not increase.

The following table presents the percentage of the health insurance premium cost (subject to the applicable CalPERS health insurance caps) that the Agency will pay towards the retiree's cost for health insurance:

Years of CalPERS Service*	Percentage Paid by PCWA
0 through 9	0%
10	50%
11	55%
12	60%
13	65%
14	70%
15	75%
16	80%
17	85%
18	90%
19	95%
20	100%

\*Must include at least 5 years of PCWA Service.

For the specific premium amounts, visit *The Splash* or contact Administrative Services.

4. If a retiring employee opts to use unused accrued sick leave under provisions of Article 26 to pay the cost of retiree health insurance premiums, the Agency will pay the amount of the retiree health insurance premium cap directly to CalPERS and will pay directly to the employee any remaining monthly balance up to the current active employee health insurance premium cap.

## ARTICLE 21 - STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE (SDI)

The Agency agrees to integrate SDI benefits with sick leave. The employee shall pay required premium costs which will be deducted from their paycheck and transmitted to the state by the Agency.

## **ARTICLE 22 - LIGHT DUTY**

The Agency agrees to provide for light duty assignments.

## ARTICLE 23 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Agency will integrate sick leave with workers' compensation temporary disability benefits. This will extend the amount of time the employee can receive sick leave, vacation, or CTO. The employee must make sure the check stub reaches the Administrative Services Department in a timely fashion in order to receive this benefit. The Agency will continue to pay the employer's share of the group health insurance premium in the amounts listed in Article 18, including medical, dental, and vision, while an employee is drawing benefits for industrial injury or illness after that employee has exhausted all current income from salary and sick leave. This benefit will end at such time as the employee is no longer an employee of the Agency.

## **SECTION 5 – LEAVES**

## ARTICLE 24 - HOLIDAYS/HOLIDAY PAY

Subject to the needs of the Agency, eligible employees will be allowed time off with full pay for the following holidays:

- 1. New Year's Day
- 2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (the third Monday in January)
- 3. President's Day Observance (the third Monday in February)
- 4. Memorial Day Observance (the last Monday in May)
- 5. Independence Day
- 6. Labor Day Observance (the first Monday in September)
- 7. Veterans Day Observance (November 11)
- 8. Thanksgiving Day
- 9. The Day after Thanksgiving Day
- 10. Christmas Day
- 11. Every day appointed by the President or Governor for a public fast, Thanksgiving, or holiday and approved by the Agency's Board of Directors.
- 12. Three (3) floating Holidays to be taken at each employee's discretion annually which must be scheduled with the employee's Department Manager and taken prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> annually. Floating holiday leave shall be taken in minimum units of one-quarter hour.

When any of the above holidays fall on a Sunday, the Monday following shall be observed as the holiday. When any of the above holidays fall on a Saturday, employees shall be entitled to a holiday on the preceding Friday unless the Board of Directors directs that eight (8) hours be added to each full-time employee's annual vacation leave.

When any of the above holidays fall on a normal day off for a regularly scheduled employee, regardless of his/her work schedule (e.g., 5-8s, 9/80, 4/10), an additional eight (8) hours shall be

added to the employee's annual vacation leave.

#### A. Employees Eligible for Holiday Pay

- 1. Probationary and regular full-time employees shall be eligible for full holiday pay.
- 2. Regular part-time employees shall be paid for holidays at their normal rate of pay in the same ratios as their hourly work schedule bears to the normal work schedule of a full-time employee, provided that the holiday falls on the employee's regularly scheduled work day.
- 3. Temporary, seasonal, and extra help employees shall not receive any holiday pay except straight-time pay for hours actually worked.

#### B. Compensation for Work on Holidays

- 1. If an employee is required to work on a day being observed as an Agency holiday, the employee shall be paid a holiday premium at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular rate of pay. Additionally, the employee shall earn eight (8) hours of holiday pay at straight time for the Agency observed holiday. The 8 hours of holiday pay may be paid as wages or banked in a Holiday Bank at the option of the employee. There shall be no cap on the number of holiday hours that can be accrued in the Holiday Bank. Upon leaving employment, employees shall be paid the monetary value of their accrued holiday hours in the Holiday Bank.
- 2. If a holiday occurs during the time an employee is on a "leave of absence," the employee shall not be entitled to receive pay for the holiday.
- 3. When any of the above holidays falls during a regular, scheduled vacation period, the employee will be entitled to the holiday.

## **ARTICLE 25 - VACATION LEAVE**

#### A. Full-Time Employees

1. Each regular full-time employee having the following years of service shall earn the following hours vacation for each paid, regularly scheduled working hour. An employee may earn vacation credits only on 80 regularly scheduled working hours in any one pay period.

YEARS OF SERVICE	EARNED PER HOUR
0 through 2	.0385
3 through 4	.0461
5 through 9	.0577
10 through 19	.0769
20 or more	.0962

NOTE: Per year equivalents are: .0385 = 10 working days .0461 = 12 working days .0577 = 15 working days .0769 = 20 working days .0962 = 25 working days

- 2. No probationary employee shall earn or accrue vacation credit until he/she has been continuously employed for a period of 13 complete pay periods. Upon successful completion of 13 pay periods, such employee shall receive five (5) days of vacation credit and begin accruing at the rate stated above in (1). An employee ceases to accrue vacation hours once they have accrued 320 hours until such time as they have used vacation hours.
- 3. Accrued vacation shall be taken in minimum units of one-quarter hour.
- 4. An employee whose vacation accrual balance is at least 200 hours as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of any calendar year may make an irrevocable decision to sell back vacation they will accrue in the following calendar year as follows:
  - a. An election period will occur each December (called the election year) during which an employee may make an irrevocable election to sell back vacation that will accrue in the upcoming year (called the accrual year).
  - b. An employee utilizing this provision must submit an irrevocable election form by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the election year, and only vacation hours that will accrue in the accrual year can be designated for sell back.

- c. The actual cash payment for the designated sell back hours cannot occur until the hours have accrued in the employee's vacation leave bank.
- d. When the designated vacation hours have accrued and the employee is ready to request a cash out, he/she will submit a completed Request to Cash Out Vacation form. An employee may cash out up to 40 hours of accrued leave at a time.
- e. Designated vacation cash outs must occur by the last paycheck of the accrual year.
- f. The vacation sell back election is irrevocable.
- 5. The Agency will give preference to the order in which vacation requests are received. In the event requests are received at the same time for the same period, and all cannot be granted, seniority will be the determining factor.
- 6. Changes in vacation schedules shall be allowed provided staffing/scheduling conflicts do not result and the change is acceptable to the Agency. The Agency shall respond to a request for time off no later than five (5) working days after submission.

#### B. Additional Vacation for 20 Years Career Service

In addition to all other vacation benefits provided for in this article and in recognition of loyal career service, an employee who completes 20 years of service in a regular full-time position shall be entitled to 40 hours paid leave to be taken at the convenience of the employee and his/her appointing authority within one (1) year of completion of the 20 years of service. This one (1) time 40 hours paid leave shall be in addition to all other vacation benefits earned by the employee.

#### C. Vacation Pay upon Termination of Employment

- 1. Upon leaving employment, employees shall be paid the monetary value of their earned vacation leave but not exceeding the maximum amount of vacation leave that may be accumulated under the provisions of this Article.
- 2. If terminating employees take accrued vacation leave immediately prior to the effective date of their termination, it shall not be necessary to keep the position vacant for the equivalent time of the vacation period.

#### D. Part-Time Employees

1. Regular part-time Agency employees shall be entitled to vacation leave with pay that shall be earned on a prorated basis based upon the number of hours worked by the regular part-time employee.

2. Notwithstanding subparagraph (1) above, the provisions of this article shall not be applicable to regular part-time employees not having definite, fixed hours of employment and whose positions have not been allocated to the Agency.

## ARTICLE 26 - SICK LEAVE

Sick leave is defined as an absence from duty by an employee because of:

- 1. Employee's own illness or medical or dental examinations, or injury or exposure to contagious diseases which incapacitates such employee from performing his/her duties; or
- 2. Attendance upon a member of his/her family because of illness, injury, death, or exposure to contagious disease and where the attendance of such employee is definitely required.

As used in this section, "family" means parents, spouse, or children, by blood, marriage, or adoption, or a domestic partner, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, or close relative who is demonstrably dependent upon the employee.

3. Sick Leave absences because of death in the employee's family shall not exceed 10 days in each instance. Bereavement leave can be extended under special circumstances with approval by the General Manager or designee.

#### A. How Computed

- Each full-time Agency employee shall be entitled to sick leave which shall accrue on the basis of 0.0462 hours for each paid, regularly scheduled working hour of full-time employment. Part-time regular employees shall be entitled to sick leave which shall accrue in the same proportion to one (1) day for each full month continuous service that their work time bears to the normal work day for a full-time employee.
- 2. Unused sick leave may be accumulated from year to year.
- 3. No probationary employee shall earn or accrue sick leave until s/he has been continuously employed for a period of 90 days. Upon successful completion of 90 days of employment, such employee shall receive accrued sick leave and continue accruing at the rate stated in (1) above.

#### B. Limitations, General

- 1. Employees absent for illness or injury 15 consecutive working days or longer shall not be permitted to return to duty without a physician's certificate attesting to the employee's ability to perform his normal duties.
- 2. Sick leave shall not be allowed or taken until earned or donated by others in conformance with the provisions of this MOU.

#### C. How Taken

- 1. Sick leave shall be taken in minimum units of one-quarter hour.
- 2. Sick leave shall not be allowed or taken until earned.

#### D. Evidence of Illness

The General Manager or designee may require satisfactory evidence of illness for any period of illness or disability.

#### E. <u>Bereavement Leave</u>

Employees may allocate up 30 hours of Compensatory Time Off (CTO) to a Bereavement Leave Bank to be used because of a death in the employee's immediate family. The Bereavement Leave Bank may be replenished at any time, but in no event shall the number of hours banked exceed 30. In the event an employee suffers a serious health issue or injury resulting in the depletion of the employee's other leave banks, the Bereavement Leave Bank may be used as paid leave. Upon leaving employment, employees shall be paid the monetary value of their hours in the Bereavement Leave bank.

Sick leave may be used for bereavement when the employee's Bereavement Leave Bank has been exhausted, but the total amount of time taken for bereavement purposes shall not exceed 10 days in each instance. Bereavement leave can be extended under special circumstances with approval by the General Manager or designee.

#### F. Payment for Unused Sick Leave upon Termination of Employment

Employees leaving the Agency's employ in good standing with more than one (1) year of continuous service may, upon request, be paid the monetary value of the earned sick leave, subject to the following provisions:

- 1. "Good Standing," as used in this Section, shall mean employees who gave the required minimum two (2) weeks' notice and who have not been discharged for cause. It shall also mean employees who have been laid off.
- 2. Accrued sick leave hours shall be paid for at the rate of 50% of the hourly rate of such employee at the time of his/her termination, and no such employee shall receive more than \$6,000 for such unused sick leave.
- 3. The benefits granted hereunder shall not become a vested right of any employee, but rather are subject to amendment in the same manner as all other provisions relating to compensation.
- 4. Employees receiving compensation under this section shall not be eligible for reinstatement within 90 days after the effective date of termination.
- 5. If an employee with more than one (1) year of continuous service dies, the benefits payable under subparagraph (2) above shall be payable to his/her surviving spouse or, if there is no surviving spouse at the time of such death, to his/her heirs.
- 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (2) above, any employee retiring from the Agency's service and eligible to receive Public Employees' Retirement System benefits at the time of such retirement shall have the following options:
  - a. To receive the pay-off specified in (2) above.
  - b. To apply accumulated unused sick leave toward an early retirement on a dayfor-day basis but not to exceed 130 days or 1,040 hours. An employee exercising this option shall not accrue any additional sick leave, vacation leave, or holiday leave during the time the employee is on early retirement.
  - c. If requested by the retiree, the retiree may have one (1) month's premium for health and accident insurance for himself or herself only paid for each 8 hours of unused accrued sick leave, or in the alternative, the retiree may have one (1) month's premium for health and accident insurance for both the retiree and the retiree's spouse paid for each 16 hours of unused accrued sick leave until eligible for Medicare.
  - d. Retiree may use his/her unused sick leave in any one or in any combination of the ways set forth in a), b), and c) of this subparagraph 6.

EXAMPLE: A retiring employee has a balance of unused sick leave of 2,000 hours. The employee is retiring in nine (9) months. The employee has opted to use his/her sick leave balance as follows:

- Will apply 1,040 hours toward an early retirement; and
- Will use 480 hours to cover 60 months of premiums for health and accident insurance for employee only coverage; and
- Will cash out the remaining 480 hours of sick leave, per subparagraph 2 above, at a rate of 50% of his/her current hourly rate of pay in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.

#### G. Sick Leave Buy Back

Employees returning from medically caused leaves of absence may, with the approval of the General Manager or designee, "buy back" sick leave time used as a result of the medical condition causing the leave of absence. Such sick leave can be bought back by the employee reimbursing the Agency in full for the compensation which the Agency paid to the employee for the time the employee was absent during such sick leave.

## ARTICLE 27 - CATASTROPHIC LEAVE DONATION

Regular full-time employees may voluntarily donate vacation or CTO hours to another regular employee based on the following criteria:

- 1. To be eligible as a recipient, an employee must have a verifiable long-term illness or injury, e.g., cancer, heart attack, stroke, serious injury, etc., or death in the immediate family and must have exhausted all personal vacation, sick leave, and CTO, or will soon have exhausted such leave resulting in the employee being in a non-paid status.
- 2. Donations must be made to a specified individual only.
- 3. The person receiving the donated hours must have achieved regular status with the Agency.
- 4. Donated vacation or CTO hours must be in increments of one (1) hour. Hours donated will be converted at the donor's hourly rate and credited to the sick leave balance of the recipient by converting the dollar amount donated to the recipient's hourly rate.

<u>EXAMPLE</u>: Employee A is paid \$30 per hour and donates one (1) hour to employee B who is paid \$15 per hour. Employee B would be credited with two (2) hours of sick leave. Conversions for crediting will be rounded to the nearest one-half (1/2) hour increment.

5. Once donated, vacation or CTO hours cannot be reclaimed by the donor.

- 6. When an employee is using donated hours, the employee will not accrue vacation or sick leave time.
- 7. The maximum time that may be initially donated into an employee's account is 1,040 hours. Additional time may be donated if the initial donation is exhausted to a maximum of 1,040 hours. To be eligible to receive more than the aggregate total of 2,080 hours, there must be a favorable prognosis for recovery and a predictable date of return to work.
- 8. In no event shall donated time have the effect of altering the rights of the Agency or the recipient relevant to employment, nor shall it extend or alter the limitations otherwise applicable to leaves of absence or sick leave.
- 9. The Union shall be responsible for securing donations to sick leave accounts. All donations must be done in writing and include the dated signature of the donor on a form mutually agreed upon by the Agency and the Union.

## **SECTION 6 – REIMBURSEMENTS**

## **ARTICLE 28 - UNIFORMS**

The Agency shall supply uniforms for employees as prescribed by the Department Manager. Agency-furnished uniforms for any employee or class of employees shall remain the property of the Agency. Employees shall wear the complete uniform furnished by the Agency at all required times.

All regular full-time employees in the classifications listed below shall be eligible for a protective footwear stipend, payable in the first full pay period in January, for protective footwear related to their assigned job duties, per the stipend tiers noted below. Employees shall purchase and wear protective footwear appropriate to their job classification. Employees shall be responsible for the reasonable care and maintenance of their protective footwear. The Agency reserves the right to determine the footwear appropriate to the job. In the event a second pair of protective footwear is needed during the calendar year due to work-related damage through no fault of the employee, the Agency agrees to provide the employee an additional stipend, per the employee's respective stipend tier.

#### Tier 1, \$250 Annual Stipend - Authorized Job Classifications:

- Canal Operations Supervisor
- Canal Operator I/II
- Construction Management Supervisor
- Distribution Operator I/II
- Distribution Supervisor
- Electrician
- Facilities Maintenance Coordinator
- Field Maintenance Supervisor
- Fleet Maintenance Supervisor
- Inspector I/II
- Lead Canal Operator
- Lead Water Efficiency Specialist
- Lead Water Treatment Plant Operator
- Lead Worker, Treated Water Maintenance
- Maintenance Worker I/II
- Mechanic

- Senior Inspector
- Senior Vegetation Management Specialist
- Service Worker
- Storekeeper
- Treatment Plant Operations Supervisor
- Treatment Plant Operator
- Treatment Plant Operator Trainee I/II
- Vegetation Management Specialist I/II
- Vegetation Management Supervisor
- Water Efficiency Specialist I/II
- Water Quality Communications Technician
- Water Quality Electrical Maintenance Supervisor
- Water Quality Electrical Maintenance Supervisor
- Water Quality Instrumentation Technician
- Water Quality Maintenance Worker I/II
- Water Quality Mechanic
- Water Quality Mechanical Maintenance Sup
- Water Quality Specialist
- Water Quality Supervisor

#### Tier 2, \$250 Biennial Stipend – Authorized Job Classifications

- Assistant Engineer
- Associate Engineer
- CAD/GIS Supervisor
- CAD/GIS Technician I/II
- Control Systems Technician I/II
- Engineering Technician I/II
- Environmental Specialist
- Information Systems Analyst I/II
- Multimedia Specialist
- Right-of-Way Technician
- Safety Technician
- Senior Control Systems Technician
- Geographic Information System (GIS) Supervisor
  Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst I/II

### **ARTICLE 29 - MEAL ALLOWANCES**

#### A. Per Diem – Overnight Travel

- 1. Per Internal Revenue Service regulations (Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, Gift, and Car Expenses), per diem shall only be given when the trip includes an overnight stay.
- 2. The Agency provides a per diem reimbursement of up to \$66 per day (taxes and tip included) for a traveler's meals and incidental expenses during an overnight trip:
  - a. Incidentals include baggage handling and gratuities.
  - b. Receipts for per diem meals and incidentals are not required.
  - c. If the traveler spends an amount in excess of the per diem amount, the excess expense is not eligible for reimbursement.
  - d. On occasions when the employee is traveling to a training or conference location where the cost of meals is typically higher, the employee can, with pre-approval from management, be reimbursed in accordance with the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov/perdiem) meals rate schedule for the area in which the costs were incurred.
  - e. If a meal is included in the cost of registration, or is otherwise provided at a meeting, conference, or training session, appropriate deductions must be made from per diem allowance. (Unless otherwise preapproved by management.)

Daily per diem rate is \$66, as follows:

- \$16 = Breakfast
- \$17 = Lunch
- \$28 = Dinner

- \$5 = Incidental Expenses
- 3. The first and last calendar day of travel is calculated at 75% of the daily per diem rate.
- 4. Per diem reimbursement requires the submission of a claim form once travel is completed. The prescribed per diem rates will be updated annually (October 1) in accordance with changes to GSA.

#### B. Meal Reimbursement

- If an employee is required to work one and one-half (1-1/2) hours before or beyond his/her normal working day or on overtime for emergency purposes or for extended work periods of five (5) or more hours in length on a day that is not the employee's regular work day, and the employee is not exercising flexible work hours, the employee shall be entitled to one of the following options:
  - a. Reimbursement for the actual cost of a prepared meal or ready to eat food item from a restaurant/eatery/grocery-type store (dine in or carry out) for the employee's consumption. Meals shall be purchased shortly prior to (within one to two hours), during or shortly upon release (within one to two hours) from the overtime assignment. Reimbursement shall not exceed \$18.00, plus tip (not to exceed 15%) and applicable taxes. Reimbursement is contingent upon the employee providing receipts.
  - b. A \$16.00 cash payment, with no receipts required. Cash payments may be taxable to the employee.
- 2. The employee shall not be eligible for more than one reimbursed meal or one cash payment per day. Effective January 1, 2024, the \$18.00 meal reimbursement and the \$16.00 cash payment shall both be increased by 15%.
- 3. Travel/training within Placer County or a neighboring county (e.g., Sacramento, Nevada, El Dorado) for periods of six (6) hours or more shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of a meal, provided a meal is not included in the training registration cost.

# ARTICLE 30 - COSTS OF JOB-REQUIRED CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES

It is agreed that the Agency will reimburse employees for their costs of fees for special licenses and certificates, other than driver's licenses, required by government authorities or the Agency, in order for such employees to perform their duties for the Agency.

If an employee's job requires any of the following certificates or licenses, the Agency shall pay the fees for such certificates or licenses, for applications to take the initial certification exams, and for any renewals of such certificates or licenses and pre-approved expenditures made to prepare for the certification examinations:

- 1. Certification for Grades 1 through 5 for Water Treatment Operators given by the State or State-approved certifying body;
- 2. Certification for Grades 1 through 4 for Water Distribution Operators given by the State or State-approved certifying body;
- 3. Agricultural Pest Control Advisor and Qualified Application Certifications given by the State or State-approved certifying body;
- 4. Backflow/Cross Connection Certifications given by the State or State-approved certifying body; and
- 5. Class A/1 Driver's Licenses given by the State of California. In addition thereto, the Agency shall also pay for the physical examination required biannually for such licenses.
- 6. Registration with State of California as a Professional Engineer.
- 7. Public Purchasing Buyer certification (or equivalent).
- 8. Water Conservation Practitioner Level I certification.

## **ARTICLE 31 - TRAVEL**

When travel is authorized, this will include reimbursement only for actual travel costs, bridge tolls, parking, lodging, and registration fees.

When employees are required to attend training away from the jobsite, employees will be compensated for the time required to and from the training as normal work time. If employees are permitted to drive their own vehicle, they will receive mileage at the rate currently recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

## ARTICLE 32 - MILEAGE

The Agency will reimburse mileage at a rate equal to the standard rate recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

## **ARTICLE 33 - SMARTPHONE STIPEND**

When it is necessary for an employee to be accessible via telephone and/or email to conduct Agency business, the Agency may issue the employee an Agency-owned smartphone or similar device. Alternatively, an employee who has a need for a smartphone or similar device in order to conduct Agency business may elect to use their personal device and receive a monthly stipend of \$50.00 to help defray a portion of the cost of that personally owned device. An employee who is assigned an Agency device or elects to use their own device for Agency business shall abide by all terms and conditions of the Agency's Mobile Communication Device and Use Policy.

## **SECTION 7 – CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

## ARTICLE 34 - PERSONNEL RULES ADMINISTRATION

The Agency agrees to apply the Personnel Rules uniformly between Water Systems and the Power System.

## ARTICLE 35 - WORK ASSIGNMENTS

The Agency shall give a five- (5) day written notice to an employee prior to a permanent change of assignment.

## **ARTICLE 36 - JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

The Union and Agency shall meet and confer on all new classifications and changes to existing job descriptions.

## ARTICLE 37 - FILLING OF VACANT POSITIONS

- All vacancies within the bargaining unit other than Maintenance Worker I, Customer Services Representative I, Office Assistant, Water Efficiency Specialist I, and Mail/Supply Clerk, shall be posted in-house for five (5) working days prior to external recruitment efforts.
- 2. Interested regular and probationary employees must submit a completed application. A resume may be required.
- 3. All interested regular and probationary employees who meet the minimum qualifications will be examined, and if they pass the examination, they will be interviewed, in addition to the top scores certified to the Department Manager.
- 4. If all qualifications are met, the Agency shall endeavor to fill a vacant position from inhouse.
- 5. Interested candidates who are not appointed may request information from the Director of Administrative Services or designee on how to better prepare for this or other positions in the future.
- 6. Job postings will indicate the department and location of the position.

# ARTICLE 38 - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REVIEW

No performance evaluation shall be placed in a departmental file, nor shall it be transmitted to the Agency personnel files until the employee has reviewed the evaluation with the rating supervisor, and if requested by the employee, such employee has reviewed the evaluation personally with the General Manager or designee. The employee has a right to read, sign, and file written response to both favorable and unfavorable entries. A signing is not an admission by the employee of the truth of such entries, but rather only an acknowledgment of notification. The employee's written response, if any, shall be submitted within 30 days of the employee's receipt of the evaluation and transmitted to the Agency personnel files.

# **ARTICLE 39 - TRAINING**

Training shall be available and uniformly applied to all Water Systems Employees.

# ARTICLE 40 - SAFETY COMMITTEE

There shall be an Agency-wide Safety Committee that will be governed under its own by-laws.

# ARTICLE 41 - STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

It is the general policy of the Agency to use progressive discipline to correct behavioral and performance deficiencies. Regular employees may be disciplined for just cause only, and discipline will be either informal or formal. Informal discipline shall include oral and written reprimands. Formal discipline shall include suspension, demotion, in-grade salary reduction, and discharge.

### A. Letter of Reprimand

- Letters of reprimand shall not be appealable, except the employee may have an administrative review of the reprimand by submitting a request in writing within five (5) working days to the General Manager or designee. The General Manager or designee will schedule a private meeting within five (5) working days of receipt of the written request to hear the employee's response. A final written decision will be rendered by the General Manager or designee within five (5) working days of the meeting. This Section shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure.
- 2. Upon employee request, such letter will be withdrawn from an employee's official personnel file two (2) years from the date of issue provided there have not been

related letters of reprimand issued or additional formal discipline imposed during the two- (2) year period.

### B. Formal Disciplinary Actions

An employee shall have the right to representation during the formal disciplinary process.

- 1. If the Agency, after investigation, intends to take disciplinary action against an employee other than oral or written reprimand, it shall give the affected employee written notice of the intended disciplinary action, including the causes for the intended disciplinary action, the acts or omissions that constitute the causes of the intended disciplinary action, the material upon which the action was based, the effective date of the intended disciplinary action, and the employee's assigned Skelly Officer.
- 2. The affected employee shall have the right to a pre-disciplinary review process (Skelly process). The employee or his/her representative shall have up to five (5) working days from the notice of intent to take action to contact the Skelly Officer to schedule a response to the proposed disciplinary action. The Skelly Officer shall make a recommendation to the General Manager or designee within five (5) working days of the meeting.
- 3. The General Manager or designee shall consider the recommendations and issue a final written determination within five (5) working days. If discipline is imposed, the employee may appeal the action under Section C of this Article.
- 4. If an individual employee covered by this MOU files an appeal of discipline and Local 39 does not pursue such appeal, the employee may pursue such appeal and shall assume all of the rights and responsibilities of Local 39 in the appeal process pursuant to this MOU, including, but not limited to, the cost of the arbitrator.

## C. Appeal Hearing Procedure - Arbitration

After the Agency issues its final written determination, the employee or his/her representative may appeal the disciplinary action to arbitration as follows:

 Request for arbitration shall be made in writing to the General Manager or designee within 10 standard working days after the date of the General Manager's or designee's response. An impartial arbitrator shall be selected jointly by the parties within 10 standard working days of receipt of the request. The parties shall attempt to mutually agree on an arbitrator. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, they shall make a joint request to the State Mediation and Conciliation Service for a list of five (5) qualified arbitrators. The parties shall each strike two (2) names from the list, and the remaining person shall be accepted as the arbitrator. The first party to strike will be determined by the flip of a coin. When an arbitrator is not available, a new selection may be made in accordance with this provision. The arbitrator shall have access to all written statements and documents relevant to the discipline.

- 2. The arbitrator, with input from both parties, shall set the date, time, and place for the hearing. The arbitrator shall render his/her decision no later than 30 working days after the conclusion of the hearing. Such decision shall be made in writing in accordance with, and in conformance to, the terms of this MOU and shall be final and binding on the Agency, the Union, and the employee. The decision will be in writing, and copies of the decision will be furnished to all parties.
- 3. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, delete, or alter any provision of this MOU, but shall limit his/her decision to the scope, application, and interpretation of the provisions of this MOU and shall make no decisions in violation of existing law.
- 4. The Agency and the employee or his/her representative each shall bear one-half (1/2) the cost of the arbitrator. If either party requests a court reporter be present during the arbitration hearing, all costs associated with the court reporter shall be borne by the requesting party, unless a court reporter is mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.
- 5. Employees shall not suffer loss of compensation for time spent as a witness at an arbitration hearing held pursuant hereto. The Union agrees that the number of witnesses requested to attend and their scheduling shall be kept to a reasonable minimum.

### D. In-Lieu Discipline

By mutual agreement between the General Manager or designee and the employee, an employee suspended from duty without pay may forfeit accumulated leave credits, excluding sick leave, in lieu of the suspension. The Agency shall not deny use of accumulated leave credits in an attempt to persuade the employee to waive his/her appeal rights. If the suspension is reduced or reversed at the conclusion of the appeal process, the Agency shall reinstate the forfeited credits. This provision shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure within this MOU.

# ARTICLE 42 - EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

### A. Employee Grievance Procedure

### Purpose:

In order to establish a harmonious and cooperative relationship between the Agency and its employees and to keep open channels of communication, it shall be the Agency's policy to provide for the settlement of differences through an orderly grievance procedure. It is the Agency's policy to assure its employees the right of access to this procedure in good faith, free from interference, restraint, coercion, or reprisal. The procedure applies to all employees and Local 39 bargaining unit representatives of this MOU.

It is the intent of the parties to resolve grievances at the lowest practicable level and as promptly as possible. Any grievance not initiated or pursued by the Union, aggrieved employee, or group of employees, as the case may be, within the time limits of the steps, will be considered settled on the basis of the last timely answer by the Agency.

If the Agency does not meet the time limits, the Union may process the grievance to the next step of the Grievance Procedure. The time limits may be extended by written agreement of both parties.

### **Definitions:**

- 1. A grievance is a dispute between the Agency and the Union or a good faith complaint of an employee or group of employees involving the meaning, interpretation, application, or enforcement of the express terms of this MOU and the Agency's Personnel Policy.
- 2. As used in this procedure, the term "Supervisor" means the individual to whom an employer has a direct reporting relationship.
- 3. As used in this procedure, the term "party" means an employee, the Union, the Agency, or their authorized representatives.
- 4. As used in this procedure, the term "standard workdays" means "Monday through Friday," excluding holidays.

### Procedure:

Grievances will be processed in the following manner and within the stated time limits.

### Informal Grievance:

The aggrieved employee or group of employees or a representative of the Union shall orally present the grievance to the employee's Supervisor or his/her designated representative within five (5) standard working days following the occurrence of events on which the grievance is based. The Supervisor shall give his/her answer within five (5) standard working days of the date of presentation of the grievance. Grievance settlements at the informal level shall set no precedents in any future MOU interpretation.

### Formal Grievance Step 1:

If the grievance is not resolved at the informal level, the grievant may present the grievance to the Human Resources Manager or designee in writing within 10 standard working days after the Supervisor's answer. The grievance shall be submitted in writing on the grievance form provided by the Agency. The written grievance shall set forth the alleged facts or circumstances giving rise to the grievance, the applicable section of the MOU asserted to have been violated, and the remedy or correction requested of the Agency. The written grievance must be dated and signed by the grievant or Union representative. The Human Resources Manager or designee shall meet with the aggrieved employee and/or the Union representative within five (5) standard working days after receipt of the written grievance in an attempt to resolve the matter. The Human Resources Manager or designee shall respond in writing within 10 standard working days after the grievance meeting.

### Formal Grievance Step 2:

If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at Formal Step 1, the written grievance may be presented to the General Manager or designee within 10 standard working days after receipt of the Human Resources Manager's or designee's written answer. The General Manager or designee shall meet with the aggrieved employee, or group of employees, and/or the Union Representative within five (5) standard working days after receipt of the written grievance in an attempt to resolve the grievance. The General Manager or designee shall render a written decision on the grievance to the Union within 10 standard working days after the meeting.

### Formal Grievance – Arbitration:

1. Grievances not settled in Formal Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure may be appealed to arbitration by the Union. Request for arbitration shall be made in writing to the General Manager or designee within 10 standard working days after the date of the General Manager's or designee's response. An impartial arbitrator shall be selected jointly by the parties within 10 standard working days of receipt of the request. The parties shall attempt to mutually agree on an arbitrator. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, they shall make a joint request to the State Mediation and Conciliation Service for a list of five (5) qualified arbitrators. The

parties shall each strike two (2) names from the list and the remaining person shall be accepted as the arbitrator. The first party to strike will be determined by the flip of a coin. When an arbitrator is not available, a new selection may be made in accordance with this provision. The arbitrator shall have access to all written statements and documents relevant to the grievance.

- 2. The arbitrator, with input from both parties, shall set the date, time, and place for the hearing. The arbitrator shall render his/her decision no later than 30 calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing. Such decision shall be made in writing in accordance with, and in conformance to, the terms of this MOU and shall be final and binding on the Agency, the Union, and the employee(s). The decision will be in writing, and copies of the decision will be furnished to all parties.
- 3. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, delete, or alter any provision of this MOU but shall limit his/her decision to the scope, application, and interpretation of the provisions of this MOU and shall make no decisions in violation of existing law.
- 4. The Agency and the employee, or group of employees, or their representative, each shall bear one-half (1/2) the cost of the arbitrator. If either party requests a court reporter be present during the arbitration hearing, all costs associated with the court reporter shall be borne by the requesting party, unless a court reporter is mutually agreed upon, in writing, by both parties.
- 5. Employees shall not suffer loss of compensation for time spent as a witness at an arbitration hearing held pursuant hereto. The Union agrees that the number of witnesses requested to attend and their scheduling shall be kept to a reasonable minimum.

### B. General Provisions

- 1. The Union Business Representative or designee shall have the authority to settle grievances for either the Union or employees at the respective steps of the Grievance Procedure.
- 2. An employee or group of employees may present a grievance to Agency management during working hours without loss of compensation. Time off for the employee or group of employees to present the grievance shall not be unreasonably denied.

## C. <u>Time Extension</u>

The parties by mutual written consent may extend any of the time limits set forth in this article.

# ARTICLE 43 - JOB ABOLISHMENT/LAY OFF

In the event of the abolishment of any position or class now approved by the Board, or as may be subsequently approved by the Board, an employee or employees in such position or class shall be given 30 days written notice setting forth the terminal date of employment and the reason(s) for such abolishment.

Thirty days before the effective date of a lay off, the Appointing Authority shall file notice of the intended action with reasons therefore. A copy of such notice along with a copy of this Article shall be personally served or sent certified mail, return receipt requested, to the employee affected.

The Appointing Authority may lay off employees in accordance with the provisions of this article for any of the following reasons:

- 1. Necessity based on lack of funds or work; or
- 2. Advisable in the interest of economy to reduce staff; or
- 3. Return of another employee with greater seniority from leave of absence.

Regular and probationary employees laid off shall be placed on a re-employment list for the class in which they were last employed for two (2) years from the date of lay off.

No probationary or regular employee shall be laid off until all extra help, provisional, probationary, and regular employees whose last recorded performance rating is unsatisfactory, serving in the class or classes affected have been laid off. Probationary and regular employees shall then be laid off in the inverse order of their services with the Agency; probationary and regular employees in the classes affected who have the least amount of service shall be laid off first.

In lieu of being laid off, an employee may elect demotion to:

1. Any class with the same or lower maximum salary in which he/she had served under regular or probationary status; or

2. A class in the same line of work as the class of lay off, but of lesser responsibility. With the consent of the Appointing Authority, the demotion to another division may occur.

An employee demoted under (1) or (2) above may not displace an employee whose total service exceeds that of the employee being demoted.

To be considered for demotion in-lieu of lay off, an employee must notify the Appointing Authority in writing of such election not later than five (5) working days after receiving notice of layoff. Any employee replaced by such demotion shall have the same rights afforded by this section. The salary of the demoted employee shall be determined in accordance with Section 2251 of the Personnel Rules.

If there is re-employment of laid off employees, employees shall be re-employed in the inverse order of their lay off provided the work is in the same class as the position from which they were laid off.

Notice of re-employment shall be sent certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the employee. The laid off employee must notify the Agency's Administrative Services Department in writing of their intention to return within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the re-employment notice. The Agency shall be deemed to have fulfilled its obligations by mailing the notice to the mailing address provided by the employee. It is the obligation of the employee to provide the Agency's Administrative Services Department with his/her current mailing address or where they may be contacted if leaving the area temporarily.

# ARTICLE 44 - EMPLOYMENT STATUS - RE-DEFINITION

It is agreed to amend the PCWA Personnel Rules and Regulations to re-define employee employment status as "regular" rather than "permanent" as follows:

### A. Definitions

- 1. Regular Full-Time Position A position established and allocated by the Board within which a full-time employee works on a continuous basis, 40 hours per week, 2,080 hours per year.
- 2. Regular Part-Time Position A position established and allocated by the Board, on a year-round basis, requiring work on a regular schedule of less than 40 hours per week.

### B. Employment Status

- 1. Regular Regular status is acquired by an employee upon successful completion of the required probationary period for the regular full-time or part-time position to which they are appointed.
- 2. Probationary Period All employees will serve a one-year probationary period. At the successful completion of 90 days of employment, they will be eligible for sick leave benefit accrual and use, and after successful completion of 13 pay periods, they will be eligible for vacation benefit accrual and use.

# **ARTICLE 45 - EMPLOYEE SERVICE CREDIT**

Employees hired after February 16, 1989, who are thereafter advanced from probationary, provisional, seasonal, temporary, or extra help status to regular status without a break in service shall receive full credit for all time served as either a probationary, provisional, seasonal, temporary, or extra help employee in determining employee benefits.

# **SECTION 8 – MISCELLANEOUS**

# ARTICLE 46 - CASH AWARDS PROGRAM

As provided for in Personnel Rule Section 2124, the Agency will have a cash awards program. The amount awarded will be 50% of the first year's savings resulting from implementation of the suggestion provided that no awards in excess of \$5,000 will be paid and further provided that suggestions that produce savings less than \$125 will not be eligible for awards. Determination of the amount to be awarded shall be made by the cash awards committee with the approval of the Board of Directors. The cash awards committee shall make an initial determination of the amount of savings produced by the suggestion and forward its findings to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may accept or modify the committee's findings and the final determination of the Board of Directors as to the amount of first year's savings shall determine the amount of the award.

# **ARTICLE 47 - EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AWARD COMMITTEE**

A program described in Appendix B shall be maintained for the term of this agreement.

# ARTICLE 48 - GPS-ENABLED MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The Agency uses GPS-enabled mobile communication devices (MCDs) (e.g., smartphones, cellular telephones, tablets, aircards) in the interest of operational efficiency, public service and Agency asset protection.

- 1. Agency-provided GPS-enabled MCDs will be issued to employees working in one or both of the following instances:
  - a. When the employee's work assignments require his/her ability to access, use and/or update Agency-sponsored GPS systems, programs, applications and data via an MCD rather than with, or in addition to, a traditional desktop computer.
  - b. When it is necessary for an employee to be accessible via telephone, text or email for the purpose of conducting Agency business.
- For Agency-issued MCDs, the Agency will enable available GPS capabilities and features on each MCD prior to assigning the device to an employee. For those devices already assigned to employees, the Agency will work with each employee individually to enable the device's GPS capabilities and features.

- 3. The intent of using GPS-enabled MCD features is to enhance water system reliability and efficiency, service levels for customers and protect Agency property in the event of loss or theft, as operational needs warrant.
- 4. The Agency shall not monitor or supervise employees while on duty and off duty through the use of GPS-enabled features on Agency-issued MCDs.
- 5. The Agency shall not use MCD GPS capabilities as the basis for employee disciplinary procedures.

# **ARTICLE 49 - PERSONAL SAFETY DEVICES**

Personal safety devices shall be used in the interest of personal safety for employees working alone and/or working in a hazardous environment.

- The Agency will purchase and maintain wireless-enabled personal safety devices equipped to detect an employee's need for assistance. The devices are capable of notifying others in the event of employee falls, supporting bi-directional remote "doing ok" check-ins between the employee and other staff, issuing alerts in case of no motion detected for a period of time and requesting emergency assistance as prompted by the employee.
- 2. The personal safety devices will be issued to an employee working in one or more of the following instances:
  - a. When the employee is working alone
  - b. When the employee is working in a hazardous environment, defined as working at night, on stand-by, alone in a remote location, or alone during extreme weather conditions (e.g., excessive heat, high and low temperatures)
  - c. At the employee's request.
- 3. The personal safety devices will not routinely be used for typical day-to-day work activities, except as those typical work activities fall into the parameters of #2 above, and will not be used to monitor employee activities and behavior beyond what is outlined in #2 above.
- 4. The intent of using the personal safety devices is to ensure the safety of Agency employees as working conditions warrant.
- 5. The Agency shall not monitor or supervise employees while on duty through the use of the personal safety devices, except as outlined above.
- 6. The Agency shall not use the personal safety devices as the basis for employee disciplinary procedures.

## **ARTICLE 50 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement sets forth the full and entire understanding of the parties regarding the matters contained herein and any other prior or existing understanding or agreements by the parties, whether formal or informal, regarding any such matters are hereby superseded. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, it is agreed and understood that each party to this Agreement voluntarily waives its rights to negotiate with respect to any matter raised in negotiations or covered in this Agreement for the duration of the Agreement.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, STATIONARY ENGINEERS LOCAL 39, AFL-CIO:

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Andrew Fecko, General Manager

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# **APPENDIX A**

### WATER SYSTEMS UNIT CLASSIFICATION LISTING

CLASSIFICATION	RANGE	CLASSIFICATION	RANGE
Accountant	39.5	Inspector I	35.5
Accounting Tech I	32.0	Inspector II	38.5
Accounting Tech II	34.0	Lead Canal Operator	36.5
Accounting Tech III	35.5	Lead Customer Services Representative	34.0
Administrative Aide	34.5	Lead Water Efficiency Specialist	37.5
Assistant Engineer	42.0	Lead Water Treatment Plant Operator	39.5
Associate Engineer	46.0	Lead Worker, Treated Water Maintenance	38.0
Associate Engineer, Electrical	48.0	Mail/Supply Clerk	29.0
CAD/GIS Supervisor	40.5	Maintenance Worker I	31.0
CAD/GIS Technician I	35.0	Maintenance Worker II	34.5
CAD/GIS Technician II	37.5	Mechanic	36.5
Canal Operations Supervisor	41.0	Multimedia Specialist	35.5
Canal Operator I	33.0	Office Assistant	31.0
Canal Operator II	35.5	Payroll/Data Technician	37.0
Contracts Specialist	37.5	Power Settlements Analyst	43.5
Control Systems Technician I	39.5	Procurement and Contracts Coordinator	41.5
Control Systems Technician II	42.5	Procurement Specialist I	35.5
Construction Management Supervisor	42.0	Procurement Specialist II	37.0
Customer Services Representative I	31.0	Real Property Specialist	43.0
Customer Services Representative II	33.0	Right-of-Way Technician	38.0
Customer Services Specialist	34.0	Safety Technician	36.5
Customer Services Supervisor	38.0	Senior Accountant	41.5
Distribution Operator I	31.0	Senior Control Systems Technician	43.5
Distribution Operator II	37.0	Senior Veg Mgmt Specialist	36.0
Distribution Supervisor	43.0	Service Worker	37.0
Electrician	40.5	Storekeeper	33.0
Engineering Technician I	37.5	Treatment Plant Operator Trainee I	31.5
Engineering Technician II	40.5	Treatment Plant Operator Trainee II	33.5
Environmental Specialist	40.5	Treatment Plant Operations Supervisor	43.0
Facilities Maintenance Coordinator	35.0	Treatment Plant Operator	38.5
Field Maintenance Supervisor	41.0	Vegetation Mgmt Specialist I	33.5
Financial Analyst	42.5	Vegetation Mgmt Specialist II	35.0
Fleet Maintenance Supervisor	41.0	Vegetation Mgmt Supervisor	41.0
Geographic Info Sys Analyst I	41.0	Water Efficiency Specialist I	33.0
Geographic Info Sys Analyst II	42.5	Water Efficiency Specialist II	36.5
Geographic Info Sys Supervisor	44.5	Water Quality Communications Technician	40.5
Human Resources Technician	36.5	Water Quality Electrical Maintenance Supv	43.0
Information Systems Analyst I	42.0	Water Quality Instrumentation Technician	42.0
Information Systems Analyst II	43.5	Water Quality Maintenance Worker I	31.0
Information Systems Supervisor	45.5	Water Quality Maintenance Worker II	33.5
Information Systems Technician I	36.0	Water Quality Mechanical Maintenance Supv	42.0
Information Systems Technician II	38.5	Water Quality Mechanic	37.0

CLASSIFICATION	RANGE
Water Quality Specialist	36.0
Water Quality Supervisor	41.5
Water Quality Support Technician	33.5

# APPENDIX B

### EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AWARD

Believing its employees to be its most valued resource, it is the Agency's intent to recognize, encourage, and reward exemplary performance by its employees.

The Exemplary Performance Award acknowledges PCWA employees who inspire commitment to the Agency vision, mission, and goals. The Agency defines an Exemplary Employee as one who exhibits selflessness, unwavering commitment, and resolve to get the job done and/or contributes insight, knowledge, or skills above and beyond expectations. The Exemplary Performance Award is the highest honor awarded to employees at PCWA.

The Exemplary Performance Award may be used to recognize contributions such as:

- 1. Advancing Agency or countywide initiatives and services through outstanding leadership
- 2. Consistently enhancing the quality and productivity of the workforce while demonstrating enthusiasm and dedication to the job
- 3. Working with others in achieving the overall goals of Agency-wide objectives, department assignments, or events
- 4. Demonstrating exceptional initiative or skill in the development of new or improved work methods and/or procedures

### Awards:

The Exemplary Performance Award is an annual award. The total of all cash awards shall not exceed \$5,000 in a calendar year. Each program award shall consist of a cash award of \$1,250 (less tax), an award plaque, and a letter of commendation.

### Ceremony:

The Exemplary Performance Award ceremony celebrates employees who excel above and beyond what is expected and also recognizes them in June at the PCWA Business Center. The ceremony is scheduled for 1-1/2 hours and takes the place of regularly scheduled work. All recipients and PCWA employees are invited to attend the event. Award recipients are encouraged to invite family and friends. Award recipients are also recognized by the General Manager, the Board of Directors, and the public at the second Board meeting in June.

### Committee:

The committee shall be comprised of five voting members with one representative from Customer Services, Field Services, Technical Services, Power System, and Administration (Administrative Services, Financial Services, Strategic Affairs, Energy Marketing, Legal, and the General Manager's Office). One of the five voting members may be a management employee. The intent of the committee is to have broad representation and perspective across the Agency, not departmental representation. Committee members shall not serve as advocates for their particular departments but, rather, shall evaluate each nomination objectively in accordance with the award evaluation criteria. In addition to the five voting members identified herein, a non-voting facilitator from Administrative Services (Director of Administrative Services or designee) will also be included on the committee.

### Eligibility:

Eligible recipients must be part of the Local 39 Bargaining Unit, be in good standing, and have not received the award in the past three (3) years.

### Nominations:

Nominations are accepted through May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Only nominations made by Local 39 Bargaining Unit Members will be accepted. There will be no obligation on the part of the Agency to select an Exemplary Employee if, in the opinion of the committee, no employee is found eligible for an award or if no nominations are submitted. If there are remaining funds in a calendar year, they will be used for additional Employee Recognition and Rewards Program expenses.



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### The following changes shall be made to Article 28, Uniforms:

The section of Article 28 addressing the protective footwear stipend shall be designated as follows:

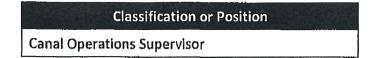
### A. Protective Footwear Stipend

The following section shall be added to Article 28, Uniforms:

B. Uniform Allowance

The Agency provides uniforms and uniform maintenance for positions <u>required</u> to wear an Agency uniform while performing Agency work. The value of the purchase, rental, and/or maintenance of the uniform is considered a ready substitute for personal attire that the employee would otherwise need to acquire and maintain. The value of Agencyprovided uniforms is special compensation (i.e., wages earned) for CalPERS Classic Members and shall be reported as such to CalPERS pursuant to Section 571, subsection (a)(5) in Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. CalPERS Classic members are defined as employees who were hired prior to January 1, 2013, or those hired on or after that date with prior CalPERS membership. Employees are required to pay the appropriate member contribution rate (i.e., 8%) to CalPERS for the Uniform Allowance via payroll deduction. Clothing and other items used solely for the employee's personal health and safety are excluded from the CalPERS special compensation reporting requirement.

Full-time CalPERS Classic Members in the following job classifications who are required to wear a uniform while on duty shall have the value of a Uniform Allowance reported to CalPERS as special compensation in an amount not to exceed \$1,014.00 annually or \$39 perpay period, based upon 26 pay periods:



Classification or Position			
Canal Operator I/II			
Field Maintenance Supervisor			
Fleet Maintenance Supervisor			
Lead Canal Operator			
Lead Worker, Treated Water Maintenance			
Maintenance Worker I/II			
Mechanic			
Senior Vegetation Management Specialist			
Service Worker			
Storekeeper, Auburn			
Storekeeper, Foresthill			
Vegetation Management Specialist I/II			
Vegetation Management Supervisor			

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Full-time CalPERS Classic Members in the following job classifications who are required to wear a uniform while on duty shall have the value of a Uniform Allowance reported to CalPERS as special compensation in an amount not to exceed \$600.00 annually or \$23.00 per pay period, based upon 26 pay periods:

Classification or Position		
Customer Services Supervisor (Water Efficiency)		
Distribution Operator I/II		
Distribution Supervisor		
Electrician		
Facilities Maintenance Coordinator		
Lead Water Efficiency Specialist		
Lead Water Treatment Plant Operator		
Treatment Plant Operations Supervisor		
Treatment Plant Operator		
Treatment Plant Operator Trainee I/II		
Water Efficiency Specialist I/II		
Water Quality Electrical Maintenance Supervisor		

Classification or Position			
Water Quality Instrumentation Technician			
Water Quality Maintenance Worker I/II			
Water Quality Mechanic			
Water Quality Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor			
Water Quality Specialist			
Water Quality Supervisor			

The value of the Uniform Allowance as special compensation shall be reported retroactively to CalPERS for eligible Classic Members in an amount not to exceed \$260 annually or \$10.00 per pay period (based upon 26 pay periods) for the time period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2021. The Agency shall pay both the employee and employer share of the CalPERS contribution for this retroactive special compensation.

The undersigned so agree:

6-10-21 8/4/21 and G. G. Date Date

Date

Michael A. Willihnganz Director of Administrative Services Placer County Water Agency

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Nicole Skarda Administrative Services Manager Placer County Water Agency Bart Florence Business Manager Stationary Engineers, Local 39

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Date



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### The following changes shall be made to Appendix B, Exemplary Performance Award:

Eligibility:

Eligible recipients include all regular employees in good standing who have not received the award in the past three (3) years, excluding management employees.

### Nominations:

Nominations are typically accepted through May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. There will be no obligation on the part of the Agency to select an Exemplary Employee if, in the opinion of the committee, no employee is found eligible for an award or if no nominations are submitted. If there are remaining funds in a calendar year, they will be used for additional Employee Recognition and Rewards Program expenses.

The undersigned so agree:

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Nicole Skarda Administrative Services Manager **Placer County Water Agency** 

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The purpose of this Side Letter is to establish a 24-hour workshift schedule for Treatment Plant Operators responsible for staffing the Foothill Water Treatment Plant and/or the Auburn Water Treatment Plant. This 24-hour schedule may be used on a short-term or long-term basis as determined by PCWA's business and operational needs. It may commence at any time and may end at any time based upon the needs of the Agency. Not all Treatment Plant Operators will be assigned to a 24-hour workshift schedule.

### I. WORK SCHEDULE

### A. Workshift

A Treatment Plant Operator assigned to a 24-hour workshift schedule shall be allocated to one of the three Operator Schedules (i.e., OP1, OP2, OP3) as illustrated in Appendix A of this Side Letter. Treatment Plant Operators will work 40 hours per week and 80 hours per pay period. For time reporting purposes, workweeks shall be defined as follows:

<b>Operator Schedule</b>	Workweek Begins	Workweek Ends
OP1	Friday, 14:01	Friday, 14:00
OP2	Friday, 14:01	Friday, 14:00
OP3	Thursday, 14:01	Thursday, 14:00

### **B.** Work Hours

The workshift commences at 06:00 hours. The first 16 hours of the 24-hour period are considered work hours and are paid at the Treatment Plant Operator's base hourly rate of pay. The final 8 hours of the 24-hour period are considered stand-by and are not considered work hours.

### C. Sleep Period

The final 8 hours of the 24-hour period, 22:00 to 06:00 hours, are considered the Treatment Plant Operator's stand-by sleep period and shall be paid at the rate of the

California minimum wage. If the Operator does not get at least five (5) hours of sleep during the stand-by sleep period due to a <u>required</u> response, the entire eight- (8) hour stand-by sleep period shall be counted as time worked and shall be paid at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate of pay. The five (5) hours of sleep need not be five (5) continuous uninterrupted hours of sleep.

### D. Meal Period

During each 24-hour shift, the Treatment Plant Operator shall be entitled to meal periods as follows:

- 30 minutes for breakfast
- 30 minutes for lunch
- 45 minutes for dinner

Each meal period shall be compensated and be counted as hours worked for purposes of calculating pay and overtime pay. The Operator is required to respond to work situations during meal periods without additional compensation.

### E. Emergency Stand-by Operator

Between the hours of 16:30 and 06:00, the Treatment Plant Operator assigned to a 24hour workshift is expected to travel to other Agency treatment plants and related facilities when a physical presence is required to address an issue. Outside of the traditional 10-hour workshift (i.e., 06:00 to 16:30), the Operator assigned to the 24-hour workshift will have one Emergency Stand-by Operator to call in the event he/she is unable to leave the treatment plant due to a SCADA alarm requiring a response at his/her assigned plant. Supervisory approval shall be obtained prior to calling out the Emergency Stand-by Operator. All provisions of Article 14, Stand-by Pay, of the Water Systems MOU shall apply to the Operator who is the Emergency Stand-by Operator. An Emergency Stand-by Operator will not be used when two Operators are working a 24hour workshift (e.g., every other Saturday when two 24-hour shift Operators are scheduled to work).

### **II. PAID LEAVE**

### A. Debiting Leave Balances

A Treatment Plant Operator using vacation, sick leave, floating holiday, or other paid leave for an entire 24-hour shift shall have their leave balance debited by 16 hours. A Treatment Plant Operator taking paid leave for only a portion of a 24-hour shift shall have their leave balance debited for the amount of the time taken, up to 16 hours for a 24-hour shift.

### B. Holiday Worked

When a holiday falls on the Treatment Plant Operator's scheduled work day, the Operator shall be compensated at a holiday premium of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular rate of pay for 10 hours (06:00 to 16:00), and their regular rate of pay for the remaining six (6) hours of the 16-hour workshift. However, with prior management approval, the Operator may elect to use six (6) hours of paid leave (e.g., vacation, CTO, floating holiday hours) to account for the remaining six (6) hours of the 16-hour workshift so that the Operator is not required to remain at the treatment plant. The Operator shall be placed on stand-by duty at the stand-by rate for weekends and holidays (i.e., \$80). In this case there shall be no additional Emergency Stand-by Operator on a holiday.

Additionally, the Treatment Plant Operator shall earn eight (8) hours of holiday pay at straight time for the Agency observed holiday. The Operator may either elect to be paid for the holiday, at the straight-time rate for eight (8) hours, or bank the holiday for use in the future. If the Operator elects to be paid for the holiday, eight (8) hours shall be entered in the time-entry system as 8HR Holiday Earned-Paid (Time Code H1). If the Operator elects to bank the holiday for future use, eight (8) hours shall be entered in the time-entry system as 8HR Holiday Earned – Banked (Time Code H2).

### C. Holiday Taken

When a holiday falls on the Treatment Plant Operator's scheduled work day and the Operator takes the day as a holiday, it will be necessary for the Operator to supplement the eight (8) hours of holiday pay with eight (8) hours of other paid leave (e.g., vacation, CTO, floating holiday hours) to account for the 16 hours of work time on a 24-hour shift. The Operator shall enter eight (8) hours as Holiday (Time Code 05) and another eight (8) hours of other paid leave in the time-entry system.

### D. Holiday Falls on Normal Day Off

When a holiday falls on the Treatment Plant Operator's normal day off, eight (8) hours shall be added to the Operator's annual vacation leave.

### III. OVERTIME

### A. Call-Out During Stand-By

When a Treatment Plant Operator is called to duty during the stand-by sleep period (i.e., between the hours of 22:00 and 06:00), the call-out is considered time worked and is paid at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate of pay. When the Operator can respond to the call-out from the treatment plant at which he/she is assigned for the 24-hour shift, the Operator shall be paid at this overtime rate for a minimum of 30 minutes or the length of time actually worked, whichever is greater. In the event the call-out requires the Operator to travel to another treatment plant or

related facility, the Operator shall be paid at the overtime rate for a minimum of two (2) hours or the length of the time actually worked, whichever is greater. If the Operator does not get at least five (5) hours of sleep during the stand-by sleep period due to a <u>required</u> response, the entire eight- (8) hour stand-by sleep period shall be counted as time worked and shall be paid at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate of pay. The five (5) hours of sleep need not be five (5) continuous uninterrupted hours of sleep.

In the event, due to a <u>required</u> response, the Operator gets less than five (5) hours sleep or the five (5) hours sleep is not continuous, with supervisory approval, the Operator may elect to use up to five (5) hours of paid leave (e.g., vacation, CTO, floating holiday hours) for an uninterrupted rest period prior to returning to duty.

### B. Held Over After Conclusion of Workshift

When a Treatment Plant Operator is held over at the conclusion of the 16-hour workshift (i.e., held over beyond 22:00 hours), the Operator shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate until released for the stand-by sleep period of at least five (5) hours. Such overtime shall be compensable in increments of fifteen (15) minutes.

When a Treatment Plant Operator is held over at the conclusion of their Operator Schedule, the Operator shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate until released from duty. Such overtime shall be compensable in increments of fifteen (15) minutes.

### C. Scheduled in Advance to Report Prior to Start of Regular Shift

A Treatment Plant Operator who is scheduled in advance to report to work prior to the start of their regular Operator Schedule shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate until the scheduled workshift commences.

### D. Hours in Excess of 40 in Workweek

Hours worked in a workweek in excess of 40 (not including stand-by hours) shall be paid at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate of pay.

### **IV. SHIFT CHANGE**

### A. Workshifts for Treatment Plant Operators

Treatment Plant Operators may be assigned to either a 10-hour (40-hour per week) shift or a 24-hour shift (as defined in this Side Letter). Operators assigned to a 10-hour shift may occasionally be required to work a 24-hour shift on a short-term basis to provide coverage for a holiday, vacation, sick leave, etc. Operators on a 10-hour shift may also volunteer or may be assigned to a 24-hour shift on a long-term basis. When the need arises to assign a 10-hour shift Operator to a 24-hour shift on either a short- or longterm basis, Operators who are fully qualified to operate the Foothill Water Treatment Plant will be offered the opportunity to change schedules on a volunteer basis prior to the Agency making mandatory assignments. When more than one qualified Operator volunteers for a change to a 24-hour shift, the Operator with the greatest amount of Agency seniority as a Treatment Plant Operator will be selected.

### B. Notice of Shift Change

Treatment Plant Operators will be provided with a fourteen- (14) day notification of the change from a 10-hour shift to 24-hour shift, or vice versa, when possible. When a fourteen- (14) day notification is provided, all provisions of this Side Letter shall apply. Notification of the shift change shall be in writing and shall be acknowledged by the Treatment Plant Operator. Notification via email or text message is acceptable.

In the event that notification of less than fourteen (14) days is provided for a change from a 10-hour shift to a 24-hour shift, the Treatment Plant Operator shall be treated as a ten- (10) hour per day, forty- (40) hour per week employee and shall receive straight-time for the first ten (10) hours of the 16-hour workshift, and one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate of pay for the remaining six (6) hours of the sixteen- (16) hour workshift. This is generally the case where short-term coverage is needed.

When a Treatment Plant Operator assigned to a 24-hour workshift schedule is unable to work a scheduled shift (e.g., due to illness, injury or vacation), and it is not feasible to provide a fourteen- (14) day notification to a replacement 24-hour workshift Operator, the Agency reserves the right to reduce coverage at the treatment plant from 24 hours to 10 hours and to staff the plant with an Operator who is working a traditional 10-hour workshift.

### C. Short-Term Coverage

When a Treatment Plant Operator who is assigned to a 10-hour shift is needed to provide short-term coverage (e.g., due to illness, injury or vacation) for an Operator on a 24-hour workshift schedule, and less than fourteen (14) days notification of the shift change has been provided, it will be necessary for the 10-hour workshift Operator to work a sufficient number of hours within the workweek to ensure that the Operator completes a 40-hour workweek. For example, if an Operator assigned to a 10-hour shift provides short-term coverage for two 24-hour shifts, the result is 32 hours worked (two 16-hour workshifts). It will be necessary for the Operator to work a minimum of eight (8) additional hours within that workweek to ensure a 40-hour workweek. Alternatively, the employee may use eight (8) hours of paid leave (e.g., vacation, CTO, floating holiday hours) to complete the 40-hour workweek.

### D. Shift Trade

A Treatment Plant Operator assigned to a 24-hour workshift schedule may trade shifts with another Operator assigned to a 24-hour workshift schedule. Both Operators must agree to the shift trade voluntarily. The Operator whose shift is worked gets credit for the shift and shall complete his/her time entry as time worked. However, if the Operator working the shift is held over at the end of the workshift, or called to duty during the stand-by sleep period, the Operator working the shift gets credit for the overtime and shall complete his/her time entry showing the overtime worked. The Treatment Plant Operations Supervisor must approve the shift trade prior to the start of the shift.

Payback of the traded shift shall be the responsibility of the two Treatment Plant Operators who traded shifts and will not be monitored by the Agency. Any dispute over paybacks shall be resolved by the involved Operators, and the Agency shall not be obligated to provide any additional compensation to either of the involved Operators. If an Operator leaves Agency employment or vacates a Treatment Plant Operator position prior to paying back a shift, it shall be the responsibility of the two Operators to resolve any unfulfilled payback.

### V. TIME ENTRY EXAMPLES

### A. No Overtime Worked During 24-Hour Shift

A Treatment Plant Operator who works no overtime during a 24-hour shift will enter 16 hours as regular pay (i.e., regular hours) and eight (8) hours as stand-by. Please note that the Time Code 33 (i.e., 24 hour sleep period) is used by Treatment Plant Operators for their stand-by sleep period when working a 24-hour workshift schedule.

Duration	Code	Туре
16	01	Regular Hours
8	33	24 Hour Sleep Period

### Example:

### **B.** Overtime Worked

**Example:** 

A Treatment Plant Operator who is called to duty during the stand-by sleep period will enter 16 hours as regular pay (i.e., regular hours), the number of overtime hours worked (minimum of 30 minutes), which is one (1) hour in this example, and stand-by (i.e., 24 hour sleep period).

Duration	Code	Туре
16	01	Regular Hours
1	02	Overtime
7	33	24 Hour Sleep Period

### C. Overtime Worked, Less than 5 Hours of Sleep Received, Paid Leave Used for Rest Period

A Treatment Plant Operator is called to duty during the stand-by sleep period and gets less than five (5) hours sleep. The Operator resumes his/her stand-by sleep period at 04:00 and has supervisory approval to use paid leave for a five- (5) hour uninterrupted rest period which will extend three (3) hours into the Operator's next workshift (i.e., 04:00 to 09:00). For Day 1, the Operator will enter 16 hours as regular pay (i.e., regular hours), eight (8) hours as overtime (because the Operator got less than 5 hours sleep). For Day 2, the Operator will enter three (3) hours of paid leave (CTO in this example), 13 hours as regular pay (the remaining hours of the 16-hour workshift after taking 3 hours of CTO for a rest period), and eight (8) hours of stand-by (assuming there is no overtime during the stand-by sleep period for Day 2).

### Example Day 1:

Duration	Code	Туре
16	01	Regular Hours
8	02	Overtime

### Example Day 2:

Duration	Code	Туре
3	11	CTO Paid
13	01	Regular Hours
8	33	24 Hour Sleep Period

### D. Holiday Worked and Holiday Hours Banked

A Treatment Plant Operator who is scheduled to work on an Agency-observed holiday and who desires to bank the holiday for future use will enter 10 hours as holiday premium (i.e., holiday worked premium), six (6) hours as regular pay (i.e., regular hours), eight (8) hours of standby (i.e., 24 hour sleep period), and eight (8) hours of holiday earned-banked.

### Example:

Duration	Code	Туре
10	H3	Holiday Worked Premium
6	01	Regular Hours
8	33	24 Hour Sleep Period
8	H2	8HR Holiday Earned - Banked

### E. Holiday Worked, Overtime Worked, and Holiday Hours Paid

A Treatment Plant Operator who is scheduled to work on an Agency-observed holiday, is called to duty during the stand-by sleep period, and who desires to be paid for the holiday, will enter 10 hours as holiday premium (i.e., holiday worked premium), six (6) hours as regular pay (i.e., regular hours), the number of overtime hours worked (minimum of 30 minutes), stand-by (i.e., 24 hour sleep period), and eight (8) hours of holiday earned-paid.

Duration	Code	Туре
10	H3	Holiday Worked Premium
6	01	Regular Hours
.50	02	Overtime
7.5	33	24 Hour Sleep Period
8	H1	8HR Holiday Earned- Paid

### Example:

### F. 10 Hours of Holiday Worked, CTO Taken for Remaining 6 Hours, and Holiday Hours Paid

A Treatment Plant Operator who is scheduled to work on an Agency-observed holiday and has received management approval to leave the plant after the 10-hour holiday workshift will enter 10 hours as holiday premium (i.e., holiday worked premium), 6 hours of CTO (i.e., CTO Paid), stand-by duty at the weekend and holiday stand-by rate, and eight (8) hours of holiday earned-paid.

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Duration	Code	Туре
10	H3	Holiday Worked Premium
6	11	CTO Paid
1*	31	Standby WS WE/Holiday
8	H1	8HR Holiday Earned- Paid

\*Enter 1 which applies the daily rate of \$80.00 for stand-by on a holiday.

Example:

### G. Shift Not Completed and Sick Leave Taken

A Treatment Plan Operator who goes home ill after working only seven (7) hours of the 24-hour shift will enter seven (7) hours as regular pay (i.e., regular hours) and nine (9) hours of sick leave. There is no stand-by in this case because the Operator left work prior to the start of the stand-by sleep period.

Example:		
Duration	Code	Туре
7	01	Regular Hours
9	07	Sick Leave

### H. Vacation Taken for Partial Day and Overtime Worked

A Treatment Plant Operator who uses vacation hours for a partial day and is called to duty during the stand-by sleep period will enter vacation hours, the remaining hours of the sixteen- (16) hour workshift as regular pay (i.e., regular hours), the number of overtime hours worked (minimum of 30 minutes), and stand-by (i.e., 24 hour sleep period).

### Example:

Duration	Code	Туре
4	06	Vacation
12	01	Regular Hours
1.5	02	Overtime
6.5	33	24 Hour Sleep Period

### I. Vacation Taken for a Full 24-Hour Shift

A Treatment Plant Operator who uses vacation for an entire 24-hour shift will enter 16 hours of vacation. There is no stand-by because the Operator did not work this 24-hour shift.

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Duration	Code	Туре
16	06	Vacation

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24-Hour Shift Schedule

6-Week Cycle

Pay Period	-	_
FRI	0P1	OP2
THURS	٤dO	0P1
WED	٤dO	OP3
TUES	OP2	OP3
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SUN	OP1	OP2
SAT	OP1/OP3	OP1
Week	1	2

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FRI	0P1	OP2
THURS	0P3	0P1
WED	OP3	0P3
TUES	OP2	OP3
NOM	0P2	OP2
SUN	OP1	OP2
SAT	OP1/OP3	0P1
Week	3	4

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THURS	6P3	0P1
WED	£40	OP3
TUES	OP2	OP3
NOM	OP2	OP2
SUN	0P1	OP2
SAT	OP1/OP3	0P1
Week	5	9

Hours Per Pay Period:

	Pav Period I	Pav Period II	Pav Period III
Operator 1	80	80	80
Operator 2	80	80	80
Operator 3	80	80	80

After week 6, the schedule reverts to week 1.

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Side Letter To Placer County Water Agency Memorandum of Understanding With Local 39 Stationary Engineers Representing Water Systems Employees 2021 – 2025

The purpose of this Side Letter is to memorialize an agreement which allows the Agency to install a Fleet Management Global Positioning System (GPS) on all vehicles in the Agency's fleet. Article 49, previously titled Personal Safety Devices, is now titled Safety Devices. Subsection A of Article 49 addresses Personal Safety Devices with language which remains unchanged from the original Article 49. Subsection B of Article 49 is new and addresses Fleet Management GPS.

### The following revisions will be made to SECTION 8 – Miscellaneous, of the MOU:

### **ARTICLE 49 – SAFETY DEVICES**

### A. Personal Safety Devices

Personal safety devices shall be used in the interest of personal safety for employees working alone and/or working in a hazardous environment.

- The Agency will purchase and maintain wireless-enabled personal safety devices equipped to detect an employee's need for assistance. The devices are capable of notifying others in the event of employee falls, supporting bi-directional remote "doing ok" check-ins between the employee and other staff, issuing alerts in case of no motion detected for a period of time and requesting emergency assistance as prompted by the employee.
- 2. The personal safety devices will be issued to an employee working in one or more of the following instances:
  - a. When the employee is working alone.
  - b. When the employee is working in a hazardous environment, defined as working at night, on stand-by, alone in a remote location, or alone during extreme weather conditions (e.g., excessive heat, high and low temperatures).
  - c. At the employee's request.

- 3. The personal safety devices will not routinely be used for typical day-to-day work activities, except as those typical work activities fall into the parameters of #2 above, and will not be used to monitor employee activities and behavior beyond what is outlined in #2 above.
- 4. The intent of using the personal safety devices is to ensure the safety of Agency employees as working conditions warrant.
- 5. The Agency shall not monitor or supervise employees while on duty through the use of the personal safety devices, except as outlined above.
- 6. The Agency shall not use the personal safety devices as the basis for employee disciplinary procedures.

### B. Fleet Management GPS

A Fleet Management Global Positioning System (GPS) will be added to and activated on all vehicles in the Agency's fleet of vehicles.

- 1. The purpose of the Agency's Fleet Management GPS is to record daily and annual miles per vehicle. This information will be used to manage vehicle maintenance, project fuel costs, and determine the infrastructure that will be required to sustain the electrification of all Agency vehicles as mandated by State of California regulations.
- 2. The Fleet Management GPS will provide increased employee safety, especially for those employees who drive alone in an Agency vehicle.
- 3. The Fleet Management GPS shall not be used as a surveillance tool to monitor the work activities of employees.
- 4. Historical data contained within the GPS system shall be maintained for a minimum of one year and may be retained for a longer period of time at the discretion of the Agency.
- 5. In addition to using historical data for fleet maintenance, budgeting and the determination of infrastructure needs, GPS data may be used as part of an accident investigation or in response to a citizen's complaint.
- 6. GPS data shall not be used as the sole basis to initiate an employee investigation and/or to discipline an employee but may be used to corroborate other independently obtained evidence of misconduct.
- 7. Access to information from the Fleet Management GPS shall be limited to those departments and programs with a well-defined business need. Departments or programs which may access GPS information for specified reasons are:

- Financial Services for budgeting and infrastructure planning
- Fleet Maintenance for vehicle maintenance
- Risk Management for accident investigations and responses to vehicle complaints from the public
- Human Resources which may access the data to corroborate other independently obtained evidence of employee misconduct

An immediate supervisor or manager may access vehicle location data only when there is an emergency and a concern for an employee's well-being and safety.

The undersigned so agree:

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The purpose of this Side Letter is to amend the listing of authorized Tier 2 job classifications included in Article 28 - Uniforms eligible for the \$250 biennial footwear stipend. The following job classifications will be added to the Tier 2 listing:

- Assistant Engineer (Electrical)
- Associate Engineer (Electrical)
- Information Systems Supervisor (Operational Technology) Ш.

The undersigned so agree:

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# Side Letter

To Placer County Water Agency Memorandum of Understanding With Local 39 Stationary Engineers Representing Water Systems Employees 2021 – 2025

The purpose of this Side Letter is to memorialize the maximum allowable meal reimbursement amount associated with travel/training within Placer County or a neighboring county (e.g., Sacramento, Nevada, El Dorado) when the duration of the travel/training is six (6) hours or more.

The following revisions shall be made to Article 29 – MEAL ALLOWANCES, B. <u>Meal</u> <u>Reimbursement</u>, item 3. Items 1 (including subparagraphs a and b) and 2 remain unchanged.

#### **ARTICLE 29 – MEAL ALLOWANCES**

#### B. Meal Reimbursement

3. Travel/training within Placer County or a neighboring county (e.g., Sacramento, Nevada, El Dorado) for periods of six (6) hours or more shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of a meal, provided a meal is not included in the training registration cost. Reimbursement shall not exceed \$18.00 plus tip (not to exceed 15%) and applicable taxes. Reimbursement is contingent upon the employee providing a receipt. The option of a \$16.00 cash payment, with no receipt required, does not apply to a meal associated with travel/training within Placer County or a neighboring county.

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The purpose of this Side Letter is to more accurately define the work week for employees who are on a work schedule consisting of five (5) eight- (8) hour work days. This schedule is referred to as a 5/8 schedule. The revised language will make the MOU consistent with the manner in which the work week for a 5/8 schedule has long been defined in practice.

ARTICLE 7 – WORK WEEK AND BREAKS, paragraph A. <u>Work Week</u>, shall be replaced with the following language.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – WORK WEEK AND BREAKS**

#### A. Work Week

The official work week for employees working a 5/8 schedule shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday and end at 12:00 midnight the following Friday. This may not be the case for those employes working a mutually agreed upon alternative work schedule (e.g., 9/80 schedule, 4/10 schedule). The work week for employees on a mutually agreed upon alternative work schedule shall be modified, as necessary, in order to remain in compliance with Federal and State labor regulations regarding work hours and overtime. A work day for purposes of holiday pay and floating holiday pay accruals shall be defined as an eight- (8) hour work day, regardless of an employee's work schedule (e.g., 9/80 schedule, 4/10 schedule, or a traditional 5/8 schedule). Except as otherwise provided, an employee who occupies a regular full-time position shall work 40 hours each work week.

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The purpose of this Side Letter is to memorialize the deletion of Article 46, Cash Awards Program, from the Water Systems Bargaining Unit MOU.

The Agency has seldom, if ever, used the Cash Awards Program as defined in Article 46 of the Water Systems Bargaining Unit MOU. The Agency recently reached agreement with Local 39 to delete Section 2124 of the Personnel Rules which established a Cash Award Plan. Furthermore, the Agency has several awards programs, including the Exemplary Performance Award, which can be used to recognize employees for their innovative or creative ideas, or improved work methods which will result in a cost savings for the Agency. As a result, and consistent with the deletion of Section 2124 of the Personnel Rules, the following Article will be deleted from the Water Systems Bargaining Unit MOU:

#### ARTICLE 46 - CASH AWARDS PROGRAM

As provided for in Personnel Rule Section 2124, the Agency will have a cash awards program. The amount awarded will be 50% of the first year's savings resulting from implementation of the suggestion provided that no awards in excess of \$5,000 will be paid and further provided that suggestions that produce savings less than \$125 will not be eligible for awards. Determination of the amount to be awarded shall be made by the cash awards committee with the approval of the Board of Directors. The cash awards committee shall make an initial determination of the amount of savings produced by the suggestion and forward its findings to the Board of Directors. The suggestion and forward its findings and the final determination of the Board of Directors may accept or modify the committee's findings shall determine the amount of the award.

The undersigned so agree:

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The purpose of this Side Letter is to memorialize the protocol to be followed when conducting and implementing the 2025 salary survey for employees in the Water Systems Bargaining Unit.

ARTICLE 9 – COMPENSATION, Section A. <u>Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs</u>), shall be edited to include the survey details:

## **ARTICLE 9 – COMPENSATION**

- A. Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)
  - 1. Effective the first full pay period of January 2021, employees shall receive a COLA of 2.0%.
  - Effective the first full pay period of January 2022, employees shall receive a COLA equivalent to the CPI-U (All Urban Consumers for U.S. City Average) for the period of December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2021. In no event shall the COLA be less than 1.6% or greater than 5.0%.
  - 3. Effective the first full pay period of January 2023, employees shall receive a COLA equivalent to the CPI-U (All Urban Consumers for U.S. City Average) for the period of December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022. In no event shall the COLA be less than 1.6% or greater than 5.0%.
  - 4. Effective the first full pay period of January 2024, employees shall receive a COLA of 3.0%.
  - 5. Effective the first full pay period of January 2025, employees shall receive a COLA of 3.0%.

In addition, the Agency shall conduct a salary survey with its agencies of comparison for classifications included in the Water Systems unit in calendar year 2025 based upon a select number of pre-determined benchmark classifications to be defined by the Agency and Local 39. The median salary for the agencies of comparison (based upon the top step in the salary range

for comparable classes) shall be used for salary comparison purposes. Agreed upon salary differentials shall be maintained for those classifications that are not included in the survey. A Side Letter will be created to document the survey methodology, benchmark classifications, differentials, timeline for data collection, and date of implementation. For purposes of the survey, the agencies of comparison shall be:

- City of Folsom
- City of Rocklin
- City of Roseville
- El Dorado Irrigation District
- Nevada Irrigation District
- Placer County
- San Juan Water District

Additional details pertaining to the survey methodology shall be as follows:

- <u>The Agency shall conduct the salary survey during the first six (6) months of calendar</u> year 2025. Implementation of salary adjustments, if warranted, shall be completed by <u>September 1, 2025.</u>
- A minimum of three (3) matches among the agencies of comparison is required to establish market data for a surveyed classification.
- <u>The differential of 2.5% between salary ranges in the Water Systems Bargaining Unit</u> salary schedule shall be maintained.
- When an Agency classification lags the market median by more than 1.5%, the classification shall be moved to a higher salary range which is closest to the market median. The higher salary range may be below the market median but in no event shall it be more than 0.5% below the market median.
- There shall be no Y-rating of classifications above the market median.

## Benchmark Classifications to Survey:

## Agency-Wide

- Administrative Aide
- Office Assistant

## **Customer Services**

- Customer Services Rep II
- Water Efficiency Specialist II

## Administrative Services

Human Resources Technician

## Field Services

- Mechanic
- Service Worker
- Storekeeper

#### **Financial Services**

- Accountant
- Accounting Technician II
- Financial Analyst
- Procurement Specialist II

#### Technical Services, Engineering

- Associate Engineer
- Engineering Technician II
- GIS Analyst II
- Inspector II

#### Information Technologies

- IS Analyst II
- IS Technician II

#### Technical Services, Drinking Water

- Distribution Operator II
- Treatment Plant Operator
- Water Quality Instrument Technician
- Water Quality Mechanic

#### Classifications Not Included in Survey (Existing Differentials to be Maintained):

#### Administrative Services

Classification	Differential/Relationship
Payroll/Data Technician	2.5% above Human Resources Technician

#### **Customer Services**

Classification	Differential/Relationship	
Communications Specialist	17.5% above Customer Services Specialist	
Customer Services Representative I	10% below Customer Services Rep II	
Customer Services Specialist	5% above Customer Services Rep II	
Customer Services Supervisor	25% above Customer Services Rep II	
Lead Customer Services Representative	5% above Customer Services Rep II	
Lead Water Efficiency Specialist	5% above Water Efficiency Specialist II	
Mail/Supply Clerk	10% below Office Assistant	
Water Efficiency Specialist I	17.5% below Water Efficiency Specialist II	

## Field Services

Classification	Differential/Relationship	
Canal Operator I	20% below Service Worker*	
Canal Operator II	7.5% below Service Worker*	
Canal Operations Supervisor	22.5% above Lead Canal Operator	
Electrician	7.5% below WQ Instrument Technician	
Facilities Maintenance Coordinator 10% below Water Quality Mecha		
Field Maintenance Supervisor	20% above Service Worker	
Fleet Maintenance Supervisor	22.5% above Mechanic	
Lead Canal Operator	2.5% below Service Worker*	
Lead Worker Treated Water Mtn	5% above Service Worker*	
Maintenance Worker I	30% below Service Worker*	
Maintenance Worker II	12.5% below Service Worker*	

\*Per Article 9, Section B of the Water Systems Bargaining Unit MOU.

## **Financial Services**

Classification	Differential/Relationship	
Accounting Technician I	10% below Accounting Technician II	
Accounting Technician III	7.5% above Accounting Technician II	
Procurement & Contacts Coordinator	15% above Proc Contracts Specialist II	
Procurement Contracts Specialist I	10% above Procurement Specialist I	
Procurement Contracts Specialist II	5% above Procurement Contracts Spec I	
Procurement Specialist I	7.5% below Procurement Specialist II	
Senior Accountant	10% above Accountant	

## Information Technologies

Classification	Differential/Relationship	
Control System Technician I	15% below Control Systems Tech II	
Control System Technician II	5% below IS Analyst II	
Information Systems Analyst I	7.5% below IS Analyst II	
Information Systems Supervisor	10% above IS Analyst II	
Information Systems Technician I	12.5% below IS Technician II	
Physical Security Technician	10% below IS Technician II*	
Senior Control Systems Technician	5% above Control Systems Technician II	

\*Per previous agreement with Local 39 when the classification was established.

# Technical Services, Engineering

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Classification	Differential/Relationship	
Assistant Engineer	20% below Associate Engineer	
Assistant Engineer (Electrical)	10% above Assistant Engineer	
Associate Engineer (Electrical)	10% above Associate Engineer	
CAD/GIS Supervisor	15% above CAD/GIS Technician II	
CAD/GIS Technician I	12.5% below CAD/GIS Technician II	
CAD/GIS Technician ll	25% below GIS Analyst II	
Capital Improvement Program Spec	15% above Admin Aide	
Construction Management Sup	17.5% above Inspector II	
Engineering Technician I	15% below Engineering Technician II	
GIS Analyst I	7.5% below GIS Analyst II	
GIS Supervisor	10% above GIS Analyst II	
Inspector I	15% below Inspector II	
Water Management Technician	5% below Engineering Technician I	

## Technical Services, Drinking Water Operations

Classification	Differential/Relationship	
Distribution Operator I	30% below Distribution Operator II	
Distribution Supervisor	30% above Distribution Operator II	
Electrician	7.5% below WQ Instrument Technician	
Lead Water Treatment Plant Operator	5% above Treatment Plant Operator	
Treatment Plant Operations Supervisor	17.5% above Lead Treatment Plant Op	
Treatment Plant Operator Trainee I 10% below TP Operator Trainee		
Treatment Plant Operator Trainee II	25% below Treatment Plant Operator	
Water Maintenance Specialist	Equivalent to WQ Instrument Technician	
Water Quality Communications Tech	7.5% below WQ Instrument Technician	
Water Quality Electrical Mtn Supervisor	5% above WQ Instrument Technician	
Water Quality Mechanical Mtn Sup	25% above WQ Mechanic	
Water Quality Maintenance Worker I	12.5% below WQ Mtn Worker II	
Water Quality Maintenance Worker II 17.5% below WQ Mechanic		
Water Quality Specialist	5% below Distribution Operator II	
Water Quality Supervisor 7.5% below Distribution Supervis		

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The purpose of this Side Letter is to memorialize an agreement pertaining to Article 8, Modified and Alternative Work Schedules, of the Water Systems Bargaining Unit MOU.

- A. The following job classifications and incumbents, comprising the Water Quality Maintenance Unit, will be reallocated, both organizationally and physically, from the Drinking Water Operations Division (DWOD) of the Technical Services Department to the Field Services Department, effective May 18, 2024:
  - Water Quality Maintenance Supervisor
  - Water Quality Mechanic
  - Water Quality Instrumentation Technician
  - Electrician
- B. The Water Maintenance Specialist job classification and incumbent will be reallocated organizationally from the DWOD of the Technical Services Department to the Field Services Department, effective May 18, 2024, but shall not be required to physically relocate to the Field Services Department until August 24, 2024. Should a Water Maintenance Specialist position be allocated to the DWOD of the Technical Services Department in the future, the incumbent shall have the right to return to DWOD and transfer into the position.
- C. The following modified and alternative work schedule provisions shall apply to all job classifications and incumbents included in this Side Letter:
  - 1. Effective May 18 through October 4, 2024, employees in the above-named job classifications shall remain on their existing 4/10 work schedule.
  - 2. Effective October 5 through December 27, 2024, employees in the above-named job classifications shall be assigned to a 9/80 Monday through Friday schedule. The work hours shall be 6:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, with a 30-minute lunch period. The Regular Day Off (RDO) shall be the first Friday of the pay period. The

second Friday of the pay period shall be an 8-hour workday (6:00 AM to 2:30 PM) with a 30-minute lunch period.

- 3. On December 11, 2024, the Agency and Local 39 shall meet to compare and evaluate the effectiveness of the two alternative work schedules (i.e., 4/10 and 9/80). Objective measures shall be used in evaluating the effectiveness of the two schedules, including metrics such as amount of overtime worked, number of call-outs, time-of-day and dayof-week for call-outs, Stand-By expense, communication and coordination, etc.
- 4. As a result of the December 11, 2024 alternative work schedule comparison and evaluation, the parties shall meet and confer, either in the same December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting or on another mutually agreed upon date, to determine the work schedule to be effective December 28, 2024.
- D. The incumbent in the Electrician job classification which has been allocated to the Field Services Department since the establishment of the position shall have the option of remaining on a 9/80 schedule or adopting the schedules defined within this Side Letter.
- E. Vacation requests submitted and approved by the supervisor prior to the May 18, 2024, effective date of the organizational realignment shall be honored.

The undersigned so agree:

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The purpose of this side letter is to update the list of eligible certifications. This change aims to align the certification pay with evolving industry demands and organizational needs.

The following revisions will be made to ARTICLE 9 - COMPENSATION, C. <u>Certification</u> Pay:

# **ARTICLE 9 - COMPENSATION**

## C. Certification Pay

Compensation, in the form of a premium calculated as a percentage of the employee's regular hourly rate of pay, for obtaining specified desirable professional certifications above and beyond those required as minimum qualifications for the classifications listed below shall be provided in accordance with the following schedule:

CLASSIFICATION	CERTIFICATION	PREMIUN
Canal Operator I/II	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 2 or higher (e.g., Grade 3).	2.5%*
Lead Canal Operator	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 2 or higher (e.g., Grade 3).	2.5%*
Field Maintenance Supervisor	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	2.5%
	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	2.5%
	California Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) or Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with categories C (Right-of-Way) and F (Aquatics)	2.5%**
	California Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) or Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with categories A (Residential, Industrial and Institutional) and B (Landscape Maintenance)	2.5%**
Lead Worker, Treated Water Maintenance	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	2.5%
	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	2,5%

CLASSIFICATION	CERTIFICATION	PREMIUN
CEASSITICATION	California Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) or Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with categories C (Right-of-Way) and F	2.5%**
	(Aquatics) California Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) or Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with categories A (Residential, Industrial and Institutional) and B (Landscape Maintenance)	2.5%**
Maintenance Worker I/II	California Class A Driver's License	2.5%
Service Worker	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	2.5%
	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5 California Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) or Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with categories C (Right-of-Way) and F	2.5%**
	(Aquatics) California Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) or Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with categories A (Residential, Industrial and Institutional) and B (Landscape Maintenance)	2.5%**
Distribution Operator II	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	2.5%
	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	2.5%
ead Treatment Plant Operator	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
	Water Treatment Operator's Certificate, Grade 4 California State Water Resources Control Board Water Treatment Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	2.5%
Treatment Plant Operator	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Treatment Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	2.5%
	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Treatment Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	2.5%
Water Quality Specialist	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 3	2.5%
	California State Water Resources Control Board	2.5%
Water Quality Supervisor	Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4 California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 4	2.5%
	California State Water Resources Control Board Water Distribution Operator's Certificate, Grade 5	2.5%

\*The certification premium for desirable Distribution Operator certifications shall be limited to 2.5%. For example, an employee who acquires a Distribution Operator Grade 2 certification and a Distribution Operator Grade 3 certification shall receive a certification premium in the amount of 2.5% not 5.0%.

\*\*Only employees in the Field Services Department within this classification will be eligible for certification pay for this certification/license. Those individuals receiving certification premium are expected to complete at least two weeks per year of spraying activities.

In no event shall an employee earn more than 5% in premium pay for obtaining specified desirable professional certifications as identified within this MOU.

The Agency shall pay for the fees associated with obtaining and maintaining the certifications identified herein. Such reimbursement or payment shall be made only for certifications obtained and maintained while the employee is employed by the Agency and shall include only the costs associated with the employee's first attempt to secure the certification. Any employee seeking desirable certification who is unsuccessful in the testing or certification process during his/her first attempt shall be responsible for the costs of any subsequent certification efforts in which he/she may participate. The Agency shall account for its costs associated with desirable certifications identified herein as part of its training budget.

The undersigned so agree:

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