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On October 27, 2017, the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs became the Exclusively Recognized Employee Organization for the Probation Services and Probation Supervisory Management Units. Subsequently on November 24, 2017, the Deputy Coroner, Public Assistance Investigator, and Park Ranger series were added to the Probation Services and Probation Supervisory Management Units. With the adoption of this MOU the parties agreed to rename the Units as the Public Safety General Unit and Public Safety Supervisory Unit.

This Memorandum of Understanding adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 4, 2019 sets forth the terms of agreement reached between the County of Orange and Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs as the Exclusively Recognized Employee Organization for the Public Safety General and Public Safety Supervisory Units for the period beginning October 27, 2017 through June 17, 2021. Unless otherwise indicated herein, all provisions shall become effective January 4, 2019.

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DEFINITIONS

The following terms as used in this Memorandum of Understanding shall, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, have the respective meanings herein set forth:

BOARD shall mean Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange.

CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER shall mean the Chief Human Resources Officer or his or her designee.

CONTINUOUS SERVICE shall mean employment in a regular position which has not been interrupted by resignation, discharge or retirement. Official Leaves of Absence shall not be credited toward continuous service.

COUNTY shall mean the County of Orange and special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors.

DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS shall mean the Director of Employee and Labor Relations, or his or her designee.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT shall mean a service or non-service connected disability retirement pension under the Orange County Employees Retirement System.

EMERGENCY means an unforeseen circumstance requiring immediate action, a sudden unexpected happening, an unforeseen occurrence or condition, a pressing necessity.

EMPLOYEE shall mean a person employed by the County and covered by terms of this Memorandum of Understanding, except where the natural construction of this Memorandum of Understanding indicates otherwise.

EXTRA HELP EMPLOYEE shall mean an employee employed in an extra help position. An extra help employee serves at the pleasure of the County in an extra help position.

EXTRA HELP POSITION shall mean a position which is intended to be occupied on less than a year-round basis including, but not limited to, the following: to cover seasonal peak workloads; emergency extra workloads of limited duration; necessary vacation relief, paid sick leave and other situations involving a fluctuating staff. Ordinarily, a full-time extra help position will not be authorized for a period exceeding six (6) months. In unusual circumstances, and at the discretion of the County Executive Officer and the Chief Human Resources Officer, a full-time extra help position may be authorized for a period longer than six (6) months, provided such period shall not exceed one (1) year.

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE shall mean an employee employed in one (1) or more regular or limited-term positions whose normally assigned work hours equal those of a full workweek or work period as described hereinafter.

LIMITED-TERM EMPLOYEE shall mean an employee employed in a limited-term position except where a regular position is converted to a limited-term position, the incumbent shall retain his or her former status. As an exception to this definition, a limited-term employee may also be used to fill a regular position when the incumbent employee is on Official Leave of Absence.

LIMITED-TERM POSITION shall mean a position which the County has determined has no anticipated long-range funding or has uncertain future funding.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEE shall mean an employee employed in one (1) or more regular or limited-term positions whose normally assigned work hours do not equal those required of a full-time employee.

PERSONAL EMERGENCY shall mean an event or circumstance of a serious nature which is beyond an employee's control and which necessitates the employee's absence from County duty, including, but not limited to, those events and circumstances which require the employee's prompt attention to avoid possible financial loss to, or damage to the health of, either the employee or a member of his or her household.

PRACTICABLE means feasible; reasonably able to accomplish.

PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE shall mean an employee who is serving a probation period and is employed in a regular or limited-term position.

PROMOTION shall mean the movement of a regular, limited-term or probationary employee from one (1) class to another class where the maximum step on the new salary range is at least one (1) full step higher than the maximum step of the old salary range.

REASSIGNMENT shall mean the movement of a regular, limited-term or probationary employee from one (1) class to another class on the same salary range or to a class where the maximum step on the new salary range is less than one (1) full step higher or lower than the maximum step of the old salary range.

RECRUITING STEP shall be the first step of the salary range allocated to a class unless otherwise authorized by the Board or the Chief Human Resources Officer.

REDUCTION shall mean the movement of a regular, limited-term or probationary employee from one (1) class to another class where the maximum step of the new salary range is at least one (1) full step lower than the maximum step of the old salary range.

REGULAR EMPLOYEE shall mean an employee who is not on probation and is employed in a regular or limited-term position.

REGULAR POSITION shall mean a position established on a permanent year-round basis requiring work on a regular schedule unless otherwise authorized by minute order of the Board.

SENIORITY shall mean total continuous full-time equivalent service as a regular employee.

Y-RATE shall mean a pay rate outside of the assigned salary range of a class.

ARTICLE I WORKWEEK, OVERTIME AND PREMIUM PAY

Section 1. Workweek

A. The official FLSA work period for the classifications listed below shall be 28 days and shall begin at 12 a.m. on each Friday and end at 12 a.m. four weeks later. For purposes of payment of overtime under this MOU, each 28 day period shall be divided into two 14 day periods, with overtime being paid for work ordered and performed in excess of eighty (80) hours actually worked in each 14 day period. Work ordered and performed in excess of eighty (80) hours of paid time in each 14 day period in accordance with an emergency declared by the Board of Supervisors, activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or Department Operations Center (DOC), shall be overtime.

Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer I
Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II
Senior Juvenile Correctional Officer
Deputy Probation Officer I
Deputy Probation Officer II
Senior Probation Officer
Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer
Supervising Probation Officer

Once a Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer submits his/her work schedule for an upcoming pay period, any additional mandated Duty Officer shifts that the employee is required to work within that pay period will be paid as overtime hours as outlined in Section 2.C. below.

B. The official workweek for full-time employees in classifications designated as non-exempt from FLSA shall be forty (40) hours. The workweek shall begin on each Friday at 12:01 a.m. and end with the following Thursday at 12:00 midnight except for employees working an alternate schedule, such as a 9/80. For these employees the beginning and end of the workweek shall be the mid-point of their eight (8) hour day. However, for employees on an alternate schedule that does not meet the parameters described above, a different workweek may be designated. Work ordered and performed in excess of forty (40) hours actually worked in a workweek, or eighty (80) hours worked in the pay period for employees in FLSA exempt classifications, shall be overtime. Work ordered and performed in excess of forty (40) hours of paid time in a workweek, or eighty (80) hours of paid time in the pay period for employees in FLSA exempt classifications, in accordance with an emergency declared by the Board of Supervisors, activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or agency Department Operations Center (DOC), shall be overtime.

Deputy Coroner
Senior Deputy Coroner
Supervising Deputy Coroner
Park Ranger I
Park Ranger II
Senior Park Ranger
Supervising Park Ranger
Public Assistance Investigator Trainee
Public Assistance Investigator
Supervising Public Assistance Investigator

C. Employees shall receive compensation on a biweekly basis. The pay period for employees in specified agencies, departments or divisions shall start on a Friday and end on the second Thursday thereafter.

D. Work shall not be regularly scheduled on more than ten (10) calendar days during any pay period and scheduled days off shall fall on at least two (2) consecutive calendar days. Alternate work schedules shall not be implemented without the County and AOCDS first negotiating and attempting to reach agreement on such hours of work for each division or work unit proposing implementation of such alternate work schedules.

E. The County agrees to give employees a seven (7) calendar day advance notice of a shift change whenever practicable.

F. No employee shall be permitted to work more than sixteen (16) consecutive hours except in an emergency situation.

G. The County shall discuss with AOCDS any proposed changes in existing scheduled hours of work before such changes are put into effect. Whenever practicable, the County shall provide written notification of such proposed changes to AOCDS at least fourteen (14) calendar days before such changes are put into effect.

H. Except as otherwise provided, no employee may be employed in one (1) or more positions, full or part-time, more than the total number of hours for the employee's work period as defined in A., above, except on authorized overtime.

I. This Section shall not prevent an employee or group of employees from requesting a modified work schedule. Such requests may be implemented by the Department.

1. Upon written request by AOCDS, the County agrees to study the

feasibility of establishing work schedules consisting of either:

a four (4) ten (10) hour workdays per week;

b. four (4) nine (9) hour workdays each week with an additional eight (8) hour workday on alternate weeks; or

c. flex time.

2. The County shall initiate such studies within thirty (30) days and provide a written response within ninety (90) days.

3. AOCDS agrees not to request more than twelve (12) such studies concurrently for the combined units represented by AOCDS and no more than three (3) concurrently for each agency/department.

4. The County agrees to discuss with AOCDS any findings and recommendations prior to reaching a final decision and implementation.

J. In addition to any other position or positions that are held, an employee may also voluntarily work in a capacity authorized for the Registrar of Voters in the course of an election provided that such election work does not unduly interfere with the employee's regular assignment. Election work shall be compensated at the rate authorized for such work.

Section 2. Overtime

A. Notification of Employees of Work Required Beyond Normal Schedule

If in the judgment of the department, work beyond the normal workday, workweek or work period is required, the department will notify any employee who may be asked to perform such work of the apparent need as soon as practicable prior to when the work is expected to begin.

1. For the employees listed in Section 1. A. above any work hours in excess of eighty (80) hours will be considered overtime. Overtime shall be paid at the overtime rate as defined by Section 2.C.1.

2. For the employees listed in Section 1.B. above and designated as non-exempt under FLSA, any work hours in excess of forty (40) hours will be considered overtime. Overtime shall be paid at the overtime rate as defined by Section 2.C.1.

3. For the employees listed in Section 1.B. above and designated as exempt under FLSA any work hours in excess of eighty (80) hours will be considered overtime. Overtime shall be paid at the overtime rate as defined by Section 2.C.1.

B. Distribution of Overtime

1. The County shall make a reasonable effort to make overtime opportunities available on an equal basis to employees capable of performing the work.

2. If the responsible supervisor determines that overtime is necessary on work that started on an assigned shift, the assigned employee(s) may continue with that work as an extension of the assigned shift.

3. If the responsible supervisor determines that overtime is necessary on a client case or patient case already assigned to a particular employee, any such overtime may be assigned exclusively to that employee.

4. The County and AOCDS may meet and confer and, in so doing, shall attempt to reach agreement regarding specific provisions for the distribution of overtime among employees of various individual work units. Such provisions shall be consistent with Sections 2.B.2. and 3., above.

C. Payment for Overtime

1. Overtime shall be compensated at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the regular rate.

2. For all regular, limited-term and probationary employees, overtime may be converted to compensatory time or paid for at the option of the department. Consideration shall be given to effectuating the wishes of employees. The maximum number of Compensatory Time (CT) hours which may be accrued by any employee is one hundred and twenty (120). If an employee accrues 120 hours of CT, he/she cannot accrue additional CT until he/she uses some of the hours in his/her bank; instead, employees will be paid for all overtime work performed in excess of that amount.

3. Overtime hours worked by extra help employees shall be paid.

4. Compensatory time earned and accrued by an employee in excess

of thirty-two (32) hours may be scheduled off for an employee by his or her department; however, consideration shall be given to effectuating the wishes of those employees requesting specific compensatory time off periods.

5. No scheduled compensatory time off will be cancelled except in cases of emergency.

6. In no case may an employee's work schedule be changed during the workweek when the purpose of such change is to avoid overtime compensation.

7. Time worked as overtime shall not be used to earn fringe benefits or to serve out probation or merit increase periods. Compensatory time off may be used as part of the established workweek to earn fringe benefits and to serve out probationary and merit increase periods.

8. An employee separating from the County service shall be paid for accumulated compensatory time in a lump sum payment.

Section 3. Rest Periods and Cleanup Time

A. Employees shall be allowed rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes during each four (4) consecutive hours of work.

Such rest periods shall be scheduled in accordance with the requirements of the department, but in no case shall rest periods be scheduled within one (1) hour of the beginning or the ending of a work shift or lunch period. The County may designate the location or locations at which rest periods may be taken.

Rest periods shall be considered hours worked and employees may be required to perform duties, if necessary.

B. Each employee shall, when necessary, be permitted up to fifteen (15) minutes of paid County time at the end of each work shift to perform such activities as cleaning up a work area, putting away tools, personal wash-up and changing clothes.

Section 4. Premium Pay

A. Night Shift Differential

1. Except as provided in 4. and 5., below, an employee who works an

assigned night shift shall in addition to his or her regular salary be paid a night shift differential for each hour actually worked on the assigned night shift.

2. Except as provided in 4. and 5., below, for purposes of this Section, night shift shall mean an assigned work shift of seven (7) consecutive hours or more which includes at least four (4) hours of work between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 a.m. Overtime which is worked as an extension of an assigned day shift shall not qualify an employee for night shift differential.

3. The rate of night shift differential shall be five (5) percent of the employee's basic hourly rate with a minimum of sixty (60) cents per hour and a maximum of one (1) dollar and fifty (50) cents per hour.

4. A Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II who works an assigned night shift of twelve (12) or more consecutive hours shall, in addition to his or her regular salary, be paid a night shift differential for eight (8) hours.

5. For employees assigned the duties of Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer I, night shift shall mean an assigned work shift of six (6) consecutive hours or more which includes at least four (4) hours of work between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

B. <u>On-Call Pay</u>

1. When a regular, limited-term or probationary employee is assigned on-call duty by the County, the employee shall, whenever practicable, be informed in writing at least five (5) days in advance of the dates and inclusive hours of such assignment; the employee shall be compensated at one-fourth (1/4) of his or her basic hourly rate for the entire period of such assignment.

2. On-call duty requires the employee so assigned to: (1) be reachable by telephone or other communications device; (2) be able to report to work in a reasonable time; and (3) to refrain from activities which might impair his or her ability to perform assigned duties.

3. Employees in the Public Safety General Unit paid on a sixteen (16) hour shift basis are exempt from these provisions.

4. On-call pay shall not apply to extra help employees unless expressly directed in writing to be on-call.

C. Call-Back Pay

1. When an employee returns to work because of a department request made after the employee has completed his or her normal work shift and left the work station, the employee shall be credited with four (4) hours work plus any hours of work in excess of four (4) hours in which the employee is continuously engaged in work for which he or she was called back.

2. Call-back shall be paid at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the regular rate.

3. There shall not be any duplication or pyramiding of rates paid under this Section.

4. An employee shall be credited with not more than one (1) minimum four (4) hour guarantee for work performed during any four (4) consecutive hour period.

5. An employee credited with four (4) hours pursuant to this Section may be assigned other work until the guaranteed time has elapsed.

6. Call-back pay shall apply only when an employee is required to physically return to work (e.g., leave home or another off-duty location) in order to perform required duties.

D. Bilingual Pay

1. Except as provided in 2., 3. and 4., below, qualified employees who meet the following criteria shall receive an additional forty (40) cents per hour (approximately sixty-nine [69] dollars per month) for all hours actually paid.

   a. An employee must be assigned by departmental management to speak or translate a language in addition to English. This includes such specialized communication skills as sign language.

   b. Employees must regularly and frequently speak and/or translate a second language, i.e., once daily.

   c. To become qualified, employees must be certified as qualified by the Chief Human Resources Officer or his or her designee.

2. Exceptional Bilingual Pay

Qualified employees in the following classes who, in addition to meeting the criteria in 1.a., b. and c. above, are assigned by department management to perform exceptional bilingual duties that are essential to the performance of their professional and/or technical duties and responsibilities shall receive an additional seventy (70) cents per hour (approximately one hundred and twenty-one (121) dollars per month) for all hours actually paid:

Deputy Probation Officer I
Deputy Probation Officer II
Senior Probation Officer
Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer
Supervising Probation Officer
Public Assistance Investigator Trainee
Public Assistance Investigator

3. Counselor Bilingual Pay

Qualified employees in the following classes who, in addition to meeting the criteria in 1.a., b. and c., above, are regularly assigned by department management to perform their duties in a language other than English shall receive an additional seventy (70) cents per hour for all hours actually paid:

Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer I
Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II
Senior Juvenile Correctional Officer

4. Exceptional Bilingual Pay for the Deputy Coroner and Sr. Deputy Coroner

Qualified employees in the following class who, in addition to meeting the criteria in 1.a. and b. above, and when approved by the Division Commander, are certified by the Chief Human Resources Officer or his or her designee as qualified to perform exceptional bilingual duties that are essential to the performance of their professional and/or technical duties, based on assignment requirements, shall receive an additional seventy (70) cents per hour (approximately one hundred and twenty one (121) dollars per month) for all hours actually paid.

Deputy Coroner
Sr. Deputy Coroner

5. An employee shall not be eligible to receive more than one (1) type of bilingual pay concurrently.

6. Bilingual pay shall not apply to workers' compensation supplement

pay.

7. An employee in a bilingual assignment may request assignment to a position which does not require bilingual certification. The request shall be made in writing to the Department Head, who will consider it according to:

   a. department need;

   b. availability of a qualified replacement; and

   c. availability of another suitable assignment for the requesting employee.

E. Armed Assignment Pay

1. Employees on pay status in the below classifications and assigned to a position which requires armed status on a regular, full-time basis shall receive the equivalent of one- hundred forty-nine dollars and eighty cents ($149.80) biweekly (approximately three-hundred twenty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents ($324.57) per month).

   In the event an employee is assigned to a position which requires armed status for a portion of a pay period, the Armed Assignment Pay shall be paid on a pro-rated basis for those hours worked in an armed assignment.

   Deputy Probation Officer I
   Deputy Probation Officer II
   Senior Deputy Probation Officer

2. Employees on pay status in the below classification and assigned to a position which requires armed status on a regular, full-time basis shall receive the equivalent of one-hundred seventy-five dollars and eighty-six cents ($175.86) biweekly (approximately three-hundred eighty-one dollars and three cents ($381.03) per month).

   In the event an employee is assigned to a position which requires armed status for a portion of a pay period, the Armed Assignment Pay shall be paid on a pro-rated basis for those hours worked in an armed assignment.

   Supervising Probation Officer

F. Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Pay – Deputy Coroner Series

A full-time regular, limited-term or probationary employee classified as Deputy Coroner, Senior Deputy Coroner or Supervising Deputy Coroner who complies with the procedure below shall be paid either approximately two hundred (200) dollars per month for an Intermediate P.O.S.T. Certificate or approximately three hundred fifty (350) dollars per month for an Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificate and shall be paid for all regular hours paid under the following conditions: (For purposes of this provision, "regular hours paid" shall mean all paid hours exclusive of overtime, call back or on-call pay not to exceed forty [40] hours per week.)

The employee shall submit a written request for P.O.S.T. Pay to the agency/department with an attached copy of either the appropriate P.O.S.T. Certificate or application for P.O.S.T. Certificate. P.O.S.T. Pay shall start the first day of the pay period following receipt by the agency/department of a valid P.O.S.T. Certificate.

G. Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Pay – Public Assistance Investigator

A full-time regular, limited-term or probationary employee classified as Public Assistance Investigator who complies with the procedure below shall be paid either approximately one hundred fifty (150) dollars per month for an Intermediate P.O.S.T. Certificate or approximately three hundred (300) dollars per month for an Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificate and shall be paid for all regular hours paid under the following conditions: (For purposes of this provision, "regular hours paid" shall mean all paid hours exclusive of overtime, call back or on-call pay not to exceed forty [40] hours per week.)

The employee shall submit a written request for P.O.S.T. Pay to the agency/department with an attached copy of either the appropriate P.O.S.T. Certificate or application for P.O.S.T. Certificate. P.O.S.T. Pay shall start the first day of the pay period following receipt by the agency/department of a valid P.O.S.T. Certificate.

H. Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Pay – Supervising Public Assistance Investigator

A full-time regular, limited-term or probationary employee classified as Supervising Public Assistance Investigator who complies with the procedure below shall be paid either approximately one hundred fifty (150) dollars per month for an Intermediate P.O.S.T. Certificate or approximately three hundred (300) dollars per month for an Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificate or approximately three hundred forty (340) dollars per month for a Supervisory P.O.S.T. Certificate shall be paid for all regular hours paid under the following conditions: (For purposes of this provision, "regular hours paid" shall mean all paid hours exclusive of overtime, call-back or on-call pay not to exceed forty [40] hours per

week.)

The employee shall submit a written request for P.O.S.T. Pay to the agency/department with an attached copy of either the appropriate P.O.S.T. Certificate or application for P.O.S.T. Certificate. P.O.S.T. Pay shall start the first day of the pay period following receipt by the agency/department of a valid P.O.S.T. Certificate.

I. Training Officer Assignment Pay

Regular, full-time employees who are assigned to provide training to County or Department personnel shall be paid two dollars ($2.00) per hour for all hours performing such training. Employees in senior or supervisor classifications shall receive training officer pay unless:

1. The employee's primary assignment is to provide training during the normal course and scope of their duties; or

2. The employee is acting as a training officer; or

3. The employee is providing individual training or technical guidance to a lower level employee.

J. Hazard Premium Pay for Deputy Coroner Series

Effective the first day of the first full pay period in January 2020, regular, full-time employees in the Deputy Coroner series on pay status shall receive the equivalent of sixty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents ($69.25) biweekly (approximately one hundred fifty dollars per month).

In the event an employee in the Deputy Coroner series is on pay status for a portion of a pay period, the Hazard Premium Pay shall be paid based on the ratio of hours actually paid to hours in a pay period (eighty [80] hours).

ARTICLE II PAY PRACTICES

Section 1. Compensation for Employees

Employees shall receive compensation at the biweekly or hourly rate for the range and step or flat rate assigned to the class in which they are employed.

Section 2. Pay for New Employees

A. A new employee shall be paid at the recruiting step of the salary range in effect for the particular class or position in which the new employee is hired except as provided in Sections 2.B., C., and D., below.

B. Upon recommendation of the Chief Human Resources Officer, the Board may, by minute order, authorize that a particular position be filled at any step within the range. When the Board authorizes the filling of the position at a step which is higher than the recruiting step of the salary range, it may, by minute order, advance the salary of incumbents of positions in that class or related classes in order to retain equitable relationships.

C. The agency or department head may authorize the appointment of employees at any of the first eight (8) steps of the salary range. Such appointments shall be made only when the agency or department head makes a determination that there is a direct and measurable benefit to the County from such appointments and makes a determination that the applicant's previous training and experience enables him or her to make a greater contribution than a less experienced employee.

D. Upon recommendation of the agency or department head, the County Executive Officer may authorize the appointment of employees beyond step eight (8) of the salary range when there is a direct and measurable benefit to the County for such appointment.

E. 1. The County may adjust the recruiting step of classes during the term of this Agreement, wherever justified, by recruiting and labor market considerations.

2. If a recruiting step is decreased, incumbents of the class will be unaffected.

3. If a recruiting step is increased for a class, all employees in that class below the new recruiting step shall be advanced to the new recruiting step and a new merit increase date shall be assigned as provided in Section 3.C. for new employees.

4. Any regular employee whose salary could be bypassed by a new

employee, if that employee was hired the date of the recruiting rate change, shall have his or her merit increase date advanced to the same date provided for such new employee.

Section 3. Merit Increase Within Range

A. Extra help employees shall not be eligible for merit increases within range.

B. Salary increases within a range shall not be automatic. They shall be based upon merit and granted only upon the affirmative recommendation of the department head.

C. A new or reemployed employee in a regular or limited-term position shall have a merit increase eligibility date which shall be the first day of the pay period following the completion of the first twenty-six (26) weeks of service within that class. The granting of an Official Leave of Absence (other than a Military Leave) or the imposition of a suspension shall cause the merit increase eligibility date to be extended a number of calendar days equal to the Official Leave or suspension. The extended merit increase eligibility date will be effective the first day of the pay period after said date. Subsequent merit increase eligibility dates shall be the first day of the pay period following the completion of fifty-two (52) week intervals subject to the same postponement for Official Leaves of Absence or suspensions.

D. An employee in a part-time regular or limited-term position who has not completed one thousand forty (1040) paid hours exclusive of overtime by his or her first merit increase date shall have the merit increase eligibility date postponed until the first day of the pay period following completion of one thousand forty (1040) paid hours exclusive of overtime. Likewise, an employee in a part-time regular or limited-term position who has not completed two thousand eighty (2080) paid hours exclusive of overtime between subsequent merit increase eligibility dates shall have his or her merit increase eligibility date postponed until the first day of the pay period following completion of two thousand eighty (2080) paid hours exclusive of overtime. Where an employee's record consists of a combination of full-time and part-time service, both periods of service shall apply towards merit increase eligibility with the part-time service being applied proportionately to the appropriate full-time interval.

E. 1. Merit increases may be granted for one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) steps within the salary range based upon the employee's performance. Standard performance shall earn a two (2) step increase. Effective June 1, 2015, a performance rating of “meets performance objectives” shall earn a one (1) step increase.

2. For any employee hired on or after July 15, 1977, the determination

as to whether or not to grant merit increases beyond Step 10, and if granted, in what amounts, shall be solely within the discretion of the department head and shall be based on merit.

F. If, in the department's judgment, the employee's performance does not merit a salary increase on the merit increase eligibility date and a deferral of decision accompanied by an intensive effort at improved performance might be productive, the department shall complete the structured merit rating and defer a decision regarding the merit increase any number of pay periods, but not to exceed thirteen (13) pay periods. A deferral of less than thirteen (13) pay periods may be further extended not to exceed thirteen (13) pay periods from the original merit eligibility date. The employee may be reevaluated at any time, but in any event shall be reevaluated on the structured merit rating prior to the end of the thirteenth pay period. The employee's merit increase eligibility date shall not be changed by such deferral.

G. Should an employee's merit increase eligibility date be overlooked through an error and upon discovery of the error the employee is granted a merit increase, the employee shall be compensated for the additional salary the employee would have received dating from the employee's merit increase eligibility date.

Section 4. Salary on Promotion

A. Except as modified by B., below, a regular, limited-term or probationary employee who is promoted to a position in a class with a higher salary range shall receive the recruiting salary for the higher class or such higher amount as would be the closest to a two (2) step increase on the range over the salary received prior to the promotion not to exceed the top step of the range. A new merit increase eligibility date shall be established which shall be the first day of the pay period following completion of the first twenty-six (26) weeks of service in the new class.

B. Any employee who is promoted to a class from which the employee was previously reduced without a salary decrease shall be placed at a salary step no higher than the step which the employee would have achieved if the employee had remained in the class to which he or she is promoted and had demonstrated at least standard performance. The employee's merit increase eligibility date shall be reestablished in order to credit the employee with any time formerly served in the higher class.

C. Upon recommendation of the agency/department head, the County Executive Officer may, based on consideration of such factors as external market data, internal salary relationships, position responsibilities and sound management principles, approve a rate of pay on promotion not to

exceed the top of the pay range to which the employee is being promoted.

Section 5. Salary on Reassignment

A. When a regular, limited-term or probationary employee is reassigned to a class with the same recruiting step, such employee's salary and merit increase eligibility date shall not change. Such employee shall have the same probation status which would have been achieved if the employee had been in the new class throughout the period of such service in the old class.

B. When a regular, limited-term or probationary employee is reassigned to a class with a higher recruiting step, such employee's salary shall be advanced the number of steps difference between recruiting steps and the employee shall retain his or her former merit increase eligibility date, except as provided in E., below. Such employee shall have the same probation status which would have been achieved if the employee had been in the new class throughout the period of such service in the old class.

C. When a regular or limited-term employee is reassigned to a class with a lower recruiting step, such employee's salary and merit increase eligibility date shall not change. Such employee shall have the same probation status which would have been achieved if the employee had been in the new class throughout the period of such service in the old class.

D. When a probationary or probationary limited-term employee is reassigned to a class with a lower recruiting step, such employee shall have the same salary, step status, probation status and merit increase eligibility date as would have been achieved if the employee had been in the new class throughout the period of such service in the old class.

E. When a regular, limited-term or probationary employee is involved in a series of reassignments among classes with the same salary range but different recruiting steps or a series of reassignments among classes on different salary ranges, his or her salary and merit increase eligibility date shall be determined by the Chief Human Resources Officer.

Section 6. Salary on Reduction

A. 1. When a probationary employee is reduced to a class not previously occupied by the employee, the employee shall receive the recruiting step for the lower class and shall receive a new merit increase eligibility date as provided in Section 3.C., above, or the employee's salary and merit increase eligibility date may be determined by the Chief Human Resources Officer.

2. When a promotional probationary employee, an employee who has been on a temporary promotion or a regular employee who was promoted to a limited-term position at the direction of the employee's agency/department head is reduced to a class the employee occupied in good standing, the employee shall have the step status and merit increase eligibility date he or she would have achieved if the employee had remained in the lower class throughout the period of his or her service in the higher class.

B. When a regular or limited-term employee is reduced to a position in a lower class by demotion for reasons of unsatisfactory performance, the employee's salary shall be reduced to a step on the salary range which would be the closest amount to a two (2) step reduction or the employee shall receive the maximum step of the salary range of the new class, whichever is lower. The employee's merit increase eligibility date shall be the first day of the pay period following completion of fifty-two (52) weeks of service in the new class, unless the employee thereby is placed at the recruiting step of the new salary range, in which case the employee's merit increase eligibility date shall be the first day of the pay period following the completion of twenty-six (26) weeks of service in the new class.

C. When a regular or limited-term employee in good standing is reduced to a position in a lower class for physical disability or reasons other than unsatisfactory performance, the employee shall receive the highest salary in the new range that does not exceed the employee's rate of pay immediately prior to reduction and shall retain his or her merit increase eligibility date.

D. When a regular, limited-term or probationary employee is reduced because the position the employee occupied is reclassified, the applicable salary shall be determined as follows:

1. If the salary of the employee is the same or less than the maximum of the new class, the salary and merit increase eligibility date of the employee shall not change.

2. If the salary of the employee is greater than the maximum of the new range, the salary of the employee shall be designated as a Y-Rate and shall not change during continuous regular service until

the maximum of the new range exceeds the salary of the employee or until the period of calendar time indicated in the schedule below has elapsed, whichever is sooner. If, at the end of the calendar period indicated below, the salary of the employee still exceeds the maximum of the new salary range, the salary of the employee shall be reduced to the maximum salary for the new class.

Y-RATE SCHEDULE

Years of Full-Time Continuous Service	Duration of Y-Rate
Less than 5 years	Two years from the date of reclassification
5 years but less than 10 years	Three years from the date of reclassification
10 years but less than 15 years	Four years from the date of reclassification
15 years but less than 20 years	Five years from the date of reclassification
20 years but less than 25 years	Six years from the date of reclassification
25 years or more	Seven years from the date of reclassification

3. When an employee on Y-Rate accepts a voluntary reduction, his or her salary shall be reduced by the amount of the difference between the maximum salary of the class from which the employee is being reduced and the maximum salary of the new class.

Section 7. Salary on Reclassification

The salary of a regular, limited-term or probationary employee whose position is reclassified shall be determined as follows:

A. If the position is reclassified to a class with the same salary range, the salary and merit increase eligibility date of the employee shall be governed by Article II, Section 5.A., B. or C.

B. If the position is reclassified to a class with a higher salary range, the salary of the employee shall be governed by Article II, Section 4.A.

C. If the position is reclassified to a class with a lower salary range, the salary of the employee shall be governed by Article II, Section 6.D.2.

Section 8. Salary on Reemployment

A. A person who is reemployed in the same occupational series in which the person held regular status and was separated in good standing may, upon approval of the Chief Human Resources Officer, be appointed at a step higher than the recruiting step, but no higher than the step the person received at the time of separation unless appointment is at an advanced step or rate pursuant to Article II, Section 2.C.

B. A former County employee on paid County retirement may be reemployed for not more than one hundred twenty (120) working days or nine hundred sixty (960) hours, whichever is greater, in any one (1) fiscal year in a position requiring special skills and knowledge and may be appointed to the position at any step on the salary range.

Section 9. Changes in Salary Allocation

A. Upon request of the County, negotiations shall be reopened for the sole purpose of considering an increase in salary (unrelated to a classification study) for any class included in this Agreement. Changes in salary resulting from a classification study shall be subject to the provisions of Article XIX.

B. If a class is reassigned to a different salary range, each employee in the class shall be compensated at the same step in the new salary range as he or she was receiving in the range to which the class was previously assigned.

Section 10. Additional Compensation

Notwithstanding anything in this Memorandum of Understanding to the contrary when in the judgment of the Board, it becomes necessary or desirable to utilize the services of County employees in capacities other than those for which they are regularly employed, the Board may authorize and, if appropriate, fix an additional rate of compensation for such employees.

Section 11. Pay Check Deposit

A. The County will permit an employee to authorize automatic deposit of his or her pay check to a financial institution of the employee's choice, if and when the Chief Human Resources Officer and Auditor-Controller

determine it is feasible.

B. Employees hired after June 29, 2001 will be required to authorize automatic deposit of his or her paycheck to a financial institution of the employee's choice.

C. Employees hired on or before June 29, 2001 that do not authorize automatic deposit will receive their pay check by U.S. Mail. The pay checks will be deposited in the U.S. Mail the day before the scheduled pay day. Parties agreed to addition.

ARTICLE III GENERAL PERSONNEL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Probation

A. New Probation

1. Full-Time Employee

a. A new or reemployed employee in a regular or limited-term position shall be placed on a new probation period for fifty-two (52) weeks from the date of appointment and ending with the first day of the pay period following completion of said period except as provided in section A.1.b below.

b. A new or reemployed employee in a regular or limited-term position in the class of Public Assistance Investigator Trainee shall promote on the first day of the pay period following successful completion of the Specialized Investigators' Basic Course Academy (SIBC Academy), or an approved equivalent. Employees that have not met the above requirements within twenty-six (26) weeks will be terminated, or if applicable, returned to their former class.

2. Part-Time Employee

A new or reemployed part-time employee in a regular or limited term position shall be placed on a new probation period for two thousand eighty (2080) paid hours, exclusive of overtime, ending with the first day or the pay period following completion of said period.

B. Promotional Probation

1. Any regular or limited-term employee who is promoted, excluding a temporary promotion, shall be placed on promotional probation except as provided in section B.2., below.

a. A full-time employee in the Public Safety General Unit shall serve a probation period equal to the time period of the initial probation ending with the first day of the pay period following completion of said period. However, an employee who promotes to a class in the same series, shall serve a promotional probation period of twenty-six (26) weeks from the date of promotion ending with the first day of the pay period following completion of said period or

the remainder of any uncompleted new probation period, whichever is longer except as provided in section B.1.b below.

b. A full time employee promoting into a position as a Public Assistance Investigator shall serve a promotional probation period of fifty-two (52) weeks from the date of the promotion ending the first day of the pay period following completion of said period.

c. A part-time employee in the Public Safety General Unit shall be placed on promotional probation for two thousand eighty (2080) paid hours, exclusive of overtime, ending with the first day of the pay period following completion of said period. However, a part-time employee in the Public Safety General Unit who promotes to a class in the same series shall be placed on promotional probation for one thousand forty (1040) paid hours, exclusive of overtime or the remainder of any uncompleted new probation period, whichever is longer except as provided in section B.1.d. below.

d. A part-time employee promoting into a position as a Public Assistance Investigator shall serve a promotional probation period of two thousand eighty (2080) paid hours ending with the first day of the pay period following completion of said period.

e. A full-time employee in the Public Safety Supervisory Unit shall serve a probation period of fifty-two (52) weeks ending with the first day of the pay period following completion of said period. However, an employee who promotes from a class in the Public Safety Supervisory Unit to a class in the same series shall serve a promotional probation period of twenty-six (26) weeks from the date of promotion ending with the first day of the pay period following completion of said period or the remainder of any uncompleted new probation period, whichever is longer.

f. A part-time employee in the Public Safety Supervisory Unit shall be placed on promotional probation for two thousand eighty (2080) paid hours, exclusive of overtime, ending with the first day of the pay period following completion of said period except that for promotion from a class in the Public Safety Supervisory Unit to a class in the same series, the promotional probation period shall

be one thousand forty (1040) paid hours exclusive of overtime or the remainder of any uncompleted new probation period, whichever is longer.

2. When a regular or limited-term employee is promoted as a result of the employee's position being reclassified to a higher class and the class from which the employee is promoted is subsequently deleted or abolished, the incumbent employee shall not serve a promotional probation period.

3. When an employee who has been on a temporary promotion or a regular employee who was promoted to a limited-term position at the direction of the employee's agency/department head is reduced to a class the employee formerly occupied, the employee shall serve the remainder of any uncompleted probationary period in that class.

C. Failure of Probation

1. New Probation

An employee on new probation may be released at the sole discretion of the department at any time without right of appeal or hearing, except as provided in C.3., below.

2. Promotional Probation

a. An employee on promotional probation may be failed at any time without right of appeal or hearing, except as provided in C.3., below, and except that failing an employee on promotional probation must not be arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable.

b. An employee who fails promotional probation shall receive a performance evaluation stating the reason for failure of promotional probation.

c. When an employee fails his or her promotional probation, the employee shall have the right to return to his or her former class provided the employee was not in the previous class for the purpose of training for a promotion to a higher class. When an employee is returned to his or her former class under the provisions of this Section, the employee shall serve the remainder of any uncompleted

probationary period in the former class. A regular employee who accepts promotion to a limited-term position other than at the direction of the employee's agency/department head shall not have the right to return to his or her former class.

d. If the employee's former class has been deleted or abolished, the employee shall have the right to return to a class in his or her former occupational series closest to, but no higher than, the salary range of the class which the employee occupied immediately prior to promotion and shall serve the remainder of any probationary period not completed in the former class.

3. An employee who alleges that his or her probationary release was based on discrimination by the County in violation of Article XVIII, NONDISCRIMINATION, may submit a grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of failure of new probation.

D. General Provisions

1. When an employee's record consists of a combination of full-time and part-time service in regular or limited-term positions, except as provided in Section 4.C., below, part-time service shall be applied proportionately by using total hours worked to appropriate full-time requirements. For purposes of this Section, one thousand forty (1040) hours shall equal twenty-six (26) weeks and two thousand eighty (2080) hours shall equal fifty-two (52) weeks.

2. When the Department Head or his/her representative passes an employee on probation, that determination shall be based upon a written performance evaluation and shall be discussed with the employee. A probation period may not be extended, except as provided in Section 1.E. of this Article, below, and an employee who is permitted by the department to work beyond the end of a probation period shall be deemed to have passed such probation period.

3. An employee who is on probation may not transfer from one department to another in the same class without the approval of the Chief Human Resources Officer.

E. Extension of Probation Periods

1. The granting of an Official or Military Leave of Absence shall cause the employee's probation period to be extended by the length of the Official Leave or by the length of the Military Leave in excess of fifteen (15) calendar days. If the employee is on probation, the extended probation period resulting from the Official or Military Leave of Absence shall end with the first day of the pay period after said extended date. An employee who is suspended shall have his or her probation extended by the length of suspension, with the extended probation period ending with the first day of the pay period after said extended date.

2. The Chief Human Resources Officer shall extend the new or promotional probationary periods of incumbents appointed as a result of a selection procedure which is appealed. Such probationary periods shall be extended no longer than sixty (60) calendar days from the date on which the County receives the Appeals Officer's findings and decision. In the event an employee's probationary period is extended by the provisions of this Section, and such an employee has served a probationary period which is longer than the probationary period normally prescribed for new or promotional probation, such an employee may fail probation during the extended period only upon recommendation of the Appeals Officer and final determination of the Board of Supervisors.

3. With the mutual agreement of a new probationary employee and his or her department, the employee's new probation period may be extended at the sole discretion of the Chief Human Resources Officer for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days provided such action is approved by the Chief Human Resources Officer before the normal probation period is completed. In such cases, the department shall advise AOCDS in writing regarding the extension of probation as soon as practicable. Denial of a request to extend a probation period shall not be subject to appeal or hearing.

Section 2. Performance Evaluation

A. The County shall maintain a system of employee performance ratings designed to give a fair evaluation of the quantity and quality of work performed by an employee. Such ratings shall be prepared and recorded in the employee's personnel file for all regular and limited-term full and part-time employees at least once each year; and

in addition, for employees on probationary status, at least once near the middle of the probation period.

B. The County shall discuss with the employee the specific ratings prior to such ratings being made part of the employee's personnel file.

C. When a performance evaluation is recorded in the personnel file of an employee, a copy of such evaluation, together with any attachment relating thereto, shall be given to the employee. Any written response by the employee to the performance evaluation shall be attached to such evaluation in the official personnel files.

Section 3. Contents of Personnel File

A. Adverse statements prepared by the County shall not be included in an employee's official personnel file unless a copy is provided to the employee.

B. An employee shall have the right to inspect and review the contents of his or her official personnel file at reasonable intervals.

C. In addition, an employee shall have the right to inspect and review the contents of his or her official personnel file in any case where the employee has a grievance related to performance; to a performance evaluation; or is contesting his or her suspension or discharge from County service.

D. Letters of reference and reports concerning criminal investigations concerning the employee shall be excluded from the provisions of B. and C., above.

E. An employee shall have the right to respond in writing or personal interview to any information contained in his or her official personnel file, such reply to become a permanent part of such employee's official personnel file.

F. Any contents of an employee's official personnel file may be destroyed pursuant to an agreement between the Chief Human Resources Officer and the employee concerned or by an order of an arbitrator, court or impartial hearing officer unless the particular item is otherwise required by law to be kept.

Section 4. Status of Limited-Term Employees

A. All limited-term employees shall be subject to the same hiring

standards and shall earn all benefits, except Article XI, LAYOFF PROCEDURE, which accrue to employees in regular positions.

B. A regular employee who transfers, promotes or reduces to a limited-term position on a voluntary basis and not at the direction of the agency/department head shall become a limited-term regular employee.

C. Limited-term employees hired under programs which involve special employment standards shall serve a new probation period upon transfer to permanent funded positions. Upon transfer to permanent positions, such employees shall maintain their original hire date for purposes of vacation, and sick leave and annual leave accrual, retirement and layoff. The requirement that such employees serve a new probation period may be waived by the County. Limited-term employees not hired under programs which involve special employment standards shall, upon transfer to permanent funded positions, maintain their original hire date for purposes of vacation, sick leave and annual leave accrual, retirement, layoff and new employee probation.

D. When funding ceases for a limited-term position or when the position is no longer necessary, the limited-term position shall be abolished and the incumbent shall be removed from the payroll except as provided in section E., below.

E. Regular employees who transfer, promote or reduce to limited-term positions at the direction of the agency/department head shall retain their former status and retain their layoff benefits in their former layoff unit. The agency/department head shall make such an order in writing prior to the date of transfer or promotion.

Section 5. Temporary Promotion

A. A regular, probationary or limited-term employee who is assigned on a temporary basis to a higher level vacant regular or limited-term position shall be promoted on a temporary basis to that class when such employee has been assigned to the higher class for one hundred twenty (120) consecutive regularly scheduled hours of work and the employee has been performing all of the significant duties and responsibilities of the higher class, unless the employee requests to be reassigned to his or her former class. At any time before the temporary promotion is made, such employee may request to be reassigned to his or her former class. In such a case, the employee shall be reassigned within five (5) working days.

B. The department may, at its option, waive the one hundred twenty (120) hour requirement when it is necessary to utilize a regular,

probationary or limited-term employee in a higher level vacant regular or limited-term position for a period that is expected to be at least one hundred twenty (120) regularly scheduled hours but not to exceed eighteen (18) months.

C. An employee on temporary promotion shall not be placed on promotional probation. Upon return from temporary promotion, an employee shall serve the remainder of any uncompleted probationary period in the employee's former class and shall have the step status and merit increase eligibility date he or she would have achieved if the employee had remained in the lower class throughout the period of his or her service in the higher class.

D. At the end of the employee's assignment to the higher class, the employee shall have the right to return to his or her former class and agency/department. A temporary promotion shall not exceed a period of eighteen (18) months.

Section 6. Reemployment of Employees on Disability Retirement

A. The County will advise employees retired for disability to contact the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS) to determine the impact of reemployment on their disability retirement benefits prior to accepting reemployment.

B. Employees retired for physical disability who have contacted OCERS for advice and counsel under Section A above who within two (2) years from the date of retirement or date their disability retirement is discontinued, request and have been counseled as required above and qualify for positions in the County service shall be placed on the COUNTY PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LIST with respect to such positions. They will be placed on such list in chronological order of retirement but following the last person on layoff status. They will remain on such list for a period of two (2) years from date of retirement or date their disability retirement is discontinued, except that:

a person appointed to a regular position in the County service shall be removed from the list;

a person who, on two (2) separate occasions, rejects or fails to respond within three (3) calendar days to offers of employment in a class for which he or she is qualified shall be removed from the list;

a person who on three (3) separate occasions, declines referral for

interviews in a class for which he or she is qualified shall be removed from the list.

Section 7. Reemployment of Regular Employee

A regular employee who leaves County employment and is reemployed within fifteen (15) calendar days shall be deemed to have been on Departmental Leave for such period of time.

Section 8. Time Off for Selection Procedures

A regular, limited-term or probationary employee shall be entitled to necessary time off with pay to participate in tests of fitness, examinations and interviews required by the Chief Human Resources Officer during working hours for the purpose of determining eligibility for movement to another class in the County service or transfer from one agency/department to another.

Section 9. On-Duty Meals – Probation Department

A. The County shall provide meals to Probation Department sworn personnel employed in Probation Department residential care institutions and Probation Department juvenile institutions who are required to be on duty through their own meal period and to take their meals while supervising the activities of the residents.

B. The County shall provide reasonable reimbursement for meals for Probation Department sworn personnel in field assignments who are required by their supervisor to take their meal period while in custodial charge of a client.

C. During emergencies which require unusual amounts of overtime, Probation Department sworn employees who are required to work such excessive overtime shall be provided appropriate meals. The determination as to how such meals are provided and the amount authorized shall be at the discretion of the Probation Department.

Section 10. Transfer Policy for AOCDS Officers and Area Representatives

Management shall not, wherever practicable, assign an AOCDS officer or area representative to a different location if:

A. the employee's performance is standard or better; and

B. AOCDS objects to such assignment (AOCDS shall not object to such assignment change, except for good cause); and

C. there is another employee in the same classification in the department who meets the specific qualifications for the assignment.

AOCDS will agree to provide a list of Area reps upon Board of Supervisors adoption of the MOU and within 30 days after any changes to the list occur.

Section 11. Training

A. Upon approval of the Department Head, employees may participate in various County sponsored training programs. The County and AOCDS will inform employees of these training programs.

B. During the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, AOCDS may request specific training or development opportunities for various employees in this Unit. The County agrees to discuss such requests with AOCDS and consider implementation.

ARTICLE IV LEAVE PROVISIONS

Section 1. Sick Leave

A. Accumulation of Sick Leave

1. During the first three (3) years of employment, an employee shall earn .0347 hours of sick leave with pay for each paid hour in a regularly scheduled workweek or period to a maximum of eighty (80) hours in a pay period (approximately seventy-two [72] hours per year).

2. After an employee has been paid for six thousand two hundred forty (6240) regularly scheduled hours, approximately three (3) years, the employee shall earn .0462 hours of sick leave with pay for each paid hour in a regularly scheduled work period to a maximum of eighty (80) hours in a pay period (approximately ninety-six [96] hours per year).

3. Sick leave earned shall be added to the employee's sick leave accumulation account upon the completion of the pay period, with no credit to be applied during the progress of the pay period or for a portion of the pay period during which the employee terminates County service.

4. Except as required by law, extra help employees shall not earn sick leave. For those extra help employees who qualify for paid sick leave under Labor Code section 246, the first three days or 24 hours, whichever is greater, of annual leave taken each 12 month period will be considered sick leave used pursuant to the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014.

B. Permitted Uses of Sick Leave

Sick leave may be applied to:

1. An absence necessitated by an employee's personal illness, injury or disability due to pregnancy or childbirth.

2. Medical and dental office appointments when absence during working hours for this purpose is authorized by the department.

3. Absence due to exposure to a contagious disease when quarantine is imposed by health authorities or when it is determined by a physician designated by the County that the presence of the employee on duty would endanger the health of others.

4. Absence from duty because the employee's presence is needed to attend to the serious illness of a member of his or her immediate family, provided that such absence shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) working days for each occurrence. For purposes of this Subsection, immediate family shall mean father, father-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, step-parent, brother, sister, wife, husband, registered domestic partner, child, grandparent, grandchild or legal guardian.

5. Absence from duty because: (1) the employee's presence is needed to attend to the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventive care for, an employee or an employee's family member; or (2) an employee is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking and the employee uses the leave time for the purposes described in Labor Code sections 230(c) and 230.1(a). Use of this leave is limited to the time period specified in Labor Code section 233, except as to extra help employees, who will be limited to three (3) days provided they meet the requirements set forth in the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 (Labor Code sections 245-249). For purposes of this Subsection "family member" means child, parent, spouse, registered domestic partner, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling as those terms are defined by Labor Code section 245.5(c).

6. Illness while on paid vacation will be charged to sick leave rather than vacation only under the following conditions:

   a. The illness or injury of the employee was of a nature that would preclude the effective use of vacation and would prevent the employee from performing his or her normal duties.

   b. The employee must notify his or her supervisor within four (4) calendar days of the beginning of the illness or prior to the end of his or her vacation leave, whichever is sooner, to request that his or her illness on vacation be charged to sick leave.

   c. The department shall be under no obligation to extend the vacation beyond the original scheduled vacation ending date.

   d. Upon the employee's return to work, the employee must furnish the department with a certificate signed by a licensed physician or registered nurse stating the nature of the medical condition and the period of disablement.

7. Absence from duty because of personal emergencies or personal business not to exceed thirty (30) working hours during the fiscal year.

8. An absence due to an air pollution alert which prevents the employee from traveling to his or her work location.

C. Prohibited Uses of Sick Leave

Sick leave shall not be applied to:

1. Absence caused by illness or injury to a member of the employee's family except as provided in B.4., B.5., B.6., or B.8., above.

2. Absences which occur on a County holiday.

D. General Provisions

1. In any use of sick leave, an employee's account shall be charged to the nearest quarter hour.

2. Except as prohibited by law, an employee may be required to furnish a certificate issued by a licensed physician or registered nurse or other satisfactory evidence of illness, injury, medical condition or medical or dental office calls when the department has notified the employee in advance of such a requirement or when the employee has been under the care of a physician.

3. Employees hired on or after July 15, 1977, shall not be eligible for any payoff of sick leave. Employees hired before July 15, 1977 are eligible for sick leave payoff under the following conditions:

a. Upon paid retirement or death, an employee or the employee's estate shall be paid for a portion of the employee's unused sick leave in an amount computed as provided below:

Years of Service	Percent of Unused Sick Leave Paid For
Less than 5 years	None
5 but less than 10	25%
10 but less than 15	50%
15 but less than 20	75%
20 or more	100%

Years of service as used herein shall be the equivalent of full-time continuous service in a regular position. Employees who

elect to take deferred retirement shall not be eligible for any benefits provided by this paragraph.

b. Not more than once in each fiscal year, an employee hired prior to July 15, 1977, who, as of date of request, is eligible for Tier I paid retirement and who has accumulated unused sick leave in excess of two hundred eighty (280) hours shall, upon request, receive a payoff for up to one-third (1/3) of all his or her accumulated sick leave, provided that the remaining balance is not reduced below two hundred eighty (280) hours. The percentage of sick leave paid shall be computed based on years of continuous service in accordance with Section 1.D.3.a., above. The employee's sick leave balance will be reduced by the total number of hours elected and approved for payoff by the employee prior to the application of the eligible percentage described in Section 1.D.3.a.

c. Notwithstanding the provisions of 3.b., above, an employee hired prior to July 15, 1977 who, as of the date of request, is eligible for Tier I paid retirement and who has given irrevocable written notice of his or her intent to retire, may request that a payoff of his or her accumulated sick leave be made to his or her deferred compensation account with the County to the maximum amount permitted under the regulations that govern deferred compensation programs and to the extent permitted under the provision of 3.a., above. Such request must be made at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of his or her retirement. Such payoff shall be made prior to the effective date of the employee’s retirement.

4. Employees hired on or after July 15, 1977, shall not be eligible for any benefits provided by Paragraph D.3., above.

5. Upon request of the County, negotiations shall be reopened to consider alternative sick leave incentive/control programs.

6. When a person is reemployed in a regular or limited-term position, the Chief Human Resources Officer may, upon the request of the department, apply the period of previous County continuous service for the purpose of determining sick leave earning rates. Notwithstanding the above, if an employee separates from the County and is rehired within one year from the date of separation, previously accrued and unused paid sick days shall be reinstated

to the extent required by law. The employee will also be entitled to use those previously accrued and unused paid sick days and to accrue additional paid sick days upon rehiring to the extent required by law.

Section 2. Bereavement Leave

Upon request, regular, limited-term or probationary employees shall receive necessary time off with pay, not to exceed five (5) days in any one (1) instance, to arrange for or attend a funeral of a member of their immediate family. For purposes of this Section, immediate family shall mean father, father-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, step-parent, brother, sister, wife, husband, registered domestic partner, child, step-child, grandparent, grandchild or legal guardian.

Section 3. Authorized Leave Without Pay

A. Departmental Leave

A regular, limited-term or probationary employee may request a Departmental Leave Without Pay for a period of time not to exceed fifteen (15) calendar days. The granting of such Leave shall be at the discretion of the department, except in cases where Official Leave has been authorized pursuant to Sections 10, 11.A., and 14 below. The Department Head may require that all accumulated compensatory leave time be used prior to granting of Departmental Leave. The use of earned vacation or annual leave prior to the obtaining of Departmental Leave shall be at the option of the employee.

B. Official Leave

1. Upon request, a regular, limited-term or probationary employee may be granted an Official Leave of Absence Without Pay. Such Leave, if granted, shall not exceed one (1) year except as provided in subsections 2. and 3., below. Such Leave may be authorized only after an employee's completion of a Departmental Leave and after all compensatory time and vacation accruals, or the portion of annual leave subject to 100% payoff have been applied toward payment of the absence.

2. An Official Leave of Absence may be extended for up to an additional year at the discretion of the department except that requests for Official Leave which qualify as Family Leave pursuant to applicable law shall be granted to the extent required by such law. If the department denies the extension of such Leave, the provisions of subsections 5. and 6., below, shall not apply.

3. An employee who has requested and identified a valid need for Family Leave pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, and applicable law, shall be granted Official Leave to the extent required by such law. Such Leave shall be authorized only after use of leave balances as specified below:

   a. When Official Leave involves the employee's own serious health condition – after all accumulated compensatory time, vacation accruals, sick leave and annual leave have been used;

   b. When Official Leave involves the circumstances covered by Section 1, subsections.B.4, B.5 or B6 of this Article – after all accumulated compensatory time, vacation, sick leave (to the extent available to the employee for such use) and annual leave have been used;

   c. When Official Leave is used for all other reasons – after all accumulated compensatory time and vacation accruals, and/or the portion of the annual leave subject to 100% payoff have been applied toward the absence. Use of annual leave beyond the leave balance subject to 100% payoff shall be at the discretion of the employee, subject to the annual leave provision.

4. An employee shall give notice two (2) weeks prior to the date he or she wants to return to work, except that an employee returning from Family Leave shall give the lesser of two (2) weeks notice or the maximum notice allowable under applicable law. If an employee does not give the required notice prior to the date he or she wants to return to work, the department shall not be required to return the employee to work until the employee gives such notice; however, the department may waive the notice or reduce the notice period at its discretion.

5. Except as to leaves which must be granted pursuant to sections 10, 11 and 14 in this Article, the department shall: (a) indicate on the request its decision as to whether the request should be granted, modified or denied; (b) promptly transmit the request to the Chief Human Resources Officer; and (c) deliver a copy to the employee.

6. If the department modifies or does not approve a request for Official Leave, the employee may, within fifteen (15) calendar days of said action, file a request for review with the Chief Human Resources Officer. The decision of the Chief Human Resources Officer on such appeals shall be final.

7. An Official Leave shall not be credited toward continuous service.

C. General Provisions

1. A request for a Leave of Absence shall be made upon forms prescribed by the Chief Human Resources Officer and shall state specifically the reason for the request, the date when it is desired to begin the Leave of Absence and the probable date of return.

2. A request for Leave of Absence Without Pay shall normally be initiated by the employee, but may be initiated by the employee's department only where the employee is unable to initiate such action, except in cases where the provisions of Section 11.A. apply.

Section 4. Official Leave for Nonoccupational Disability

A. A regular, limited-term or probationary employee shall be granted upon request an Official Leave of Absence Without Pay for up to six (6) months for a nonoccupational disability including disabilities related to pregnancy and childbirth provided that the employee meets the following conditions:

1. A medical statement setting forth the need for the leave, start date of the leave, the expected date of return and the period of disability shall be submitted with the Leave request.

2. Such Leave shall begin after all accrued sick leave, compensatory and vacation time and/or annual leave have been applied toward the absence.

3. Unless otherwise required by law, the employee has been paid for six thousand two hundred forty (6240) regularly scheduled hours or more. (This provision does not apply to pregnancy disability leave.)

B. If additional leave is desired, the employee may request additional Leave in accordance with Official Leave, Section 3.B., above.

C. Unless otherwise required by law, an employee shall not be entitled to more than one (1) such Leave pursuant to this Section per twelve (12) month period.

Section 5. Absences Caused by Illness, Injury or Pregnancy

An employee who is absent from work for a period of more than fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days due to illness, injury or pregnancy shall not be permitted to resume work until, and unless, the employee obtains a medical clearance from a physician designated by the County.

Section 6. Jury Duty Leave

A regular, limited-term or probationary employee who is called for jury duty or for examination for jury duty shall be compensated at the employee's regular rate of pay for those hours of absence due to the jury duty which occur during the employee's regularly scheduled working hours provided the employee deposits the employee's fees for such hours of jury duty, exclusive of mileage, with the County Treasurer. Fees for jury duty performed during hours other than regularly scheduled working hours may be retained by the employee. Any hours worked beyond the regularly scheduled workday shall be subject to the workweek and overtime provisions (Article I). An employee may request a change in regularly scheduled working hours to a Monday through Friday day shift for the duration of such jury duty. Such requests shall be granted if practicable.

Section 7. Witness Leave

A regular, limited-term or probationary employee who is called to answer a subpoena as a witness for court appearances during the employee's work hours, except where the employee is a litigant, shall be compensated at his or her regular rate of pay for all hours of absence from work due to answering the subpoena provided the employee shows proof of such subpoena and deposits witness fees received for such hours, exclusive of mileage, with the County Treasurer. Fees for answering a subpoena as a witness during hours other than regularly scheduled working hours may be retained by the employee.

Section 8. Leave for AOCDS Business

The County shall allow a regular, limited-term or probationary employee up to six (6) working days absence without pay during each fiscal year for the term of this Agreement to perform official AOCDS business, provided that:

A. AOCDS shall make a request to the employee's Department Head at least ten (10) days in advance.

B. AOCDS shall not request that such Leave be effective for more than four (4) employees on any workday.

C. The services of such an employee are not immediately required by the County, and other competent employees are available to do the employee's usual work.

Section 9. Absence Without Authorization

A. Absence without authorization for three (3) consecutive working days shall be considered an automatic resignation.

B. When the County believes an employee has been absent without authorization and the County plans to invoke the provisions of 9.A., above, the County shall send written notice by certified mail to the employee's last known address at least ten (10) calendar days prior to implementing an automatic resignation. Such written notice shall contain:

1. a statement of the County's intention to implement the employee's automatic resignation and its effective date;

2. a statement of the reasons for considering the employee to have automatically resigned;

3. a statement of the employee's right to respond, either orally or in writing, prior to the effective date of such proposed action;

4. a statement of the employee's right to representation;

5. a copy of the automatic resignation provisions which apply to the employee;

6. a statement that if the employee fails to respond to the written notice before the effective date of the automatic resignation, the automatic resignation shall be implemented.

C. An automatic resignation shall not be implemented if the employee responds to the notice before the effective date and 1) it was physically impossible for the employee to contact his or her department; or 2) the employee can show that it would be arbitrary, capricious or discriminatory to implement the automatic resignation.

D. An employee who responds prior to the effective date of the proposed action shall be sent written notice of any action taken pursuant to the notice of intent.

E. An employee who is permitted to continue his or her employment pursuant to subsection B. and/or C., above, shall not be paid for the period of his or her unauthorized absence and shall be treated as if on a Leave of Absence for purposes of continuity of employment and other appropriate benefits, unless the use of sick leave, compensatory time, vacation or other paid leave to cover the absences is appropriate

F. If an employee does not have authorization to be absent from work, such employee may request authorization from the Department Head prior to the expiration of the time limit specified in subsection A., above.

G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the County may rescind an automatic resignation.

H. Automatic resignation shall not be considered a discharge under the provisions of Article IX, DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Section 10. Parenthood Leave

A. A regular, limited-term or probationary employee shall be granted, upon request, a Parenthood Leave Without Pay of up to six (6) months in connection with the birth or placement for legal adoption of a child provided the employee meets the following conditions:

1. The requested Leave is commenced within six (6) months before or after the date of birth or placement for legal adoption of the child.

2. Sufficient documentation of such birth or placement for legal adoption is submitted with the request for Leave.

3. Such employee has completed new probation.

4. All accrued vacation, compensatory time or annual leave subject to 100% payoff has been applied toward the absence.

B. Unless otherwise required by law, employees shall not be eligible for more than one (1) such Leave within any twelve (12) month period.

C. Sick Leave or annual leave must be applied toward any portion of the absence which qualifies under Section 1.B.1. of this Article provided the employee has furnished the department with a certificate signed by a licensed physician stating the nature of the medical condition and period of disability.

D. Pregnant employees may also apply for a Nonoccupational Disability Leave for the term of disability as provided in Section 4. of this Article.

E. Parenthood Leave shall not be credited toward continuous service.

F. For employees on Parenthood Leave, merit increase dates, probation periods and performance evaluation dates shall be treated as if the employee were on Official Leave.

Section 11. Workers' Compensation Leave

A. When an injury is determined to be job related in accordance with Article XII, a regular, limited-term or probationary employee shall be placed on Workers' Compensation Leave. If such determination cannot readily be made and all sick leave, vacation, or annual leave subject to 100% payoff

has been applied to the absence, the employee shall be placed on Official Leave until a final determination is made.

B. Workers' Compensation Leave shall continue until the employee:

1. is determined to be physically able to return to work and such medical determination, if disputed, is confirmed by Workers' Compensation Appeals Board; or

2. is determined to be physically able to return to work with medical restrictions which the County can accept and such determination, if disputed, is confirmed by Workers' Compensation Appeals Board; or

3. accepts employment outside the County; or

4. accepts employment in another County position; or

5. has been found to be permanent and stationary and is not rehabilitated as provided by law; or

6. is retired pursuant to Government Code provisions.

C. If practicable, an employee on Workers' Compensation Leave or 4850 Leave will give notice two (2) weeks prior to the date he or she wants to return to work. If an employee does not give two (2) weeks notice prior to the date he or she wants to return to work, the department shall not be required to return the employee to work until such notice is given; however, the department may waive the notice or reduce the notice period at its discretion.

Section 12. Catastrophic Leave

The County will administer a Catastrophic Leave procedure designed to permit individual donations of annual leave, vacation, compensatory and/or PIP leave time to an employee who is required to be on an extended unpaid leave due to a catastrophic medical condition or other serious circumstances.

Section 13. Leave for Attendance at Professional Conferences – Probation Department

A. Employees may request three (3) working days leave with pay each fiscal year for attendance at professional training conferences subject to the following conditions:

1. The request is made timely on the appropriate Department request forms.

2. The conference and training are job related, certified by Department-required entities and attendance meets Department's scheduling and business operation needs.

3. The workload in the employee's unit must be such that he or she can be spared without negative impact on the unit.

4. The employee's absence will not result in overtime for the employee or others.

5. The employee's workload is current and his or her performance is standard or above.

6. The employee pays all costs connected with the conference attendance, including registration, meals, transportation and/or lodging, if any.

7. The employee agrees to provide within two (2) weeks following the conference a comprehensive report on the event through channels to Department-designated management or supervisory staff.

B. Attendance at training conferences by eligible members of this Unit shall be scheduled throughout the fiscal year to avoid concentration of absences at the same time in the department or in the assigned unit.

C. Multiple request to attend the same conference or conferences scheduled at the same time will be considered based upon availability based upon adequate coverage in the applicable units, past record of conference attendance, and applicability of the conference to the specific work assignment of the employee.

D. Request may be made for more than three (3) days Leave for attendance at a professional conference in any one (1) year under this provision; however, approval shall be at the discretion of the department.

E. Attendance at conferences out of the general area will require approval under the County Travel Request Procedure and is not covered by this provision.

Section 14. Family Leave

A. General Provisions

1. Family Leave shall be granted to the extent required by law. The following provisions set forth certain of the rights and obligations with

respect to this leave. Rights and obligations which are not specifically set forth below are set forth in the U.S. Department of Labor regulations implementing the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), and the regulations of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing implementing the California Family Rights Act (CFRA). Unless otherwise provided by this Section "family leave" under this Agreement shall mean leave pursuant to the FMLA and CFRA.

2. Family Leave may be used in the following situations:

   a. An employee's serious health condition which makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his/her job, except for leave taken for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions.

   b. The birth of a child, and in order to care for the newborn child within one year of birth.

   c. Placement of a child for adoption or foster care within one year of the placement.

   d. An employee's presence is needed to attend to a serious health condition of the employee's child, spouse, parent or a child of an employee standing in loco parentis (those with day-to-day responsibilities to care for and financially support a child).

   e. Leave for a qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, registered domestic partner, child or parent is on covered active duty or called to active duty status in the Armed Forces.

   f. Leave to care for a spouse, registered domestic partner, child, parent, or "next of kin" who is a covered service member of the Armed Forces who has a serious injury or illness incurred in the line of duty while on active military duty or that existed before the beginning of the member's active duty and was aggravated by service in the line of duty on active duty in the Armed Forces.

3. Employees must request and identify their need for Family Leave. The County and AOCDS agree that certain other types of leaves available to employees under this Agreement may meet the requirements of Family Leave pursuant to applicable law. The County may apply any time during which an employee is on such leave against the amount of Family Leave to which the employee is entitled.

4. Eligibility for Family Leave will be determined according to the requirements of applicable law.

5. Family leave shall not exceed twelve (12) work weeks for situations covered by subsection A(2)(a) – (d) above or twenty-six (26) weeks to care for a covered service member (subsection A(2)(e) and (f) above) during any calendar year. Where Family Leave qualifies as both military caregiver leave and care for a family member with a serious health condition, the leave will be designated as military caregiver leave first.

6. Leave taken under the FMLA for a disability due to pregnancy shall run concurrently with leave taken under the California Pregnancy Disability Act (See Section 4 of this Article). A family member may also be entitled to an additional twelve (12) weeks of bonding time under the CFRA.

7. The twelve (12) month period for calculating leave entitlement will be based on the calendar year (January 1 to December 31).

8. When a request for Family Leave is approved, the department shall determine whether sick leave, annual leave, compensatory leave, and/or vacation time is to be applied. Such determination shall be consistent with other leave provisions of this Agreement and shall give consideration to the circumstances and the wishes of the employee. The use of sick leave or annual leave shall be restricted to those circumstances which qualify under the provisions of Article IV., Section 1.B.

B. Notification Requirements

1. If the Family Leave is foreseeable, the employee must provide the department with thirty (30) calendar days notice of his or her intent to take Family Leave.

2. If the event necessitating the Family Leave becomes known to the employee less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the employee's need for Family Leave, the employee must provide as much notice as possible. In no case shall the employee provide notice later than five (5) calendar days after he or she learns of the need for Family Leave.

3. For foreseeable leave due to a qualifying exigency, an employee must provide notice of the need for leave as soon as practicable, regardless of how far in advance such leave is foreseeable.

4. When the Family Leave is for the purpose of the scheduled medical treatment or planned medical care of a child, parent, spouse or registered domestic partner, the employee shall, to the extent practicable, schedule treatment and/or care in a way that minimizes disruption to department operations.

C. Verification

1. As a condition to the approval of Family Leave, an employee may be required to furnish certification from the health care provider which states: (1) the date on which the condition commenced; (2) the probable duration of the condition; (3) an estimate of time that the employee needs to be off; (4) that the employee cannot perform his or her duties because of the employee's own serious health condition or that care is needed when the leave is for an eligible family member pursuant to applicable law.

2. Employees who request leave to care for a covered service member who is a child, spouse, registered domestic partner, parent or “next of kin” of the employee must provide written certification from a health care provider regarding the injured service member’s injury or illness.

3. The first time an employee requests leave because of a qualifying exigency, the employee is required to provide the County with a copy of the covered military member’s active duty orders or other documentation issued by the military which indicates that the covered military members in on active or called to active duty in a foreign country with the dates of active duty service. New active duty orders or similar documentation shall be provided to the County if the need for qualifying exigency leave arises out of a different active or call to active duty status of the same or a different covered military member.

4. Failure to provide satisfactory verification of the necessity for Family Leave is grounds for denial of the Family Leave.

ARTICLE V VACATION

Section 1. Accumulation of Vacation

A. During the first three (3) years of employment, a full-time employee in a regular or limited-term position shall earn .0385 hours of vacation for each hour of pay during his or her regularly scheduled workweek (approximately two [2] weeks per year). Part-time employees will earn vacation on a pro-rated basis.

B. After an employee in a regular or limited-term position has been paid for six thousand two hundred forty (6240) regularly scheduled hours, the employee shall earn .0577 hours of vacation for each hour of pay during his or her regularly scheduled workweek (approximately one hundred twenty [120] hours per year), but not to exceed credit for more than eighty (80) regularly scheduled hours in any pay period. Such credit shall be applied to the employee's vacation accumulation account only upon completion of each pay period. No credit shall be applied during the progress of any pay period or for any portion of a pay period during which the employee terminates County service.

C. Commencing with the pay period following that in which the employee completed ten (10) years of continuous full-time County service, an employee in a regular or limited-term position shall earn .077 hours of vacation for each hour of pay during his or her regularly scheduled workweek (approximately one hundred sixty [160] hours per year), under the same terms and conditions as under subsection B., above.

D. A new employee in a part-time regular or limited-term position shall earn pro rata vacation in fifty-two (52) week segments. At the conclusion of fifty-two (52) weeks of employment, the ratio of regularly scheduled hours paid to two thousand eighty (2080) shall be determined. The same ratio shall be applied to eighty (80) hours to establish the amount of vacation to be credited to the employee's account as of the conclusion of the pay period in which the fifty-two (52) week period ended. The same procedure shall be applied to each subsequent fifty-two (52) week period.

E. For employees in the Public Safety General Unit, the maximum allowable vacation credit may accrue at any one (1) time for a full-time employee shall be three hundred twenty (320) hours and a prorated amount equal to eight (8) weeks of vacation for part- time employees. An employee who has accrued the maximum allowable vacation credit will not accrue additional credit until the employee’s vacation credit drops below the maximum allowed.

F. For employees in the Public Safety Supervisory Unit, the maximum

allowable vacation credit may accrue at any one (1) time for a full-time employee shall be four hundred (400) hours and a prorated amount equal to ten (10) weeks of vacation for part- time employees. An employee who has accrued the maximum allowable vacation credit will not accrue additional credit until the employee's vacation credit drops below the maximum allowed.

Section 2. General Provisions

A. Not more than eighty (80) hours of paid time may be credited toward accumulation of vacation credit in any pay period.

B. An Official Leave of Absence shall cause the aforementioned ten (10) years (Article V, Section 1.C and F.) of full-time County service to be postponed a number of calendar days equal to the Official Leave.

C. When an employee's County service consists of part-time regular service or a combination of full-time regular and part-time regular service, both periods of service shall apply towards the required ten (10) years (Article V, Section 1.C. and F.) of County service, with the part-time service being applied proportionately to the appropriate full-time interval.

D. Additional vacation earned during the period of vacation may be taken consecutively.

E. In any use of vacation, an employee's account shall be charged to the nearest quarter hour.

F. Vacation shall be scheduled for employees by their department; however, consideration shall be given to effectuating the wishes of those employees requesting specific vacation periods.

G. No scheduled vacation will be cancelled, except in cases of emergency.

H. Illness while on paid vacation will be charged to Sick Leave rather than vacation only under the conditions specified in Article IV, Section 1.B.6.

I. No employee shall be permitted to work for compensation for the County in any capacity during the time of his or her paid vacation from the County service except as a Deputy Sheriff - Emergency Service, Election Board Officer or Election Night Help.

J. An employee separating from County service for reasons other than paid County retirement shall be paid for all accrued vacation in a lump sum payment. An employee who is separating from County service by way of paid County retirement may elect either to take time off for his or her vacation or to be paid for his or her vacation in a lump sum payment.

K. When a person is reemployed in a regular or limited-term position, the Chief Human Resources Officer may, upon the request of the department, apply the period of previous County continuous service for the purpose of determining vacation earning rates.

Section 3. Vacation Cash Out

A. Vacation Cash Out Where Employee Has No Annual Leave Balances

1. For employees with no annual leave balances in the Public Safety General unit, during each fiscal year, an employee may request to be paid for accrued vacation in either two (2) separate increments of up to twenty (20) hours each or one (1) increment of up to forty (40) hours. Such payment shall be made upon request unless the department determines it is not economically or operationally feasible. In such case, payment shall be made as soon as feasible.

2. For employees with no annual leave balances in the Public Safety Supervisory unit, during each fiscal year, an employee may request to be paid for accrued vacation in either two (2) separate increments of up to forty (40) hours each or one (1) increment of up to eighty (80) hours. Such payment shall be made upon request unless the department determines it is not economically or operationally feasible. In such case, payment shall be made as soon as feasible.

B. Vacation and Annual Leave Cash Out Where Employee Has Annual Leave Balances

1. An employee with annual leave balances in the Public Safety General unit shall be permitted to cash out vacation or any combination of vacation leave and annual leave, to an aggregate total of 70 hours, if the employee has more than 250 hours of accrued vacation hours at any point in the fiscal year.

2. An employee with annual leave balances in the Public Safety Supervisory unit shall be permitted to cash out vacation or any combination of vacation leave and annual leave, to an aggregate total of 110 hours, if the employee has more than 290 hours of accrued vacation hours at any point in the fiscal year.

C. Vacation and Annual Leave Cash Out – Compensation Earnable

Vacation and/or annual leave cash outs are compensation earnable (pensionable) as allowed by law. Employees should contact AOCDS or OCERS for further details.

ARTICLE VI ANNUAL LEAVE

The Annual Leave provisions shall apply to regular and limited term employees hired on or after July 15, 1977 and before this 2017-2021 MOU has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Employees hired prior to July 15, 1977 shall be covered by the Sick Leave and Vacation provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 1. Cessation of Annual Leave, Transition Time Period to Use Annual Leave

A. Effective the first day of the first full pay period following Board adoption of this 2017-2021 MOU, employees will no longer accrue annual leave. Instead, employees will accrue sick leave and vacation time pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 and Article V, Section 1.

B. Annual Leave that has been accumulated prior to the adoption of this MOU may be retained, provided however, that an employee who needs to use sick leave or vacation must first use accrued annual leave prior to use of sick leave or vacation, until all annual leave has been taken.

C. During the 90 day period beginning 30 days after the adoption of this MOU by the Board of Supervisors, employees will have a one-time opportunity to convert annual leave that has been accumulated prior to the implementation of this MOU to sick leave.

Section 2. Use of Annual Leave for Illness or Injury

A. Annual Leave may be applied to:

1. An absence necessitated by the employee's personal illness, injury or disability due to pregnancy or childbirth.

2. Medical and dental office appointments when absence during working hours for this purpose is authorized by the department.

3. Absence due to exposure to a contagious disease when quarantine is imposed by health authorities or when it is determined by a physician designated by the County that the presence of the employee on duty would endanger the health of others.

4. Absence from duty because the employee's presence is needed to attend to the serious illness of a member of his or her immediate family. For purposes of this Subsection, immediate family shall mean father, father-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, stepparent, brother, sister, wife, husband, child, grandparent, or legal ward.

5. Absence from duty because: (1) the employee's presence is needed to attend to the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventive care for, an employee or an employee's family member; or (2) an employee is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking and the employee uses the leave time for the purposes described in Labor Code sections 230(c) and 230.1(a). Use of this leave is limited to the time period specified in Labor Code section 233, except as to extra help employees, who will be limited to three (3) days provided they meet the requirements set forth in the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 (Labor Code sections 245-249). For purposes of this Subsection "family member" means child, parent, spouse, registered domestic partner, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling as those terms are defined by Labor Code section 245.5(c).

6. Absence from duty because of personal emergencies not to exceed thirty (30) annual leave hours during the fiscal year.

7. An absence due to an air pollution alert which prevents the employee from traveling to his or her work location.

B. An employee may be required to furnish a certificate issued by a licensed physician or registered nurse or other satisfactory evidence of illness, injury or medical condition, or medical or dental office calls when the department has notified the employee in advance of such a requirement or when the employee has been under the care of a physician.

C. Annual Leave shall not be applied to absences which occur on a County holiday.

Section 3. <u>Use of Annual Leave for Vacation</u>

A. Calendared annual leave, including vacations, shall be scheduled for employees by their agency/department; however, consideration shall be given to effectuating the wishes of those employees requesting specific vacation periods.

B. No scheduled annual leave will be cancelled by the agency/department except in cases of emergency.

C. No employee shall be required to return to work for the County in any capacity during the time of his or her paid annual leave from the County service, except in cases of emergency.

D. No employee shall be permitted to work for compensation for the County in any capacity during the time of his or her paid vacation from the County

service except as a Fire Suppression Volunteer, Deputy Sheriff-Emergency Service, Election Board Officer or Election Night Help.

E. Holidays which fall during an employee's annual leave (vacation) period shall not be charged against the employee's annual leave balance.

Section 4. General Provisions

A. Not more than eighty (80) hours of paid time may be credited toward accumulation of annual leave in any pay period.

B. An Official Leave of Absence shall cause the aforementioned ten (10) years (Section 1.C.) of full-time County service to be postponed a number of calendar days equal to the Official Leave.

C. When an employee's County service consists of part-time regular service or a combination of full-time regular and part-time regular service, both periods of service shall apply toward the required ten (10) years (Section 1.C.) of County Service, with the part-time service being applied proportionately to the appropriate full-time interval.

D. Additional annual leave earned during the period of annual leave may be taken consecutively.

E. In any use of annual leave, an employee's account shall be charged to the nearest quarter hour.

F. When a person is reemployed in a regular or limited term position, the Chief Human Resources Officer may, upon the request of the agency/department, apply the period of previous County continuous service for the purpose of determining annual leave earning rates.

G. The parties agree that the Annual Leave Plan shall not impact compensation, compensation earnable or final compensation as defined by the 1937 Retirement Act, above or below that to which employees would have been entitled prior to this agreement. If a court should decide that benefits under this plan, or analogous benefits, increase compensation, compensation earnable or final compensation above that to which employees would have been entitled prior to this agreement, the parties agree to meet and confer regarding employee/employer responsibility for funding said increase. Increased costs shall not be automatically assumed by the County.

H. The parties will jointly monitor and review on a regular basis, the effectiveness of the Annual Leave Plan to ensure that plan goals are met. The parties also acknowledge that in order to meet the goals of the Annual Leave Plan, refinements or changes may become necessary. If unanticipated consequences arise, the parties shall meet and attempt to mitigate those

consequences. If it is found that the plan is not meeting the objectives, it may be discontinued. However, neither party shall have the right to unilaterally modify this agreement as a result of discussions prior to the expiration of the overall Memorandum of Understanding between the parties.

Section 5. Payoff of Unused Annual Leave

A. An employee in the Public Safety General Unit with over 600 hours of accrued annual leave shall be permitted to cash out seventy (70) hours of annual leave in a fiscal year upon request.

An employee in the Public Safety General Unit with 600 or less hours of accrued annual leave shall be permitted to cash out thirty-five (35) hours of annual leave in a fiscal year upon request. The employee may cash out up to an additional thirty-five (35) hours of annual leave in a fiscal year if determined by the Agency/Department to be economically and/or operationally feasible to do so at the time of request. In no event shall an employee be paid for more than 70 hours of annual leave in a fiscal year.

An employee in the Public Safety Supervisory Unit with over 600 hours of accrued annual leave shall be permitted to cash out one-hundred and ten (110) hours of annual leave in a fiscal year upon request.

An employee in the Public Safety Supervisory Unit with 600 or less hours of accrued annual leave shall be permitted to cash out fifty-five (55) hours of annual leave in a fiscal year upon request. The employee may cash out up to an additional fifty-five (55) hours of annual leave in a fiscal year if determined by the Agency/Department.

To be economically and/or operationally feasible to do so at the time of the request. In no event shall an employee be paid for more than 110 hours of annual leave in fiscal year.

B. An employee separating from County service shall be paid in a lump sum payment for the unused annual leave balance as provided below.
Notwithstanding the above, any annual leave taken off during the final two (2) pay periods of employment with the County will be deducted from the annual leave payoff provisions set forth above. This provision shall not apply to the use of family leave, pregnancy leave, workers compensation leave, or other statutorily protected leave during the final two (2) pay periods of employment.

C. A Public Safety General unit employee separating from County service shall be paid in a lump sum payment for the unused annual leave balance as provided below:

Years of Service	Maximum Payoff
Less than 3 years	160 hours maximum paid at 100%
3 but less than 10 years	240 hours maximum paid at 100%
10 or more years	A maximum of 1600 hours of the accrued annual leave balance has cash value. 320 hours are paid at 100%; the remaining balance, after the 320 hours are deducted, obtains cash value of 2% for each year of service, to a maximum of 50% i.e., 12 years of service equals 24% cash value for remaining balance; 25 or more years of service equals 50% cash value of the remaining balance.

Notwithstanding the above, no employee may receive a payoff paid at 100% that exceeds 320 hours for combined accrued vacation and annual leave. Accrued vacation will be paid at 100% up to the accrual limits specified in Article V, Section 1.E. If an employee has less than 320 vacation hours, the amount of annual leave hours that the employee will be paid at 100% from the annual leave accrual will be the difference between 320 and the amount of vacation hours that the employee has accrued. (Accrued vacation that is taken as time-off for purposes of retirement (See Article V, Section 2), will be considered as a payoff for purposes of this provision). Employees with 10 or more years of service will be eligible to receive pro-rated payouts at the time of separation in the percentages referenced above for all accrued annual leave hours remaining after the 100% payout, up to 1600 hours.

D. A Public Safety Supervisory unit employee separating from County service shall be paid in a lump sum payment for the unused annual leave balance as provided below:

Years of Service	Maximum Payoff
Less than 3 years	240 hours maximum paid at 100%
3 but less than 10 years	320 hours maximum paid at 100%

10 or more years	A maximum of 1600 hours of the accrued annual leave balance has cash value. 400 hours are paid at 100%; the remaining balance, after the 400 hours are deducted, obtains cash value of 2% for each year of service, to a maximum of 50% i.e., 12 years of service equals 24% cash value for remaining balance; 25 or more years of service equals 50% cash value of the remaining balance after deducted from the 1600 maximum.

Notwithstanding the above, no employee may receive a payoff paid at 100% that exceeds 400 hours for combined accrued vacation and annual leave. Accrued vacation will be paid at 100% up to the accrual limits specified in Article V, Section 1.F. If an employee has less than 400 vacation hours, the amount of annual leave hours that the employee will be paid at 100% from the annual leave accrual will be the difference between 400 and the amount of vacation hours that the employee has accrued. (Accrued vacation that is taken as time-off for purposes of retirement (See Article V, Section 2), will be considered as a payoff for purposes of this provision). Employees with 10 or more years of service will be eligible to receive pro-rated payouts at the time of separation in the percentages referenced above for all accrued annual leave hours remaining after the 100% payout, up to 1600 hours.

E. Years of service as used herein shall be the equivalent of full-time continuous service hours in a regular position. Partial years of service shall be prorated.

An employee who is separating from County service by way of paid County retirement may elect either to take annual leave as time off, or be paid for his or her annual leave in a lump sum payment. The amount of annual leave which can be taken as time off shall be limited to the amount of hours the employee is eligible to receive at 100%. The remaining balance (up to the allowed maximum less the hours taken as time off) shall be paid in accordance with the annual leave payoff provisions above.

ARTICLE VII HOLIDAYS

Section 1. Holidays Observed

A. Except as modified below, County employees shall observe the following holidays:

2019:
Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday, January 21
Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
Washington's Birthday, February 18
Memorial Day, May 27
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 2
Columbus Day, October 14
Veteran's Day, November 11
Thanksgiving Day, November 28
Day after Thanksgiving, November 29
Christmas Day, December 25

2020:
New Year's Day, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, January 20
Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
Washington's Birthday, February 17
Memorial Day, May 25
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 7
Columbus Day, October 12
Veteran's Day, November 11
Thanksgiving Day, November 26
Day after Thanksgiving, November 27
Christmas Day, December 25

2021:
New Year's Day, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, January 18
Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
Washington's Birthday, February 15
Memorial Day, May 31

B. If a holiday falls on a Saturday but is observed on the preceding Friday by the Municipal and/or Superior Courts, employees who have been designated by the County as being necessary to the operation of said courts may be allowed to observe the Court observed Friday holiday in lieu of the Saturday holiday provided such employees are given notice of their work schedule change not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the holiday.

C. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the next day shall be observed as the holiday, except as noted in E. below.

D. When Christmas Day or New Year's Day fall on a Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding shall be observed as the holiday, except as noted in F. below.

E. When Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Independence Day or Veteran's Day, falls on a Sunday, the next day (Monday) shall be observed as the holiday unless an employee is required to work on December 25, January 1, February 12, July 4 or November 11 as part of his or her normal work schedule. In such cases the employee may, with department approval, observe the holiday on December 25, January 1, February 12, July 4 or November 11. Under no circumstances shall an employee receive holiday compensation for both the actual day of observance of the holidays and the following Monday.

F. When Christmas Day or New Year's Day falls on a Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding shall be observed as the holiday unless an employee is required to work on December 25 or January 1, as part of his or her normal work schedule. In such cases the employee may, with department approval, observe the holiday on December 25 or January 1. Under no circumstances shall an employee receive holiday compensation for both the actual day of observance of the holidays and the Friday immediately preceding.

Section 2. <u>Eligibility for Holiday Pay</u>

A. An employee must be paid for all or a portion of both the regularly scheduled working assignment immediately prior to a holiday and the regularly scheduled working assignment immediately after that holiday in order to receive holiday pay. With County approval, compensatory time earned for working on a holiday or for a holiday falling on a regularly scheduled day off may be taken on the first scheduled working day after the holiday.

B. A new employee whose first working day is the day after a holiday shall not be paid for that holiday.

C. An employee who elects paid County retirement on a holiday shall be paid

for the holiday.

D. An employee who is terminating employment for reasons other than paid County retirement and whose last day as a paid employee is the day before a holiday shall not be paid for that holiday.

E. Only regular, limited-term and probationary employees shall be eligible for holiday pay.

Section 3. Holiday Pay

A. On each of the holidays designated above, each full-time employee scheduled to work but permitted to take the day off shall receive pay computed at the employee's basic hourly rate for the number of hours the employee was regularly scheduled to work.

B. On each of the holidays designated above, each part-time employee scheduled to work but permitted to take the day off shall receive pay computed at the employee's basic hourly rate for the number of hours the employee was regularly scheduled to work.

C. Compensation for Holidays Falling on Scheduled Days Off

1. When a holiday falls on a full-time employee's regularly scheduled day off, the employee shall receive eight (8) hours of compensatory time.

2. A part-time employee shall receive compensatory time at the rate of one (1) hour for each five (5) hours of regularly scheduled work in the workweek to a maximum of eight (8) hours of compensatory time.

D. Compensation for Work on Holidays

1. An employee who is required to work on Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday or Washington's Birthday and who meets the eligibility requirements contained herein shall receive his or her regular pay for each hour worked. Work performed on a holiday which is overtime as defined in Article I, Section 1., shall be compensated as provided in Article I, Section 2.C.1.

2. An employee who is required to work on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day or Thanksgiving Day shall receive pay computed at one and one-half (1 1/2) times

the employee's basic hourly rate for the number of hours actually worked.

3. An employee who is required to work on a holiday and who meets the eligibility requirements contained herein shall receive, in addition to pay as provided in D.1. or 2. of this Section, compensatory time for each hour worked to a maximum of eight (8) hours.

E. Holidays which fall during an employee's vacation period shall not be charged against the employee's vacation balance.

F. Full-time employees who are on a pay status during the pay period which includes March 1 each fiscal year during the term of this Agreement shall be credited with two (2) hours of compensatory time at the end of the pay period which includes that date. Part-time employees whose regularly assigned work schedule is at least twenty (20) hours per week shall, in like manner, earn and be credited with one (1) hour of compensatory time.

G. Compensatory time earned under the provisions of this Section may be granted as compensatory time off or paid for at the discretion of the County, as provided in Article I, Section 2.C.2. of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS

Section 1. Mileage Reimbursement

Subject to the current Vehicle Rules and Regulations established by the Board, an employee who is authorized to use a private automobile in the performance of duties shall be reimbursed for each mile driven in the performance of his or her duties during each monthly period as follows:

A. Except as provided below, the reimbursement rate shall be the Internal Revenue Service Standard Mileage Rate for the Business Use of a Car.

B. The reimbursement rate for an employee in the class of Deputy Probation Officer I, Deputy Probation Officer II Senior Deputy Probation Officer, Supervising Probation Officer, and Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer shall be the differential rate of ten (10) cents per mile above the standard IRS mileage rate.

C. For an employee in the class of Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer I, Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II and Senior Juvenile Correctional Officer, Deputy Coroner, Sr. Deputy Coroner, Supervising Deputy Coroner, Park Ranger I, Park Ranger II, Sr. Park Ranger, and Supervising Park Ranger, who drives two-hundred fifty (250) or more miles in any calendar month in the performance of his or her duties, the reimbursement rate shall be the differential rate of ten (10) cents per mile above the standard IRS mileage rate for each mile driven that month in the performance of his or her duties.

D. Effective the first day of the first full pay period following Board adoption of the MOU, an employee in the Public Assistance Investigator series who is authorized to use a private automobile in the performance of duties shall be paid as follows, subject to the current Vehicle Rules and Regulations established by the Board. The per mile reimbursement rate shall be a flat rate, set at the higher of the IRS rate or the highest rate which applies to any represented employees of the County.

E. There shall not be any duplication or pyramiding of reimbursement rates paid under this Section.

Section 2. Mileage Reimbursement – Claims Less Than $10

An employee who is required by the County to furnish a privately owned vehicle for the performance of his or her duties shall receive a minimum of ten (10) dollars in any month in which actual mileage is incurred but the actual

mileage reimbursement would otherwise be less than ten (10) dollars. Employees may be eligible for the minimum mileage reimbursement if all of the following conditions are met:

A. The employee has actually worked eighty (80) hours in the month;

B. The employee used their vehicle and has filed a claim for mileage reimbursement;

C. The department/agency has certified that the employee was required to use the employee's privately owned vehicle to perform the essential functions of the employee's job.

Section 3. Transportation Supplement – Public Assistance Investigator Series

Effective August 2020, the County shall pay a five hundred fifty ($550) dollar annual transportation expense allowance to employees in the Public Assistance Investigator series employed as of August 1 each year who are regularly required to use a private vehicle in their employment. Additionally, the County shall pay five hundred fifty ($550) dollars to employees in the Public Assistance Investigator series who drive more than six thousand (6000) miles on County business in a fiscal year. Eligible employees must submit a claim on or before August 31 of each year.

Employees in the Public Assistance Investigator series who drives their private vehicle in the performance of County duties shall be reimbursed for their insurance deductible, up to a maximum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) in the event of an on-duty vehicle accident or damage to the vehicle.

In order to receive reimbursement, the employee shall provide to the department sufficient proof of the insurance deductible amount, a copy of the police crime or accident report or a memo if no report is applicable, and a receipt showing the deductible amount was paid by the employee before reimbursement will be made to the employee.

Should the employee receive future reimbursement of the deductible amount from another source, it shall be the responsibility of the employee to return the amount previously reimbursed to the Department.

Section 4. Personal Property Reimbursement

Employees shall, in proper cases, be reimbursed for the repair or replacement of personal property damaged in the line of duty without fault of the employee. The amount of reimbursement for articles of clothing shall be the depreciated value based on the age and condition of the article. Reimbursement for a watch shall be limited to the functional value of the watch.

Section 5. Boots

Employees in the below listed classes who are required to furnish their own safety work boots shall be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of three hundred ($300) dollars per fiscal year.

Park Ranger I
Park Ranger II
Senior Park Ranger
Supervising Park Ranger

Section 6. Educational and Professional Reimbursement

A. Objective

The Educational and Professional Reimbursement Program is designed to encourage employees to continue their professional development through a variety of opportunities. In order to qualify for the program, one or more of the following criteria must be met:

- Related to the work of the employee's position or occupation
- Prepares the employee to transition to an alternate County occupation
- Prepares the employee for advancement to positions of greater responsibility in the County

In addition, items eligible for reimbursement must have the reasonable potential for contributing to achieving County business objectives.

B. Eligible Employees

All regular full-time, part-time, limited-term, and probationary employees performing their jobs satisfactorily are eligible for reimbursement.

C. Reimbursement Eligibility

1. The following are eligible for reimbursement:

   a. Courses related to obtaining a degree (AA, BA, BS, Masters, Ph.D.)

   b. Accredited certificate programs

c. Vocational skills program

d. Courses related to obtaining or maintaining business related certifications, licenses, or accreditation

e. Courses related to preparing to take tests to obtain business related certifications, licenses, or accreditation

f. Professional conferences, conventions, and seminars that are related to business objectives

g. Fees related to obtaining and/or renewing a license, including special drivers' licenses

h. Fees related to certifications or accreditations

i. Fees related to taking professional examinations

j. Professional association membership fees

2. In general, any courses taken through the program must be taken on employee time. However, at the discretion of the Department Head or designee, a course may be taken on County time when it specifically meets a business need, and is not available during the employee's non-work hours.

3. Courses are not eligible for reimbursement if they:

a. Are taken to bring unsatisfactory performance up to an acceptable level;

b. Are taken to acquire skills or knowledge which the employee was deemed to have when appointed;

c. Duplicate available in-service training; and/or

d. Duplicate training which the employee has already had.

D. <u>Nature of Reimbursement</u>

1. Reimbursement may be made for all required fees, registration, and other costs related directly to the approved educational or professional expense. This may include, but is not limited to, books, class materials, lab fees, testing fees, parking, and processing fees.

2. Expenses for travel, meals, and lodging are not reimbursable, however, the Department Head or designee may authorize payment for these items when it meets their business needs and is budgeted in their travel expense budget.

3. For degree programs, reimbursement shall be made to the employee upon completion of the course with a minimum final grade of C or its equivalent in an undergraduate course, or B or its equivalent in a graduate level course.

4. Reimbursement for non-graded courses shall be made upon completion of an approved course and proof of payment.

5. Public Service Institute (PSI) courses are not eligible for reimbursement.

6. If an employee is receiving reimbursement for another source that covers a portion of the costs, the County will only pay the remaining amount, after other reimbursements are exhausted.

7. The maximum reimbursement that may be received by eligible employees in one fiscal year shall be $4,000.

E. Request Procedure

1. The employee shall apply for approval of reimbursement through normal supervisory channels on forms provided by Department.

2. The employee's Agency/Department Head shall either approve the application or deny it based on the criteria set forth in this policy.

3. Upon completion of an approved course, or payment of fees for approved memberships, licenses, certifications, or accreditations, the employee shall furnish proof of payment, and proof of grade (where applicable) to the Agency/Department Head as soon as possible.

4. Upon approval by the Agency/Department Head, the Auditor Controller shall issue a warrant to the employee for reimbursement.

ARTICLE IX DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Section 1. Reprimand and Substandard Performance Evaluation

A. No regular, limited-term or probationary employee shall receive a written reprimand or a substandard performance evaluation except for reasonable cause.

B. A written reprimand or substandard performance evaluation (i.e., a rating of “Does Not Meet Objectives”) given to a regular, limited-term or probationary employee may be appealed through the grievance/appeal procedure. Such appeal shall be initiated at Step 1 of the grievance/appeal procedure.

Section 2. Emergency Suspensions of Five Days or Less

A. In suspending a regular, limited-term or probationary employee for five (5) days or less when it is necessary to remove the employee from the work site immediately because of a potential emergency situation, including, but not limited to, situations that may endanger life or property the employee shall:

1. whenever practicable, be given an opportunity to respond to the proposed suspension to a designated department representative with the authority to make an effective recommendation on the proposed suspension prior to the suspension becoming effective;

2. be informed of the employee's right to representation in the response;

3. be informed of the employee's right to appeal should the proposed suspension become final.

B. In such emergency suspensions, the procedural requirements of Section 3., below, shall be complied with within ten (10) days following the effective date of the disciplinary action.

Section 3. Pre-Disciplinary Hearing for Suspension, Reduction or Discharge

A. In suspending an employee in a non-emergency situation or in reducing a regular, limited-term or probationary employee for reasons of unsatisfactory performance or physical disability or in discharging a regular or limited-term regular employee, a written notice of such proposed disciplinary action shall be served on the employee personally, or by certified mail, at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the effective date of the proposed action. Such written notice shall contain:

1. a description of the proposed action and its effective date(s);

2. a statement of the reasons for such proposed action, including the acts or omissions on which the proposed action is based;

3. copies of material on which the proposed action is based;

4. a statement of the employee's right to respond, either orally or in writing, prior to the effective date of such proposed action;

5. a statement of the employee's right to representation;

6. a statement of the employee's right to appeal should such proposed action become final.

B. Prior to the effective date of such suspension, reduction or discharge, an employee will be given an opportunity to respond either orally or in writing, at the employee's option, to a designated Department representative with the authority to make an effective recommendation on the proposed disciplinary action.

C. An employee shall be given reasonable time off without loss of pay to attend a hearing pursuant to this Article.

D. An employee may represent himself or herself or may be represented by AOCDS in a hearing pursuant to this Article.

E. An employee shall receive written notice either sustaining, modifying or cancelling a proposed discharge on or prior to the effective date of such action.

F. An employee shall receive written notice either sustaining, modifying or cancelling a proposed suspension or reduction prior to the effective date of such action except that such written notice may be given after the imposition of suspensions pursuant to Section 2., above.

G. Should a proposed reduction or suspension become final, an employee shall have the right to appeal such action pursuant to Sections 4. and 5. of this Article.

H. Should a proposed discharge become final, an employee shall have the right to appeal such action pursuant to Section 6. of this Article.

Section 4. <u>Suspension</u>

A. No regular, limited-term or probationary employee shall be suspended

except for reasonable cause.

B. A written notice of such suspension stating specifically the cause of the suspension shall be given to the employee.

C. In accordance with the provisions of Article X, an appeal of suspension shall be initiated at Step 2 of the grievance/appeal procedure, except for suspensions imposed by the County Executive Officer, which may be referred directly to arbitration.

Section 5. Reduction

A. No regular employee or limited-term regular employee shall be reduced to a position in a lower class for reasons of unsatisfactory performance or physical disability except for reasonable cause.

B. A written notice of such reduction stating specifically the cause of the reduction shall be given to the employee.

C. In accordance with the provisions of Article X, an appeal of reduction for reasons of unsatisfactory performance or physical disability shall be initiated at the Step 2 of the grievance/appeal procedure; except for reductions imposed by the County Executive Officer which may be referred directly to arbitration.

Section 6. Discharge and Right of Appeal

A. No regular or limited-term regular employee shall be discharged except for reasonable cause. No proposed discharge shall be effected unless approved by the Chief Human Resources Officer except for discharges imposed by the County Executive Officer.

B. A written notice of such discharge stating specifically the cause of the discharge shall be given to the employee.

C. In accordance with the provisions of Article X, a discharge may be appealed directly to arbitration.

Section 7. Polygraph Examination

No employee shall be compelled to submit to a polygraph examination. No disciplinary action whatsoever shall be taken against an employee refusing to submit to a polygraph examination; nor shall any comment be anywhere recorded indicating that an employee offered to take, took or refused to take a polygraph examination unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties; nor shall any testimony or evidence of any kind regarding an employee's offer to

take, refusal to take, or the results of a polygraph examination be admissible in any proceeding pursuant to this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties.

Section 8. Investigatory Meetings

A. Employees covered under the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act (Cal. Government Code § 3300 et. sec.) are entitled to rights at the investigatory meeting to the extent required under that statute.

B. An employee in the Deputy Coroner series who is required to attend an investigatory meeting shall receive advance notice of such meeting. Such notice shall include:

1. A statement of the reasons for such meeting, including the subject matter and the fact that the meeting could lead to discipline, and

2. A statement of the employee's right to representation.

C. For employees in the Deputy Coroner series, all investigatory meetings shall be scheduled to allow an employee a reasonable opportunity to obtain representation. Whenever practicable, such notice shall be given at least three (3) working days prior to the meeting.

D. An employee may represent himself or herself or may be represented by AOCDS in an investigatory meeting. An employee in the Deputy Coroner series is not entitled to be represented by privately retained counsel at the meeting.

ARTICLE X GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AND DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

Section 1. Scope of Grievances

A. A grievance may be filed if a management interpretation or application of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding adversely affects an employee's wages, hours or conditions of employment.

B. Specifically excluded from the scope of grievances are:

1. subjects involving the amendment or change of Board of Supervisors resolutions, ordinances or minute orders, which do not incorporate the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding;

2. matters which have other means of appeal;

3. position classification;

4. a performance evaluation rating of “Meets Performance Objectives” or better.

Section 2. Basic Rules

A. If an employee does not present a grievance/appeal or does not appeal the decision rendered regarding his or her grievance/appeal within the time limits, the grievance/appeal shall be considered resolved.

B. If a County representative does not render a decision to the employee within the time limits, the employee may within seven (7) calendar days thereafter appeal to the next step in the procedure.

C. If it is the judgment of any management representative that he or she does not have the authority to resolve the grievance/appeal, he or she may refer it to the next step in the procedure. By mutual agreement of the County and AOCDS, any step of the procedure may be waived.

D. The Chief Human Resources Officer may temporarily suspend grievance/appeal processing on a section-wide, unit-wide, division-wide, department-wide or County-wide basis in an emergency situation. AOCDS may appeal this decision to the Board of Supervisors.

E. Upon written consent of the parties (i.e., the representatives of the County and the employee or his or her representative), the time limits at any step in the procedure may be extended.

F. Every reasonable effort shall be made by the employee and the County to resolve a grievance/appeal at the lowest possible step in the grievance/appeal procedure.

G. No claim shall be granted for retroactive adjustment of any grievance prior to sixty (60) calendar days from the date of filing the written grievance.

H. In order to encourage frank discussion and compromise in attempting to resolve grievances and other labor disputes, the County and AOCDS agree that the files of the respective parties concerning such matters shall be confidential, except that this shall not restrict any access that either party might otherwise have to the other's files.

Section 3. Submission of Grievances

A. Any employee or group of employees shall have the right to present a grievance. No employee or group of employees shall be hindered from or disciplined for exercising this right.

B. If any two (2) or more employees have essentially the same grievance they may, and if requested by the County must, collectively present and pursue their grievance if they report to the same immediate supervisor.

C. If the grievant is a group of more than three (3) employees, the group shall, at the request of the County, appoint one (1) or two (2) employees to speak for the collective group. To be considered a grievant in a group grievance, each employee must be individually identified as a grievant when the grievance is submitted at Step 1.

Section 4. Employee Representation

A. An employee may represent himself or herself or may be represented by AOCDS in the formal grievance/appeal procedure. AOCDS members are not entitled to be represented by privately retained counsel during the grievance process or arbitration hearing.

B. If an employee chooses not to be represented by AOCDS, AOCDS may have a representative present at Step 2 of the grievance/appeal procedure and/or arbitration and, if necessary, shall have the right to present AOCDS's interpretation of provisions of this Agreement at issue. Such presentation shall not include comments regarding the merits of the grievance. The decision of the arbitrator in such a case shall not be precedent setting and shall not be admissible in any subsequent dispute between the County and AOCDS.

Section 5. Time Off for Processing Grievances/Appeals

A. Reasonable time off without loss of pay shall be given to:

1. an employee who has a grievance/appeal in order to attend a meeting with his or her supervisor or other person with authority under the grievance/appeal procedure to resolve the matter or to meet with his or her grievance/appeal representative;

2. an authorized grievance/appeal representative in order to attend a meeting with the represented grievant's/appellant's supervisor or other person with authority under the grievance/appeal procedure to resolve the grievance/appeal or to obtain facts concerning the action grieved/appealed through discussion with the grievant/appellant or other employees or through examination of appropriate County records or locations relating to the grievance/appeal.

B. The following restrictions shall apply in all cases to activity authorized in Section 5.A., above:

1. Before performing grievance/appeal work, the grievant/appellant or grievance/appeal representative shall obtain permission of his or her supervisor and shall report back to the supervisor when the grievance/appeal work is completed.

2. Neither the grievant/appellant nor the grievance/appeal representative shall interrupt or leave his or her job to perform grievance/appeal work if his or her supervisor determines that such interruption or absence will unduly interfere with the work of the unit in which the grievant/appellant or representative is employed. However, an effort will be made to grant such time off as soon as it is feasible to do so.

3. When an authorized grievance/appeal representative must go into another section or unit to investigate a grievance/appeal, the representative shall be permitted to do so provided that:

a. the representative checks in and checks out with the supervisor of the unit; and

b. such investigation does not unduly interfere with the work of the unit.

Section 6. Informal Discussion

If an employee has a problem relating to a work situation, the employee is encouraged to request a meeting with his or her immediate supervisor to

discuss the problem in an effort to clarify the issue and to work cooperatively towards settlement.

Section 7. Grievance/Appeal Steps

The grievance/appeal procedure shall consist of the following steps, each of which must be completed prior to any request for further consideration of the matter unless waived by mutual consent or as otherwise provided herein.

Step 1: Agency/Department Head

An employee may formally submit a grievance to the agency/department head within fourteen (14) calendar days from the occurrence which gives rise to the problem. Such submission shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the grievance and the suggested solution. Within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the written grievance, agency/department head or his or her designee(s) shall meet with the grievant. Within fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter, a written decision shall be given to the grievant. The County shall, whenever practicable, notify the grievant if more than one (1) management representative shall attend the Step 1 grievance meeting.

Step 2: Chief Human Resources Officer

If the grievance/appeal is not settled under Step 1 and it concerns:

a. an interpretation or an application of this Memorandum of Understanding;

b. a performance evaluation rating of “Does Not Meet Objectives;”

c. deferral or denial of a merit increase, or a dispute about the number of steps granted; or

d. a written reprimand; or

it may be appealed in writing to the Chief Human Resources Officer within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the written decision from Step 1. Appeal of a probationary release alleging discrimination and/or suspension and/or a reduction ordered by the Department Head or his or her designated representative may be submitted in writing at Step 2 within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the notice of probationary release alleging discrimination and/or suspension and/or reduction. Within fourteen (14)

calendar days after receipt of the written grievance/appeal, the Chief Human Resources Officer or his or her representative shall meet with the grievant/appellant. Within fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter, a written decision shall be given to the grievant/appellant. The decision of the Chief Human Resources Officer in B., C. and D., above, shall be final and binding and shall not be referable to arbitration.

Section 8. Referrals to Arbitration

A. Grievances

1. If a grievance is not resolved under Step 2, an arbitration request may be presented in writing to the Chief Human Resources Officer within seven (7) calendar days from the date a decision was rendered at Step 2. Within 30 days of the submission of the arbitration request, the arbitration hearing date shall be calendared, unless the parties agree to extend the time allowed for calendaring. If mediation is going to be held and the grievance is not settled through the mediation process, the arbitration hearing date shall be calendared within 30 days of the mediation, unless the parties agree to extend the time allowed for calendaring. As soon as practicable thereafter, or as otherwise agreed to by the parties, an arbitrator shall hear the grievance.

2. The parties shall either sign a joint issue submission statement or else execute and sign separate alternative issue statements after discussing the issue(s). In either case, the parties shall send copies of their joint or separate submission statement(s) to each other within fourteen (14) calendar days before the first scheduled date of the arbitration hearing.

B. Disciplinary Appeals

1. Submission Procedure

a. If an appeal from suspension or reduction is not settled at Step 2, it may be presented to the Chief Human Resources Officer within seven (7) calendar days from the date the decision was rendered.

b. An appeal from any discharge or from a suspension or reduction imposed by the County Executive Officer may be presented to the Chief Human Resources Officer within ten (10) calendar days from the date the action becomes final.

c. All disciplinary appeals shall be signed by an employee or by a representative of AOCDS and shall be submitted in writing.

d. The issues in all disciplinary appeals shall be: Was (employee's name) suspended/reduced/discharged for reasonable cause? If not, to what remedy is the appellant entitled under the provisions of Article IX, Section 8. of the MOU?

e. As soon as practicable after a suspension, reduction or discharge appeal is presented to the Chief Human Resources Officer, an arbitrator shall hear the appeal.

2. Findings of Facts and Remedies

a. Findings of Facts

An arbitrator's decision shall set forth the findings as to each of the charges and the reasons therefore. The arbitrator may sustain, modify or rescind an appealed disciplinary action as follows and subject to the following restrictions:

b. Remedies - All Disciplinary Actions (Other than Discharge)

1. If the arbitrator finds that the disciplinary action was taken for reasonable cause, he or she shall sustain the action.

2. Suspensions/Reductions

If the action is modified or rescinded, the employee shall be entitled to restoration of pay and/or fringe benefits in a manner consistent with the arbitrator's decision.

c. Remedies - Discharges

1. If the arbitrator finds that the order of discharge should be modified, the employee shall be restored to a position in his or her former class subject to forfeiture of pay and fringe benefits for all or a portion of the period of time the employee was removed from duty as determined by the arbitrator.
2. If the arbitrator finds that the order of discharge should be rescinded, the employee shall be reinstated in a position in his or her former class and shall receive pay and fringe benefits for all of the period of time he or she was removed from duty.

3. Restoration of pay and benefits shall be subject to

reimbursement of all unemployment insurance and additional outside earnings which the employee received since the date of discharge.

C. Probationary Releases Alleging Discrimination

1. The issues to be submitted to the arbitrator in grievances filed pursuant to Article III, Section 1.C.3. shall be as follows and shall be submitted consistent with Section 8.A., above.

   a. Was the probationary release of (employee's name) in whole or in part the result of discrimination in violation of Article XVII, NONDISCRIMINATION, of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and AOCDS?

   b. If so, what shall the remedy be under the provisions of Article IX, Section 8.C.2., Findings of Facts and Remedies, of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and AOCDS?

2. Findings of Facts and Remedies

   a. In the event the arbitrator finds no violation of Article XVII, NONDISCRIMINATION, the grievance shall be denied and the issue of remedy becomes moot.

   b. In the event the arbitrator finds a violation of Article XVII, NONDISCRIMINATION, but also finds such violation was not a substantial cause of the employee's probationary release, the grievance shall be denied and the issue of remedy becomes moot.

   c. In the event the arbitrator finds a violation of Article XVII, NONDISCRIMINATION, and also finds that the violation was a substantial cause of the probationary release of the employee, the arbitrator's award shall depend upon the significance of the violation and shall be in keeping with the following alternatives:

      1. The probationary release may be sustained.

      2. The employee may be reinstated in a position in his or her former class subject to forfeiture of pay and fringe benefits for all or a portion of the period of time the employee was removed from duty. The employee may be required to serve the remainder of any outstanding probation period.

3. The employee may be reinstated in a position in his or her former class with full back pay and benefits for all of the period of time the employee was removed from duty. The employee may be required to serve the remainder of any outstanding probation period.

D. General Provisions

1. Except as otherwise required by law, the cost of an arbitrator shall be shared equally in all cases by the County and the appealing party except when the appealing party solely alleges discrimination under Article XVIII, in which case the County shall bear the full cost. When the grievance involves both discrimination and other arbitrable issues, the proper division of costs shall be determined by the arbitrator.

2. Grievance/Appeal hearings by an arbitrator shall be private.

3. Arbitration appeal hearings of suspensions of less than forty (40) hours shall be limited to two (2) days unless both parties agree that a longer hearing is necessary. Both parties shall be allotted equal time during arbitration hearings involving such suspensions. The two (2) day limitation for arbitration appeal hearings shall not apply to suspensions imposed by the County Executive Officer.

4. The arbitrator shall be selected by the mutual agreement of the parties. If the parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator, a list of seven (7) arbitrators shall be obtained from the California State Mediation and Conciliation Service, the American Arbitration Association or some other agreed upon source and each party shall alternately strike one (1) name from the list until only one (1) name remains.

5. Upon written request by the opposing party in a pending hearing given at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the scheduled hearing date, the party requested shall supply to the party submitting the request copies of all documentary evidence to be used by that party at the hearing. Such evidence shall be provided no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Any evidence not so provided may not be admitted or offered as evidence at the subsequent hearing except that any such documentary evidence discovered by a party after such a request for copies but not soon enough to comply with the above time limits may be admitted providing it could not have been discovered sooner by reasonable means and provided further that a copy or copies of such evidence be afforded the requesting party as soon as practicable after such

discovery. Nothing contained herein shall operate to prevent either party from presenting additional documents by way of rebuttal.

6. An employee shall not suffer loss of pay for time spent as a witness at an arbitration hearing held pursuant to this procedure. The number of witnesses requested to attend and their scheduling shall be reasonable.

7. At the hearing, both the appealing employee and the County shall have the right to be heard and to present evidence. The following rules shall apply:

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

   b. Each party shall have these rights: to call and examine witnesses, to introduce exhibits, to cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues even though that matter was not covered in the direct examination, to impeach any witness regardless of which party first called the witness to testify and to rebut the evidence against the witness. If the employee does not testify in his or her own behalf, the employee may be called and examined as if under cross-examination.

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

9. The County shall be allowed to have one (1) employee, who may be called upon to testify as a witness, present at the arbitration hearing at all times.

10. The parties agree to forego the use of briefs and transcripts whenever practicable, except that any party may opt to file a closing brief in lieu of an oral closing argument. The parties agree to, whenever practicable, forgo the use of a court reporter in arbitrations resulting from a suspension.

11. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties.

12. As an alternative to proceeding directly to arbitration after completion of Step 2, the parties may mutually agree to submit a grievance/appeal to mediation. A request for mediation may be presented in writing to the Chief Human Resources Officer within seven (7) calendar days from the date a decision was rendered at Step 2. A request for mediation will automatically suspend the normal processing of a grievance until the mediation process is completed or the request is denied. The County shall respond to a request for mediation within thirty (30) calendar days. The mediation process shall be optional, and any opinion expressed by the mediator shall be informal, considered advisory and shall not be admissible evidence in any arbitration that should follow. Within seven (7) calendar days after completion of the mediation process or denial of a request for mediation, an arbitration request may be filed pursuant to Section 8.A. or B., above.

ARTICLE XI LAYOFF PROCEDURE

Section 1. General Provisions

A. This procedure shall not apply to a temporary layoff of less than four (4) consecutive weeks.

B. This procedure shall not apply to employees who have special or unique knowledges or skills which are of special value in the operation of the County business.

C. When two (2) or more agencies/departments are consolidated or when one (1) or more functions of one (1) agency/department are transferred to another agency/department, employees in all involved agencies/departments shall be subject to layoff if one is necessary.

D. Section 7., Reemployment Lists, and Section 8., Status on Reemployment, of this Article, shall not apply if the County has a written agreement with an employer, public or private, which guarantees the County employee an offer of reasonably comparable employment with the new employer who is taking over a function formerly performed by County employees and the new employer makes such an offer in writing to the employee.

Section 2. Order of Layoff

A. When a reduction in the work force is necessary, employees in regular positions and those occupying limited-term positions at the direction of their agency/department head shall be laid off in an order based on consideration of:

1. employment status,

2. past performance,

3. length of continuous service with the County.

B. Layoffs shall be made by class within the department except that:

1. Where a class has a dual or multiple concept, the Chief Human Resources Officer may authorize a layoff by specialty within the class.

2. Where appropriate, the Chief Human Resources Officer may authorize a layoff by division or smaller unit of the department.

C. Within a class, employees shall be subject to layoff in the following order:

Employment Status	Layoff Order
First - Temporary Promotion	Determined by Department
Second - New Probationary	Determined by Department
Third - Regular/Promotional Probationary	Layoff Points

After all new probationary employees and employees on temporary promotion have been removed from a class within a layoff unit, the employee with the lowest number of layoff points shall be subject to layoff first. When two (2) or more employees have the same number of layoff points, the department shall determine the order of layoff for these employees.

D. If a layoff is going to be made in a class from which an employee has left through a temporary promotion, the employee on temporary promotion shall be returned to his or her former class and shall be subject to layoff in accordance with this procedure.

E. AOCDS may designate employees who are regular AOCDS officers or area representatives to receive special seniority for purposes of layoff. The number of employees so designated shall not exceed two (2) percent of the employees in the Representation Unit. Employees so designated shall receive two hundred sixty (260) layoff points in addition to layoff points computed pursuant to Section 3., below.

Section 3. Computation of Layoff Points

Seniority Points:

The equivalent of each year of full-time continuous service with the County shall earn two hundred sixty (260) seniority points.

The equivalent of each regularly scheduled full day of continuous service of a partial year shall earn one (1) seniority point.

Demerit Points:

For a rating of “Does Not Meet Objectives” on the last “Performance Evaluation Report,” for the class currently held by the employee, the employee shall earn two-hundred sixty (260) demerit points. Demerit points shall only be used in the currently held class of an employee. Demerit points shall not be applied to an

employee seeking to enter a lower class through voluntary reduction in lieu of layoff.

Layoff Points:

Layoff points shall be computed by subtracting demerit points, if any, from seniority points.

Section 4. Notification of Employees

A. Written notice of layoff shall be given to an employee or sent by mail to the last known mailing address at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the effective date of the layoff. Notices of layoff shall be served on employees personally at work whenever practicable.

B. It is the intent of the parties that the number of layoff notices initially issued shall be limited to the number of positions by which the work force is intended to be reduced. Additional notices shall be issued as other employees become subject to layoff as a result of employees exercising reduction rights under Section 5.

C. The notice of layoff shall include the reason for the layoff, the proposed effective date of the layoff, the employee's hire date, the employee's layoff points, a list of classes in the employee's occupational series within the layoff unit, the employee's rights under Sections 5. and 6. and the right of the employee to advise the County of any objection to the content of the layoff notice prior to the proposed effective date of the layoff.

Section 5. Voluntary Reduction in Lieu of Layoff

A. A promotional probationary or regular employee who is subject to layoff may request a reduction to a lower class within the same occupational series in the layoff unit provided the employee possesses the minimum qualifications for the class and passes any required performance tests. The reduction shall be made if there is a vacant position in the layoff unit or an incumbent in the lower class in the layoff unit has fewer layoff points than the employee requesting the reduction. In the latter case, the incumbent in the lower class with the fewest number of layoff points shall be subject to layoff.

B. 1. Employees who receive notice of layoff by personal service at work shall have until the end of their third regularly scheduled day of work following actual receipt of the notice to notify their department in writing of their intent to exercise rights under this Section.

Employees whose third regularly scheduled day of work is more than three (3) calendar days after receipt of the notice shall have three (3) calendar days, excluding weekends and holidays, to notify their department of their intent to exercise rights under this Section;

and where such notification is not in writing, the employee shall confirm the notification in writing as soon as practicable.

2. Employees who receive notice other than by personal service at work shall have five (5) calendar days, excluding weekends and holidays, following the date the person is personally served or if service is made by mail, five (5) calendar days, excluding weekends and holidays, following date of proof of service by mail to notify their department of their intent to exercise rights under this Section. Where such notification is not in writing, the employee shall confirm the notification in writing as soon as practicable.

3. Failure by an employee to respond to his or her department pursuant to this Section shall result in a rebuttable presumption that the employee does not intend to exercise any right of reduction to a lower class and that the employee's hire date stated in the layoff notice was correct.

4. No employee action or inaction referred to in this Section shall be considered a waiver of an employee's right to file grievances concerning any matter within the scope of the grievance procedure.

Section 6. Voluntary Reduction from Classes Designated as Vulnerable to Layoff

An employee in a class designated by the County as vulnerable to layoff may request a voluntary reduction to any class provided the employee possesses the minimum qualifications and has passed any required performance tests for the class to which reduction is requested. Such employees shall be eligible for consideration for available positions in the class to which reduction is requested. If appointed, such an employee shall be placed on DEPARTMENTAL REINSTATEMENT LISTS pursuant to Section 7.A., below.

Section 7. Reemployment Lists

A. The following persons shall be placed on DEPARTMENTAL REINSTATEMENT LISTS as provided in 1., 2. and 3., below, in the order of their respective layoff points with the person having the largest number of layoff points listed first:

1. Persons Laid Off

The names of persons laid off shall be placed on an AGENCY/DEPARTMENTAL REINSTATEMENT LIST for each class in the occupational series at or below the level of the class from which laid off.

2. Persons Who Exercise Their Rights Under Section 5.

The names of persons who exercise their rights under Section 5. shall be placed on a DEPARTMENTAL REINSTATEMENT LIST for each class in the occupational series at or below the level of the class from which reduced, excluding any classes at or below the level of the class currently held.

3. Persons Who Voluntarily Reduced Under the Provisions of Section 6.

The names of persons who were voluntarily reduced under the provisions of Section 6. shall be placed on a DEPARTMENTAL REINSTATEMENT LIST for the class from which reduced and for each class in the occupational series below the level of the class from which they voluntarily reduced, provided they request to be placed on such lists.

Positions to be filled shall be offered first to persons on the DEPARTMENTAL REINSTATEMENT LIST for that class, starting at the top of the list. If reinstatement is offered to a class other than that from which the person was laid off or reduced, such person must first meet the minimum qualifications and pass any required performance tests for that class.

B. The names of persons laid off shall be placed on the COUNTY PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LIST for the class from which they were laid off and for any class from which they previously voluntarily reduced pursuant to Section 5., in the order of their layoff scores, going from highest to lowest. When one (1) vacant position in an agency/department, other than the agency/department from which the employee was laid off, is to be filled in that class, ten (10) names shall be certified from the COUNTY PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LIST, starting at the top. When more than one (1) vacant position in an agency/department, other than the agency/department from which the employee was laid off, is to be filled in that class, the number of names certified, starting at the top of the COUNTY PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LIST, shall be equal to twice the number of vacancies plus seven (7). If there is a tie among layoff points at the last name to be certified, all tied eligibles shall be certified. Eligibles certified from COUNTY PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LISTS shall be considered prior to eligibles certified from lower

ranking eligible lists. Appointments shall be made only from eligibles certified pursuant to Section 7.B. Appointments need not be made in the order of layoff points; any eligible certified in accordance with this provision may be appointed to a vacant position.

C. Names of persons placed on the DEPARTMENTAL REINSTATEMENT LIST and the COUNTY PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LIST shall remain on the lists for two (2) years, except that:

1. A person who on two (2) separate occasions rejects or fails to respond within five (5) calendar days to offers of employment in a particular class shall be removed from the lists for that class.

2. A person who on three (3) separate occasions declines referral for interviews in a particular class shall be removed from the lists for that class.

3. An employee in the Public Safety General Unit who upon retirement signs a statement electing not to be eligible for reemployment under this provision shall have his or her name excluded from the aforementioned lists.

D. In the event two (2) or more agencies/departments are consolidated while AGENCY/DEPARTMENTAL REINSTATEMENT LISTS are in effect, such lists shall be combined and treated as one (1) list in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Section. When a transfer of one (1) or more functions of one (1) agency/department to another agency/department occurs, employees previously laid off from such function(s) who are on an AGENCY/DEPARTMENTAL REINSTATEMENT LIST for the agency/department losing such function(s), shall be removed from such list and shall be placed on a reinstatement list for the agency/department acquiring such function(s) and treated in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Section.

E. Reemployment lists shall be available to AOCDS and affected employees upon reasonable request.

Section 8. <u>Status on Reemployment</u>

A. An employee who has been laid off under the provisions of this Article and is subsequently reemployed in a regular or limited-term position within a two (2) year period from the date of his or her layoff shall receive the following considerations and benefits:

1. All sick leave and annual leave credited to the employee's account when laid off or unpaid annual leave when laid off shall be restored.

2. All seniority points held upon layoff shall be restored.

3. All prior service shall be credited for the purpose of determining sick leave and vacation, earning rates and service awards.

4. The employee shall be placed in the salary range as if the employee had been on a Leave of Absence Without Pay.

5. The probationary status of the employee shall be as if the employee had been on a Leave of Absence Without Pay except that a probation period shall be established as determined by Article III, Sections 1.B.1. and 1.B.2. if reemployment is in a higher class or an occupational series different from that employed in at the time of layoff.

B. An employee who has voluntarily reduced under the provisions of this Article and is subsequently reemployed, within a two (2) year period from the date of reduction, in a regular or limited-term position in the class from which the employee reduced shall receive the following considerations:

1. The employee shall be placed in the salary range either as if the employee had been on a Leave of Absence Without Pay, or at the step on the salary range closest to, but which does not exceed, the employee's salary in the lower class, whichever is higher.

2. The merit increase eligibility date shall be reestablished as determined by the Chief Human Resources Officer.

3. The probationary status of the employee shall be as if the employee had been on a Leave of Absence.

C. An employee who is voluntarily reduced under the provisions of this Article and is subsequently reemployed, within a two (2) year period from the date of reduction, in a class higher than the one from which the employee was reduced shall receive the following considerations:

1. The employee shall be deemed returned to the class from which the employee had been reduced as provided in B., above.

2. The employee's salary, probation period and merit increase eligibility date shall be determined by treating the employee as though he or she is being promoted from such class.

ARTICLE XII ON-THE-JOB INJURY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Section 1. Treatment of Industrial Injuries

Whenever an employee sustains an injury or disability arising out of and in the course of County employment and requires medical care, the employee shall obtain treatment according to the provisions of the California Labor Code Section 4600 et seq

Section 2. Disability Payments and Leave

Whenever an eligible employee is compelled to be absent from duty by reason of injury or disease arising out of and in the course of County employment, the employee shall be placed on Workers' Compensation Leave. Employees shall receive compensation provided by or equal to California Labor Code Section 4850 (see Section 3 below) or Workers' Compensation Supplement Pay (see Section 4 below).

Section 3. 4850 Rate of Pay

The following classifications shall be compensated for the time period and rate provided by or equal to California Labor Code Section 4850:

6005GS Deputy Coroner
6007GS Senior Deputy Coroner
6550GS Public Assistance Investigator
7400PS Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer I
7401PS Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II
7402PS Senior Juvenile Correctional Officer
7405PS Deputy Probation Officer I
7408PS Deputy Probation Officer II
7409PS Senior Deputy Probation Officer

6011GM Supervising Deputy Coroner
6551GM Supervising Public Assistance Investigator
7403PM Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer
7413PM Supervising Probation Officer

Section 4. Workers' Compensation Supplement Pay

A. Whenever an employee is compelled to be absent from duty by reason of injury or disease arising out of and in the course of County employment,

eligible employees in the following classifications shall receive workers' compensation supplement pay which, when added to the workers' compensation temporary disability benefit, shall equal eighty (80) percent of the employee's base salary for a period not to exceed one (1) year including holidays:

3034GS Park Ranger I
3035GS Park Ranger II
6548GS Public Assistance Investigator Trainee

3036GM Senior Park Ranger
3037GM Supervising Park Ranger

B. Workers' compensation supplement pay shall begin the same day as the workers' compensation temporary disability benefits. Prior to qualifying for workers' compensation temporary disability benefits, an injured employee may, at his or her option, use any accrued sick leave, compensatory time, annual leave and/or vacation, in that order.

C. While an employee receives workers' compensation supplement pay, no deductions nor payments shall be made from any annual leave, sick leave, compensatory time or vacation time previously accumulated by the employee. The employee shall not accrue annual leave, sick leave or vacation credit during the period in which the employee receives workers' compensation temporary disability benefits.

D. When an injury is determined to be job-related by the County or by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, eighty (80) percent of all annual leave, sick leave, compensatory time and/or vacation expended since the fourth day of disability shall be restored to the employee's account(s), except that if the injury required the employee's hospitalization or caused disability of more than fourteen (14) days, eighty (80) percent of all annual leave, sick leave, compensatory time and/or vacation expended since the first day of disability shall be restored to the employee's account(s).

E. The merit increase eligibility date and probation period of any employee who receives workers' compensation benefits shall be extended by the length of time the employee receives such benefits, except that the first fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days from the date of the injury shall be considered County service for merit increase eligibility and completion of the probation period.

F. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as waiving any right to greater benefits which may be available pursuant to Labor Code Section 4850.

Section 5. Use of Leave Balances After Exhaustion of 4850 Pay or Workers Compensation Supplement Pay

When an employee is no longer entitled to receive workers' compensation supplement pay (see Section 3) or 4850 Rate of Pay (see Section 4), the employee may, at his or her option, use annual leave, sick leave, compensatory time, and vacation, in that order, if the employee is compelled to be absent from duty as set forth in Paragraph A., above. If an employee uses such leave balances while receiving workers' compensation temporary disability benefits, only annual leave, sick leave, compensatory time or vacation leave balances used shall be counted toward the calculation of County seniority and determination of sick leave and vacation earning rates.

Section 6. Exposure to Contagious Diseases

Whenever an employee is compelled by direction of a County-designated physician to be absent from duty due to an on-the-job exposure to a contagious disease, the employee shall receive full compensation for a period not to exceed eighty (80) working hours for a full-time employee or fourteen (14) calendar days for a part-time employee. If the absence extends beyond the applicable period, sick leave, compensatory time and vacation may be used, at the employee's option, in that order.

ARTICLE XIII SAFETY

Section 1. General Provisions

Recognizing that a safe work environment is of substantial benefit to both the County and employees, the County and AOCDS agree to the following safety program:

A. No employee shall be required to work under conditions dangerous to the employee's health or safety.

B. The County shall make every reasonable effort to provide and maintain a safe place of employment. AOCDS shall urge all employees to perform their work in a safe manner. Employees shall be alert to unsafe practices, equipment and conditions and report any such unsafe practices, equipment or conditions to their immediate supervisors. Employees shall follow safe practices and obey reasonable safety rules during the hours of their employment.

C. Any employee who either does not receive an answer to a safety-related question from his or her supervisor within three (3) days or receives an answer which the employee deems unsatisfactory may directly contact the County Safety Officer.

D. Any employee who is directed to perform a task which the employee in good faith feels is unsafe may request an immediate investigation from the Safety Officer. During the period that the Safety Officer is conducting an investigation, the employee will be assigned to other work at no loss of earnings. If the Safety Officer concludes the task complained of is safe, the employee shall perform the work as instructed.

E. The County shall furnish all equipment which is necessary for employees to perform their job in a safe manner.

F. Wherever practicable, the County shall provide the necessary first aid kits in each location.

G. Wherever practicable, the County shall provide first aid training for one (1) employee at each new work location.

Section 2. Safety Inspection

During inspection of County facilities conducted by the State Division of Occupational Safety and Health for the purpose of determining compliance with the California OSHA requirements, an AOCDS designated employee shall be

allowed to accompany the inspector while the inspector is in the employee's department. The employee so designated shall suffer no loss of pay when this function is performed during the employee's regularly scheduled work hours.

Section 3. Abatement of Violations

In any instance in which the County is cited for a violation of CAL/OSHA, the County shall abate the cited hazard to health or safety within the abatement period required.

Section 4. Safety Representatives

A. Safety Representatives may be selected by AOCDS to meet at least once a month, upon request, with a County designated supervisor or manager for each County facility to discuss matters affecting employee health and safety.

B. The number of Safety Representatives at each facility shall be determined as follows:

1. For facilities with fewer than one hundred (100) Bargaining Unit employees, one (1) Safety Representative may be selected.

2. For facilities with one hundred (100) or more Bargaining Unit employees, one (1) Safety Representative may be selected for each one hundred (100) Bargaining Unit employees or for each fraction thereof.

C. A Safety Representative who has received a safety or health complaint shall be given reasonable time off without loss of pay to gather appropriate information on such complaint provided that:

1. The Safety Representative obtains permission from his or her supervisor prior to performing such work and reports back to the supervisor when the work is completed.

2. The Safety Representative shall not leave his or her job to perform such work unless his or her supervisor determines that the employee's absence will not unduly interfere with the work of the unit in which the employee is employed. However, an effort will be made to grant such time off as soon as it is feasible to do so.

3. When an authorized Safety Representative must go into another section or unit to gather information regarding a safety or health complaint, the Safety Representative shall be permitted to do so provided that:

a. the Safety Representative checks in and checks out with the supervisor of the unit; and

b. he or she does not unduly interfere with the work of the unit.

Section 5. Resolution of Safety or Health Complaints

If a safety or health complaint is not satisfactorily resolved, the Safety Representative may request to meet with the County Safety Officer to resolve the complaint. If the complaint is not resolved, a grievance may be filed at Step 2 of the grievance procedure

ARTICLE XIV UNIFORMS AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

The County will continue the current system of providing clothing, uniforms, and special equipment for all groups of employees in the Units who are currently provided such items.

ARTICLE XV AOCDS AND EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Section 1. Employee Rights

The County shall not hinder or discipline an employee for exercising any rights or benefits provided in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 2. Payroll Deduction

A. Membership dues of AOCDS members in this Representation Unit and insurance premiums for such AOCDS sponsored insurance programs as may be approved by the Board of Supervisors shall be deducted by the County from the pay warrants of such members. The County shall promptly transmit the dues and insurance premiums so deducted to AOCDS.

B. AOCDS shall notify the County, in writing, as to the amount of dues uniformly required of all members of AOCDS and also the amount of insurance premiums required of employees who choose to participate in such programs.

Section 3. Employee Information Listing

Once each quarter, during the term of this Memorandum, the County shall provide AOCDS with a listing of all current employees in this Unit. Such file shall include employee name, job classification, agency/department, timekeeping location, salary range and step. The County shall also provide AOCDS with any other information needed pursuant to Article XX, Section 5. AOCDS agrees to pay all costs necessary to providing such lists.

Section 4. Use of Bulletin Boards

Space shall be made available to AOCDS on departmental bulletin boards within the Representation Unit provided such use does not interfere with the needs of the department and material posted is not derogatory to the County, County employees or other employee organizations. Notice shall be dated and signed by the authorized representatives of AOCDS responsible for its issuance.

Section 5. Use of County Facilities

AOCDS may, with the approval of the Chief Human Resources Officer , hold meetings of their members on County property during nonworking hours provided request is made to the Chief Human Resources Officer as to the specific location and dates of the meeting prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE XVI MEMBERSHIP FEE COLLECTION

Section 1. Dues/Service Fee

A. Each employee in the Representation Unit hired by the County on or after June 1, 2018, must make an affirmative election in order to, become a member of AOCDS. AOCDS must notify the County in writing of any new employee that joins.

B. The County shall rely on the notification of new membership and election of dues deductions supplied by AOCDS. AOCDS will indemnify the County from any claim of wrongful deduction made by an employee based on the County's reliance on the notice provided.

C. Pursuant to the notification provided by AOCDS in Section 1. A. and B. above, the County will deduct the amount of dues and service fees as determined by AOCDS and any change shall be implemented by the County in the first pay period which commences thirty (30) days after written notice of the change is received by the Chief Human Resources Officer.

D. AOCDS must notify the County of any employee requesting to be removed from AOCDS membership within a reasonable period of time. AOCDS will indemnify the County from any claim that fees were wrongfully collected as the results of its failure to notify the County of membership changes.

E. The forgoing is to reflect the parties understanding of its rights, responsibilities, and duties under the following statutes:

Government Code Sections 1152, 1157.3, 1157.12 and SB 866.

The parties reserve all rights it may have under these statutes.

Section 2. Management Responsibilities

A. Payroll Deductions

The County shall deduct the dues or service fee from twenty-six (26) bi-weekly pay warrants of each covered employee in the Representation Unit. All dues and service fees deducted hereunder shall be promptly transmitted by the County to AOCDS.

B. Notification of Change of Status

The County shall notify AOCDS promptly of any employee who, because

of a change in employment status, is no longer a member of the Representation Unit or subject to the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE XVII MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The County retains any rights, powers or authority it had prior to the signing of this Agreement except as those rights are or may during the term of this Agreement be directly or indirectly affected by this Agreement or applicable law. Such rights shall include, by way of example but not limitation, the right to manage the County and direct the work force, including the right to hire, select, discipline, transfer and assign work. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to restrict grievances concerning this Agreement or to limit or waive the rights of the parties pursuant to law or this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVIII NONDISCRIMINATION

Section 1.

The County and the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs agree that the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be applied to employees without discrimination as required by state and federal law.

Section 2.

AOCDS shall not discriminate in membership or representation as required by state and federal law.

ARTICLE XIX POSITION CLASSIFICATION

Section 1. The Establishment of New Classes

The County will provide AOCDS an information copy of the new class specification for any proposed class relevant to this Bargaining Unit. The County agrees to meet and confer with AOCDS in an attempt to reach agreement on the salary range and probation period for any such proposed class before submitting the class to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Section 2. Reclassification of a Position

A. Sections 3. and 4. shall apply only to individual classification problems or studies involving small numbers of employees where the issue is a question of allocating a position to the appropriate class. Classification Maintenance Reviews are excluded from the provisions of Sections 3. and 4.

B. Classification Maintenance Review is defined as 1) any study which involves all positions in a class or series except for a class or series with five (5) or fewer positions; 2) any study which involves all positions in an organizational unit which is greater than five (5) positions; 3) any study in which the class concept, minimum qualifications or salary relationship is at issue.

C. By mutual agreement, the County may contract with a consultant to carry out Classification Maintenance Reviews. Provisions of Section 5. will apply.

Section 3. Procedure for Requesting Reclassification of a Position

Step 1: An employee who believes his or her position is not properly classified may submit a written request to his or her Department Head that a classification study be conducted. Requests shall state the reasons the employee believes the present class is not appropriate and which class the employee believes is appropriate based on the employee's present duties.

Step 2: Appropriate department response to an employee's request for reclassification includes, but is not limited to, denial of request or forwarding of the request to Human Resource Services with a recommendation that a classification study be conducted.

a. If the request is denied, the employee shall be given a written statement of the reasons for the denial. If management

denies the request or fails to respond within thirty (30) calendar days, the employee may submit the request to AOCDS for consideration.

b. If Human Resource Services studies a position at the employee's request as provided above and the employee does not agree with the County's decision, the employee may submit the request to AOCDS.

Step 3: After receiving an employee request for study, AOCDS may request in writing that Human Resource Services conduct a classification study of the position or refer the matter to a consultant, as provided in Step 4. Such requests are to be timely.

Step 4: Human Resource Services shall determine when the position was last studied and whether there has been a change of duties or change in classification structure which justifies restudy.

a. If the study is justified and the request is made under Step 2.A., the employee shall be given a Position Description Form within fifteen (15) days. Within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after Human Resource Services receives the completed Position Description Form, Human Resource Services shall notify AOCDS of the appropriate classification of the position.

b. If the study is justified, and the request is made under Step 2.B., Human Resource Services shall complete the study in thirty (30) days and communicate the results to AOCDS. If the study is not completed within thirty (30) days, upon request of AOCDS the matter shall be referred to a consultant under the provisions of Section 5. of this Article.

c. If the study is not justified, the County shall notify AOCDS within fifteen (15) days. AOCDS may accept the County position that the study is not justified or may request a consultant review as provided in Section 5.

Section 4. <u>Limitations on Concurrent Studies</u>

A. The County shall not be required to initiate a study if the total number of positions currently requested by AOCDS for reclassification studies plus the new request exceeds twenty-five (25) positions.

B. The numerical limitation shall apply only to studies for which Position Description Forms have been initiated and shall not include studies which

have been referred to or are pending referral to a consultant.

C. In the event of a major layoff of County employees, all time limits in Section 3. of this Article shall be extended forty-five (45) days.

Section 5. Review of Disputed Position Classification Decisions

A. If the County does not respond at the end of the appropriate time period as specified in Section 3., Step 4 of this Article or AOCDS does not agree with a position classification decision of the County after the steps in Section 2. or 3. of this Article have been followed, the issue may be presented to a classification consultant for advisory review. Other provisions notwithstanding, no more than fifty (50) positions may be referred to a consultant per fiscal year except that any maintenance study done by a consultant shall not be included.

B. The consultant's review shall be documented on forms supplied by the County and used by the County for documenting its classification decisions.

C. The consultant shall have access to the organizational and classification files of Human Resource Services and shall have the right to conduct the classification study in the manner the consultant deems most appropriate.

D. Any salary change for any employee resulting from a consultant's advisory recommendation shall be effective no sooner than the beginning of the pay period following the decision of the County at Step 4 of the procedure described in Section 3., above.

E. A consultant shall be chosen who has experience in conducting position classification analyses for local governmental agencies. The consultant will be chosen by a committee with an equal number of County and AOCDS members. The cost of the consultant shall be shared equally by the County and AOCDS.

ARTICLE XX INSURANCE

As of the date of Board of Supervisors adoption of this MOU, employees in these representation units participate in the County health plans. Effective January 1, 2020, employees in these representation units will be transitioned to the AOCDS Medical Trust, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth below.

Section 1. Health Plans and Premium Contributions

A. Full Time Employees

1. Except as modified in Section 1.C., D., E., and F. below, the County will offer health plans to all full-time regular, limited term, and probationary employees and their eligible dependents.

2. The County will pay the following percentage of the premium for employees electing any health insurance plan other than the Sharewell Choice PPO plan:

   a. Employee Only Coverage – eighty-five (85) percent of the employee's premium or ninety (90) percent of the employee's premium if the employee completes the Healthy Steps (wellness incentive) program;

   b. Employee and Dependent Coverage - seventy (70) percent of the total health plan premium for each employee and such employee's eligible dependents or seventy-five (75) percent of the employee's premium if the employee completes the Healthy Steps (wellness incentive) program.

   c. Employees will pay the remaining portion of the total plan premium and consent to have their portion deducted from their County regular or supplemental payroll checks.

3. Employees who elect the Sharewell Choice PPO plan will not only have their insurance premium fully paid by the County but will also receive a payroll credit per plan guidelines. In addition, those employees who elect the Sharewell Choice PPO plan are not required to participate in the Healthy Steps program.

4. The health plans and their premiums are adopted by, and may be modified by, the Board of Supervisors. Plan descriptions are contained in the plan documents available through HRS/Employee Benefits.

B. Part-time Employees

1. Except as modified in Section 1.C., D., E., and F. below, the County will offer health plans to all part-time regular, limited term, and probationary employees. Enrollment of part-time employees shall be restricted to employees whose normal workweek consists of at least twenty (20) hours.

2. The County will pay the following percentage of the premium for employees electing any health insurance plan other than the Sharewell Choice PPO plan:

   a. Employee Only Coverage – forty-five (45) percent of the employee's premium or fifty (50) percent of the employee's premium if the employee completes the Healthy Steps (wellness incentive) program;

   b. Employee and Dependent Coverage – thirty-two and one-half (32.5) percent of the total health plan premium for each employee and such employee's eligible dependents or thirty- seven and one-half (37 1/2) percent of the total health plan premium for each employee and such employee's eligible dependents, if the employee completes the Healthy Steps (wellness incentive) program.

   c. Employees will pay the remaining portion of the total plan premium and consent to have their portion deducted from their County regular or supplemental payroll checks.

3. The County will pay the following percentage of the premium for employees electing the Sharewell Choice PPO plan:

   a. Employee Only Coverage – one hundred (100) percent of the premium;

   b. Employee and Dependent Coverage – per subsection B.2.b above

   In addition, those employees who elect the Sharewell Choice PPO plan are not required to participate in the Healthy Steps program.

4. Coverage shall be terminated for any employee whose normal assigned hours are reduced to less than twenty (20) in a full workweek.

5. The health plans and their premiums are adopted by, and may be modified by, the Board of Supervisors. Plan descriptions are contained in the plan documents available through HRS/Employee Benefits.

C. Two married full-time employees who are enrolled in the same health plan must be enrolled as Employee Married to Employee (EME). While enrolled as EME, the County will pay the full cost of employee and dependent coverage for each EME. Employees must report any subsequent changesin marital status, such as legal separation or divorce, within 30 days of the event. Failure to report legal separation or divorce from a covered spouse shall require repayment of all premiums paid by the County under this program during the period in which the employees were ineligible due to legal separation or divorce.

D. Dual Coverage: If two married employees are enrolled in separate health plans neither employee may be covered as a dependent on their employee spouse's health plan. Eligible employees may choose to enroll in different health plans and choose to cover eligible dependent children on one or both health plans, subject to employee contributions for coverage.

E. For employees who are on approved leave which meets the requirements of Family Leave pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 and applicable law, the County shall continue to pay health insurance premiums as provided in A and B, above, to the extent required by applicable law.

F. For employees who are on approved leave which meets the requirements of Pregnancy Disability Leave pursuant to Government Code section 12945, the County shall continue to pay health insurance premiums as provided in A and B above, to the extent required by applicable law.

G. Effective January 1, 2008, active employees are pooled separately from retirees for purposes of setting premiums for participation in County-offered health plans.

Section 2. Health Plan Enrollment

A. New eligible employees hired on or before November 1, 2019 will be enrolled in the health plan of their selection effective the first day of the month following the first thirty (30) days of employment. Eligible full-time employees failing to elect a plan will be enrolled in the Wellwise Choice PPO Health Plan, employee only. Eligible part-time employees failing to elect a plan will be enrolled in the Sharewell Choice PPO Health Plan, employee only. Employees who go out on leave of absence prior to satisfying the waiting period for coverage shall not be eligible for coverage until returning to work unless required by state/federal law. Upon return to work, coverage will become effective the first day of the month following thirty (30) days from the date of return unless otherwise required by state/federal law.

B. Terminated employees prior to January 1, 2020 will be continued

with coverage in all health plans until the last day of the calendar month in which they terminate. Terminated employees may be eligible for continuation of health insurance as required by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) and/or by other state/federal law.

C. Employees who are enrolled in a County health plan at the time of retirement will be given the opportunity to elect and enroll in a retiree health plan.

Section 3. AOCDS Medical Insurance Trust Fund

Effective January 1, 2020, all active employees in these Representative Units will be enrolled in AOCDS medical benefit plans which shall provide medical benefits similar to those offered by the County.

New employees hired on or after December 2, 2019 shall be enrolled on the first day of the month following employment.

Employees retiring on or after Board of Supervisors adoption of the MOU shall be enrolled in the AOCDS Medical Trust. The effective date of enrollment shall be the first day of the month following BOS adoption or the first of the month following retirement, whichever is later. Employees retiring before the Board of Supervisors adoption of this MOU shall remain enrolled in County-offered health plans.

Section 4. Medical Insurance Contribution

A. Effective the first payday in December 2019 (Pay Period 25 – December 13, 2019) the County shall contribute a composite rate of $1,395 per month for each full-time enrolled, regular, limited-term, and probationary employee on paid status in this unit, except as noted in B, C, D, and E below.

For employees hired on or after December 2, 2019, the County contributions will be effective for the first day of the month following the date of employment or of the insurance start date, whichever is earlier.

B. The County's medical insurance contribution for a part-time employee whose normal workweek consists of at least twenty (20) hours shall be one half (1/2) the rate for a full-time employee. No contribution shall be made for an employee whose normal assigned hours are reduced to less than twenty (20) hours in a full workweek.

C. The County shall contribute one half share of the monthly medical insurance contribution for enrolled employees, prorated over twenty-six

(26) pay periods each year. The amount of the contribution each month will be based on the number of pay periods in that month. The contributions shall be determined by counting any employee in a paid status during some portion of the pay period.

D. The County shall contribute the actual costs of coverage for Employee Married to Employee. For two employees to be eligible for enrollment in this status, they must both be working full-time, be enrolled in one health plan, and one employee must enroll as a subscriber and the other as a dependent. The County shall contribute to the AOCDS trust fund when the subscriber is a member of one of these representation units.

E. For employees who are on approved leave which meets the requirements of Family Leave pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 and applicable law, the County shall continue to make medical insurance contributions as described in A., B., C., and D., above.

F. All requirements of the AOCDS Medical Insurance Trust Fund pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Article XIII, Section 4 of the Peace Officer Unit and Supervising Peace Officer Unit MOU between the County and AOCDS shall apply to the AOCDS Medical Insurance Trust Fund for the employees in these Representative Units.

Section 5. Other Insurance Coverage

A. Effective October 27, 2017, AOCDS shall maintain a trust fund administered in compliance with applicable state and federal law, for the purpose of providing optional benefits including but not limited to, dental, disability and other welfare benefits for employees in regular or limited term positions in the Representation Units.

B. The County shall, on a biweekly basis, forward AOCDS thirty cents ($0.30) for each regular hour worked by all employees in these Representation Units.

C. AOCDS agrees to apply the County's entire contribution for these Representation Units only toward the benefits for employees in these Representation Units.

D. Insurance coverages provided through the trust fund with monies contributed by the County shall be made available by AOCDS to all employees in the Representation Unit on an equal basis regardless of membership status.

E. AOCDS shall indemnify and hold the County harmless from any claims or legal actions brought under this Section.

F. Not more than once each contract year, upon written request, the trustees

of the trust fund will provide the County with correspondence verifying the trust fund's compliance with applicable law during the previous contract year. Not more than once each contract year, the trustees shall also, upon written request, provide the County with the following:

1. Upon completion, a copy of the annual independent financial report of the trust fund by a certified Public Accountant and form 5500

2. The annual report shall include the following information:

   a. the actual cost of benefits provided by the trust fund;

   b. member contributions to the cost of benefits provided by the trust fund;

   c. rate increases by carriers for the immediately preceding year of insured benefits provided through the trust fund, if applicable (or, if not included in the report, these shall be provided separately);

   d. a summary of other trust fund expenditures; and

   e. the beginning and ending cash balances of the trust fund.

3. The annual report shall be provided to the County within thirty (30) days of either the County's written request or the report's completion, whichever shall last occur.

4. A letter from the Certified Public Accountant for the trust fund verifying that the transaction of the trust fund during the preceding year have been reviewed, that payments have been made consistent with contractual agreements, and that required tax returns have been filed in accordance with applicable laws.

Section 6. <u>Premium Only Plan</u>

The County will administer a Premium Only Plan that will allow an employee to pay for health insurance premiums as permitted by state and federal law, regulations, and guidelines. Under the plan, an employee's gross taxable salary will be reduced by the amount of his or her share of the premium costs of County-provided health insurance coverage as permitted by state and federal law, regulations, and guidelines.

Section 7. <u>Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance</u>

The County shall provide basic accidental death and dismemberment insurance in

the amount of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) for all Public Safety General and Public Safety Supervisory Unit employees without proof of insurability. The policy shall provide benefits for death or dismemberment occurring in the line of duty. Such insurance will be subject to the limitations of liability contained in those insurance policies.

Section 8. Retiree Medical Grant

Effective the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020, the Retiree Medical Grant benefit shall be frozen. Employees shall not accumulate additional service hours towards eligibility for the Retiree Medical Grant. Only employees with ten (10) or more years of credited service as of the effective date shall be eligible. Cost of living adjustments (COLAs) and age adjustments shall cease.

A. Retiree Medical Grant Eligibility

1. Effective August 1, 1993, and as amended by the Board of Supervisors, the County implemented a Retiree Medical Plan ("the Plan") for employees to include a Retiree Medical Grant (Grant) or a lump sum benefit (Lump Sum) as set forth below. New employees hired on or after the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020 are not eligible for the Grant. New employees hired on or after June 23, 2006 are not eligible for the Lump Sum. The Plan does not create any vested rights to the benefits on the part of any employee, retiree, or any other person.

2. Upon paid County retirement, if eligible, a retiree shall receive a Retiree Medical Grant (Grant). The Grant may be applied only towards the cost of retiree and dependent coverage in an AOCDS or County- offered retiree health insurance plan and/or Medicare Part A and/or B premiums as provided below.

    a. Upon implementation of the Plan, for eligible retirees the Grant shall be an amount based on ten (10) dollars per month for each full year of credited service in an Eligible Classification up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) years. In each fiscal year during retirement, the amount of such Grant shall be adjusted by the average percentage increase or decrease in County retiree health plan premiums no later than the effective dates of such change, not to exceed three (3) percent per year. No increase shall be applied to the Grant for those employees who retire on or after the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020. In no case shall the Grant exceed the actual cost of the health insurance and/or Medicare premiums.

b. The Grant will be adjusted as follows:

The Grant will be reduced by seven and one-half percent (7 ½%) per year for each year of age the employee is less than age 60, based upon the employee's age on the date when the employee takes active retirement from OCERS. For the purpose of deferred retirement, the date on which the deferred retiree takes active retirement from OCERS will be deemed the retirement date.

The Grant will be increased by seven and one-half percent (7 ½%) per year for each year of age the employee is greater than age 60, based upon the employee's age on the date when the employee takes active retirement from OCERS. For the purposes of the Grant increase, no years of age after age 70 will be considered. For the purpose of deferred retirements, the date on which the deferred retiree takes active retirement from OCERS will be deemed the retirement date.

Section 8.A.2.b. shall not apply to Safety classifications or disability retirements.

Section 8.A.2.b. shall not apply to other employees in these Represented Units on or after the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020.

1. The Grant for all eligible retirees (including retirees on disability) and surviving dependents will be reduced by fifty percent (50%) the first day of the month the retiree or surviving dependent becomes eligible for both Medicare Part A (without paying a premium) and Medicare Part B, or immediately if the retiring employee is eligible for Medicare Part A (without paying a premium) and Medicare Part B as of the date of retirement. This provision does not apply to a retiree or surviving dependent eligible for the Grant who has attained age 65 on or prior to September 12, 2006 and is eligible for both Medicare Part A (without paying a premium) and Medicare Part B.

c. For employees retiring on or after Board of Supervisors adoption of the MOU shall be provided a one-time opportunity of thirty (30) days to enroll in an AOCDS offered health plan or Medicare. Should a retiree fail to enroll during the aforementioned thirty (30) day period or should he or she terminate coverage or fail to make necessary payments, the retiree and dependents shall forfeit any right to a Grant, if eligible, and enrollment in an AOCDS health plan.

B. Retiree Medical Plan Lump Sum; Termination; Phase Out

1. An employee who was employed by the County prior to June 23, 2006 and who separates from County service prior to meeting the eligibility requirements for the Grant shall receive a lump sum (Lump Sum benefit) cash payment in accordance with B.2 below. The Plan Lump Sum benefit is terminated for all new County employees hired on or after June 23, 2006.

2. An employee who is employed by the County prior to June 23, 2006, who thereafter separates from the County and who does not qualify for a Grant shall receive a Lump Sum benefit equal to one percent (1%) of his or her final average hourly compensation multiplied by his or her qualified hours of service after August 1, 1993 and prior to June 23, 2006. The final average hourly compensation shall be calculated on base salary over the six thousand two hundred forty (6240) regularly paid hours immediately preceding June 23, 2006.

3. Receipt of the Grant shall permanently revoke any claim to a Lump Sum benefit even if the retiree subsequently terminates participation in a County or AOCDS offered health plan and/or Grant. Receipt of the Lump Sum benefit shall permanently revoke any claim to the Grant.

C. Eligibility Requirements for Retiree Medical Grant

1. Retiree must be actively retired from the County of Orange and receiving a monthly retirement allowance from the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS). New employees hired on or after the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020 are not eligible for the Grant. Employees who were employed by the County with 10 or more years of credited service towards the Grant prior to the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020 shall still be eligible for the Grant. Employees with less than ten (10) credited years of service shall not be eligible for the Grant. For an employee who was employed by the County the first full day of the first full pay period in July 2020, any hours of service performed in periods on or after the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020 shall not be included as a part of the credited service towards the Grant eligibility requirements.

2. Accrual of credited service towards the Grant amount shall be frozen on or after the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020.

3. Hours of service performed in periods before August 1, 1993 shall be counted toward credited service only if the employee is employed by the County from August 1, 1993 until retirement.

4. Retiree must have retired with at least ten (10) years of credited County service except as provided in C.4.a.,b.,c., and d. below:

   a. A retiree who, receives a service-connected disability retirement pension under OCERS prior to the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020, shall be eligible for a Grant equal to either ten (10) years of service or actual years of credited County service, whichever is greater.

   b. A retiree with a minimum of five (5) years of credited County service who receives a non-service connected disability retirement pension under OCERS prior to the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020 shall be eligible for a Grant based on actual years of credited County service. An employee with less than five (5) years of credited County service who receives a non-service connected disability retirement pension under OCERS shall not be eligible for a Grant.

   c. A separated employee who has less than ten (10) years of credited County service or is under normal retirement age and has requested a service or non-service connected disability retirement pension under OCERS shall not be eligible to receive either the Grant or the Lump Sum benefit until a determination of disability status is made by the Orange County Board of Retirement.

   d. A separated employee who receives a Lump Sum benefit pursuant to this Section shall be ineligible for the Grant if, at a later date, the Orange County Board of Retirement grants a disability retirement.

5. All eligible retirees and enrolled dependents who are age sixty-five (65) or older must be enrolled in Medicare Part B in order to be eligible for the Grant. All eligible retirees and dependents who are entitled to Medicare Part A coverage without a premium must enrolled in Medicare Part A to be eligible to receive the Grant.

6. Deferred Retirement

   a. An employee who, upon separation from County service, is eligible for paid retirement and elects deferred retirement must defer participation in the Grant until such time as he or she becomes an active retiree. For employees who defer retirement, the terms and conditions governing the Grant are based on the provisions in place at the time of deferral.

b. An employee who is not eligible for paid retirement at the time he or she separates from County service and elects deferred retirement status shall not become eligible for participation in the Grant.

7. For purposes of this Section, a full year of credited service shall be based upon those regular hours the employee worked for the County as a regular, limited-term and/or probationary employee. Two thousand eighty (2080) regular hours, exclusive of overtime, shall equal one (1) full year of service. Hours of service performed in periods before August 1, 1993, shall be counted toward credited service only if the employee has been continuously employed by the County from August 1, 1993 until his or her retirement.

D. Survivor Benefits

1. A surviving dependent of a retiree who was eligible to receive a Grant and who qualifies for a monthly retirement allowance shall be eligible for fifty (50) percent of the Grant authorized for the retiree.

2. A surviving eligible retiree who qualifies for a monthly retirement allowance who was married to a retiree who was also eligible for a Grant shall receive the survivor benefit described in D.1., above, or his or her own Grant, whichever is greater. Such retiree shall not be eligible for both Grants.

Section 9. General Provisions

A. AOCDS shall administer their health insurance program for retirees subject to the requirements set forth in this MOU.

B. Retiree health plan premiums shall be 10% higher than active employees' health plan premiums.

C. AOCDS shall provide to the County all information necessary for the County to administer the Plan including, but not limited to, retiree health insurance enrollment information, verification of Medicare enrollment and verification of the premiums for all health insurance plans.

D. In order to resolve discrepancies within the Grant, the County will provide AOCDS the Grants and supporting data for all AOCDS retirees, and AOCDS will work with the County to resolve any discrepancies prior to the information being provided to the actuary or auditor.

Section 10. Health Reimbursement Arrangement

Effective the first day of the first full pay period in July 2020, a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) will be made available for current and future employees in these bargaining units. The County and the HRA administrator, with the oversight of the Health Reimbursement Account Advisory Committee, shall administer the program subject to the requirements set forth in the Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan Document. County will contribute three (3) percent of each eligible employee's bi-weekly base salary to fund the HRA.

A. Reopener as a Result of the ACA

The County may reopen negotiations on this Article[1] and other provisions of the MOU (eg., Flexible Spending Accounts in Article XXV), for purposes of addressing issues resulting from the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), including but not limited to, the potential impact of the Excise Tax (commonly known as the "Cadillac Tax") on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage. Federal administrative agencies have not yet issued definitive guidance regarding the Excise Tax which is expected to begin in 2022. The parties acknowledge that some of the benefits provided in the MOU may be included in the coverage to which the Excise Tax liability may apply. As a result, the issues that likely need to be addressed are: which health group plan coverages must be taken into consideration for purposes of this tax, how to calculate this tax, and what steps, if any, can be taken to avoid payment of the Excise Tax (eg., modification of benefits).

The County will not be responsible for the payment of any Excise Tax on health coverage from unit members' enrollment in County-sponsored health plans.

[1] Section 3 of this Article will not be reopened unless (and only to the extent that) its provisions are impacted by the ACA.

ARTICLE XXI DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

An employee in a regular position may, at his or her request, participate in the County's Section 457(b) Defined Contribution Plan.

ARTICLE XXII RETIREMENT

Section 1. Retirement Benefit Levels for Probation Safety Members for the Probation Officer and Juvenile Correctional Officer series

A. For Safety Members Hired Prior to January 1, 2013 and for Safety Members Hired on or After January 1, 2013 who are Considered "Legacy Members" of OCERS within the Meaning of PEPRA.

1. Probation Department safety employees will be provided the 3% at 50 retirement formula as set forth in Government Code Section 31664.1

a. For employees hired on or before September 20, 1979, the retirement allowance will be computed on the highest one(1) years of final compensation per Government Code section 31462.1

b. For employees hired on or after September 21, 1979, the retirement allowance will be computed upon the employee's highest three (3) years of compensation per Government Code section 31462.1

B. For Employees Hired on or After January 1, 2013 who are Considered "New Members" Within the Meaning of PEPRA.

1. The retirement formula will be the "2.7% at 57" retirement formula described in Government Code section 7522.25(d), utilizing the average three highest years of compensation per Government Code section 7522.32. Pensionable compensation and other pension related conditions are governed by the provisions of PEPRA and the OCERS Board of Retirement.

Section 2. Retirement Contributions for the Probation Officer and Juvenile Correctional Officer series

A. Members' normal and cost of living contribution rates will be established and adjusted subsequent to and in accordance with state law and actuarial recommendations adopted by the Retirement Board and the Board of Supervisors.

B. The County will adopt employee contribution rates equal to County contributions for full reserve funding of cost-of-living increases to retirees for all active members of the retirement system as recommended by the actuary.

C. Employees will pay the full member contribution for each of the benefit plans provided by the County.

Section 3. Retirement Benefit Levels for the Deputy Coroner, Public Assistance Investigator, and Park Ranger series

A. For Employees Hired Prior to January 1, 2013 and for Employees Hired on or After January 1, 2013 who are Considered "Legacy Members" of OCERS within the Meaning of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 ("PEPRA").

1. Except as set forth in Section A.2 and A.3 below, employees will be provided a one-fiftieth (1/50) retirement benefit calculated pursuant to Section 31676.19 of the Government Code. This retirement benefit formula is commonly known as the "2.7% at 55" benefit formula.

   a. For employees hired on or before September 20, 1979 the retirement allowance will be computed on the highest one (1) year of final compensation per Government Code Section 31462.1.

   b. For eligible employees hired on or after September 21, 1979, the retirement allowance will be computed upon the employee's highest three (3) years of compensation per Government Code section 31462.

2. 1.62% at 65 Pension Formula Election for Employees Hired Prior to May 7, 2010.

   a. Employees hired prior to May 7, 2010 will be eligible for the Pension Formula Election described below once the Board of Supervisors approves an implementing resolution (which shall be after pending tax issues have been resolved so that the election will not result in any negative tax consequences for eligible unit members). Eligible employees will have 180 calendar days from that date within which to elect one time only whether to terminate for future County service their pension calculation stated in Government Code section 31676.19 (the "2.7% at 55" benefit formula) and elect instead the pension calculation stated in Government Code section 31676.01 (the "1.62% at 65" benefit formula) for future County service.

   b. In the event an eligible employee fails to make an election during the period set forth in Subsection 2a above, the employee shall continue to be provided with the "2.7% at 55" benefit formula and

shall make the employee retirement contributions established for that benefit formula.

c. In the event an eligible employee elects the “1.62% at 65” benefit formula, the employee shall be eligible to participate in the County 1.62 Retirement 457(b) Defined Contribution Plan (the “DC Plan”) described in Section 5 below.

d. Effective with the beginning of pay period following the date an employee elects the “1.62% at 65” benefit formula, the normal employee contribution rate to the retirement system for the employee will be calculated pursuant to Government Code section 31621. The employee will will also make the contributions described in Section 4.B and C of this Article**.**

3. Election Option of “2.7% at 55” or “1.62 at 65” Pension Formula for Those Employees Hired by the County between May 7, 2010 and January 1, 2013.

a. Employees hired on or after May 7, 2010 and prior to January 1, 2013 were required to make the pension benefit formula election provided for in Board Resolution 10-072**.**

b. Employees had forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of hire or appointment to elect either the “2.7% at 55” benefit formula or the “1.62% at 65” benefit formula. Regardless of which benefit formula was selected, the employee is required to make retirement contributions in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.B and C below.

c. In the event an eligible employee failed to make an election during the 45 day period set forth in subsection 3.b above, the employee was deemed to have elected the “1.62% at 65” benefit formula.

d. An employee who elected, or was deemed to have elected, the “1.62% at 65” benefit formula is eligible to participate in the “DC Plan” described in Section 5 below.

e. After the employee made an election or was deemed to have made an election as described in Subsection 3.b and c. above, the employee is required to make retroactive contributions that would have been made from the employee’s hire or appointment date, for the appropriate election as described in this Article. County matching contributions to the DC Plan, for employees who chose

the “1.62% at 65” benefit formula are not retroactive to the employee’s date of hire and are calculated from the date that the employee made an election or was deemed to have made an election of the “1.62% at 65” benefit formula.

f. Effective with the pay period following the date an employee elected, or was deemed to have elected, the “1.62% at 65” benefit formula, the normal employee contribution rate to the retirement system for the employee will be calculated pursuant to Section 31621 of the Government Code. The employee will also make the contributions described in Section 4.B and C below**.**

B. For Employees Hired on or After January 1, 2013 who are Considered “New Members” within the Meaning of PEPRA.

1. The retirement formula will be the “1.62% at 65” benefit formula described in Government Code section 31676.01, utilizing the average three highest years of compensation per Government Code section 7522.32. Pensionable compensation and other pension related conditions are governed by the provisions of PEPRA and the OCERS Board of Retirement. Employees will also make the contributions described in Section 4.B and C. below.

2. “New Members” are eligible to participate in the “DC Plan” described in Section 5 below.

Section 4. <u>Retirement Contributions for the Deputy Coroner, Public Assistance Investigator, and Park Ranger series</u>

A. Members' normal contribution rates shall continue to be established and adjusted subsequent to and in accordance with state law and the actuarial recommendations adopted by the Retirement Board and the Board of Supervisors.

B. The County will adopt employee contribution rates equal to County contributions for full reserve funding of cost-of-living increases to retirees for all active members of the retirement system as recommended by the OCERS actuary. Employees will pay the full member contribution for each of the benefit plans provided by the County.

C. Employee Retirement Contributions to Offset the Increased Cost of the “2.7% at 55” benefit formula:

1. The implementation of the “2.7% at 55” retirement benefit formula shall be

without additional cost to the County for as long as the enhanced benefit formula is provided to employees, i.e., it will be borne entirely by the employees. Effective with the pay period that commenced on June 24, 2005, unit members began making an additional employee contribution to the retirement system. This contribution is in addition to the normal employee contribution calculated under Section 31621.8 of the Government Code (or Section 31621 of the Government Code, if applicable), and is in addition to the employee contribution required to help provide full reserve funding of cost-of-living increases to retirees for all active members of the retirement system as recommended by the actuary. The additional employee contribution made under this paragraph is known as the "Reverse Pickup" and is designed to offset both the prospective increased costs, as well as the increased costs attributable to past service liability of providing this enhanced retirement benefit.

a. The portion of the additional employee contribution that is attributable to past service liability shall be in accordance with, and for the purposes stated, in Section 31678.3(d) of the Government Code. This additional employee contribution shall continue beyond the expiration date of this MOU, for the purpose of amortizing, over a 30 year period, the cost of the enhanced retirement benefit.

b. The portion of the additional employee contribution that is attributable to the prospective increased cost of the benefit shall also continue beyond the expiration date of this MOU but unlike the past service liability, does not expire at the end of the 30 year period set forth above.

2. After implementation of this benefit, the County and AOCDS will annually review its costs including costs impacted by changes in the investment earnings and evaluate whether any adjustments to employee contributions are necessary.

3. The relative-ratio based methodology will be used to determine the additional employee contribution toward the "2.7% at 55" retirement benefit formula.

Section 5. Defined Contribution Retirement Plan for the Deputy Coroner, Public Assistance Investigator and Park Ranger series

A. Beginning on May 7, 2010, the County will make available a County 1.62 Retirement, Section 457(b) Defined Contribution Plan (the "DC plan") to those employees who are covered by the "1.62% at 65" benefit formula (whether by election, deemed to have elected or are hired on or after January 1, 2013 and are deemed to be "new members" within the meaning of PEPRA). These employees will be permitted to make voluntary contributions to the Plan. The County will make matching contributions as described in Section 5.B. below.

B. During the first one-year period following the plan commencement date, the County will contribute a biweekly amount to a Section 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for an eligible employee equal to the biweekly amount that the employee contributes to the Plan, not to exceed two (2) percent of the employee's base salary (the "match"). During the second year and in subsequent years following the plan commencement date, the County will contribute to a Section 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for an eligible employee a biweekly amount equal to fifty (50) percent of the biweekly amount that the employee contributes to the Plan. The County contribution to the Section 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan shall not exceed two (2) percent of the employee's base salary, unless the Board of Supervisors authorizes additional County contributions permitted under Article XXII, Retirement, Section 3.(D). County contributions to the Section 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan shall vest on behalf of the participant after that participant has been continuously employed by the County for a period of five (5) years. For this purpose, one year shall be to 2080 paid hours of service, exclusive of overtime.

C. Employee contributions to the Plan(s) and the County contributions to the Section 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan shall be subject to contribution limits imposed by the Internal Revenue Service. In no event shall the County be required to pay any portion of the matching contributions that would cause the employee to exceed applicable Internal Revenue Service contribution limits.

D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties agree that at no time shall the County's matching contribution to a Section 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan be less than fifty (50) percent of an employee's biweekly contribution to the Plan, nor shall the maximum amount of the County's matching contribution to a Section 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan be less than two (2) percent of an employee's base salary.

Section 6. Tax-Deferred Retirement Plan

The County will administer an approved tax-deferred retirement plan which will allow employees to reduce their taxable gross income by the amount of their retirement contribution. The plan shall be in effect for the term of this Memorandum of

Understanding subject to approval by the Internal Revenue Service.

ARTICLE XXIII SEPARABILITY

In the event that any provisions of this Memorandum are declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not invalidate the entire Memorandum, it being the express understanding of the parties hereto that all other provisions not declared invalid shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XXIV RECOGNITION

Pursuant to the Employee Relations Resolution of the County of Orange and applicable State law, the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs is the Exclusively Recognized Employee Organization for the Public Safety General and Public Safety Supervisory Units. AOCDS has notified the County that the AOCDS President serves to represent these bargaining units. Said classes are listed in Appendix A.

ARTICLE XXV FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS

The County will administer the following Flexible Spending Accounts:

Section 1. Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DCRA)

The County will administer a Dependent Care Reimbursement Account that will allow eligible employees the opportunity to allocate a specified amount of biweekly pre-tax salary into the employee's dependent care reimbursement account to pay for dependent care expenses as permitted by state and federal law, regulations and guidelines, and as permitted by the County's Section 125 Plan document.

Section 2. Health Care Reimbursement Account (HCRA)

The County will administer a Health Care Reimbursement Account that will allow eligible employees the opportunity to allocate a specified amount of biweekly pre-tax salary into the employee's health care reimbursement account to pay for health care expenses as permitted by state and federal law, regulations and guidelines, and as permitted by the County's Section 125 Plan document.

ARTICLE XXVII SALARY

Section 1. Salary Increases

Effective the first day of the first full pay period following adoption of this 2017-2021 MOU, the salary schedule will be increased 1.5%.

Effective July 5, 2019, the salary schedule will be increased by 1.5%.

Effective July 3, 2020, the salary schedule will be increased by 1.0%.

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Classes included in the Public Safety General Unit:

6005GS	Deputy Coroner
7400PS	Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer I
7401PS	Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II
7405PS	Deputy Probation Officer I
7408PS	Deputy Probation Officer II
3034GS	Park Ranger I
3035GS	Park Ranger II
6550GS	Public Assistance Investigator
6548GS	Public Assistance Investigator Trainee
6007GS	Senior Deputy Coroner
7409PS	Senior Deputy Probation Officer
7402PS	Senior Juvenile Correctional Officer

Classes included in the Public Safety Supervisory Unit:

6011GM	Supervising Deputy Coroner
7403PM	Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer
3036GM	Supervising Park Ranger I
3037GM	Supervising Park Ranger II
7413PM	Supervising Probation Officer I
6551GM	Supervising Public Assistance Investigator