

COMPREHENSIVE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AND
LOCAL UNION 1245
OF
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL
WORKERS
AFL-CIO

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**COMPREHENSIVE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING OF THE
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

This Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "Memorandum "or "MOU") executed by and between the designated representatives of the SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a State agency of the State of California (hereinafter "District") and the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 1245 (hereinafter "Union") constitutes the results of meeting and conferring in good faith as prescribed by Section 3505 of the Government Code of the State of California. The salaries, fringe benefits and working conditions set forth in this Memorandum have been mutually agreed upon by the District and the signatories hereto who represent said parties and shall continue in effect until, by mutual agreement of both parties, they are terminated, amended or superseded by a subsequent Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") contains the collective results of the District and Union negotiations for the duration of representation by Union. After the expiration date, only those terms and conditions which survive by virtue of the Meyers Milius Brown Act (and court interpretations thereof) shall survive for a reasonable period of time to afford the parties hereto the opportunity to meet and confer with regard to said terms and conditions.

The District is engaged in the operation of a water treatment plant and the operation and maintenance of ditches, canals, and waterways for the purpose of supplying water for agricultural purposes and may provide other services during the term of this MOU, which require continuous operation. It is agreed that the obligation to provide these and other services that the District may elect to provide during the term of this MOU rests upon both the District and its Employees.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide and facilitate effective services to the public and to provide for a fair and equitable system of personnel management in District service. This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to set forth in detail those procedures which insure fair treatment for Employees and define the obligation, rights, privileges, benefits, and prohibitions placed upon Employees of the District.

All conflicting rules, regulations, administrative orders and procedures issued prior to publication of this Memorandum of Understanding are superseded and canceled. It is not the intent of those rules, regulations, administrative orders and procedures to conflict with this Memorandum of Understanding now in effect or with any future Memorandum of Understanding. It is agreed as follows:

1. RECOGNITION

The District formally recognizes the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245 as the exclusive recognized organization pursuant to Section 3501 (b) of the California Government Code for all District Employees except managerial, supervisory and confidential employees.

2. COMPENSATION

2.1 WAGE RATES

A. Utilize a five step wage schedule in the Irrigation Department using the following rules of use:

1. Each classification has an applicable range consisting of five, five percent steps.
2. All new employees will enter their probationary period at the base wage of the range applicable to the job. The employee's manager may recommend to the General Manager elevation in the entry level step to compensate for education and experience. District employees promoting to a classification with a higher wage range shall enter into the classification at the nearest higher wage rate. An employee voluntarily demoting to a position in a classification with a lower wage range than the classification which he/she formerly occupied shall receive the nearest lower wage rate in the new wage range as of the date upon which the demotion became effective.
3. Employees temporarily assigned to a Management Unit Position shall enter into the classification at the nearest higher wage rate.
4. All employees shall be eligible for a merit step increase to the next step in pay range every twelve months until the end of his or her pay range, if the General Manager finds that the employee's manager has determined that such employee's job performance satisfies the departmental standards relating to such employee. Employees denied a merit increase will be eligible for reconsideration 3 months and 6 months following their initial review date. Employees denied a merit step increase for 3 or 6 months will nonetheless be eligible for their next step increase on their anniversary date upon obtaining a satisfactory review. Employees off work due to illness or injury will not have their step increase date adjusted if the period of absence is less than six months.
5. Upon recommendation of the Employee's manager and approval by the General Manager, any employee may be given an administrative raise to the next step in range, but not more than one in eighteen (18) months. The administrative raise is not a right but may be given for outstanding service.
6. The wage step progression for employees hired prior to the ratification of this MOU shall be covered by the wage step progression contained in the previous MOU.

B. Implement the Compensation Survey:

1. The base wages of the following classifications will be adjusted upward based on the salary survey as follows:

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| Administrative Assistant | 11% |
| Lab Technician | 20% |
| Mechanical Technician | 8% |

C. Wage Increase Schedule

After making the adjustments in B.1. above:

1. Effective the pay period following effective date of the new MOU, 7.0% base wage increase; and 3.5% base wage increase on January 1 for each subsequent year within the term of the MOU.
2. Upon written notice by either party, a single reopener in 2022 and a single reopener in 2023 may occur on base wages only, subject to all of the following conditions: 1) reopener may only be triggered if the California CPI for urban wage earners and clerical workers is 4.5% or over for the previous 12 months ending the October immediately preceding the notice period; and 2) written notice for the reopener must be issued between December 1 and December 15 of years 2022 and/or 2023.
3. A list of jobs classifications and applicable rates of compensation is maintained on file in the District office.

2.2 HOURS

- A. Except as otherwise provided, a work week is defined to consist of seven (7) consecutive calendar days, and a basic work week is defined to consist of five (5) work days of eight (8) hours each. The days in the basic work week shall be known as work days and the other days in the work week shall be known as non-work days. Employees may be scheduled to work more or less than five (5) days per week or for more or less than eight (8) hours per day, but in any such event the basic work week shall continue to be as defined. Except as otherwise provided, the basic work week shall be from Monday through Friday.
- B. Office, clerical, and technical Employees may, by mutual agreement between their Supervisor and the Employee directly involved, substitute other hours of work, provided they are established during the same work week. If such agreement results in the Employee working more than 8 hours in a work day but no more than 40 hours in the work week the Employee will not be entitled to overtime pay as may be provided elsewhere in this MOU.
- C. Alternative Work Schedules (AWS) may be implemented on a department by department basis with agreement between the District and the Union, subject to the following conditions:
 1. Schedule: Specified Departments shall implement the following schedules as specified:
 - a. 9/80 schedule consisting of the employees working 80 hours over 9 days within a two week pay period: 9 hours per day for 8 days and 8 hours for one day and having one regularly scheduled day off per pay period. The regularly scheduled day off shall fall on either a Monday or Friday. Below is one example of a 9/80 schedule:

| Day of Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Week 1 hours | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Week 2 hours | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | OFF |

- b. 4/10 schedule consisting of the employees working 10 hours per day for 4 of 5 days in a work week and having one regular scheduled day off per work week. The regularly scheduled day off for an alternative work schedule shall fall on either a Monday or Friday. Below is one example of a 4/10 schedule:

| Day of Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Hours | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | OFF |

- 2. Work Week: For employees on 9/80 schedules, in order to maintain compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, and to avoid working overtime every other week, the official beginning of the work week will be changed. Once the 8 –hour day is selected, it will be split (4+4) and the work week will be officially changed to begin at the second 4-hour period. The first 4 hours will be part of week 1, and the second 4 hours will be part of week 2.
- 3. Overtime: For AWS, overtime shall be paid for time worked in excess of the regularly scheduled day (9 hours for 9/80 schedule; 10 hours for 4/10 schedule); or time worked in excess of 40 hours in a work week, as defined in Paragraph 2 above.
- 4. Irrigation Season Schedules: Employees engaged in the distribution of irrigation water with defined schedules during the irrigation season pursuant to this MOU will revert to those schedules during the irrigation season.
- 5. Overtime: For AWS, overtime shall be paid for time worked in excess of the regularly scheduled day (10 hours); or time worked in excess of 40 hours in a work week for a 4/10 work schedule.
- 6. Vacation: Employees on AWS will continue to accrue vacation as specified in the MOU. Vacation time taken shall be taken on an hourly basis, depending on the AWS of the employee.
- 7. Sick Leave: Employees on AWS will continue to accrue sick leave as specified in the MOU. Sick leave shall be used on an hourly basis, depending on the AWS of the employee.
- 8. Temporarily Altering Schedules: District has the right to flex the employee’s scheduled day off within the pay period to accommodate an assignment or business need for the department. District and Union acknowledge that the preference is to keep staff primarily on the same defined AWS, and this would only be utilized as a last resort to fulfil business needs of the District and provide consistent coverage.
- 9. Holiday: Employees on AWS will be provided 8 hours of holiday pay for paid holidays, including floater holidays.
 - a. If a holiday falls on an employee’s scheduled day off, the employee will be granted 8 hours of holiday pay.
 - b. If a holiday falls on an employee’s scheduled workday, the employee will be compensated for 8 hours of pay for the holiday. The employee will have the option to supplement the 8 hours of holiday pay with vacation, and/or compensatory time off to achieve the basic work requirement for the pay period. Employees will fill out their time sheets each week and indicate whether or not they wish to supplement holiday weeks with either vacation or compensatory

time off (CTO) in order to receive a full pay check for the pay period.

10. Changes: Changes in work schedule, including changes to regularly scheduled day off must be approved by immediate supervisors, shall be implemented on the first day of the following pay period, and shall be made in writing.
11. Discontinuation: District and Union reserve the right to discontinue AWS upon 30 days advance notification to the affected employees and District. Upon discontinuation, affected employees will be returned to a standard schedule upon first day of the next pay period.
12. AWS schedules are currently authorized with departments as follows:
 - a. Control Room: 4/10 Schedules
 - b. Office, Clerical, Technical: 4/10, 9/80 Schedules
 - c. Shop: 9/80 Schedules

- D. Employees engaged in the distribution of irrigation water will have a work week from 0500 hours Sunday through 0500 the following Sunday. Division Managers will work twelve (12) hour and fifteen (15) minute shifts of six (6) days on and three (3) days off, during the irrigation season. This shift includes two, 30-minute, paid meal periods.

MDC Operators will work one of two possible schedules: (i) twelve (12) hour and fifteen (15) minute shifts of three (3) days on and four (4) days off followed by four (4) days on and three (3) days off; or (ii) twelve (12) hour and fifteen (15) minute shifts of seven (7) days on and seven (7) days off. The twelve hour and fifteen minute shift includes two, 30-minute, paid meal periods. Determination of use of either schedule will be at the discretion of the Supervisor.

Employees engaged in the distribution of irrigation water will receive unpaid time-off or days off during the irrigation season as follows:

1. During a normal irrigation season, periods of unpaid time-off shall be for three (3) consecutive days and, except at the beginning and end of the season, and further, except when interrupted by the pre-scheduled vacation blocks taken by the Full-Time Division Manager/Ditchtender Relief person at approximately mid-season, they shall be scheduled to occur once every nine (9) days. At the beginning of a normal irrigation season the first four (4) of such Employees shall be scheduled to receive their unpaid time-off period at about six (6) days after irrigation deliveries begin. A schedule indicating "unpaid time-off" for these positions shall be posted each year by the Water Superintendent within ten (10) working days after the Board of Directors sets the time for irrigation deliveries to begin.
2. Should drought, dry, or other special circumstances be declared by the Board of Directors, the irrigation runs may be conducted without posting a schedule of 'unpaid time-off' provided such Employees are given unpaid time-off in between or following the so designed irrigation runs.

2.3 OVERTIME

- A. Except as provided in Section 2.2 B, all District Employees who are paid on an hourly basis shall be paid overtime at the rate of 1-1/2 times the hourly rate for all hours worked

beyond eight (8) per shift.

- B. The District reserves the right to establish four (4) ten (10) hour days as the workweek with overtime paid at 1-1/2 times the hourly rate for all hours worked beyond ten (10) hours per shift, subject to meeting and conferring with the Union.
- C. Any Employee covered by this MOU may choose to accept Compensatory Time Off (CTO) in lieu of cash compensation for earned overtime. The maximum accumulation of CTO is 120 hours. Employees engaged in the distribution of irrigation water shall be limited to 32 hours accumulation of CTO during the irrigation season. CTO will be granted at the rate of one and one-half (1 -1/2) hours of time off for each hour of overtime earned.

2.4 RATE OF PAY/OUT OF CLASS PAY

- A. Hourly employees of the District shall be compensated at the rate of pay established for the respective classifications; provided however, that if an employee is assigned to one or more other classifications with a higher rate of pay, the employee must work a minimum of two (2) hours, cumulative, in the higher classification in order to receive the higher rate of pay for actual hours worked in the higher classification.
- B. Office, Clerical, and technical employees of the District shall be compensated at the rate of pay established for the respective classifications; however, if such an employee works in a classification with a higher rate of pay for at least one hour, he/she will be compensated for all hours worked at the higher classification.
- C. Employees assigned to Division Manager/Ditchtender Relief full time relief duties shall be paid based on the wage scale of a Division Manager/Ditchtender, but at the "current" pay step rate of such employee so assigned. If the person works over eight (8) hours on duties other than Division Manager/Ditchtender relief-full time relief, the overtime rate will be equated to the job he has performed.
- D. When an employee is temporarily assigned to assist a Division Manager/Ditchtender in the distribution of irrigation water, the employee shall be compensated at the hourly rate of pay for the Maintenance classification for all hours worked up to but not exceeding twelve (12) hour and fifteen (15) minutes per shift. All time worked beyond an employee's regular work shift shall be paid at the overtime rate.
- E. When an employee is temporarily assigned to relieve a Division Manager/Ditchtender in cases of absence, the employee shall be compensated as described in D above for the first two (2) days of relief duty per assignment. Thereafter, the relief employee shall be compensated at the same daily rate of pay as a Division Manager/Ditchtender, but at the "current" pay step rate of such employee so temporarily assigned.
- F. When an employee is temporarily assigned to relieve a Division Manager/Ditchtender in the cases of absence, the employee shall accrue 0.5 vacation hours per shift for the duration of the assignment, to be totaled and recorded at the end of the irrigation season.
- G. **EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENTS**

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

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| 233-21 | 3 axle dump truck |
| 234-22 | 3 axle dump truck |
| 235-22 | 3 axle dump truck |
| 236-22 | 3 axle dump truck |
| 237-22 | 3 axle water truck |
| 295-08 | 3 axle dump truck |
| 296-08 | 3 axle water truck |
| 304-09 | 2 axle dump truck |
| 36-92 | IT 18B Cat loader |
| 39-10 | 310SJ J.D. backhoe |
| 42-02 | 416D Cat backhoe |
| 50-08 | S150 Bobcat loader |
| 51-09 | 430 Bobcat excavator |
| 52-09 | T300 Bobcat loader |
| 55-12 | 444K J.D. loader |
| 48-05 | T250 Bobcat |

HEAVY EQUIPMENT

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| 46-99 | D4C Cat dozer |
| 47-05 | 290 Kobelco excavator |
| 48-07 | 544J J.D. loader |
| 49-07 | 270D J.D. excavator |
| 51-10 | Tractor/Holland "Brown Bear" |
| 53-10 | 370LC-9 Hyundai excavator |
| 54-12 | 670GP J.D. grader |
| 56-13 | D5K Cat dozer |
| 231-21 | 3 axle boom truck |
| 232-21 | 3 axle transport |

- H. Employees shall be compensated for paid time off as follows:
1. Paid time off is compensated at the rate of pay for the employee's normal job classification, except as provided below
 2. For persons engaged in the distribution of irrigation water:
 - a. During the irrigation season, all paid time off will be compensated at the rate of 1.035 times the hourly rate for the Maintenance classification.
 - b. During the maintenance season, vacation and CTO will be compensated at the rate of 1.1372 times the hourly rate for the Maintenance classification.
- I. District and Union agree to further discuss possible changes to this MOU pertaining to the provisions for out-of-class wage rates, with the intent of possibly reducing the number of out-of-class wage rates used during a pay period, at a separate ad-hoc committee impacts bargaining table. The District and Union agree to meet with written notice provided by either party to the other no sooner than January 1, 2023 and no later than March 31, 2023.

The parties shall meet within three weeks of such notice and bargain in good faith. Should the parties reach no agreement, the current MOU and administrative practices will remain with no additional changes.

2.5 CALL BACK PAY/REST PERIOD/MEALS

- A. All District Employees shall be paid 1-1/2 times their normal hourly rate of pay for actual time worked whenever they are called back to work after the conclusion of their normal work day, and shall receive a minimum of three hours pay whenever they are called back.
- B. If an Employee had worked for the District eight (8) hours or more during the sixteen (16) hour period immediately preceding the beginning of his/her regular work hours, the Employee shall be given an "unpaid" rest period of eight (8) consecutive hours before returning in either the Employee's regular position or newly assigned position.
- C. An Employee who is required to perform emergency or urgent work for one and one-half (1-1/2) hours or more beyond his/her scheduled workday shall be either reimbursed for the reasonable cost of meals purchased or furnished a meal by the District at its expense at approximately one and one-half hours after his/her scheduled workday, and at intervals of approximately four (4) hours thereafter. The Employee will receive pay for one-half (1/2) hour at the straight time rate of pay for the time taken to eat the meal.

2.6 JURY DUTY

While serving as a juror in any court of this State, an Employee shall be compensated at the Employee's regular rate of pay, if the Employee supplies the District with proof of jury service.

2.7 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

- A. Appropriate sums shall be withheld from the paychecks of District Employees for California State Income Taxes, Federal Income Taxes and other deductions from Employees' earnings as required by applicable law.
- B. The Employee shall be allowed to make payroll deducted payments to the Financial Center Credit Union and/or the Modesto Building Trades Credit Union.
- C. Every Employee working for the District has the following deductions and made from the Employee's earnings on each payroll check:
 - 1. Federal Income Tax (Withholding tax)
 - 2. State Income Tax
 - 3. Social Security (F.I.C.A.)
 - 4. Medicare
 - 5. State Disability Insurance (S.D.I.)
 - 6. PERS
 - 7. Health Care Premiums
 - 8. Private Phone Calls
 - 9. Family Temporary Disability Insurance.

The District will also make any other deductions from an Employee's payroll check that are required by law.

D. The following payroll deductions may be made at option of Employee:

1. Group Life Insurance;
2. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1245, on a form provided and approved by the Union;
3. Deferred Compensation;
4. Credit Union as per section B;
5. PERS Long Term Care Insurance

2.8 STANDBY

Should the District require an employee to remain on standby, the District shall pay the employee at the standby rate being two (2) hours of compensation per day for weekdays and three (3) hours of compensation per day for weekends at the Employee's standard hourly rate.

3. RETIREMENT

- A. Effective January 1, 2009, the District implemented the PERS 2.5% at 55 plan. Employees shall contribute 4 percentage points of the required 8% member contribution with the District paying the balance. The method used to pay the member contribution will be in a manner to allow the employee the benefit of the contribution not being taxable income to the employee, to the extent permitted by law. This paragraph shall not apply to employees who are defined as "new members" under the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act ("PEPRA").
- B. Employees who are defined as "new members" under PEPRA will constitute a new tier. "New members" will be subject to all applicable PEPRA provisions, which include the 2% at 62 formula and final compensation based on the highest average annual compensation during a consecutive 36-month period. New members will pay 50% of total normal cost of the retirement benefit.

4. INSURANCE

4.1 HEALTH INSURANCE

The District will provide a health care plan for all Employees and their dependents. New Employees are eligible to participate sixty days after the beginning of the Employee's first day of employment. The District will make available a plan comparable to that presently offered so long as it is available to the District.

- A. The District agrees to contribute the entire premium for employee-only coverage for the duration of this MOU. All full-time probationary and permanent employees shall at minimum be enrolled in the District's health plan with employee-only coverage.

- B. The District will contribute \$1,500 per calendar year to the health savings accounts (“HSA”) of eligible employees with employee-only health insurance, and \$3,000 per calendar year to the health saving accounts of other eligible employees. Eligible employees are those who are enrolled in an HSA qualified high deductible health plan offered by the District, and who are otherwise eligible under the Internal Revenue Code to participate in a health savings account.
- C. Each Employee that covers a spouse or other dependent on the District's health insurance plan will contribute the lesser of \$225 per month or 20% of the monthly premium for the plan selected after subtracting the premium cost of the applicable single plan contained within the same plan. Employees enrolled in full family coverage will contribute the lesser of \$360 per month or 20% of the monthly premium for the plan selected after subtracting the premium cost of the applicable single plan contained within the same plan.
- D. Employees may re-select the health plan they desire during the annual open enrollment period.
- E. Employees will pay the amount their medical insurance cost exceeds the District's contribution by authorizing biweekly payroll deductions.
- F. Should the District in the future consider a change of insurance carriers or a change in plan design for the purpose of controlling cost increase, the District will meet and confer with the Union prior to any change being made. To begin this process, a health plan committee will be established as soon as possible consisting of a representative appointed by the District’s Board of Directors, the Management Unit, two members from the Union bargaining unit, and the Union Business Representative. Prior to the annual plan renewal, the committee will meet to examine health benefit plan alternatives including plan design, cost containment alternatives and choice of carriers. In the event the District agrees to health care premium contributions that are more beneficial to management and/or confidential Employees the District shall offer the same contribution rates to all Employees within the Union Bargaining Unit.

4.2 DENTAL INSURANCE

The District will provide dental insurance for all Probationary and Permanent Employees and their dependents. New Employees are eligible to participate sixty days after the beginning of the Employee's first full month of employment.

4.3 LIFE AND LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

- A. The District provides a term Group Life Insurance Plan for all its Permanent and Probationary Employees. New Employees are eligible to participate sixty days after the beginning of the Employee's first full month of employment. The plan provides for up to \$150,000 of term insurance coverage fully paid by the District. Employees have the option of purchasing additional term coverage at their expense. Eligibility for optional coverage will be determined by the carrier.

- B. The District has elected to provide its Permanent and Probationary Employees with a Long Term Disability (LTD) insurance plan which provides for income replacement (only) in the event an Employee is placed on a long term disability leave of absence. The granting of and the use of this benefit does not obligate the District to provide indefinite employment to its Employees. The terms and conditions relating to the use and effect of this benefit are found within the District's Long Term Disability Leave of Absence provision in the District's Personnel Rules and Regulations and within the LTD contract which has been entered into between the District and its insurance provider. A copy of the applicable Rules and Regulations regarding LTD is attached to this Memorandum as Exhibit B.

4.4 STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE

- A. The District hereby agrees to contract with the State of California for the purposes of providing State Disability Insurance (SDI) for its Employees. Premium costs for providing SDI coverage shall be deducted from the regular earnings of District Employees.
- B. State Disability Insurance payments are available to Employees who cannot work because of sickness or injury not job related.
- C. An Employee covered by State Disability Insurance may continue to receive a paycheck from the District to the extent that accumulated sick leave or, at the Employee's option, vacation, is available for such payment as described below. The Employee shall notify the District of the amount of each disability check received from the State. The District will then draw a payroll check for the difference between the taxable portion of the Employee's regular wages and that amount received from State Disability Insurance to the extent that accumulated sick leave is available, and when authorized by the Employee, vacation days. Failure of the Employee to notify the District by close of business on the Monday of a payday week of preference for benefits coordination will result in the use of accrued sick leave, or if none, vacation, as necessary in order to reach 80 hours of compensation for the pay period and no adjustments will be made. Employees shall be compensated for Holiday pay if a holiday occurs while an Employee is using sick leave and/or, vacation while on SDI. At the employee's sole discretion vacation days may be used by the employee in lieu of sick leave. In any event, the sum of the amounts received pursuant to this section shall not exceed the taxable portion of the Employee's wages.
- D. "Regular wages" during any pay period shall refer to an Employee's wages based on the Employee's hourly rate of pay for the number of regular hours in the pay period, based on a 40 hour work week.

4.5 VISION CARE

The District provides a Vision Service Plan for all its Permanent and Probationary Employees. New Employees are eligible to participate sixty days after the beginning of the Employee's first full month of employment. This plan will be comparable to the plan in effect on the date of execution of this MOU.

4.6 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The District will continue to make contributions for dental, vision, LTD, and life insurance. The District's total contribution for all these will be \$175.00 per month. If the total cost exceeds \$175.00 per month, the Employee will pay the difference through a payroll deduction. The District will attempt to find plans that are comparable to the ones currently available.

4.7 WORKERS' COMPENSATION

- A. District Employees are eligible for benefits under the Worker's Compensation Laws of the State of California for injury or disease arising out of or in the course of employment. It is an Employee's right to claim worker's compensation benefits for industrial injuries.
- B. Employees are responsible for reporting job incurred illness or injury to their supervisor as soon as possible. An Employee who is absent from work by reason of injury or illness covered by worker's compensation shall continue in Paid Status under the following provisions:
 - 1. The difference between the amount granted pursuant to such worker's compensation and the taxable portion of the Employee's regular wages shall be deducted from the Employee's accumulated sick leave, and when authorized by the Employee, vacation days. In any event, the sum of the amounts received pursuant to this section shall not exceed the taxable portion of the Employee's regular wages.
 - 2. During the time the Employee is on "paid status" while absent from work by reason of injury or illness covered by workers' compensation, the Employee shall continue to accrue all benefits. For the purposes of this section, "Paid Status" shall include that period of time during which the District coordinates benefits; i.e., that period of time during which sick leave and vacation days are used to supplement Employee earnings. The District shall continue to pay health, dental, vision, life insurance benefits for as long as the Employee remains in Paid Status or for six (6) months whichever is the longer period. Once an Employee leaves Paid Status, coverage may be continued at the Employee's expense consistent with applicable law and insurance policy provisions. Vacation, holidays, and sick leave accruals will cease. Thereafter, the District's leave of absence provisions in section 5.5 shall govern.

4.8 DEFERRED COMPENSATION

District Employees are eligible to participate in a deferred compensation plan. The District shall contribute a dollar for dollar match amount to a maximum of \$3,000 annually.

4.9 FAMILY TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (PAID FAMILY LEAVE)

Family Temporary Disability Insurance (Paid Family Leave) is governed by Division 1, Part 2, Chapter 7 of the Unemployment Insurance Code. The District will coordinate benefits as with SDI as described in Section 4.4 above, when an Employee becomes eligible for benefits. See also section 5.5H below.

4.10 AVAILABILITY OF PLANS

Copies of the above health and welfare plans are on file at the District office and brochures are available to covered Employees.

5. LEAVES/HOLIDAYS

5.1 VACATION

- A. The annual vacation is intended to provide the Permanent Employee with a period for rest and relaxation. The scheduling of vacations shall be specified to suit the convenience of the District. All vacations must be scheduled a minimum of two weeks before the date of departure. For vacations of 3 consecutive days or less only 5 working days' notice need be given except in cases of emergency.

Under special circumstances, the District's departmental supervisor may waive these notice requirements upon receiving the District Manager's consent.

Four random days per year may be used at the Employee's wish and discretion. Reserve vacation days can be used to cover a rained out day. The Employee must give written notice of the intent to use a random pay prior to the end of the preceding shift. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. Notice will not be required if the random day is used for a medical emergency that occurs within 24 hours prior to the start of the Employee's regular starting time. In the event of such an emergency, the Employee will give notice of the Employee's intent to be absent prior to the start of the Employee's shift. Employees engaged in the distribution of water are not allowed to schedule random days.

- B. Permanent Employees shall accrue vacation leave as follows:

1. During the first year of employment, an Employee shall accrue six (6) days of vacation leave. A new Employee may not take vacation leave until he/she has been employed for six months.
2. After one (1) year and through the fifth (5th) year of service, an Employee shall accrue twelve (12) days' vacation leave per year.
3. After five (5) years and through the tenth (10th) year of service, an Employee shall accrue eighteen (18) days' vacation leave per year.
4. After ten (10) years and through the fifteenth (15th) year of service, an Employee shall accrue twenty-one (21) days' vacation leave per year.
5. After fifteen (15) years of service an Employee shall accrue twenty four (24) days' vacation leave per year.
6. Where vacation time is taken by the Employee, the hourly Employee shall receive pay at his/her regular hourly rate for a maximum of eight (8) hour per day

7. In addition to the vacation specified above, a vacation credit shall be accrued at the rate of two (2) days for each continuous month that the Employee works during the irrigation season in the following job classifications: Division Manager/ Ditchtender Relief, MDC Operators and Maintenance working as Division Manager/Ditchtender Relief or MDC Operators as a result of Absence/Vacation Time. Employees in the foregoing job classifications are those who are considered to be engaged in the distribution of irrigation water, as used in this MOU.

8. No vacation shall be taken before it is accrued.

- C. For the purpose of determining vacation accrual in this section, the word "consecutive" shall mean accumulated months during which the Employee retains the Employee's paid status. In no event shall vacation accrue for any month during which the employee is on leave of absence for longer than five (5) working days.
- D. A holiday falling within an Employee's vacation shall not be counted as a day of vacation.
- E. Employees are allowed to accrue vacation without limitation except that, as of March 1 of each year, no more than forty-five (45) vacation days can be held in reserve by an Employee. Such vacation days accrued shall include all vacation and bonus vacation days granted within the MOU. If an Employee accrues vacation days in excess of the forty-five day maximum reserve, the District shall either place the Employee on mandatory vacation, or buy-back vacation, for the number of days in excess of the forty-five day maximum reserve. The District's buy-back shall occur yearly with the pay period including March 1. Unless otherwise specified, the hourly rate of pay for such days bought back by the District shall be the normal hourly rate of pay earned by the Employee.
- F. Upon an Employee's termination, a direct proration will be used to compute vacation leave and vacation pay.
- G. Employees engaged in the distribution of irrigation water shall be allowed to pre- schedule a total of nine (9) days separated into three (3) distinct blocks of vacation during the irrigation season, based on seniority and subject to the scheduling approval of the Irrigation Operations Manager. Such vacation blocks shall be scheduled to fall during the period beginning May 1 and running through the end of the irrigation season. Further, such vacation blocks shall run in conjunction with the Employee's regularly scheduled three (3) days off which are unpaid and they shall be scheduled to occur either all after or before the Employee's regularly scheduled three (3) days off. Any such vacation shall not jeopardize vacation accrual. Holidays falling within a scheduled vacation block shall not increase the total number of days off.

Requests for vacation must be submitted to the Operations/Water Superintendent by April 15. When irrigation employees request to take 4 or more days in one of the vacation blocks, they must submit the request at least three weeks in advance. When irrigation employees request to take 3 or fewer days in one of the blocks, they must submit the request at least two weeks in advance. These noticing provisions are specific to irrigation employees during the irrigation season.

- H. Employees other than those engaged in the distribution of irrigation water will be allowed to schedule vacation anytime of the year subject to the District operations.

5.2 SICK LEAVE

- A. All full-time Permanent and Probationary Employees shall be allowed sick leave with pay as follows:
1. The District's Permanent Employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of one full day per month. The rate of compensation for sick leave is the rate of pay the Employee would normally have received prior to the Employee's first day of sickness. The rate of compensation for sick leave is the rate of pay for the Employee's normal job classification.
 2. Sick leave benefits are intended to be used by the Employee only when actually required to recover from illness or injury; sick leave is not for "personal" absences. The District will not allow abuse or misuse of an employee's sick leave privilege. An Employee may use sick leave:
 - a. For his/her loss of time due to actual sickness or injury.
 - b. For scheduled medical, dental and vision examinations up to four (4) hours per work shift.
 - c. Up to six days per calendar year may be used to attend to the illness of the Employee's spouse, child or parent.
 - d. In addition, the first three (3) days or 24 hours of sick leave provided in a 12-month period may be used for purposes in accordance with the California Paid Sick Leave Law, as provided below.
 3. If an employee takes sick leave in accordance with this policy for more than three days at a time:
 - a. The Employee shall supply the District with a physician's certification of the Employee's own sickness or injury or the illness of the Employee's spouse, child or parent, beginning with the fourth day for which sick leave is claimed, or in the case of emergency, as soon thereafter as may be possible. The verification of the Employee's sickness or injury shall state the probable duration of the condition and that, due to the Employee's condition, the Employee is unable to perform the function of his or her position. The Employee shall obtain subsequent recertification as reasonably requested by the District.
 - b. When returning to work, the Employee shall obtain certification from his or her physician that the Employee is able to resume the function of his or her position.
 - c. A physician's verification of the illness may be required at the District's option and at the expense of the Employee in any case regardless of the length of the leave taken in which the employer has reason to doubt the basis of the Employee's eligibility for using sick leave.
 4. If a holiday occurs during the time an Employee is absent on paid sick leave the

Employee shall receive pay for the holiday as such and the holiday shall not be counted as a day of sick leave.

5. The District's sick leave accrual, use, and verification policies shall apply to Probationary Employees except that Probationary Employees shall not accrue sick leave until after they have worked for thirty (30) or more days within one year of the commencement of their employment with the District. Probationary Employees are not eligible to use any accrued paid sick leave until after ninety (90) days of employment with the District. Thereafter and through the first six (6) months of employment, Probationary Employees may use up to three (3) days of sick leave. After completing six (6) months of employment, Probationary Employees may use any sick leave they have accrued. This policy shall not apply to permanent employees serving a probation period following a promotional appointment.

B. Part-time and temporary employees do not accrue sick leave in accordance with the preceding policies but may be eligible for leave in accordance with California's Paid Sick Leave Law as follows:

1. An employee begins to accrue paid sick leave at the rate of one (1) hour of paid sick leave for every thirty (30) hours worked beginning on the first day of employment. An employee is not eligible to begin using any accrued paid sick leave until after 90 days of employment with the District.
2. An employee is only allowed to use up to a maximum of 3 days or 24 hours, whichever is greater, of paid sick leave in a 12-month period.
3. An employee can only accrue paid sick leave up to a cap of 6 days or 48 hours, whichever is greater, ongoing. Any unused accrued paid sick leave does carryover year to year while continuously employed.

C. In accordance with California's Paid Sick Leave law, an employee may use the first 3 days or 24 hours of accrued paid sick leave in a 12-month period for one of the following reasons:

1. For the employee's own diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or preventative care.
2. For the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or preventative care for an employee's family member, including:
 - a. Child (including a biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, legal ward, or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis);
 - b. Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner;
 - c. Parent (including biological, adoptive, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child);

- d. Grandparent;
 - e. Grandchild; or
 - f. Sibling.
3. To obtain any relief or services related to being a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking including the following with appropriate certification of the need for such services:
- a. A temporary restraining order or restraining order;
 - b. Other injunctive relief to help ensure the health, safety or welfare of themselves or their children;
 - c. To seek medical attention for injuries caused by domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
 - d. To obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, program, or rape crisis center *as* a result of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
 - e. To obtain psychological counseling related to an experience of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or
 - f. To participate in safety planning and take other actions to increase safety from future domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including temporary or permanent relocation.
 - i. An employee shall provide reasonable advance notification of their need to use accrued paid sick leave to their supervisor if the need for paid sick leave use is foreseeable (e.g., doctor's appointment scheduled in advance). If the need for paid sick leave use is unforeseeable, the employee shall provide notice of the need for the leave to their supervisor as soon as is practicable.
 - ii. An employee who uses paid sick leave must do so with a minimum increment of one hour of sick leave.
 - iii. Unless indicated otherwise in this MOU, an employee will not receive compensation for unused accrued paid sick leave upon termination, resignation, retirement or other separation from employment from the District.
 - iv. If an employee separates from District employment and is re-hired by the District within one year of the date of separation, previously accrued and unused paid sick leave hours shall be reinstated. However, if a rehired employee had not yet worked the requisite 90 days of employment to use paid sick leave at the time of separation, the employee must still satisfy the 90 days of employment requirement collectively over the periods of employment with the District before any paid sick leave can be used.

- v. Paid sick leave will not be considered hours worked for purposes of overtime calculation. An employee's accrued sick leave is forfeited when employment is terminated.

D. Upon retirement of an Employee, the Employee may convert accumulated sick leave into health insurance premiums as follows:

1. The District shall contribute the amounts computed as follows toward the retiree's monthly premium for retiree necessary to maintain membership in the District's group health insurance plan for retirees from the ages of 50 through 64, for the number of months equal to the number of sick leave days accumulated up to 120 unused at the time of retirement.
 - a. When an Employee has less than ten (10) years of continuous service the amount to be contributed is fifty dollars (\$50) per month.
 - b. When an Employee has ten (10) years of continuous service the amount to be contributed is equal to 50% of the monthly premium necessary to maintain the retiree's membership in the District's group health insurance.
 - c. For each additional year of continuous service after ten, the District shall contribute an additional five percent (5%) of the premium cost for the monthly premium necessary to maintain membership in the District's group health insurance, in addition to the largest amount determined in "b" above, to a maximum of 100% of the premium. Employees with ten (10) years' service may take cash, in lieu of insurance, at fifty percent (50%) of the Employee's current rate of pay, for all unused sick leave upon retirement.
2. The District shall contribute an amount equal to the retiree's monthly premium (retiree only) for the Blue Cross/65 extra care insurance plan or a like amount toward the Conversion program offered by the District's other health care providers for retirees 65 or older, for the number of months equal to the number of sick leave days accumulated but unused at the time of retirement.
3. A retiring Employee may elect to have the Employee's spouse covered by the insurance in paragraphs 1 or 2 above. In such an event, the District shall contribute the same percentage towards the premium for the retiree's spouse and two days of sick leave will be charged for each month of coverage.
4. Days accrued in excess of 120 days may not be credited towards purchase of continued health insurance coverage. However, it may be utilized for sick leave purposes, or upon retirement the Employee will receive a 50% cash payoff of accumulated sick leave of these excess days (at rate of current position).

E. In no case shall there be any District contributions on behalf of any employees who retire with less than ten (10) days of accumulated but unused sick leave at the time of retirement.

F. In the event that the retiree dies before using the balance of sick leave for health insurance premiums, if his/her surviving spouse was covered pursuant to paragraph 3 above, he/she may

continue coverage until the balance of sick leave is exhausted. In the event that the retiree and surviving spouse die before using the balance of sick leave for health insurance premiums, the retiree's beneficiary shall receive an amount equal to 50% of the current Blue Cross/65 Extra Care Plan premium times the number of months of eligibility remaining.

- G. In no event shall there be any contribution for employees who, upon resignation, choose to receive their retirement contributions in a lump sum.
- H. An Employee's beneficiary shall be paid fifty percent (50%) cash payoff, at the employee's current rate of pay, for all unused sick leave upon death. All accumulated sick leave shall terminate without pay upon termination of employment for any reason other than retirement or death.
- I. There are no provisions for payments of sick leave in advance of accrual. Sick leave shall not accrue during a leave of absence in excess of five (5) working days.
- J. Excluding a worker's compensation injury, Water Department Employees may use up to three (3) days sick leave during any irrigation season without affecting the accrual of vacation credits as set forth in Section 5.1 B, 7 of this MOU. On the fourth day of sick leave usage and for each additional day used, one day of vacation will be deducted from the balance, up to a maximum of two (2) days during the month the sick leave is taken. This section applies only to that vacation leave accrued under section 5.1 B, 7.

5.3 HOLIDAYS

- A. The following days shall be recognized as paid holidays for all Permanent and Probationary Employees:

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| New Year's Day | January 1 |
| Martin Luther King Day | Third Monday in January |
| Presidents Day | Third Monday in February |
| Memorial Day | Last Monday in May |
| Independence Day | July 4 |
| Labor Day | First Monday in September |
| Veterans Day | November 11 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Fourth Thursday in November |
| Day after Thanksgiving Day | Fourth Friday in November |
| Christmas Day | December 25 |

- B. Each Employee shall receive on an annual basis two (2) individual Floater Holidays. Employees must give 24 hours' notice prior to taking. The District can deny if inconvenient for employer operations. No Water Operations personnel shall be granted a floater holiday while on water pay. If Employee has not used floater before end of calendar year, the day shall accrue as a vacation day.
- C. Floater Holidays will be prorated based on the number of months worked during the calendar year at 1-1/3 hours per month for all new hires, retirees and terminations (both voluntary and involuntary).
- D. When a recognized holiday falls on a Saturday, the day immediately preceding shall be deemed

to be the paid holiday. When a recognized holiday falls on a Sunday, the next day shall be deemed to be the paid holiday.

- E. During the maintenance season, District Employees shall be allowed to take one (1) day of unpaid leave of absence per month known as "Zero Days", as approved by District in accordance with District's Personnel Rules and Regulations. The District shall pay its share of the premium cost for the Employee's health, dental and life insurance plans for the one day per Calendar month during the maintenance season. Except when used to cover a rained out day, notice of intent to take a zero day must be given prior to the end of the preceding shift. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. Under special circumstances the District's departmental supervisor may waive these notice requirements upon receiving the District Manager's consent.
- F. Except as otherwise provided herein, Permanent Employees shall receive recognized holidays off without any loss of compensation. During the irrigation season Water Department Employees are required to work on holidays. If an Employee works on any recognized holiday the Employee shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half times the Employee's regular rate of pay in addition to the Employee's holiday pay. Any Employee on leave of absence without pay on the day before or the day after a recognized holiday shall not receive compensation for the holiday.

5.4 BEREAVEMENT

A maximum of three (3) days paid leave per occurrence is allowed for death in the immediate family for the purpose of attending the funeral and/or matters pertaining to bereavement of the Employee. "Immediate family member" includes a spouse, registered domestic partner, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepsibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law. Should the District approve an Employee's request for additional time off for bereavement, the Employee will be charged at the Employee's sole discretion to either vacation or sick leave.

The rate of pay for this leave shall be the same as the last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave. During irrigation season, Employees engaged in the distribution of irrigation water will be paid at the rate determined in accordance with Section 2.4H.

5.5 LEAVES OF ABSENCE/FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

Reference is made to the right of certain Employees to take up to twelve weeks of unpaid leave in a 12-month period, to attend to the Employee's serious health condition or for other purposes subject to certain conditions described in the Moore-Brown-Roberti Family Rights Act, Government Code Section 12945.2 and the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-3). A copy of the Acts will be provided to any Employee upon request. The following shall apply to leave taken pursuant to either of the Acts:

- A. In the event the Employee is granted leave because of the Employee's serious health condition the District requires the Employee to substitute any of the Employee's accrued sick leave for unpaid leave.

- B. An Employee's request for leave to care for a child, a spouse, or a parent who has a serious health condition shall be supported by a certification issued by the health care provider of the individual requiring care. That certification shall include all of the following:
1. The date on which the serious health condition commenced.
 2. The probable duration of the condition.
 3. An estimate of the amount of time that the health care provider believes the Employee needs to care for the individual requiring the care.
 4. A statement that the serious health condition warrants the participation of a family member to provide care during a period of the treatment or supervision of the individual requiring care.
 5. Upon expiration of the time estimated by the health care provider, the Employee shall obtain recertification, in accordance with the procedure provided above, if additional leave is required.
- C. An Employee's request for leave because of the Employee's own serious health condition shall be supported by a certification issued by his or her health care provider. That certification shall include all of the following:
1. The date on which the serious health condition commenced.
 2. The probable duration of the condition.
 3. A statement that, due to the serious health condition, the Employee is unable to perform the function of his or her position.
- D. The Employee shall obtain subsequent recertification regarding the Employee's serious health condition on a reasonable basis, in accordance with the procedure provided above, if additional leave is required.
- E. In any case in which the District has reason to doubt the validity of the certification provided pursuant to it, the District may require, at its expense, that the Employee obtain the opinion of a second health care provider, designated or approved by the District. In any case in which the second opinion differs from the opinion in the original certification, the District may require, at its expense that the Employee obtain the opinion of a third health care provider, designated or approved jointly by the District and the Employee. The opinion of the third health care provider shall be considered to be final and shall be binding on the employer and the Employee.
- F. As a condition of an Employee's return from leave taken because of the Employee's own serious health condition, the Employee shall obtain certification from his or her health care provider that the Employee is able to resume the function of his or her position.
- G. Employees granted Family Medical Leave except for the Employee's own serious health condition, will use two weeks of accrued vacation for the first two weeks of leave. Reference is made to the Rules and Regulations for additional provisions regarding Family Medical Leave Act.

- H. Employees may be eligible to take Paid Family Leave as described in Division 1, Part 2, Chapter 7 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code. Employees must establish medical eligibility by applying for the leave and providing medical certification. A 7-day waiting period applies and the District may require an employee to take up to two weeks of vacation before receiving Paid Family Leave. The District is not required to hold an employee's job open who takes Paid Family Leave unless other provisions of law otherwise provide. If an employee is eligible for leave under the Family Medical Leave Act or the California Family Rights Act, leave under the Paid Family Leave is taken concurrently. Reference is made to the law and to the District's Rules and Regulations for further information.

5.6 PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE

Pregnancy Disability Leave codified in Government Code Section 12945 provides eligible employees with unpaid, job-protected time off when they are unable to perform essential job functions due to pregnancy, child birth or a pregnancy-related condition for up to four months. Reference is made to the law and to the District's Rules and Regulations for further information.

5.7 UNION REPRESENTATIVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE (SB 1085/GOVERNMENT CODE 3558.8)

Pursuant to the provisions of SB 1085/Government Code section 3558.8, the District shall grant an employee, with prior department approval and upon written request of the Union, a reasonable leave of absence without loss of compensation or other benefits for the purpose of enabling employees to serve as stewards or officers of the Union. Leave may be granted on a full-time, part-time, periodic, or intermittent basis under the following procedures:

- A. The Union officer or steward shall submit a written request to the department head at least 15 business days in advance of the requested leave. The request shall specify it is being made pursuant to SB 1085 and include dates/duration, and classification.
- B. No more than four (4) employees from the bargaining unit shall be on leave at the same time, and no more than two (2) employees from a single department. If an employee's SB 1085 leave exceeds two full pay periods, the employee's merit increase shall be delayed by one full pay period for each additional full pay period of leave. For any employee going on leave, who is on a medical leave, Union will ensure compliance with all medical restrictions.
- C. The Union shall reimburse the District for all benefits and compensation paid to and earned/realized by the employee on leave, including but not limited to all wages and benefits, and including reasonable District administrative fees of \$2.50 per employees on leave, per pay period.
- D. Reimbursement by the Union shall occur within 30 days of District billing the Union.
- E. The leave of absence will be approved if it does not interfere with the performance of District services and department operations. If the leave is denied, the District will provide the Union with written notification of impacted operational needs. The Union shall provide the District with alternate leave dates for the leave to occur.

At the conclusion or termination of the leave granted under this section, the officer or steward shall have a right to reinstatement to the same position and location they held prior to such

leave, or if not feasible, a substantially similar position without loss of seniority, rank, or classification. The District shall not be liable for any act, omission, or injury suffered by any employee of the District if that act, omission or injury occurs during the course and scope of the employee's leave under this section to work for the Union. To the extent that the District is held liable for any such act, omission or injury, the Union shall indemnify and hold harmless the District.

6. WORKING CONDITIONS

6.1 RESERVED

6.2 SENIOR MAINTENANCE WORKER AND FOREMAN II

This section contemplates special working conditions relating to irrigation construction and maintenance Foreman II and Senior Maintenance Worker positions.

When Employees are assigned to a work assignment that require between three and five Employees, one shall be designated as Senior Maintenance Worker and paid Senior Maintenance Worker wages.

When Employees are assigned to a work crew for a specific project that requires six or more Employees, one Employee shall be designated as Foreman II and paid Foreman II wages while working on the specific crew for the project until such time that the number of employees necessary to finalize the project drops to four (4) or fewer. Foreman II shall be in a capacity to be able to observe the safety and work of the crew. The Foreman II shall not leave the work site for long periods of time nor function as an Equipment Operator.

6.3 RESERVED

6.4 PAY PERIODS/PAYDAY

- A. Pay periods shall be biweekly. Regular pay days shall be scheduled within one week after the end of a pay period. A schedule identifying pay days for the ensuing year shall be posted annually on or before January 1st.
- B. Payroll is distributed in the following manner:
 - 1. All Employees are paid through direct deposit with a bank of their choice unless they request a paper check.
 - 2. In cases of emergency or unusual circumstances, exceptions to paragraph B 1, above, will be made providing the Employee requests such exception through the Employee's immediate Supervisor at least two (2) days before the scheduled pay day.

6.5 RESERVED

6.6 POSTING OF JOBS

- A. The District agrees to post all job openings, which it intends to fill, on bulletin boards in respective work areas and send notification via SSJID email in order that Employees of the District shall have the opportunity to apply for any and all jobs for which they are qualified. For all qualified candidates, seniority will prevail for all promotions when candidate qualifications are equal.
 - 1. Notice of each job vacancy which the District intends to fill or new job opportunity within the bargaining unit shall be posted on Employee bulletin boards for a period of five (5) working days. The District will also send notice via SSJID email at the beginning of the posting period. The notice shall set forth the job classification and location.
 - 2. All regular Employees shall be eligible to bid on all such job vacancies or new job opportunities.
 - 3. Only bids received during the posting period set forth above will be considered by the District.

- B. Regular Employees promoted to a new job classification shall be given a trial period in that new position for a period of three (3) months. If, during the trial period, the regular Employee is demoted from the new position, or if the Employee should desire to vacate the position, the following procedure shall take place:
 - 1. If a vacancy in the regular Employee's former position exists, the Employee shall be returned to the former position.
 - 2. If no vacancy exists, the Employee may apply for any other District job opening for which the Employee is qualified.
 - 3. If no other vacancy exists, or if the Employee is unsuccessful in applying for another job, such Employee shall be temporarily placed in the Maintenance classification at the percentage wage rate based on the employee's length of employment with the District. Regardless of the actual work performed by the Employee, any such Employee so placed shall not be entitled to extra compensation provided herein, under (but not limited to) provisions relating to "out of class pay", "foreman I" and "foreman II". At such time as a vacancy exists in a position for which such Employee is qualified and/or satisfactorily held previously, such Employee shall be assigned to that position without having to bid for it.
 - 4. Provision "B" of this section shall not apply to any Employee terminated by the District.

6.7 DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined or the context requires, the following definitions shall govern the applicability and interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding:

- A. "Seniority" shall mean the length of an employee's service with the District from his date of hire as a probationary employee.

- B. "Continuous Service" or "Continuity of Service" shall mean employment with the District which is not interrupted as a result of the following:
1. Unless rehired within six (6) months, voluntary termination or retirement of the employee;
 2. Discharge or dismissal for cause;
 3. Failure of the employee to report for work following the conclusion of an approved leave of absence;
 4. Failure of the employee to report to work within five (5) days after recall to work, or to notify the District within two (2) days after recall to work of his intention to report to work.
- C. "Part-time employee" shall mean an employee who works a regular schedule but not the entire work day or work week.
- D. "Temporary employee" shall mean an employee who is hired for a limited time only, with the understanding that his employment will end with the completion of the particular task or at the end of the season or particular time period for which he was hired not to exceed five (5) consecutive months. His status as a "temporary employee" may be renewed for a new task at the District's discretion.
- E. "Probationary employee" shall mean an employee who is hired by the District to fill a permanent position and who has less than twelve (12) months of continuous service.
- F. "Permanent employee" shall mean an employee who has met the requirements for the probationary period in a full-time position.
- G. "Probationary Period" shall mean the twelve (12) months of continuous service from the date of hire as a probationary employee.
- H. "Employee" shall mean any person currently employed by the District.
- I. "Day" for purposes of holiday pay and accrual and use of leave benefits shall mean 8 hours.

6.8 EMPLOYEE STATUS

- A. Part-time Employees. A part-time Employee shall be hired and paid at a rate established by management not necessarily being the wage established for the Employee's current classification. The part-time Employee shall not be eligible for vacation, holiday pay, insurance coverage, PERS or items of a similar nature. Part-time Employees are entitled to sick pay per Section 5.2 of this MOU and applicable California law. If a part-time Employee is offered and accepts the opportunity for a permanent employment with the District, the Employee will be given the status of a Probationary Employee described in paragraph (C) of this section.
- B. Temporary Employees. A Temporary Employee shall be hired and paid at a rate established by management not necessarily being the rate established for the Employee's current classification.

A Temporary Employee shall not be eligible for holiday pay, vacation pay, insurance coverage or items of a similar nature. Part-time Employees are entitled to sick pay per Section 5.2 of this MOU and applicable California law. A Temporary Employee shall, upon such Employee meeting the eligibility requirements of the District's PERS contract, contribute the required amounts of each thereto. If a Temporary Employee is offered and accepts the opportunity for permanent employment with the District, the Employee will be given the status of a Probationary Employee described in paragraph (C) of this section. District agrees that should any Temporary Employee be hired onto a permanent position, the time served as a Temporary Employee shall be credited for probation purposes. This shall not apply to an Employee furnished by a temporary employment service.

- C. Probationary Employees. A Probationary Employee will receive not less than the minimum rate for the job. Probationary Employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate described in Section 5.2(A)(5) of this MOU. Probationary Employees may take accrued sick leave as described in Section 5.2(A)(5) of this MOU applicable to Probationary Employees. Upon completion of six (6) months of continuous service, a Probationary Employee will be credited with vacation and sick leave from date of hire at the accrual rates described in this MOU as applicable to Permanent Employees. Upon completion of six (6) months of continuous service a Probationary Employee is eligible to take sick leave pay or vacation pay in accordance with this MOU. Upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period, a Probationary Employee will be given the status of a Permanent Employee, will be credited with continuous service with the District from date of hire. Probationary Employees will be paid for holidays in the same manner as Permanent Employees.
- D. An Employee shall not attain status as Permanent until the Employee has completed a probationary period of twelve (12) months continuous service in a full-time position with the District. The term "continuous service" as used in this provision and as it pertains to step wage increases means uninterrupted service with the District in a full-time position in which service may not be interrupted by unauthorized absences, interruption of service due to illness, and/or authorized leave of absences. Except for unauthorized absences resulting in termination of employment, such interruptions will result in extension of the probationary period and step wage increase anniversary dates by a like number of work days. During the probationary period, the individual may be terminated by the District for any reason without recourse to the grievance procedure.
- E. Permanent Employees. A Permanent Employee shall be entitled to the full rights and benefits provided herein. Except as provided in this paragraph, a Permanent Employee shall lose the Employee's Permanent status upon interruption of the Employee's continuous service with the District. However, if a Permanent Employee is laid off or resigns and the District rehires said Employee within six (6) months from the date of said Employee's last day of work, then upon the Employee's return, said Employee shall be deemed once again a Permanent Employee. If a former Employee of the District is rehired at any time six (6) months or more after the date of said Employee's last day of work, then upon the Employee's return, said Employee shall be deemed a newly hired Probationary Employee as described in the preceding paragraph.

6.9 SAFETY

The District desires to maintain safe places of employment for District Employees and to that end District Management will make all reasonable provisions necessary for the safety

of the Employees in the performance of their work.

To study and promote the safety policies of the District, the District shall utilize a Safety Committee. The Safety Committee shall be comprised of Employee representatives from the Water Department, Maintenance Department, Shop Department, Engineering Department, the Water Treatment Plant and the General Office. The District will post notice and will give each Safety Committee member written notice, provide release time; and generally encourage all to attend scheduled safety meetings.

Tailgate safety meetings will be held on all jobs to emphasize safety in their performance. These tailgate safety meetings will be conducted by the Crew Foreman who will be responsible for initiation and content.

Regular safety meetings will be scheduled by the Safety Committee for the purpose of familiarizing Employees with safe work procedures, training for first aid, reviewing accidents, and discussing means of preventing their recurrence, and elimination of hazardous conditions.

6.10 EXAMINATIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- A. To the extent required by law, the District shall pay for all required medical examinations and continuing education for those Employees which it requires a special permit or license be maintained. The District recommends that all other District Employees obtain same at their own expense to be properly qualified in the event the opportunity for advancement arises.
 - 1. Although Employees are encouraged to continue to improve themselves so they become more valuable to the District, the District will reimburse Employees for the cost of tuition, text books and school supplies for job related courses, after prior approval has been obtained from the General Manager. The reimbursement shall only be available upon completion of the course with a "C" average or its equivalent. Extraordinary reimbursements may be considered by the Board of Directors upon presentation by the Manager. Transportation, meals, and any other expenses not specifically covered in this procedure will not be eligible for reimbursement. Conventions, workshops, institutions, conferences, seminars, etc., are not included in the tuition reimbursement programs.
 - 2. The District will provide a medical exam for all Employees which it requires to have a Class 2, B, 1 or A Driver's License, Pest Control Advisors License, Qualified Applicators License, and Applicators Certificate where the exam is required to maintain said licenses. This will apply to all persons in those categories at this time, or because of District changes in job requirements or changes in law. The District will designate a physician who will give the examination. The District will pay the cost of said examination.
- B. Persons applying for positions that require special permits or licenses will be required to meet all requirements including a medical exam and obtain the permit or license at their own expense. All results of such examinations shall be confidential and shall not be released to third parties without written authorization from the Employee or except as required by law.
- C. For the purpose of renewing such licenses, the District will pay once every two (2) years, the

normal wages of such Employee, up to two (2) hours per medical exam and certification testing, if it is necessary that the Employee schedule the medical exam or certification testing during normal work hours. Further, the District shall reimburse such designated Employees the costs for such licenses after deducting from same the costs for a standard or basic license.

6.11 HIRING HALL AGREEMENT

The Parties agreed to enter into a Hiring Hall Agreement to assist the District in filling positions in classifications where a labor shortage may exist. Use of the hiring hall by the District shall be non-mandatory and will be a non-exclusive resource to the District.

6.12 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

The District may create an Apprenticeship Program when in its judgment such a program would be beneficial to the District. If established, apprentice will begin work at 65% of the journey level pay and progress to 95% of journey level pay prior to attaining full journey level status.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

7.1 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. A grievance procedure shall be effective for District Employees, the implementation of which shall be as follows: A grievance shall be defined as an actual or alleged violation of or failure to comply with the terms of any of the District's Personnel Rules and Regulations or this M.O.U., as it now exists or as may be amended or adopted hereafter, or an alleged discrimination, disciplinary suspension of less than five (5) working days, demotion or other discipline of an individual Employee or group of Employees (class action grievance). If any question should arise whether a matter is a proper subject for the grievance procedure, the matter itself, along with the issue of whether it is subject to the grievance process, shall be submitted and decided in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.1B.
- B. The grievance procedure is as follows:

Step One: The initial step in the adjustment of a grievance shall be a discussion between the Employee or the Union representative and the immediate Supervisor directly involved, who will answer within five (5) work days.

Step Two: If a grievance is not resolved in the initial step, the second step shall be a detailed written presentation of the grievance, within thirty (30) calendar days of the incident or when the Employee became aware of or should have become aware of the incident, by either the Employee or the Union Representative to the District Manager or his designee. The two of them will meet to discuss and investigate the grievance within ten (10) work days thereafter. At the option of either, investigators, the Supervisor, Employee or Shop Steward may be present during the investigation. The District Manager, or his designee, will answer, in writing, within ten (10) work days after the conclusion of the meeting. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, failure to observe the time limits at any step of the grievance procedure will result in their forfeiture or granting of the grievance without further recourse.

Step Three: If a grievance is not resolved in the second step, the third step shall be the presentation of the grievance by the Employee and/or the Union representative, in writing, to the District's Board of Directors. This presentation of the grievance at this step shall be filed with the District Manager within ten (10) work days after the Step 2 decision. The Board of Directors will render a decision on the grievance within thirty (30) work days. Such presentation shall include all facts pertinent to the grievance and upon written request may be supplemented by the Employee or the Union representative in an appearance before the Board of Directors. The Board may fix the time and place for any such grievance. If such appearance before the Board is during the Employee's regularly scheduled work shift, the Employee shall be allowed a reasonable period of time to present the Employee's case without loss of compensation. If such hearing is held at other than the Employee's normal assigned working hours, the time spent for such appearance shall be compensated by the District. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final and binding and no right to a re-hearing shall exist.

- C. Any grievance involving discharge or suspension of five (5) or more working days must be raised within five (5) working days of such discharge or suspension or such grievance shall be waived.

In these matters, the grievance procedure shall be as follows:

Step One - The initial step in the adjustment of a grievance shall be a discussion between the Employee or the Union representative and the immediate supervisor directly involved, who will answer within five (5) work days.

Step Two - If a grievance is not resolved in the initial step, the second step shall be a detailed written presentation of the grievance within thirty (30) calendar days of the date that the Employee was notified of the discharge or suspension, by either the Employee or the Union representative, to the District Manager or his designee. The two of them will meet to discuss and investigate the grievance within ten (10) work days thereafter. At the option of either, investigators, the Supervisor, Employee, or Shop Steward may be present during the investigation. The District Manager or his designee will answer, in writing, within ten (10) work days after the conclusion of the meeting. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, failure to observe the time limits at any step of the grievance procedure will result in the forfeiture of granting of the grievance without precedent.

Step Three - If a grievance is not resolved in the second step, the third step shall be a written request filed by the Employee and/or the Union representative within ten (10) work days after the Step 2 decision, for an advisory arbitration hearing. This written request shall be filed with the District Manager. Such request shall include all facts pertinent to the grievance. The advisory arbitration shall be conducted under the following procedures:

- a. The District and the Union shall select an impartial arbitrator within three (3) working days of the request for advisory arbitration. In the event the District and the Union are unable to mutually agree upon an impartial arbitrator, the District and the Union shall request a panel of five (5) arbitrators to be named

by the California State Conciliation Service. A single arbitrator shall be selected from said panel by alternately striking names with the sole remaining name to be the arbitrator. A toss of the coin shall determine which party shall strike the first name.

- b. Fees and expenses of the arbitrator and reporter costs of the original transcript, if requested, and hearing room shall be shared by the parties.
- c. The decision of the arbitrator shall be advisory only and shall include a list of findings upon which the decision is based. One copy of the decision shall be mailed and/or delivered to both the Union and the District.
- d. Within twenty (20) calendar days of receiving the advisory arbitration decision, such decision shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of the District pursuant to Step Four of the grievance procedure, unless the Union or its member pursuing the grievance elects to withdraw the grievance on the basis of the answer under Step Three of the grievance Procedure.

Step Four - The fourth step shall be the presentation of the arbitrator's decision and findings by the Board Secretary to the District's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will either:

- a. On the basis of the arbitrator's decision and findings, render a decision on the grievance within forty (40) work days of receiving the arbitrator's decision, or
- b. Schedule a grievance hearing in which the Employee and/or the Union representative shall make an appearance and presentation which shall include all facts pertinent to the grievance. The Board may fix the time and place for any such appearance. However, any such grievance hearing shall occur within forty (40) work days following receipt of the arbitrator's decision. In matters relating to disciplinary suspension of five (5) working days or more, if such appearance before the Board is during the Employee's regularly scheduled work shift, the Employee shall be allowed a reasonable period of time to present the Employee's case without loss of compensation. If such hearing is held at other than the Employee's normal assigned working hours, the time spent for such an appearance shall be compensated by the District. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final and binding and no right to a re-hearing shall exist.

7.2 LAYOFF RULE

- A. When it is necessary to reduce the working staff of the District for lack of work or lack of funds or for other causes outside of the worker's control, the District shall determine the classifications in which the reduction is to be made and the number of positions to be affected. Reduction in staff shall occur within the affected classification in the following order:

- 1. Employees who have part-time or temporary status only.

2. Employees who have probationary status only.

3. Permanent Employees.

- B. Among Permanent Employees, those having the lowest seniority with the District within the affected classification shall be laid off up to the number necessary.
- C. An Employee of the District may displace another Employee of the District in a lower paid classification in accordance with the Employee's standing in Paragraphs A and B. In the same manner, the Employee thus displaced may likewise displace another Employee and so on provided that such Employee seeking to displace another Employee shall have served in the position before or be qualified at that time to serve in such position.
- D. When Permanent Employees are laid off under this procedure, their names shall be listed on a reemployment eligibility list in the order of their seniority for the purpose of determining eligibility for reemployment. All Employees on the reemployment eligibility list within a certain classification shall be given the opportunity of reemployment before any other District Employee not within that classification is considered for employment in that classification. Employees' names will remain on the recall list for a period not to exceed 36 months.
- E. Permanent Employees shall receive notice of any reduction: in staff at least two weeks prior to the effective date.

7.3 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- A. The District shall not initiate proposed discipline procedures against an Employee following the close of business on the tenth (10) full working day after an individual authorized to initiate an investigation or discipline learns of any incident which may lead to discipline. The ten working days are the standard workweek of Monday through Friday and shall exclude any days in which the employee or supervisor are absent an entire day away from usual course of business.
- B. The District will remove all non-serious disciplinary action letters or memos from an Employee's personnel file at the end of five (5) years from the time disciplinary action was taken provided, that the Employee first requests the removal in writing to the General Manager and the General Manager finds that the action qualifies as non-serious. Disciplinary action will be considered serious if it involves a pattern of abuse or of a continuing nature, sexual discrimination, harassment, criminal activity whether or not resulting in charges or conviction, or incidents involving injury to District personnel or equipment. A decision by the District's General Manager determining that disciplinary action qualifies as serious is final.

7.3 EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

- A. The District shall conduct Employee performance evaluations on District-issued evaluation forms which may include a narrative attachment. No disciplinary action will be taken against an Employee based on any issues raised in a performance evaluation if such issues occurred more than 365 days prior to the date the Employee received the evaluation.
- B. Probationary Evaluations

An Employee shall receive no less than three (3) performance evaluations during the twelve (12) month initial probationary period. Probationary periods may be extended in accordance with Article 6.8 C of this MOU. An Employee promoted into a new classification will receive no less than two (2) performance evaluations during his/her initial six (6) months in the new position. Such evaluations will be conducted at reasonable intervals.

C. Employee Rights

1. Any Employee has the right to file a written statement to be attached to his/her performance evaluation and placed in the personnel file.
2. An Employee who wishes to file a written statement to accompany a performance evaluation may, within ten (10) working days of receiving the evaluation:
 - a. File a statement with the reviewer for attachment to the performance evaluation; and/or,
 - b. File an informal appeal of the evaluation to the supervisor of the reviewer.
3. Once the informal appeal has been filed and a decision rendered, no further appeal is available to the Employee.

7.5 LABOR-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION COMMITTEE

The District and Union agree to meet on an as needed basis to discuss matters of mutual concern. The meetings will be held with 14 days of the date suggested by the requesting party unless there is a significant reason why the requested party cannot meet. In such a case the meeting will be held as soon as possible.

Meetings should last for a maximum of 90 minutes. Each party may submit items it wishes to discuss no later than seven days prior to the meeting date. The District and Union will alternate responsibility for preparing the meeting's agenda. The agenda will be published no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting. The party preparing the agenda will also be responsible for taking general notes that cover the items discussed and actions taken. Meeting minutes will be provided within seven days.

It is agreed that this committee is not part of the grievance or disciplinary process. Therefore, specific items subject to the grievance or disciplinary procedures shall not be discussed at the committee meetings. The committee will not have authority to revise or amend the provisions of this MOU.

At the initial meeting of the committee, the parties shall agree on the number of committee members that will represent the District and the Union. The Union Business Representative shall be a member of the committee. Union members will be paid for attendance at the committee meetings.

8. NO STRIKE NO LOCKOUT

The District agrees that so long as this MOU is in effect, there shall be no lockouts. The curtailing of any operation or a part thereof for business reasons shall not be construed to be a lockout. The Union, its officers, agents, members and Employees covered by this MOU, agree that so long as this MOU is in effect, there shall be no strikes, sit-downs, slowdown, stoppage of work, boycott or any other unlawful acts that interfere with the Employer's operations for any reasons whatsoever.

The Officers and Stewards of the Union Local 1245 will make every bona fide effort possible to prevent and/or terminate any strike or any other violation of this provision. These efforts shall include, but not be limited to, urging the Employees to return to work or otherwise terminate their conduct that violates this provision; advising the Employees that their conduct is a violation of the labor agreement; advising the Employees that they are subject to discipline up to and including discharge; advising the Employees that such discipline is not subject to the grievance provision of this MOU and, if the Officers and/or Stewards are Employees of the Employer, they shall return to work if ordered to do so by the Employer.

Any violation of this provision may be the subject of disciplinary action, including discharge, and such action or the Employer's determination of the facts upon which such action is based may not be raised as a grievance under this MOU.

The District and the Union further agree that in the event there is a lockout or strike during the term of this MOU by either party, the other party shall have a right to obtain an injunction ordering the lockout and/or strike to end and ordering the return to work by all Employees. The party locking out or striking waives its right to challenge venue of the court in which the injunction is sought and further waives any right that it may have to notice by the other party that such injunction proceedings are being commenced or that a preliminary injunction or temporary restraining order is being sought. The parties recognize that a violation of this provision causes the other irreparable harm which cannot be adequately compensated for by the award of damages. However, such injunctive relief does not waive the right to damages that the non-violating party may have.

9. TOOLS, UNIFORMS, AND WORK BOOTS

- A. Tools - The District shall furnish tradesmen and their helpers all tools necessary to do the class of work previously done by these tradesmen and which cannot be done with their regular tools.
- B. All Employees required to work outside rainy weather shall be furnished raincoats, rubber boots and hats.
- C. The District shall furnish Employees with tools, equipment, safety devices or foul weather gear. Employees to whom the equipment has been issued shall be held responsible for the care of such clothing, equipment and tools. In the event they are lost or destroyed due to negligence of the Employee, the Employee may be disciplined. Nothing herein shall be construed to mean that the Employees shall be disciplined for tools, equipment, safety devices or foul weather clothing unintentionally broken or worn out in the performance of the Employee's duties.
- D. Work Boots- The District will provide, upon production of a receipt, up to a \$275 annual

reimbursement to all Employees in classifications to be agreed upon by the Parties for the purchase of one pair of safety boots and/or one pair of insoles, a set of additional laces, and leather conditioner. The District will accept receipts only during one thirty-day period annually which will be announced in advance by the District. Eligible new Employees will receive their first \$275 annual reimbursement within the first 30-days of employment. The general specifications of boots to be worn shall be determined by the District. Wearing of safety boots shall be mandatory in classifications receiving the boot allowance at times specified by the District. Employees when required to wear safety boots who report to work wearing improper footwear shall not be allowed to report for work and will be subject to disciplinary action.

- E. Uniforms - The District will continue to provide work shirt and pant laundry service to Employees in classifications agreed upon by the Parties. The District will, for those Employees wishing to wear their own work pants provide a \$250 annual reimbursement for the purchase of suitable work pants. The general specifications of pants to be worn shall be determined by the District. Payment will be made through the District voucher program or upon production of a receipt.

Uniforms will be provided to employees subject to the Exhibit E.

10. ACCESS TO PLANT BY UNION REPRESENTATIVE

The duly authorized Business Representative of the Local Union, upon advance notification to the Department Supervisor in charge, and receipt of permission of that Department Supervisor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, shall have access to the District's properties, or other work locations during working hours, for the purpose of observing working conditions. The Business Representative will not talk to or otherwise interfere with the work of an Employee until and unless such Employee is relieved from duty. There shall be no soliciting of union membership by the Business Representative during these visits. The employer is under no obligation to relieve any Employee other than at normal break times. The Union shall provide the District with a list of its duly authorized Business Representatives. While on District property or at the work location the Business Representative shall observe all District safety rules.

11. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with Federal and State law, and in conformance with equal opportunity objectives, the District prohibits discrimination and harassment against employees, officials or board members, contractors, or applicants for employment on the basis of race, religion, color, age (over 40), sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, national origin, ancestry, marital status, military or veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. Equal employment opportunity will be extended to all persons in all aspects of the employment relationship, including training, job placement, promotions, compensation and termination.

The District and Union agree not to discriminate against any employee because of membership or non-membership in Union.

12. CONCLUSION

12.1 TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this agreement shall commence on September 4, 2022, and expire at 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2024. Each of the terms and conditions of this Memorandum shall remain in effect until amended or superseded by subsequent Memorandum of Understanding.

Not more than 120 days prior to the expiration of this Memorandum, the Union and the District will establish initial meeting dates. The parties will exchange written proposals during negotiations for meeting and conferring on wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment within the scope of representation and the parties shall as soon as practicable meet and confer in good faith with regard to such proposals.

12.2 IMPASSE PROCEDURES

District and Union agree to update the impasse procedures and move them to the “South San Joaquin Irrigation District Rules and Regulations for Employer-Employee Relations.”

12.3 PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The South San Joaquin Irrigation District Personnel Rules and Regulations, as amended, govern personnel and pay matters for District Employees, except as amended by this MOU. Whenever conflicts arise between this MOU and the District Personnel Rules and Regulations, this MOU shall govern until such time as a change to this MOU is negotiated.

References to the District's Personnel Rules and Regulations in this MOU mean the District's Personnel Policy entitled "Rules and Regulations of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District" adopted by the District's Board of Directors by Resolution dated February 12, 1991, amended January 24, 1995 and September 25, 2001, and August 12, 2014, and as may be amended from time to time hereafter.

12.4 INVALID PROVISIONS

In the event that any provision of this MOU shall at any time be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or through State or Federal government regulations or decree, such decision, regulation or decree shall not invalidate the entire agreement, it being the expressed intention of the parties hereto that all other provisions not be declared invalid and shall remain in full force and effect. This MOU supersedes all prior MOU's between the parties hereto.

12.5 RESERVED

12.6 MUTUAL AGREEMENT

The parties agree that this is the complete MOU between them and that it may be modified only in writing by mutual agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District and the I.B.E.W. Local 1245 have caused these presents to be duly executed by their authorized representatives this ____ day of _____, 2023.

SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT


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I.B.E.W. LOCAL 1245



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Ryan Thrasher


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APPROVED
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE - I.B.E.W.

5/25/2023
Kenneth Cooper,
International President
This approval does not make the
International a party to this agreement.

EXHIBIT "A" WAGE SCHEDULE

9/4/22

The schedule of wages in Table 2.1A is supplemented as follows:

| RANGE AND STEP SCHEDULE OF WAGES | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| CLASSIFICATION | Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 | Step 5 |
| Account Clerk | 27.87 | 29.25 | 30.74 | 32.28 | 33.88 |
| Accounting Technician | 32.85 | 34.50 | 36.25 | 38.05 | 39.95 |
| Administrative Secretary | 32.86 | 34.54 | 36.28 | 38.09 | 40.01 |
| Auto/Equipment Mechanic | 35.51 | 37.28 | 39.15 | 41.11 | 43.17 |
| Customer Service Representative | 30.22 | 31.74 | 33.32 | 34.99 | 36.73 |
| Division Manager/Ditchtender | 28.30 | 29.71 | 31.22 | 32.75 | 34.41 |
| Electrical Technician II | 45.40 | 47.66 | 50.04 | 52.55 | 55.17 |
| Engineering Technician | 40.59 | 42.62 | 44.74 | 46.98 | 49.34 |
| Equipment Operator | 32.31 | 33.93 | 35.62 | 37.40 | 39.26 |
| Equipment Service Worker | 30.00 | 31.51 | 33.07 | 34.73 | 36.47 |
| Facilities Inspector | 40.59 | 42.62 | 44.74 | 46.98 | 49.34 |
| Foreman II | 38.72 | 40.67 | 42.71 | 44.84 | 47.06 |
| Gunite Worker | 31.49 | 33.05 | 34.70 | 36.44 | 38.26 |
| Heavy Equipment Operator | 35.51 | 37.28 | 39.15 | 41.11 | 43.17 |
| Industrial Electrician / Instrumentation Technician | 45.40 | 47.66 | 50.04 | 52.55 | 55.17 |
| Maintenance Worker | 30.00 | 31.51 | 33.07 | 34.73 | 36.47 |
| MDC Operator | 29.03 | 30.46 | 31.98 | 33.58 | 35.27 |
| MDC Water Meter Tech | 30.40 | 31.92 | 33.51 | 35.19 | 36.95 |
| Mechanic Helper | 30.00 | 31.51 | 33.07 | 34.73 | 36.47 |
| Pest Control Applicator | 35.91 | 37.71 | 39.59 | 41.57 | 43.66 |
| SCADA Technician | 46.94 | 49.29 | 51.77 | 54.36 | 57.06 |
| Senior Division Manager | 31.14 | 32.69 | 34.35 | 36.03 | 37.86 |
| Senior Maintenance Worker | 31.49 | 33.05 | 34.70 | 36.44 | 38.26 |
| Warehouseman | 32.32 | 33.95 | 35.63 | 37.42 | 39.29 |
| Water Conservation Coordinator | 34.74 | 36.48 | 38.30 | 40.22 | 42.23 |
| Welder/Mechanic | 35.51 | 37.28 | 39.15 | 41.11 | 43.17 |

Note: Wages in this table reflect increases as described in Sections 2.1.B and 2.1.C of this MOU.

EXHIBIT “B” Rules and Regulations Regarding Long Term Disability

1. All District Employees are eligible for long term disability leave of absence (LTD) without pay in accordance with the provisions contained in this section.
2. LTD without pay may be granted to an Employee after a medical leave of absence and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the District LTD plan.
3. The effect of LTD on District benefits is as follows:
 - A. All benefit accruals, including, but not limited to, sick leave, sick pay, vacation, and/or holiday pay, will cease during a long term disability.
 - B. District's group insurance benefits will not recommence (continue) when an Employee goes on LTD. If an Employee goes on LTD without first being on medical leave of absence, then District group insurance benefits will remain in effect only to the end of the month during which the LTD commences.
4. The Employee must notify the Employee's immediate supervisor of his/her status at least every thirty days while on LTD.
5. District Employees must report to their supervisor on the first scheduled day of work following the end of the LTD or the release of the Employee's physician.
6. Employees returning from a LTD must present a written release from their physician indicating the Employee may return to his/her normal work duties.
7. If the supervisor of the returning Employee has any question as to the physical condition or capabilities of the Employee to perform his/her normal work duties, the District reserves the right to have the Employee examined by a physician of the District's choice. Also, the examination will determine whether or not the Employee may return to work at that time.
8. Upon becoming available to return to work after a LTD, the Employee, including those who are Probationary, will be reassigned to his/her former position provided the position has not been filled. If no such vacancy exists, the Employee will be placed on a preferential hiring list and will be offered the first available job for which he/she is qualified and will be offered the job before it is offered to a non-Employee.
9. An Employee on a LTD during his/her probationary period will have the probationary period extended by the number of work days missed due to the LTD.

EXHIBIT “C” UNION DUES DEDUCTIONS, COMMUNICATION, AND NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

A. UNION MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

1. An Employee hired into a classification covered by this MOU may voluntarily execute a payroll deduction authorization form provided by the Union authorizing deductions of voluntary dues and deductions. The Union is solely responsible for distribution to and collecting from employees the dues and authorization forms.
2. It is the employees’ responsibility to submit requests to start or stop deductions directly to the Union and not the District. Questions regarding Union membership, dues amounts, and payroll deductions must be directed to the Union and not the District.
3. Any bargaining unit Employee who is temporarily placed in a non-bargaining unit classification for a continuous period of less than 30 days shall continue to be subject to the provisions of Subsection AI above.
4. The Union will provide to the District an updated, certified deduction list of bargaining unit members who have provided written authorization for deductions, upon request of the District. The District will make deductions for only those employees who are in the bargaining unit in accordance with such certified list.
5. The Union shall notify the District of any changes to an employee’s deductions, including starting and stopping deductions, or validly canceling or revoking a deduction authorization. The Union will provide District with an updated certified deduction list noting specific changes immediately of said changes and the District shall implement said changes in the pay period following the District’s receipt of such notification.
6. The Union need not provide a copy of employee authorization cards or forms unless a dispute arises about the existence or terms of the authorization.
7. District shall notify Union within 30 days of hiring any new Employee into any bargaining unit classification and provide the following new employee information to the Union:
 - a) Name
 - b) Job title
 - c) Department
 - d) Work location
 - e) Work, home and personal cellular telephone numbers
 - f) Personal email address on file with District
 - g) Home address

Furthermore, District shall provide Union with updated contact

information as noted in this section for all represented employees at least every 120 days.

Employees may opt-out in writing to the District for the disclosure to the Union of personal contact information including home address, home telephone number, personal cellular phone number, and personal email address on file with employer.

B. NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

1. For new employees orienting into classification represented by the Union, District shall provide Union access and prior notification to facilitate participation in new employee orientation subject to certain terms and conditions within this section.
2. The Union will be given no less than ten (10) days advance notice of a new employee orientation for a represented classification, or as soon as practical should the orientation date be established within ten (10) days of hire date.
3. District staff shall invite Union representative into the meeting room at the beginning of the Union orientation and introduce them. Union shall be provided no more than 30-minutes of access to new employees on the date of new employee orientation. If multiple employees are orienting at the same time, Union may meet with employees together or separately, but total time shall not exceed 30 minutes. Union access to new employee orientation shall occur generally near the middle or just prior to the end of the orientation day.
4. Union may appoint a business representative, shop steward, or member employee to represent Union during new employee orientations. For use of a member employee, the Union must submit a time off request to the District in advance of orientation for scheduling and availability purposes.
5. District shall not compensate employees appointed to represent Union in new employee orientations.

C. UNION RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Union shall keep an adequate itemized record of its financial transactions and shall, within 60 days of the close of the District's fiscal year, make available to the District, and to all bargaining unit Employees, a detailed written financial report for the fiscal year ending the preceding December 31, in the form of a balance sheet and an operating statement, certified as to its accuracy by its president and the treasurer or corresponding principal officer, or by a certified public accountant. If the Union is required to file financial reports under the federal Labor-Management Disclosure Act of 1959 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 401 et seq.) covering District Employees, or is required to file financial reports under California Government Code Section 3502.5, it may

satisfy the financial reporting requirement by providing the District with a copy of the financial reports.

2. The Union certifies to the District that it has adopted and implemented, and will maintain procedures in accordance with applicable California law, any decisions by a court of competent jurisdiction, and any other applicable legal authority.

D. INDEMNIFICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

The Union shall indemnify the District, and shall fully and promptly reimburse the District for any fees, costs, charges or penalties incurred in responding to or defending against any claims, disputes, challenges, whether formal or informal, which are actually brought, or attempted or threatened to be brought, against the District or any of its agents, or employees for any claims made by an employee for deduction authorization or on information provided by the Union regarding changes or cancellations to the deduction authorization, as could arise from this section of the MOU. Such reimbursement shall include, but not be limited to, wages, damages, awards, fines, court cost, litigation and defense expenses, losses, demands, and attorney's fees incurred by the District. The District shall have the right to be represented by its own attorney in any action in which it is named a party to the action.

E. CHANGE OF LAW

In the event there is a change in the law whereby any provision hereof becomes invalid or if for any reason any provision of this Article is rendered unlawful by any published appellate court decision, the parties hereto shall meet-and-confer within thirty (30) days to negotiate a substitute provision which conforms to said law or court decision.

F. DEFINITIONS

District Employees covered by this MOU are all Employees except for elected and appointed officers, management, professional, supervisory and confidential employees. "Agreement" refers to the Memorandum of Understanding to which this Exhibit is attached. "Union" refers to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO, Local 1245.

EXHIBIT "D" AGREEMENT COVERING SPECIAL WORKING CONDITIONS AT THE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

Introduction

District has hired Employees to operate the Water Treatment System ("WTS") which will provide drinking water for the cities of Manteca, Escalon, Lathrop and Tracy. This Exhibit D modifies the accompanying MOU to accommodate the differing operating environment of the WTS from the District's irrigation system operations. In this Exhibit, District Employees assigned to WTS positions as designated in Schedule A-1 described below are referred to as "WTS Employees."

Agreement

1. Section 2.1 Wage Rates, is modified as follows:

- a) Section 2.1 A is amended by the addition of the following at end of the first sentence:

"The wage rates for WTS Employees shall be governed by Schedule A-1."

- b) A new Section 2.1 D is added as follows:

A WTS Employee's starting wage rate will be established at hire within the Pay Range established for the particular position based on knowledge, skills, abilities and other factors as determined by the District. Each WTS Employee's performance will be evaluated annually. At the annual evaluation, each WTS Employee will be considered for a possible Step increase until such time as the Employee has received the final Step increase in the Pay Range for the Employee's job classification. Step increases will be based on merit and are not automatic. There are five Pay Steps for each WTS Employee's job classification, which increase in 5% increments. A table attached as Appendix IA shows the wage rates in effect in 2014.

2. Section 2.2 Hours, is amended by addition of a new Subsection E as follows:

Subsection E.

- a). WTS Employees assigned to work in operations may be assigned to day shifts or night shifts and may be assigned to 12 hour day work schedule. Each shift involving the 12 hour day consists of a 36 hour work week and a 48 hour work week.
- b). Any WTS Employees not assigned to a 12 hour shift may be assigned at the District's option to either a basic 5 days x 8 hours per day schedule or an alternative work schedule.
- c). WTS Employees may be assigned to a work week other than the basic work week of Monday through Friday.

3. Section 2.3 Overtime, is amended by addition of a new subsection D as follows:

Subsection D.

Section 2.3 A is not applicable to WTS Employees, who shall instead be governed by the following provisions:

- 1). All WTS Employees will be paid overtime at the rate of 1-1/2 times the hourly rate beyond 40 hours in a work week and for all hours worked beyond their scheduled shift.

A new subsection E is added as follows:

Subsection E.

Section 2.3C is inapplicable to WTS Employees who shall instead be governed by the following provisions:

- 1). WTS Employees in the maintenance classification may take compensatory time off (CTO) in lieu of money.
 - 2). WTS Employees in the Operator classification and classified as Operator II or above shall be allowed to accrue up to 40 hours of compensatory time off (CTO) per year. CTO hours may be used subject to Exhibit D, Section 7, Paragraph I. Employee must find another qualified operator to provide coverage for any requested time off.
 - 3). All WTS Employees who have earned overtime, may take CTO in lieu of money, except as provided above. The maximum accumulation of CTO is 40 hours. After 40 hours of CTO has accumulated, additional overtime shall be paid in money. CTO is paid at the rate of 1-1/2 hours of time off for each hour of overtime earned.
4. Section 2.4 Rate of Pay/Out of Class Pay. "Out of Class Pay" as described in Section 2.4 of the master MOU shall be applicable to WTS Employees as well. The practice of allowing Employees on call to take home District vehicles will be allowed.
5. Section 2.5 Call Back Pay/ Rest Period/Meals, is amended by addition of a new subsection D as follows:
- A. A WTS Employee in the Operator II classification or above is not permitted to leave the Water Treatment Plant premises so long as the Employee is the operator with sole overall responsibility for the water treatment plant's operation. An Employee with such responsibility is not permitted to leave the Water Treatment Plant premises until relieved by another qualified Operator II or above. The shift of an Employee with such responsibility during the Employee's lunch break will include a paid lunch break. For example, if the Employee is working a 12 hour shift, the Employee is entitled to a paid lunch break during the 12 hour shift.
 - B. Call-back for Unscheduled Absences:

- 1). A standby list will be established based on seniority. This list will rotate as an operator is called in to cover. Once an operator has covered a shift, he or she will rotate to the bottom of the list.
- 2). If an operator calls off on their shift, the operators on duty shall call the next eligible operator on the list. They will allow 15 minutes for that operator to respond. If no response, the operators will call the next operator on the list allowing the same 15 minute wait period.
- 3). If an operator is not contacted or is unable to cover the current shift he or she does not forfeit the spot on the rotation list. They will remain in their same position based on seniority.
- 4). If an operator is absent from work and that absence is unscheduled, the overtime coverage shall fall back to the standby list. If the days of coverage are more than one shift, then the overtime shall be distributed among the next eligible operators on the list.
- 5). Coverage for scheduled absences shall continue to be covered by the Operator Apprentice/Grade II operator. If the OIT/Grade II operator is unavailable to cover this shift, then the next eligible Operator on the list shall cover the shift.

6. Section 2.8 Stand-by Pay is amended and replaced with the following paragraph:

WTS Employees may be assigned to stand-by status at the discretion of the Water Treatment Plant Manager. In such an event, the Employee may leave the water treatment premises, but must be reachable by telephone at all times, be within a 60 minute drive of the water treatment plant, not be under the influence of alcohol or any prescription drugs that restrict the Employee's capability of driving or performing the Employee's WTS responsibilities and report for work within 60 minutes of receiving direction to report. Employees assigned to stand-by status will receive 2 hours' compensation per day for weekdays and 3 hours compensation per day for weekends at the Employee's standard hourly pay rate. If called back to work, the Employee will also receive compensation at the Employee's appropriate hourly rate from the time the Employee arrives at the requested destination until the Employee completes the assigned work. An Employee assigned to stand-by status that does not report to work within 60 minutes is subject to forfeiture of the additional compensation and to disciplinary action.

7. Section 5.1 *Vacation*, is amended by addition of a new Subsection 5.1 I as follows:

- I. WTS Employees are not entitled to random vacation days. The taking of vacation and CTO days is subject to the advance notice and approval provisions in the first paragraph of Subsection 5.IA, unless the full period for notice is waived as provided in the second paragraph of Subsection 5.IA. The scheduling of vacation days requires approval of the WTS Plant Manager and the Plant Manager's evaluation of the District's operational requirements. Priority in the scheduling of annual vacations will be based on seniority in terms of the longest duration of District employment. Vacation selection and shift selection will be made by

classification based on seniority irrespective of when an Employee was certified to work in his or her classification. Notice of a WTS Employee's intention to take an annual vacation of one week or longer must be submitted to the Plant Manager by February 1 of each year for that year.

Subsection 5.1 G is not applicable to WTS Employees.

8. Section 5.2 Sick Leave, is amended by addition of the following at the end of Subsection A.2.b:

This subsection is not applicable to a WTS Employee in the Operator II classification or above so long as the Employee is the operator with sole overall responsibility for the water treatment plant's operation. An Employee with such responsibility is not permitted to leave the Water Treatment Plant premises until relieved by another qualified Operator II or above.

9. Section 5.3 Holidays is amended as follows:

- a. By addition of the following at the end of subsection C:

Subsection 5.3C is not applicable to WTS Employees.

- b. By addition of the following at the end of subsection D:

WTS Employees will receive 8 hours' pay for each holiday so designated in the MOU. If a WTS Employee works a holiday, the Employee will be paid 8 hours for the holiday and 1.5 times the Employee's regular hourly rate for all hours actually worked on the holiday.

10. Sections 6.2 Foreman II, and 6.3 Foreman I, are amended by addition of the following at the end of each section:

This section is not applicable to WTS Employees.

11. Section 6.6B is amended by addition of the following:

All Employees placed within a WTS job classification, whether an existing District Employee or a new hire, must serve a 12 month probationary period for the WTS job classification. Any Employee who desires to vacate the position or who does not satisfactorily complete the probationary period for the position, and who vacated a District position to accept the new position, shall be returned to the former position, if the former position is still available, or if no vacancy exists, the Employee may apply for any other District job opening for which the Employee is qualified.

12. Section 6.8C Probationary Employees, and Section 6.8D Permanent Employees, is modified by addition of the following:

The requirement in any WTS job description that the Employee must possess a particular license or certification is a continuing term of employment. The Employee's failure to achieve the required license or certification within the time frame established for the Employee to obtain the license or certification or to at all times thereafter maintain the license or certification, is grounds for termination regardless of the Employee's status as a

Probationary or Permanent Employee.

13. Section 6.10 Examinations and Continuing Education, is amended by addition of the following:

The District will pay for all required medical exams and coursework to satisfy any continuing education requirements, according to the procedure in subsection 6.10.A.2 as well as any required licensing fees, for all WTS Employees whose job description requires a particular certification or license, other than conventional driver's licenses.

14. A five percent (5%) shift differential will be applicable for all shifts that commence on or after 3:00PM.

APPENDIX A-1 WAGE SCHEDULE

| WATER TREATMENT PLANT RANGE AND STEP HOURLY WAGE SCHEDULE | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| CLASSIFICATION | Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 | Step 5 |
| Administrative Assistant | 27.45 | 28.83 | 30.27 | 31.78 | 33.37 |
| Electrical Technician I | 36.44 | 38.27 | 40.17 | 42.18 | 44.30 |
| Electrical Technician II | 45.40 | 47.66 | 50.04 | 52.55 | 55.17 |
| Instrument Technician | 56.05 | 58.81 | 61.76 | 64.83 | 68.08 |
| Laboratory Technician | 40.17 | 42.29 | 44.50 | 46.84 | 49.32 |
| Maintenance Worker | 30.00 | 31.51 | 33.07 | 34.73 | 36.47 |
| Mechanical Technician I | 39.36 | 41.33 | 43.39 | 45.56 | 47.84 |
| Mechanical Technician II | 46.63 | 48.96 | 51.41 | 53.98 | 56.68 |
| Operator Apprentice | 32.41 | 34.05 | 35.75 | 37.56 | 39.43 |
| Water Treatment Operator II | 38.78 | 40.73 | 42.76 | 44.91 | 47.15 |
| Water Treatment Operator III | 45.88 | 48.17 | 50.59 | 53.11 | 55.78 |
| Water Treatment Operator IV | 54.00 | 56.68 | 59.52 | 62.51 | 65.63 |

Note: Wages in this table reflect increases as described in Sections 2.1.B and 2.1.C of this MOU.

EXHIBIT “E” UNIFORMS

1. Each Division Manager, Full Time Relief Division Manager, and Control Room Operator will be issued 13 sets of pants and shirts. Applicable employees in the Maintenance, Water Treatment Plant, Shop and Control Room Departments will be issued 11 pair of pants and shirts. The shirts will have an employee’s first name and the District emblem on them. Additional, specialty uniform garments (e.g., arc flash garments) may be issued depending on the job classification to provide the personal protective equipment necessary to safely perform the job classification. Such additional garments shall meet applicable safety requirements.
2. Employees may choose the following: Long or short sleeve shirts, or a combination of each, and pants. If an employee decides to go from long sleeve to short sleeve, there is no charge. However, if an employee decides to go from short to long sleeve, there is a \$5.00 charge per shirt. Each employee is allowed one (1) uniform size change per year. Additional size changes will be at an employee’s expense.
3. The District will supply a secure location for delivery and return of uniforms. The facilities available as of February 1, 2020 are sufficient for this purpose.
4. The District shall determine the style and make of uniforms to be worn by the employee, and shall choose the uniform vendor.
5. An employee shall monitor the submission of his/her uniform garments for laundry service and their return the following week, and must report missing items immediately to the District. The District shall perform a uniform garment audit at least semi-annually.

The District shall report missing items to the uniform vendor, attempt to reconcile the issue with the uniform vendor, report the findings back to the employee, and the employee shall acknowledge the final result.
6. The District will cover mending or replacement of uniform garments due to damage or wear and tear that occurs in the normal course of business. If uniform garments need to be replaced due to damage or wear and tear outside of the workplace, or are lost or not returned upon separation from employment or upon request of the District, the employee shall be responsible for the cost of such uniform garments, if the uniform vendor seeks to recoup the loss(es) from the District or the District is required to purchase replacement(s) for the employee. The charge to the employee will be based on the current schedule of charges from the uniform vendor.
7. The monetary value of the uniform is considered Pensionable Compensation reportable to California Public Employee Retirement System. Pursuant to subdivision (c)(7) of Government Code section 7522.34, all employer-provided allowances, reimbursements, or payments for uniforms are not reportable for new members under PEPRA.
 - a. “Monetary Value” is determined by annualizing the weekly cost of rental and maintenance and dividing by the annual number of pay periods to determine the

monetary value per pay period reported (currently \$6 for shirts only and \$12 for shirts and pants).

- b. The Monetary Value will be reviewed annually and illustrated on the District pay schedule and any change(s) will be reflected in computing the per pay period Monetary Value reported. The District will post the schedule of uniform garment replacement values if review results in a change to the monetary value.
8. As an alternative to receiving District-issued uniform pants as described above, and subject to the limitations in subparagraphs a. and b. below, an employee may submit a written request to the employee's own suitable work pants and receive reimbursement in accordance with Section 9.E of this MOU. The general specifications of pants to be worn shall be determined by the District. Reimbursement will be made to the employee upon production of a receipt and completion of the specified form.
- a. Employees who receive an annual reimbursement for pants cannot change to District-issued uniform pants until one year has lapsed.
 - b. An employee who wishes to change from District-issued uniform pants to annual purchase/reimbursement, must have an approved reconciliation of their uniform account before being eligible for reimbursement.
9. Should the District make any change to this Uniform Policy, the District will provide notice to the Union for an opportunity to meet and confer.