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## **I. BENEFITS FOR MANAGEMENT, EXEMPT, AND UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES**

### **1. Leaves With and Without Pay**

- 1.10 Holidays: The County will observe the following holidays during the term covered by this Resolution:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Veterans' Day
Presidents' Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Day

Such other days as the Board of Supervisors may designate by Resolution as holidays.

- 1.11 Definitions:

Regular Work Schedule: The regular work schedule is eight (8) hours per day, Monday through Friday, inclusive, for a total of forty (40) hours per week.

Flexible Work Schedule: A flexible work schedule is any schedule that is not a regular, alternate, 9/80, or 4/10 work schedule and where the employee is not scheduled to work more than 40 hours in a "workweek" as defined below.

Alternate Work Schedule: An alternate work schedule is any work schedule where the employee is regularly scheduled to work five (5) days per week, but the employee's regularly scheduled days off are NOT Saturday and Sunday.

4/10 Work Schedule: A 4/10 work schedule is four (4) ten hour days in a seven (7) day period, for a total of forty (40) hours per week.

9/80 Work Schedule: A 9/80 work schedule is where an employee works a recurring schedule of thirty six (36) hours in one calendar week and forty four (44) hours in the next calendar week, but only forty (40) hours in the designated workweek. In the thirty six hour (36) calendar week, the employee works four (4) nine (9) hour days and has the same day of the week off that is worked for eight (8) hours in the forty four (44) hour calendar week. In the forty four (44) hour calendar week, the employee works four (4) nine (9) hour days and one eight (8) hour day.

Workweek for Employees on Regular, Flexible, Alternate, and 4/10 Schedules: For employees on regular, flexible, alternate, and 4/10 schedules, the workweek begins at 12:01 a.m. on Monday and ends at 12 midnight on Sunday.

Workweek for Employees on a 9/80 Schedule: The 9/80 workweek begins on the same day of the week as the employee's eight (8) hour work day and regularly scheduled 9/80 day off. The start time of the workweek is four (4) hours and one (1) minute after the start time of the eight (8) hour work day. The end time of the workweek is four (4) hours after the start time of the eight (8) hour work day. The result is a workweek that is a fixed and regularly recurring period of seven (7) consecutive twenty four (24) hour periods (168 hours).

- 1.12 Holidays: Employees are entitled to observe a holiday (day off work), without a reduction in pay, whenever a holiday is observed by the County. Any holiday observed by the County that falls on a Saturday is observed on the preceding Friday and any holiday that falls on a Sunday is observed on the following Monday.
- 1.13 Holidays - Flexible, Alternate, 9/80, and 4/10 Work Schedules: When a holiday falls on the regularly scheduled day off of any employee who is on a flexible, alternate, 9/80, or 4/10 work schedule, the employee is entitled to take the day off, without a reduction in pay, in recognition of the holiday. These employees are entitled to request another day off in recognition of their regularly scheduled day off. The requested day off must be within the same month and workweek as the holiday and it must be pre-approved by the employee's supervisor. If the day off is not approved by the supervisor, it is lost. If the approved day off is a nine (9) hour workday, the employee must use one (1) hour of non-sick-leave accruals. If the approved day off is a ten (10) hour workday, the employee must use two (2) hours of non-sick-leave accruals. If the employee does not have any non-sick-leave accrual balances, leave without pay (AWOP) will be authorized.
- 1.14 Holidays - Part-Time Employees: Permanent, part-time employees are entitled to observe a holiday (day off work) in the same ratio as the number of hours in the part time employee's weekly schedule bears to forty (40) hours.
- 1.15 No Overtime Pay, Holiday Pay, or Comp Time: Unrepresented, management, and exempt employees are not entitled to receive overtime pay, holiday pay, overtime compensatory time, or holiday compensatory time. Employees who are unable or not permitted to observe a holiday (take the day off), are authorized to receive overtime pay ONLY IF the employee is on the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List (see Section 11).
- 1.16 Personal Holiday Credit:
- A. County Librarian. The County Librarian is entitled to accrue two (2) hours of personal holiday credit each month. The County Librarian may accrue no more than twenty four (24) hours of personal holiday credit. On separation from County service, the County Librarian will be paid for any unused personal holiday credit hours at his/her then current rate of pay, up to a maximum of twenty four (24) hours.
- B. Other Employees. Employees are entitled to accrue two (2) hours of personal holiday credit each month. This time is prorated for part time

employees. No employee may accrue more than forty (40) hours of personal holiday credit. On separation from County service, employees are paid for any unused personal holiday credit hours at the employee's then current rate of pay, up to a maximum of forty (40) hours.

- 1.17 Vacation: Employees are entitled to accrue paid vacation credit not to exceed the maximum cumulative hours as follows:

<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Monthly Accrual Hours</u>	<u>Maximum Cumulative Hours</u>
Under 11 years	10	240
11 years	10-2/3	256
12 years	11-1/3	272
13 years	12	288
14 years	12-2/3	304
15 through 19 years	13-1/3	320
20 through 24 years	16-2/3	400
25 through 29 years	20	480
30 years and up	23-1/3	560

Effective on November 1, 2007 and for purposes of this section only, employees who were employed by Contra Costa County, became employees of the Contra Costa Superior Court by operation of law, and are thereafter rehired by Contra Costa County in the classification of District Attorney Manager of Law Offices (JJGE), "length of service" includes all service time with Contra Costa County and all service time with the Superior Court. However, this benefit is only applicable prospectively from the date the employee is rehired by Contra Costa County.

- 1.18 Sick Leave: Employees are entitled to accrue paid sick leave credit in accordance with the provisions of the County Salary Regulations and Administrative Bulletin No. 411.7 (Sick Leave Policy) adopted on October 17, 1997, as periodically amended.

- 1.19 Part-Time Employees: Part-time employees are entitled to accrue paid vacation and sick leave credit on a pro-rata basis.

- 1.20 Family Care Leave: The provisions of Section 1006.3 of the Personnel Management Regulations and Resolution No. 94/416, as amended, relating to Leaves of Absence and Family Care Medical Leave apply to all employees covered by this Resolution, except that such employees are not entitled to Family Care or Medical Leave on a calendar year basis. Instead, such employees are entitled to at least eighteen (18) weeks of leave in a "rolling" twelve (12) month period, which period is to be measured backward from the date the employee uses FMLA leave.



- 1.21 Leave Without Pay - Use of Accruals: The provisions of Section 1006.6 of the Personnel Management Regulations, as amended, relating to the use of accruals while on leave without pay, apply to all employees covered by this Resolution.

## **2. Health, Dental, and Related Benefits**

### **2.10 Application:**

- a. Employees in classifications who receive health care coverage from County Plans: The following Sections apply to all employees in classifications covered by this Resolution who receive health care coverage from County Plans and do not receive health plan coverage through CalPERS: Section 2.11 "Health Plan Coverages," Section 2.12 "County Health and Dental Plan Contribution Rates," Section 2.13 "Retirement Coverage," Section 2.14 "Layoff and Other Loss of Coverage," Section 2.15 "Health Plan Coverages and Provisions," and Section 2.16 "Family Member Eligibility."
- b. Employees in classifications who receive health care coverage from CalPERS: The following Sections apply to all employees in the classifications listed in Exhibit E: Section 2.17 "CalPERS Controls," Section 2.18 "Contra Costa Health Plan (CCHP)," Section 2.19 "CalPERS Health Plan Monthly Premium Subsidy," Section 2.20 "CalPERS Retirement Coverage," Section 2.21 "CalPERS Premium Payments," and Section 2.22 "Dental Plan - CalPERS Participants."
- c. General provisions: The following Sections apply to all employees in all the classifications covered by this Resolution: Section 2.23 "Dual Coverage," Section 2.24 "Life Insurance Benefit Under Health and Dental Plans," Section 2.25 "Supplemental Life Insurance," Section 2.26 "Catastrophic Leave Bank," Section 2.27 "Health Care Spending Account," Sections 2.28 "PERS Long-Term Care," Section 2.29 "Dependent Care Assistance Program," Section 2.30 "Premium Conversion Plan," and Section 2.31 "Prevailing Section."

### **2.A. Employees In Classifications Who Receive Health Care Coverage From County Plans**

- 2.11 Health Plan Coverages: The County will provide the medical and dental coverage for Management, Exempt, and Unrepresented employees and for their eligible family members, expressed in one of the Health Plan contracts and one of the Dental Plan contracts between the County and the following providers:
- a. Contra Costa Health Plans (CCHP)
  - b. Kaiser Permanente Health Plan
  - c. Health Net
  - d. Delta Dental
  - e. DeltaCare (PMI)

2.12 Monthly Premium Subsidy:

- a. For each health and/or dental plan, the County's monthly premium subsidy is a set dollar amount and is not a percentage of the premium charged by the plan. The County will pay the following monthly premium subsidy:

1. Contra Costa County Health Plan, (CCHP), Plan A  
Single: \$509.92  
Family: \$1,214.90
2. Contra Costa County Health Plan, (CCHP) Plan B  
Single: \$528.50  
Family: \$1,255.79
3. Kaiser Permanente Health Plan  
Single: \$478.91  
Family: \$1,115.84
4. Health Net HMO  
Single: \$627.79  
Family: \$1,540.02
5. Health Net PPO  
Single: \$604.60  
Family: \$1,436.25
6. Delta Dental with CCHP A or B  
Single: \$41.17  
Family: \$93.00
7. Delta Dental with Kaiser or Health Net  
Single: \$34.02  
Family: \$76.77
8. Delta Dental without a Health Plan  
Single: \$43.35  
Family: \$97.81
9. DeltaCare (PMI) with CCHP A or B  
Single: \$25.41  
Family: \$54.91
10. DeltaCare (PMI) with Kaiser or Health Net  
Single: \$21.31  
Family: \$46.05
11. DeltaCare (PMI) without a Health Plan  
Single: \$27.31

Family: \$59.03

- b. If the County contracts with a health or dental plan that is not listed above, the County will determine the monthly dollar premium subsidy that it will pay to that health plan for employees and their eligible family members.
- c. In the event that the County premium subsidy amounts are greater than one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable premium of any health or dental plan, for any plan year, the County's contribution will not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable plan premium.

2.13 Retirement Coverage:

a. Upon Retirement:

1. Upon retirement and for the term of this resolution, eligible employees and their eligible family members may remain in their County health/dental plan, but without County-paid life insurance coverage, if immediately before their proposed retirement the employees and dependents are either active subscribers to one of the County contracted health/dental plans or if while on authorized leave of absence without pay, they have retained continuous coverage during the leave period. The County will pay the health/dental plan monthly premium subsidies set forth in Section 2.12(a) for eligible retirees and their eligible family members.

2. Any person who becomes age 65 on or after January 1, 2009 and who is eligible for Medicare must immediately enroll in Medicare Parts A and B.

3. For employees hired on or after January 1, 2009 and their eligible family members, no monthly premium subsidy will be paid by the County for any health or dental plan after they separate from County employment. However, any such eligible employee who retires under the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association ("CCCERA") may retain continuous coverage of a county health and/or dental plan provided that (i) he or she begins to receive a monthly retirement allowance from CCCERA within 120 days of separation from County employment and (ii) he or she pays the full premium cost under the health and/or dental plan without any County premium subsidy. This provision does not apply to any member of the Board of Supervisors who was a County employee when elected to the Board of Supervisors with a County employee hire date that is earlier than January 1, 2009.

- b. Employees Who File For Deferred Retirement: Employees, who resign and file for a deferred retirement and their eligible family members, may continue in their County group health and/or dental plan under the following conditions and limitations.

1. Health and dental coverage during the deferred retirement period is totally

at the expense of the employee, without any County contributions.

2. Life insurance coverage is not included.

3. To continue health and dental coverage, the employee must:

- i. be qualified for a deferred retirement under the 1937 Retirement Act provisions;
- ii. be an active member of a County group health and/or dental plan at the time of filing their deferred retirement application and elect to continue plan benefits;
- iii. be eligible for a monthly allowance from the Retirement System and direct receipt of a monthly allowance within twenty-four (24) months of application for deferred retirement; and
- iv. file an election to defer retirement and to continue health benefits hereunder with the County Benefits Division within thirty (30) days before separation from County service.

4. Deferred retirees who elect continued health benefits hereunder and their eligible family members may maintain continuous membership in their County health and/or dental plan group during the period of deferred retirement by paying the full premium for health and dental coverage on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, to the Contra Costa County Auditor-Controller. When the deferred retirees begin to receive retirement benefits, they will qualify for the same health and/or dental coverage pursuant to subsection (a) above, as similarly situated retirees who did not defer retirement.

5. Deferred retirees may elect retiree health benefits hereunder without electing to maintain participation in their County health and/or dental plan during their deferred retirement period. When they begin to receive retirement benefits, they will qualify for the same health and/or dental coverage pursuant to subsection (a) above, as similarly situated retirees who did not defer retirement, provided reinstatement to a County group health and/or dental plan will only occur following a three (3) full calendar month waiting period after the month in which their retirement allowance commences.

6. Employees who elect deferred retirement will not be eligible in any event for County health and/or dental plan subvention unless the member draws a monthly retirement allowance within twenty-four (24) months after separation from County service.

7. Deferred retirees and their eligible family members are required to meet the same eligibility provisions for retiree health/dental coverage as similarly situated retirees who did not defer retirement.

8. This subpart b "Employees Who File for Deferred Retirement" does not

apply to any employee in any classification listed in Exhibit E.

- c. Employees Hired After December 31, 2006 - Eligibility for Retiree Health Coverage: All employees hired after December 31, 2006 are eligible for retiree health/dental coverage pursuant to subsections (a) and (b), above, upon completion of fifteen (15) years of service as an employee of Contra Costa County. For purposes of retiree health eligibility, one year of service is defined as one thousand (1,000) hours worked within one anniversary year. The existing method of crediting service while an employee is on an approved leave of absence will continue for the duration of this Resolution.
- d. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.13, subparts (a), (b), and (c), and upon retirement and for the term of this resolution, the following employees (and their eligible family members) are eligible to receive a monthly premium subsidy for health and dental plans or are eligible to retain continuous coverage of such plans: County Elected and Appointed Department Heads, Management Employees, Exempt Employees, Unrepresented Employees, and each employee who retired from a position or classification that was unrepresented at the time of his or her retirement.
- e. For purposes of this Section 2.13 only, "eligible family members" does not include Survivors of employees or retirees.

2.14 Layoff and Other Loss of Coverage:

- a. If a husband and wife both work for the County and one (1) of them is laid off, the remaining employee, if eligible, will be allowed to enroll or transfer into the health and/or dental coverage combination of his/her choice.
- b. An eligible employee who loses medical or dental coverage through a spouse or partner not employed by the County will be allowed to enroll or transfer into the County health and/or dental plan of his/her choice within thirty (30) days of the date coverage is no longer afforded under the spouse's plan.

2.15 Health Plan Coverages and Provisions: The following provisions are applicable to County Health and Dental Plan participation:

- a. Health, Dental and Life Participation by Other Employees: Permanent part-time employees working nineteen (19) hours per week or less and permanent-intermittent employees may participate in the County Health and/or Dental plans (with the associated life insurance benefit) at the employee's full expense.
- b. Employee Contribution Deficiencies: The County's contributions to the Health Plan and/or Dental Plan premiums are payable for any month in which the employee is paid. If an employee's compensation in any month is not sufficient to pay the employee share of the premium, the employee must make up the difference by remitting the unpaid amount to the Auditor-

Controller. The responsibility for this payment rests solely with the employee.

- c. Leave of Absence: The County will continue to pay the County shares of health and/or dental plan premiums for enrolled employees who are on an approved paid or unpaid leave of absence for a period of thirty (30) days or more provided the employee's share of the premiums is paid by the employee.
- d. Coverage Upon Separation: An employee who separates from County employment is covered by his/her County health and/or dental plan through the last day of the month in which he/she separates. Employees who separate from County employment may continue group health and/or dental plan coverage to the extent provided by the COBRA laws and regulations.

2.16 Family Member Eligibility Criteria: The following persons may be enrolled as the eligible Family Members of a medical and/or dental plan Subscriber:

A. Health Insurance

- 1. Eligible Dependents:
  - a. Employee's legal spouse
  - b. Employee's qualified domestic partner
  - c. Employee's child to age 26
  - d. Employee's disabled child who is over age 26, unmarried, and incapable of sustaining employment due to a physical or mental disability that existed prior to the child attainment of age 19.
- 2. "Employee's child" includes natural child, step-child, adopted child, child of a qualified domestic partner, and a child specified in a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) or similar court order.

B. Dental Insurance

- 1. Eligible Dependents:
  - a. Employee's legal spouse
  - b. Employee's qualified domestic partner
  - c. Employee's unmarried child who is:
    - (1) under age 19; or
    - (2) Age 19 or above, but under age 24; and who
      - i. Resides with the employee for more than 50% of the year, excluding time living at school; and
      - ii. Receives at least 50% of support from employee; and
      - iii. Is enrolled and attends school on a full-time basis, as defined by the school.

d. Employee's disabled child who is over age 19, unmarried, and incapable of sustaining employment due to a physical or mental disability that existed prior to the child's attainment of age 19.

2. "Employee's child" includes natural child, step-child, adopted child, child of a qualified domestic partner, and a child specified in a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) or similar court order.

**2.B. Employees In Classifications Who Receive Health Care Coverage From CalPERS**

2.17 CalPERS Controls: The CalPERS health care program, as regulated by the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA), regulations issued pursuant to PEMHCA, and the administration of PEMHCA by CalPERS, controls on all health plan issues for employees who receive health care coverage from CalPERS, including, but not limited to, eligibility, benefit plans, benefit levels, minimum premium subsidies, and costs.

2.18 Contra Costa Health Plan (CCHP): Because CCHP has met the minimum standards required under PEMHCA and is approved as an alternative CalPERS plan option, employees and COBRA counterparts may elect to enroll in CCHP under the CalPERS plan rules and regulations.

2.19 CalPERS Health Plan Monthly Premium Subsidy: The County's subsidy to the CalPERS monthly health plan premiums is as provided below. The employee must pay any CalPERS health plan premium costs that are greater than the County's subsidies identified below.

- a. County Health Plan Premium Subsidy. Beginning on January 1, 2010, and for each calendar year thereafter, the amount of the County premium subsidy that is paid for employees and eligible family members is a set dollar amount and is not a percentage of the premium charged by the plan. The County will pay the CalPERS statutory minimum employer monthly health plan premium subsidy or the following monthly health plan premium subsidy, whichever is greater:

Employee/Retiree/Survivor Only	\$478.69
Employee/Retiree/Survivor & One Dependent	\$957.38
Employee/Retiree/Survivor & Two or more Dependents	\$1228.67

- b. In the event that the County health plan premium subsidy amounts are greater than one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable premium of any health plan, for any plan year, the County's contribution will not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable health plan premium.

- 2.20 CalPERS Retirement Coverage: Government Code section 22892 applies to all employees in those classifications listed in Exhibit E.
- 2.21 CalPERS Premium Payments: Employee participation in any CalPERS health plan is contingent upon the employee authorizing payroll deduction by the County of the employee's share of the premium cost. If an employee's compensation in any month (including during a leave of absence) is not sufficient to pay the employee's share of the premium, the employee must pay the difference to the Auditor-Controller. The responsibility for this payment rests solely with the employee.
- 2.22 Dental Plan - CalPERS Participants:
- a. Employees in the classifications listed in Exhibit E may participate in any available County Group Dental Plan. The County may change dental plan providers at any time during the term of this resolution.
  - b. Dental Plan Monthly Premium Subsidy. On and after January 1, 2010, the provisions of Section 2.12 "Monthly Premium Subsidy," relating to the County subsidies for dental coverage, apply to all classifications listed in Exhibit E.
  - c. As to dental coverage only, the following Sections apply to all classifications listed in Exhibit E: Section 2.13 "Retirement Coverage," Section 2.14 "Layoff and Other Loss of Coverage," Section 2.15 "Health Plan Coverages and Provisions," and Section 2.16 "Family Member Eligibility Criteria."

## **2.C. All Employees**

- 2.23 Dual Coverage:
- a. Each employee and retiree may be covered by only a single County health (or dental) plan, including a CalPERS plan. For example, a County employee may be covered under a single County health and/or dental plan as either the primary insured or the dependent of another County employee or retiree, but not as both the primary insured and the dependent of another County employee or retiree.
  - b. All dependents, as defined in Section 2.16, Family Member Eligibility Criteria, may be covered by the health and/or dental plan of only one spouse or one domestic partner. For example, when both husband and wife are County employees, all of their eligible children may be covered as dependents of either the husband or the wife, but not both.
  - c. For purposes of this Section 2.23 only, "County" includes the County of Contra Costa and all special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors, including but not limited to, the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District.



- 2.24 Life Insurance Benefit Under Health and Dental Plans: For employees who are enrolled in the County's program of medical or dental coverage as either the primary or the dependent, term life insurance in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) will be provided by the County.
- 2.25 Supplemental Life Insurance: In addition to the life insurance benefits provided by this resolution, employees may subscribe voluntarily and at their own expense for supplemental life insurance. Employees may subscribe for an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), of which one hundred thousand (\$100,000) is a guaranteed issue, provided the election is made within the required enrollment periods.
- 2.26 Catastrophic Leave Bank: All employees are included in the Catastrophic Leave Bank and may designate a portion of accrued vacation, compensatory time, holiday compensatory time, or personal holiday credit to be deducted from the donor's existing balances and credited to the bank or to a specific eligible employee.
- a. The County Human Resources Department operates a Catastrophic Leave Bank which is designed to assist any County employee who has exhausted all paid accruals due to a serious or catastrophic illness, injury, or condition of the employee or family member. The program establishes and maintains a Countywide bank wherein any employee who wishes to contribute may authorize that a portion of his/her accrued vacation, compensatory time, holiday compensatory time or personal holiday credit be deducted from those account(s) and credited to the Catastrophic Leave Bank. Employees may donate hours either to a specific eligible employee or to the bank. Upon approval, credits from the Catastrophic Leave Bank may be transferred to a requesting employee's sick leave account so that employee may remain in paid status for a longer period of time, thus partially ameliorating the financial impact of the illness, injury or condition. Catastrophic illness or injury is defined as a critical medical condition, a long-term major physical impairment or disability that manifests itself during employment.
  - b. The plan is administered under the direction of the Director of Human Resources. The Human Resources Department is responsible for receiving and recording all donations of accruals and for initiating transfer of credits from the Bank to the recipient's sick leave account. Disbursement of accruals is subject to the approval of a six (6) member committee composed of three (3) members appointed by the County Administrator and three (3) members appointed by the majority representative employee organizations. The committee will meet once a month, if necessary, to consider all requests for credits and will make determinations as to the appropriateness of the request. The committee will determine the amount of accruals to be awarded for employees whose donations are non-specific. Consideration of all requests by the committee will be on an anonymous requester basis.
  - c. Hours transferred from the Catastrophic Leave Bank to a recipient will be in

the form of sick leave accruals and will be treated as regular sick leave accruals.

- d. To receive credits under this plan, an employee must have permanent status, have exhausted all time off accruals to a level below eight (8) hours total, have applied for a medical leave of absence, and have medical verification of need.
  - e. Donations are irrevocable unless the donation to the eligible employee is denied. Donations may be made in hourly blocks with a minimum donation of not less than four (4) hours from balances in the vacation, holiday, personal holiday, compensatory time or holiday compensatory time accounts. Employees who elect to donate to a specific individual will have seventy-five percent (75%) of their donation credited to the individual and twenty-five percent (25%) credited to the Catastrophic Leave Bank.
  - f. Time donated will be converted to a dollar value and the dollar value will be converted back to sick leave accruals at the recipient's base hourly rate when disbursed. Credits will not be on a straight hour-for-hour basis. All computations will be on a standard 173.33 basis, except that employees on other than a forty (40) hour week will have hours prorated according to their status.
  - g. Each recipient is limited to a total of one thousand forty (1040) hours or its equivalent per catastrophic event; each donor is limited to one hundred twenty (120) hours per calendar year.
  - h. All appeals from either a donor or recipient will be resolved on a final basis by the Director of Human Resources.
  - i. No employee has any entitlement to catastrophic leave benefits. The award of Catastrophic Leave is at the sole discretion of the committee, both as to amounts of benefits awarded and as to persons awarded benefits. Benefits may be denied, or awarded for less than six (6) months. The committee may limit benefits in accordance with available contributions and choose from among eligible applicants on an anonymous basis those who will receive benefits, except for hours donated to a specific employee. In the event a donation is made to a specific employee and the committee determines the employee does not meet the Catastrophic Leave Bank criteria, the donating employee may authorize the hours to be donated to the bank or returned to the donor's account.
  - j. Any unused hours transferred to a recipient will be returned to the Catastrophic Leave Bank.
- 2.27 Health Care Spending Account: After six (6) months of permanent employment, full time and part time (20/40 or greater) employees may elect to participate in

a Health Care Spending Account (HCSA) Program designated to qualify for tax savings under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, but such savings are not guaranteed. The HCSA Program allows employees to set aside a predetermined amount of money from their pay, before taxes, for health care expenses not reimbursed by any other health benefit plans. HCSA dollars may be expended on any eligible medical expenses allowed by Internal Revenue Code Section 125. Any unused balance is forfeited and cannot be recovered by the employee.

- 2.28 PERS Long-Term Care: The County will deduct and remit monthly premiums to the PERS Long-Term Care Administrator for employees who are eligible and voluntarily elect to purchase long-term care at their personal expense through the PERS Long-Term Care Program.
- 2.29 Dependent Care Assistance Program: The County will continue to offer the option of enrolling in a Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP) designed to qualify for tax savings under Section 129 of the Internal Revenue Code, but such savings are not guaranteed. The program allows employees to set aside up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of annual salary (before taxes) per calendar year to pay for eligible dependent care (child and elder care) expenses. Any unused balance is forfeited and cannot be recovered by the employee.
- 2.30 Premium Conversion Plan: The County will continue to offer the Premium Conversion Plan (PCP) designed to qualify for tax savings under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, but tax savings are not guaranteed. The program allows employees to use pre-tax dollars to pay health and dental premiums.
- 2.31 Prevailing Section: To the extent that any provision of this Section (Section 2. Health, Dental, and Related Benefits) is inconsistent with any provision of any other County enactment or policy, including but not limited to Administrative Bulletins, the Salary Regulations, the Personnel Management Regulations, or any other resolution or order of the Board of Supervisors, the provision(s) of this Section (Section 2. Health, Dental, and Related Benefits) will prevail.

3. **Personal Protective Equipment**: The County will reimburse employees for safety shoes and prescription safety eyeglasses in those Management, Exempt and Unrepresented classifications which the County Administrator has determined eligible for such reimbursement.

- 3.10 Safety Shoes. The County will reimburse eligible employees for the purchase and repair of safety shoes in an amount not to exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275) for each two (2) year period beginning on January 1, 2002. There is no limit on the number of shoes or repairs allowed.
- 3.11 Safety Eyeglasses. The County will reimburse eligible Management, Exempt and Unrepresented employees for prescription safety eyeglasses which are

approved by the County and are obtained from an establishment approved by the County.

4. **Mileage Reimbursement:** The County will pay a mileage allowance for the use of personal vehicles on County business at the rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a tax deductible expense, adjusted to reflect changes in this rate on the date it becomes effective or the first of the month following announcement of the changed rate by the IRS, whichever is later.

5. **Retirement Contributions:**

- 5.10 No County Subvention. Effective on October 1, 2011, employees are responsible for the payment of one hundred percent (100%) of the employees' basic retirement benefit contributions determined annually by the Board of Retirement of the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association without the County paying any part of the employees' contribution. Employees are also responsible for the payment of the employees' contributions to the retirement cost-of-living program as determined annually by the Board of Retirement without the County paying any part of the employees' contributions. Except as provided in Section 37.10 (District Attorney Investigator - Retirement Tier), Section 46 (Probation - Safety Employees Retirement Tier), Section 54.10 (Sheriff - Safety Tier A), and Section 54.11 ((Sheriff - Safety Tier C), the County is responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of the employer's retirement contributions determined annually by the Board of Retirement.
- 5.11 County Subvention for Retirement Chief Executive Officer. Effective on October 1, 2011, and pursuant to Government Code Section 31581.1, the County will pay fifty percent (50%) of the Retirement Chief Executive Officer's retirement contribution normally required of members. The Retirement Chief Executive Officer is responsible for payment of the employee's contribution for the retirement cost-of-living program as determined by the Board of Retirement of the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association without the County paying any part of the employee's share. The County will continue to pay the employer's share of the retirement cost-of-living program contribution.
- 5.12 414H2 Participation. The County will continue to implement Section 414(h) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code which allows the County Auditor–Controller to reduce the gross monthly pay of employees by an amount equal to the employee's total contribution to the County Retirement System before Federal and State income taxes are withheld, and forward that amount to the Retirement system. This program of deferred retirement contribution will be universal and non-voluntary as required by statute.

## **6. New Retirement Plan:**

### **6.10 Tier IV Retirement Plan for Employees Hired or Rehired After December 31, 2012:**

- A. For employees hired by the County after December 31, 2012, the retirement formula will be two percent at sixty years of age ("2% at 60"). The cost of living adjustment to the retirement allowance will not exceed two percent (2%) per year, and the cost of living adjustment will not be banked. The employee's final compensation will be based on his/her average annual compensation earnable during a consecutive thirty-six (36) month period. On the employee's retirement date, the employee's retirement allowance will not exceed ninety percent (90%) of his/her final compensation. This retirement benefit will be known as "Tier IV."
- B. The disability provisions for Tier IV will be the same as the current Tier III disability provisions.
- C. Employees who left County service prior to December 31, 2012, and are rehired after that date will automatically be placed in Tier IV, unless otherwise required by law.
- D. The County will seek enabling legislation amending the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to close Tier III to all employees hired after December 31, 2012, and to create Tier IV, which will be applicable to all employees hired after that date.
- E. This Section 6.10 does not apply to employees of the Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association. This Section 6.10 also does not apply to employees who are safety members of the Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association.

## **7. Training:**

- 7.10 Career Development Training Reimbursement: All full-time employees (excluding attorney classes) are eligible for career development training reimbursement not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) per fiscal year. The reimbursement of training expenses includes books and is governed by any Administrative Bulletins on Travel or Training.
- 7.11 Management Development Policy: Employees are authorized to attend professional training programs, seminars, and workshops, during normal work hours at the discretion of their Department Head, for the purpose of developing knowledge, skills, and abilities in the areas of supervision, management, and County policies and procedures. Up to thirty (30) hours of such training time is recommended annually.

- a. Departments are encouraged to provide for professional development training exceeding thirty (30) hours annually for people newly promoted to positions of direct supervision.
  - b. To encourage personal and professional growth, the County provides reimbursement for certain expenses incurred by employees for job-related training (required training and career development training/education). Provision for eligibility and reimbursement is identified in Administrative Bulletin 112.9.
  - c. The Department Head is responsible for authorization of individual professional development reimbursement requests. Reimbursement is through the regular demand process with demands being accompanied by proof of payment (copy of invoice or canceled check).
8. **Bilingual Pay Differential:** A monthly salary differential will be paid to incumbents of positions requiring bilingual proficiency as designated by the Appointing Authority and the Director of Human Resources. The differential will be prorated for employees working less than full time and/or on an unpaid leave of absence during any given month. The differential is one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month.

Designation of positions for which bilingual proficiency is required is the sole prerogative of the County, and such designations may be amended or deleted at any time.

9. **Higher Pay for Work in a Higher Classification:** The County Salary Regulations notwithstanding, when an employee is required to work in a higher paid classification, the employee will receive the higher compensation for such work, pursuant to the County Salary Regulations, plus any differentials and incentives the employee would have received in his/her regular position. Unless the Board has by Resolution otherwise specified, the higher pay entitlement will begin on the completion of the 40th consecutive hour in the assignment, retroactive to the beginning of the second full day of work in the assignment.
10. **Workers' Compensation and Continuing Pay:** For all accepted workers' compensation claims filed with the County during calendar year 2007, employees will receive eighty percent (80%) of their regular monthly salary during any period of compensable temporary disability not to exceed one (1) year. For all accepted workers' compensation claims filed with the County on or after January 1, 2008, employees will receive seventy five percent (75%) of their regular monthly salary during any period of compensable temporary disability not to exceed one (1) year. Pay based on accepted workers' compensation claims filed before January 1, 2007, but after December 31, 1999, will be paid as provided in Resolution No. 2006/22. Pay based on accepted workers' compensation claims filed before January 1, 2000, will be paid as provided in resolution No. 96/488. If workers' compensation benefits become taxable income, the County will restore the former benefit level, one hundred percent (100%) of regular monthly salary.
- 10.10 Waiting Period: There is a three (3) calendar day waiting period before workers' compensation benefits commence. If the injured worker loses any time on the

date of injury, that day counts as day one (1) of the waiting period. If the injured worker does not lose time on the date of the injury, the waiting period is the first three (3) days following the date of the injury. The time the employee is scheduled to work during this waiting period will be charged to the employee's sick leave and/or vacation accruals. In order to qualify for workers' compensation the employee must be under the care of a physician. Temporary compensation is payable on the first three (3) days of disability when the injury necessitates hospitalization, or when the disability exceeds fourteen (14) days.

- 10.11 Continuing Pay: A permanent employee will receive the applicable percentage of regular monthly salary in lieu of workers' compensation during any period of compensable temporary disability not to exceed one year. "Compensable temporary disability absence" for the purpose of this Section, is any absence due to work-connected disability which qualifies for temporary disability compensation under workers' compensation law set forth in Division 4 of the California Labor Code. When any disability becomes medically permanent and stationary, the salary provided by this Section will terminate. No charge will be made against sick leave or vacation for these salary payments. Sick leave and vacation rights do not accrue for those periods during which continuing pay is received. Employees are entitled to a maximum of one (1) year of continuing pay benefits for any one injury or illness.

Continuing pay begins at the same time that temporary workers' compensation benefits commence and continues until either the member is declared medically permanent/stationary, or until one (1) year of continuing pay, whichever comes first, provided the employee remains in an active employed status. Continuing pay is automatically terminated on the date an employee is separated from County service by resignation, retirement, layoff, or the employee is no longer employed by the County. In these instances, employees will be paid workers' compensation benefits as prescribed by workers' compensation laws. All continuing pay must be cleared through the County Administrator's Office, Risk Management Division.

- 10.12 Physician Visits: Whenever an employee who has been injured on the job and has returned to work is required by an attending physician to leave work for treatment during working hours, the employee is allowed time off, up to three (3) hours for such treatment, without loss of pay or benefits. Said visits are to be scheduled contiguous to either the beginning or end of the scheduled workday whenever possible. This provision applies only to injuries/illnesses that have been accepted by the County as work related.
- 10.13 Labor Code §4850 Exclusion: The foregoing provisions for workers' compensation and continuing pay are inapplicable in the case of employees entitled to benefits under Labor Code Section 4850.

## **11. Other Terms and Conditions of Employment**

- 11.10 Overtime Exempt Exclusion: Employees in unrepresented, management, and exempt classifications are overtime exempt and are not eligible for overtime pay, holiday pay, overtime compensatory time, or holiday compensatory time. Instead, these employees are awarded Annual Management Administrative Leave in recognition of the extra burden their job responsibilities may sometimes place on their work schedules. However, unrepresented, management, and exempt employees may be made eligible for overtime pay if their names are placed on the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List by the County Administrator's Office. Employees on the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List are authorized to receive overtime pay, only. These employees are NOT eligible for holiday pay, overtime compensatory time, or holiday compensatory time. Employees on the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List are also NOT eligible for Annual Management Administrative Leave for the quarter they are on the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List. The policies and procedures for the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List are set forth in the County Administrator's memo of November 6, 2002, as may be amended.

Employees may be approved for placement on the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List if and when they are assigned to a special or temporary project or task that requires persistent, excess work hours, without relief from their regular job duties. Overtime pay will not be authorized as a means to address normal staffing or operational issues.

- 11.11 Overtime: Employees on the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List will be compensated at one and one-half (1.5) times their base rate of pay (excluding differentials) for authorized work exceeding eight (8) hours in a day or forty (40) hours in a week.
- 11.12 Length of Service Credits: Length of service credit dates from the beginning of the last period of continuous County employment, including temporary, provisional and permanent status and absences on an approved leave of absence; except that when an employee separates from a permanent position in good standing and is subsequently re-employed in a permanent County position within two (2) years from the date of separation, the period of separation will be bridged. Under these circumstances, the service credits will include all credits accumulated at the time of separation but will not include the period of separation. The service credits of an employee are determined from employee status records maintained by the Human Resources Department.
- 11.13 Mirror Classifications: As determined in the sole discretion of the Director of Human Resources, employees in unrepresented job classifications that mirror Management, represented or unrepresented job classifications may receive the salary and fringe benefits that are received by employees in the



mirror classification.

- 11.14 Deep Classes: No provision of this Resolution regarding terms and conditions of employment supersedes any provision of any Deep Class Resolution.
- 11.15 Administrative Provisions: The County Administrator may establish guidelines, bulletins or directives as necessary to further define or implement the provisions of this resolution.

## **II. BENEFITS FOR MANAGEMENT AND EXEMPT EMPLOYEES**

Management and Exempt employees will receive the benefits set forth in Part I and also the following additional benefits:

### **12. Management Longevity Pay:**

#### **12.10 Ten Years of Service:**

- a. Employees who have completed ten (10) years of service for the County are eligible to receive a two and one-half percent (2.5%) longevity differential effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the employee qualifies for the ten (10) year service award.
- b. In lieu of subsection a, employees in positions ineligible to receive vacation or sick leave accruals or to convert a portion of those accruals to cash under the terms of this Resolution are eligible to receive a five percent (5%) longevity differential upon the completion of ten years of service effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the employee qualifies for the ten (10) year service award.
- c. Effective April 1, 2007, this section does not apply to members of the Board of Supervisors, except those members who earned this benefit while serving on the Board of Supervisors and were receiving this benefit as of March 31, 2007.
- d. Effective November 1, 2007, for employees who were employed by Contra Costa County, became employees of the Contra Costa Superior Court by operation of law, and thereafter are rehired by Contra Costa County in the classification of District Attorney Manager of Law Offices (JJGE), eligibility for this longevity differential will be determined by adding together all service time with Contra Costa County and all service time with the Contra Costa Superior Court. If this sum is more than ten (10) years, this longevity differential will only be paid prospectively from the date the employee is rehired by Contra Costa County.

12.11 Fifteen Years of Service:

- a. Employees who have completed fifteen (15) years of service for the County are eligible to receive an additional two and one-half percent (2.5%) longevity differential effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the employee qualifies for the fifteen (15) year service award. For employees who completed fifteen (15) years of service on or before January 1, 2007, this longevity differential will be paid prospectively only from January 1, 2007.
- b. In lieu of subsection a, employees in positions ineligible to receive vacation or sick leave accruals or to convert a portion of those accruals to cash under the terms of this Resolution are eligible to receive an additional two and one-half percent (2.5%) longevity differential upon the completion of fifteen (15) years of service effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the employee qualifies for the fifteen (15) year service award. For employees who completed fifteen years of service on or before January 1, 2007, this longevity differential will be paid prospectively only from January 1, 2007.
- c. This section does not apply to employees who are eligible to receive the District Attorney Inspectors Longevity Differential set forth in Section 35 or the Sheriff Law Enforcement Longevity Differential set forth in Section 51.
- d. Effective April 1, 2007, this section does not apply to members of the Board of Supervisors, except those members who earned this benefit while serving on the Board of Supervisors and were receiving this benefit as of March 31, 2007.
- e. Effective November 1, 2007, for employees who were employed by Contra Costa County, became employees of the Contra Costa Superior Court by operation of law, and thereafter are rehired by Contra Costa County in the classification of District Attorney Manager of Law Offices (JJGE), eligibility for this longevity differential will be determined by adding together all service time with Contra Costa County and all service time with the Contra Costa Superior Court. If this sum is more than fifteen (15) years, this longevity differential will only be paid prospectively from the date the employee is rehired by Contra Costa County.

13. Deferred Compensation:

A. Deferred Compensation Incentive: The County will contribute eighty-five dollars (\$85) per month to each employee who participates in the County's Deferred Compensation Plan. To be eligible for this Deferred Compensation Incentive, the employee must contribute to the deferred compensation plan as indicated below.

Employees with Current Monthly Salary of:	Qualifying Base Contribution Amount	Monthly Contribution Required to Maintain Incentive Program Eligibility
\$2,500 and below	\$250	\$50
\$2,501 – 3,334	\$500	\$50
\$3,335 – 4,167	\$750	\$50
\$4,168 – 5,000	\$1,000	\$50
\$5,001 – 5,834	\$1,500	\$100
\$5,835 – 6,667	\$2,000	\$100
\$6,668 and above	\$2,500	\$100

Employees who discontinue contributions or who contribute less than the required amount per month for a period of one (1) month or more will no longer be eligible for the eighty-five dollar (\$85) Deferred Compensation Incentive. To reestablish eligibility, employees must again make a Base Contribution Amount as set forth above based on current monthly salary. Employees with a break in deferred compensation contributions either because of an approved medical leave or an approved financial hardship withdrawal will not be required to reestablish eligibility. Further, employees who lose eligibility due to displacement by layoff, but maintain contributions at the required level and are later employed in an eligible position, will not be required to reestablish eligibility.

**B. Special Benefit for Permanent Employees Hired on and after January 1, 2009:**

1. Beginning on April 1, 2009 and for the term of this resolution, the County will contribute one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per month to an employee's account in the Contra Costa County Deferred Compensation Plan, or other tax-qualified savings program designated by the County, for employees who meet all of the following conditions:

- a. The employee must be hired by Contra Costa County on or after January 1, 2009.
- b. The employee must be appointed to a permanent position. The position may be either full time or part time, but if it is part time, it must be designated, at a minimum, as 20 hours per week.
- c. The employee must have been employed by Contra Costa County for at least 90 calendar days.
- d. The employee must contribute a minimum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month to the Contra Costa County Deferred Compensation Plan, or other tax-qualified savings program designated by the County.

e. The employee must complete and sign the required enrollment form(s) for his/her deferred compensation account and submit those forms to the Human Resources Department, Employee Benefits Services Unit.

f. The employee may not exceed the annual maximum contribution amount allowable by the United States Internal Revenue Code.

C. No Cross Crediting: The amounts contributed by the employee and the County pursuant to Subsection B do not count towards the "Qualifying Base Contribution Amount" or the "Monthly Contribution Required to Maintain Incentive Program Eligibility" in Subsection A. Similarly, the amounts contributed by the employee and the County pursuant to Subsection A do not count towards the employee's \$25 per month minimum contribution required by Subsection B.

D. Maximum Annual Contribution: All of the employee and County contributions set forth in Subsections A and B will be added together to ensure that the annual maximum contribution to the employee's deferred compensation account does not exceed the annual maximum contribution rate set forth in the United States Internal Revenue Code.

**14. Annual Management Administrative Leave:**

A. On January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, all full-time unrepresented, management, and exempt employees in paid status, except for the Retirement Chief Executive Officer, will be credited with ninety four (94) hours of paid Management Administrative Leave. The Retirement Chief Executive Officer will be credited with seventy (70) hours of paid Management Administrative Leave. All Management Administrative Leave time is non-accruable and all balances will be zeroed out on December 31 of each year.

B. Permanent part-time employees are eligible for Management Administrative Leave on a prorated basis, based upon their position hours. Permanent-intermittent employees are not eligible for Management Administrative Leave.

C. Employees appointed (hired or promoted) to unrepresented, management, or exempt positions are eligible for Management Administrative Leave on the first day of the month following their appointment date and will receive Management Administrative Leave on a prorated basis for that first year.

D. Unrepresented, management, and exempt employees on the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List are authorized to receive overtime pay; therefore, their Management Administrative Leave will be reduced by 25% each time the employee is on the List. The 25% reduction will be deducted from the employee's current leave balance, but if there is no balance, it will be deducted from future awarded Annual Management Administrative Leave. This section does not apply to the unrepresented, management, and exempt attorneys of the

Offices of the District Attorney, County Counsel, and Public Defender. (See Section 31.)

15. **Management Life Insurance:** Employees are covered at County expense by term life insurance in the amount of fifty seven thousand dollars (\$57,000) in addition to the insurance provided in Section 2.24.

16. **Vacation Buy Back:**

A. **Employees Hired Before April 1, 2011:**

1. Employees hired before April 1, 2011, may elect payment of up to one-third (1/3) of their annual vacation accrual, subject to the following conditions: (1) the choice can be made only once every thirteen (13) months and there must be at least 12 full months between each election; (2) payment is based on an hourly rate determined by dividing the employee's monthly salary by 173.33; and (3) the maximum number of vacation hours that may be paid in any one sale is one-third (1/3) of the annual accrual.

2. Lump Sum Payments. Where a lump-sum payment is made to employees as a retroactive general salary adjustment for a portion of a calendar year that is subsequent to the exercise by an employee of the vacation buy-back provision herein, that employee's vacation buy-back will be adjusted to reflect the percentage difference in base pay rates upon which the lump-sum payment was computed, provided that the period covered by the lump-sum payment includes the effective date of the vacation buy-back.

B. **Employees Hired On and After April 1, 2011 and the County Librarian:**

Employees hired on and after April 1, 2011, and the County Librarian may not elect payment of their vacation accruals, unless the employee was eligible for a Vacation Buy Back benefit before being promoted into any classification covered by this Resolution.

C. **Retirement Chief Executive Officer:**

1. The Retirement Chief Executive Officer may elect payment of up to one-third (1/3) of her/his annual vacation accrual, subject to the following conditions: (1) the choice can be made only once in each calendar year; (2) payment is based on an hourly rate determined by dividing the Retirement Chief Executive Officer's monthly salary by 173.33; and (3) the maximum number of vacation hours that may be paid in any calendar year is one-third (1/3) of her/his annual accrual.

2. Lump Sum Payments. Where a lump-sum payment is made to the Retirement Chief Executive Officer as a retroactive general salary adjustment for a portion of a calendar year that is subsequent to the exercise of this vacation buy-back provision, the Retirement Chief Executive Officer's vacation buy-back

will be adjusted to reflect the percentage difference in base pay rates upon which the lump-sum payment was computed, provided that the period covered by the lump-sum payment includes the effective date of the vacation buy-back.

17. **Professional Development Reimbursement:** Employees (excluding Department Heads, their Chief Assistant(s), Engineering Managers, and all Attorney classes) are eligible for reimbursement of up to six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$625) for each two (2) year period beginning on January 1, 1999, for memberships in professional organizations, subscriptions to professional publications, attendance fees at job-related professional development activities and purchase of job-related computer hardware and software (excludes automation connectivity, support, or subscription fees) from a standardized County-approved list or with Department Head approval, provided each employee complies with the provisions of the Computer Use and Security Policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the applicable manuals. In order to receive reimbursement, the employee must have been in an eligible classification when the expense was incurred.

Each professional development reimbursement request must be approved by the Department Head and submitted through the regular demand process. Demands must be accompanied by proof of payment (copy of invoice or receipt). Certification regarding compliance with the County's computer use and security policy may be required. Questions regarding the appropriateness of a request will be answered by the Office of the County Administrator.

18. **Sick Leave Incentive Plan:** Employees may be eligible for a payoff of a part of unused sick leave accruals at separation. This program is an incentive for employees to safeguard sick leave accruals as protection against wage loss due to time lost for injury or illness. Payoff must be approved by the Director of Human Resources, and is subject to the following conditions:
- A. The employee must have resigned in good standing.
  - B. Payout is not available if the employee is eligible to retire.
  - C. The balance of sick leave at resignation must be at least seventy percent (70%) of accruals earned in the preceding continuous period of employment excluding any sick leave use covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, the California Family Rights Act, or the California Pregnancy Disability Act.

D. Payout is by the following schedule:

<u>Years of Payment Continuous Service</u>	<u>Payment of Unused Sick Leave Payable</u>
3 – 5 years	30%
5 – 7 years	40%
7 plus years	50%

E. No payoff will be made pursuant to this section unless the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association has certified that an employee requesting a sick leave payoff has terminated membership in, and has withdrawn his or her contributions from, the Retirement Association.

F. It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that payments made pursuant to this section are in lieu of County retirement benefits resulting from employment by this County or by Districts governed by this Board.

19. **Video Display Terminal (VDT) Users Eye Examination:** Employees are eligible to receive an annual eye examination on County time and at County expense provided that the employee regularly uses a video display terminal at least an average of two (2) hours per day as certified by their department.

Employees certified for examination under this program must make their request through the Benefits Service Unit of the County Human Resources Department. Should prescription VDT eyeglasses be prescribed for the employee following the examination, the County agrees to provide, at no cost, basic VDT eye wear consisting of a ten dollar (\$10) frame and single, bifocal or trifocal lenses. Employees may, through individual arrangement between the employee and the employees' doctor and solely at the employee's expense, include blended lenses and other care, services or materials not covered by the Plan.

20. **Long-Term Disability Insurance:** The County will continue in force the Long-Term Disability Insurance program with a replacement limit of eighty-five (85%) of total monthly base earnings reduced by any deductible benefits.

### **III. BENEFITS FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Department Heads will receive the benefits set forth in Part I and Part II and the following additional benefits:

21. **Executive Automobile Allowance:** Except as provided in Subsection D, the County Administrator and the following appointed Department Heads and elected Department Heads are eligible to receive a monthly automobile allowance plus mileage for miles driven outside Contra Costa County at the rate per mile allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a deductible expense. Receipt of the automobile allowance means that the recipients must furnish a private automobile

for County business. Allowance is made as follows:

A. County Administrator (ADA2) = \$600 per month

B. Elected Department Heads = \$600 per month

Assessor (OAA1)  
Auditor–Controller (SAA1)  
Clerk–Recorder (ALA1)  
District Attorney–Public Administrator (2KA1)  
Treasurer–Tax Collector (S5A1)

C. Appointed Department Heads = \$600 per month

Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures (BAA1)  
Chief Assistant County Administrator (ADB1)  
County Counsel (2EA1)  
County Librarian (3AAA)  
County Probation Officer (7AA1)  
County Veteran’s Service Officer ((96A1)  
County Welfare Director (XAA2)  
Director of Animal Services (BJA1)  
Director of Child Support Services (SMA1)  
Director of Conservation and Development (4AA1)  
Director of General Services (NAA2)  
Director of Health Services (VCA1)  
Director of Human Resources (AGA2)  
Director of Information Technology (LTA1)  
Public Defender (25A1)  
Public Works Director (NAA1)  
Retirement Chief Executive Officer (97A1)

D. Sheriff-Coroner (6XA1) = \$500 per month, plus mileage for miles driven inside and outside of Contra Costa County.

E. If use of a County vehicle is temporarily required as a result of an emergency such as an accident or mechanical failure to the recipient’s personal automobile, with the approval of the General Services Department, a County vehicle may be utilized. The General Services Department will charge the recipient’s department for the cost of the County vehicle usage consistent with County Policy.

**22. Executive Life Insurance:** In lieu of the insurance provided under Section 15, Department Heads are covered at County expense by term life insurance in the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) additional to the insurance provided under Section 2.12.



23. **Executive Professional Development Reimbursement:** Department Heads and those chief assistants listed in Exhibit D (excluding Attorney classes) are eligible for reimbursement of up to nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$925) for each two (2) year period beginning January 1, 1999 for memberships in professional organizations, subscriptions to professional organizations, subscriptions to professional publications, attendance fees at job-related professional development activities, and purchase of job-related computer hardware and software, such as blackberries, I-phones, and treos (excluding automation connectivity, support, or subscription fees) from a standardized County-approved list or with Department Head approval, provided each employee complies with the provisions of the Computer Use and Security Policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the applicable manuals. In order to receive reimbursement, the employee must have been in an eligible classification when the expense was incurred.

Each executive professional development reimbursement request must be approved by the Department Head and submitted through the regular demand process. Demands must be accompanied by proof of payment (copy of invoice or receipt). Certification regarding compliance with the County's computer use and security policy may be required. Questions regarding the appropriateness of a request will be determined by the Office of the County Administrator.

24. **Appointed Department Heads:** The Appointed Department Heads are the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures, Chief Assistant County Administrator, County Counsel, County Librarian, County Probation Officer, County Veteran's Services Officer, County Welfare Director, Director of Animal Services, Director of Child Support Services, Director of Conservation and Development, Director of General Services, Director of Health Services, Director of Human Resources, Director of Information Technology, Public Defender, Public Works Director, and Retirement Chief Executive Officer. (The Fire Chief of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District is also an appointed Department Head, but the benefits for the Fire Chief are set forth in a separate Fire Management Resolution.)
25. **Elected Department Heads:** The Elected Department Heads are the Assessor, Auditor–Controller, Clerk–Recorder, District Attorney–Public Administrator, Sheriff–Coroner, and Treasurer–Tax Collector.
26. **Elected Department Head Benefits:** Elected Department Heads will receive only the following benefits under Parts I, II, and III, together with such benefits as may be authorized under Part IV:
- A. All Elected Department Heads will receive the benefits set forth in Part I, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11.12.
  - B. Elected Department Heads will receive the benefits set forth in Part I, Section 2 in accordance with the following:

1. Those Elected Department Heads who were County employees when elected to County office with a County employee hire date that is earlier than January 1, 2009, will receive the benefits set forth in Part I, Section 2, except the provisions set forth in Section 2.13 (a) (3) do not apply.
  2. Those Elected Department Heads who were County employees when elected to County office with a County employee hire date that is on or after January 1, 2009, will receive all of the benefits set forth in Part I, Section 2.
  3. Those Elected Department Heads who were not County employees when elected to County office will receive all of the benefits set forth in Part I, Section 2.
- C. All Elected Department Heads will receive the benefits set forth in Part II, Sections 13 and 20.
  - D. Elected Department Heads will not receive the benefits set forth in Part II, Section 12, except for those Elected Department Heads who are in their elected office and receiving longevity pay as of October 1, 2010.
  - E. As compensation for not accruing paid vacation credit, in addition to the benefits of Part II, Section 13, twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) as a deferred compensation contribution will be added to the elected department head's deferred compensation account effective July 1 of each year (commencing July 1, 2007). If after July 1, but prior to June 30 of the next succeeding year, for any reason, the elected department head's occupancy of office terminates and/or expires, the elected department head is entitled to an additional deferred compensation account contribution prorated from July 1 to include the time period the elected department head served prior to the next June 30. Further, if, for any reason, all or part of such deferred compensation cannot be paid into a deferred compensation account the elected department head is entitled to an equivalent lump-sum payment. None of the County's twelve thousand dollar (\$12,000) contribution may be used to establish eligibility and qualification to receive the additional eighty-five dollars (\$85) monthly Deferred Compensation Incentive contribution otherwise provided by the County.
  - F. All Elected Department Heads will receive the benefits set forth in Part III, Sections 21, 22, and 23.
  - G. A County employee who becomes a County elected official may receive payment for unused vacation accruals only at the rate of pay that the elected official last earned as a County employee. The elected official may not be paid for unused vacation accruals at the rate of pay earned as an elected official.
  - H. Only the Board of Supervisors is authorized to prescribe the compensation of County elected officials pursuant to Government Code section 25300.

#### **IV. SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES BY DEPARTMENT OR CLASS**

27. **Accounting Certificate Differential:** Incumbents of Management professional accounting, auditing or fiscal officer positions who possess one of the following certifications in good standing will receive a differential of five percent (5%) of base monthly salary: (1) A valid Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license issued by the State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, Board of Accountancy; (2) a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) certification issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors; (3) a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) certification issued by the Institute of Management Accountants; or (4) a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification issued by the Association of Government Accountants.
28. **Animal Services Search Warrant:** Employees in the management class of Deputy Director of Animal Services (BJDF) will be compensated for time spent in assisting law enforcement agencies in the serving of search warrants. The amount of special compensation per incident is one hundred dollars (\$100) and it will continue to be equal to that paid to Animal Services Officers for performing this duty. Only employees involved in actual entry team activities will be so compensated. The department continues to retain the sole right to select and assign personnel to such search warrant duty.
29. **Animal Services Uniform Allowance:** The uniform allowance for employees in the management class of Deputy Director of Animal Services (BJDF) is eight hundred dollars (\$800) effective July 1, 2001, payable one-twelfth (1/12) of the yearly total in monthly pay warrants. Any other increase in the Uniform Allowance, which may be granted to Animal Services Officers while this Resolution is in effect, is granted to the Animal Services Management classes.
30. **Attorney State Bar Dues:** The County will reimburse employees in the classes listed in Section 31 for California State Bar Membership dues (but not penalty fees) and, if annually approved in advance by the Department Head, fees for criminal and/or civil specialization.
31. **Attorney Management Administrative Leave:**
- A. On January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, full time unrepresented, management, and exempt attorneys in paid status in the Offices of the District Attorney, County Counsel, Public Defender, Child Support Services, and the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association, excluding fixed-term and contract attorneys, will be credited with ninety four (94) hours of Management Administrative Leave. Management Administrative Leave must be used during the calendar year in which it is credited and any unused hours may not be carried forward.
  - B. Attorneys appointed between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, are eligible for ninety four (94) hours of Management Administrative Leave on the first succeeding January 1<sup>st</sup> and annually thereafter. Attorneys appointed on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> are

eligible for seventy one (71) hours of Management Administrative Leave on the first succeeding January 1<sup>st</sup> and are eligible for ninety four (94) hours annually thereafter.

- C. Permanent part time attorneys are eligible for Management Administrative Leave on a prorated basis, based upon their position hours, beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> following their appointment and in the same proportion on each January 1<sup>st</sup> thereafter. Permanent-intermittent attorneys are not entitled to Management Administrative Leave. Any attorney on a leave of absence will have his/her Management Administrative Leave hours pro rated upon his/her return.
  - D. Unrepresented, management, and exempt attorneys on the Overtime Exempt Exclusion List are authorized to receive overtime pay; therefore, their Management Administrative Leave will be reduced by 25% each time the attorney is on the List. The 25% reduction will be deducted from the employee's current leave balance, but if there is no balance, it will be deducted from future awarded Management Administrative Leave.
32. **Attorney Professional Development Reimbursement:** The County will reimburse employees in the below-listed Management attorney classifications up to a maximum of seven hundred dollars (\$700) each fiscal year for the following types of expenses:
- A. Purchase of job-related computer hardware and software.
  - B. Membership dues in legal professional associations.
  - C. Purchase of legal publications.
  - D. Training and travel costs for job-related educational courses.
  - E. Legal on-line computer services.

Any unused accrual may be carried forward to the next fiscal year up to a maximum of eight hundred dollars (\$800).

The eligible classes are as follows:

- Assistant County Counsel-Exempt (2ED1)
- Assistant Public Defender-Exempt (25D2)
- Chief Asst. County Counsel-Exempt (2ED2)
- Chief Asst. Deputy District Atty-Exempt (2KD2)
- Chief Assistant Public Defender-Exempt (25D1)
- Chief Deputy District Atty-Exempt (AXD1)
- Chief Trial Deputy Public Defender (25DB)
- Civil Litigation Attorney-Deep Class (25D1)
- County Counsel (2EA1)
- Deputy County Counsel-Advanced (2ETK)
- Deputy County Counsel-Standard (2ETJ)
- Deputy County Counsel-Basic (2ETH)
- District Attorney-Public Administrator (2KA1)

Public Defender (25A1)  
Retirement General Counsel-Exempt (97B3)  
Senior Deputy District Attorney-Exempt (2KD1)  
Senior Financial Counsel-Exempt (2ED3)  
Supervising Atty-Child Support Services (29HA)  
Attorney-Basic Child Support Services (29VA)  
Attorney-Advanced Child Support Services (29TA)  
Attorney-Entry Child Support Services (29WA)

33. **Assessor Education Differential:** Employees in the Management classes of Assistant County Assessor (DABA) and Assistant County Assessor-Exempt (DAB1) are entitled to a salary differential of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of base monthly salary for possession of a certification for educational achievement from at least one of the following:
- A. American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers Residential Member designation.
  - B. State Board of Equalization Advanced Appraiser Certification.
  - C. International Association of Assessing Officers Residential Evaluation Specialist.
  - D. Society of Auditor-Appraiser Master Auditor-Appraiser designation.
  - E. Society of Real Estate Appraisers Senior Residential Appraiser designation.
  - F. Any other certification approved by the County Assessor and the Director of Human Resources.
34. **Certified Elections/Registration Administrator Certification Differential:** Employees in the classification of Clerk-Recorder (ALA1) are entitled to receive a monthly differential in the amount of five percent (5%) of base monthly salary for possession of a valid Certified Elections/Registration Administrator Certificate issued by The Election Center-Professional Education Program. Verification of eligibility is by the County Administrator or designee. Eligibility for receipt of the differential begins on the first day of the month following the month in which the County Administrator verifies eligibility.
35. **District Attorney Inspectors Longevity Differential:** Incumbents of the classes of District Attorney Chief of Inspectors-Exempt (6KD1), District Attorney Lieutenant of Inspectors (6KNB), and Lieutenant of Inspectors-Welfare Fraud (6KWG) are eligible for a differential of five percent (5%) of base monthly salary when the following conditions are satisfied: The employee has (1) four (4) years of experience as a peace officer with Contra Costa County; (2) fifteen (15) years of P.O.S.T. experience; and (3) has reached the age of thirty-five (35).
36. **District Attorney Inspector P.O.S.T.:** Incumbents of the classes of District Attorney Lieutenant of Inspectors (6KNB), District Attorney Lieutenant of Inspectors-Welfare Fraud (6KWG) and District Attorney Chief of Inspectors-Exempt (6KD1) who possess the appropriate certificates beyond the minimum P.O.S.T. qualifications required in their class may qualify for one of the following career

incentive allowances:

- A. A career incentive allowance of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of base monthly salary will be paid to DA Lieutenant of Inspectors and DA Lieutenant of Inspectors-Welfare Fraud for the possession of an Advanced P.O.S.T. certificate. This allowance will be paid to the DA Chief of Inspectors-Exempt for possession of a Management and/or Executive P.O.S.T. Certificate.
- B. A career incentive allowance of five percent (5%) of base monthly salary will be paid to DA Lieutenant of Inspectors and DA Lieutenant of Inspectors-Welfare Fraud for possession of an Advanced P.O.S.T. certificate and an approved Baccalaureate Degree. This allowance will be paid to the DA Chief of Inspectors for possession of a Management and/or Executive P.O.S.T. certificate and possession of an approved Baccalaureate Degree.
- C. A career incentive allowance of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of base monthly salary will be paid to DA Lieutenant of Inspectors and DA Lieutenant of Inspectors-Welfare Fraud for the possession of an Advanced P.O.S.T. certificate and possession of an approved Master's Degree. This allowance will be paid to the DA Chief of Inspectors-Exempt for possession of an approved Management and/or Executive P.O.S.T. certificate and possession of an approved Master's Degree. No continuing education is required in order to be entitled to any of the foregoing allowances.

**37. District Attorney Investigator - Safety Employees Retirement Tier; Contribution Toward Cost of Enhanced Retirement Benefit :**

- 37.10 Retirement Tier. The retirement formula of "3 percent at 50" applies to employees in the classifications set forth below. The cost of living adjustment (COLA) to the retirement allowances of these employees will not exceed three percent (3%) per year. The final compensation of these employees will be based on a twelve (12) month salary average. Each employee will pay nine percent (9%) of his or her retirement base to pay part of the employer's contribution for the cost of these safety retirement benefits. Such payments will be made on a pre-tax basis in accordance with applicable tax laws. "Retirement base" means base salary and other payments, such as salary differential and flat rate pay allowances, used to compute retirement deductions.
- 37.11 Employees with more than 30 years of Service. Commencing on July 1, 2007, eligible employees in the classifications set forth below and designated by the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association as safety members with credit for more than thirty (30) years of continuous service as safety members, will not make payments from their retirement base to pay part of the employer's contribution towards the cost of the safety retirement benefit.

37.12 Eligible Classes.

This section applies only to the following classifications:

District Attorney Chief of Inspectors-Exempt (6KD1)  
District Attorney Lieutenant of Inspectors (6KNB)  
Lieutenant of Inspectors-Welfare Fraud (6KWG)

38. **Engineer Continuing Education Allowance:** Employees in the classification of Deputy Public Works Director-Exempt (NAD0) are eligible to receive a one year Continuing Education Allowance of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of base monthly salary if they complete at least (60) hours of approved education or training or at least three (3) semester units of approved college credit or approved combination thereof, subject to the following conditions.

- A. The specific education or training must be submitted in writing by the employee to the Public Works Director or his designee prior to beginning the course work.
- B. The education or training must be reviewed and approved in advance by the Public Works Director or his designee as having a relationship to the technical or managerial responsibilities of the employee's current or potential County job classifications.
- C. Employees who qualify for this allowance do so for a period of only twelve (12) months, commencing on the first day of the month after proof of completion is received and approved by the Public Works Director or his designee. This allowance automatically terminates at the end of the twelve (12) month period.

39. **Engineer Professional Development Reimbursement:** Employees in the classification of Engineering Managers will be allowed reimbursement for qualifying professional development expenses and professional engineering license fees required by the employee's classification up to a total of seven hundred dollars (\$700) for each two (2) year period beginning on January 1, 2000. Effective July 1, 2007, the allowable reimbursement amount will be increased by one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for a total of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850). Effective on January 1, 2008, Engineering Managers will be allowed reimbursement for qualifying professional development expenses and professional engineering license fees required by the employee's classification up to a total of nine hundred dollars (\$900) for each two (2) year period.

Allowable expenses include the following activities and materials directly related to the profession in which the individual is engaged as a County employee:

- A. Membership dues to professional organizations.
- B. Registration fees for attendance at professional meetings, conferences and

- seminars.
- C. Books, journals and periodicals.
- D. Tuition and text book reimbursement for accredited college or university classes.
- E. Professional license fees required by the employee's classification.
- F. Application and examination fees for registration as a professional engineer, architect or engineer-in-training.
- G. Certain job-related instruments, job-related computer hardware and software from a standardized County approved list or with Department Head approval, provided each Engineer complies with the provisions of the Computer Use and Security Policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the applicable manuals.

Individual professional development reimbursement requests require the approval of the Department Head. Reimbursement occurs through the regular demand process with demands being accompanied by proof of payment (copy of invoice or canceled check).

In order to receive reimbursement, the employee must have been in an eligible classification when the expense was incurred.

- 40. **Library Department Holidays:** For all management and unrepresented employees in the County Library Department, the day after Thanksgiving is deleted as a holiday and the day before Christmas is added as a holiday.
- 41. **Nursing Shift Coordinator-Per Diem, Staff Nurse-Per Diem and Staff Advice Nurse-Per Diem Holiday Pay:** Employees in the classifications of Nursing Shift Coordinator - Per Diem (VWHD), Staff Nurse - Per Diem (VWWA), and Staff Advice Nurse - Per Diem (VWXF), who work on a holiday, will be compensated at one and one-half (1.5) times the hourly rate for all hours worked, up to a maximum of eight (8) hours. This provision is effective on November 1, 2006.
- 42. **Staff Nurse-Per Diem and Staff Advice Nurse-Per Diem Overtime Pay:** Employees in the classifications of Staff Nurse-Per Diem (VWWA) and Staff Advice Nurse-Per Diem (VWXF), who are unrepresented and paid on an hourly basis, will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times their base rate of pay (excluding differentials) for authorized work performed in excess of their scheduled shift, even if that scheduled shift is ten (10) or twelve (12) hours long.
- 43. **Staff Nurse-Per Diem Differentials:** Effective September 1, 2003, employees in the classification of Staff Nurse-Per Diem (VWWA), who are unrepresented and paid on an hourly basis, are eligible for the following differentials under the stated circumstances:
  - A. Evening Shift. An employee who works an evening shift of four (4) hours or more between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. will be paid a shift differential of twelve percent (12%) of the employee's base rate of pay.
  - B. Night Shift. An employee who works a night shift of four (4) hours or more



between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. will be paid a shift differential of fifteen percent (15%) of the employee's base rate of pay.

- C. Detention Facility Assignment. An employee who works in a County Detention Facility (including Martinez, West County, Marsh Creek, Byron Boys Ranch, and Juvenile Hall) will be paid a differential of ten percent (10%) of the employee's base rate of pay.
- D. Emergency Department Differential. An employee who works in the Emergency Department of Contra Costa Regional Medical Center will be paid a differential of five percent (5%) of the employee's base rate of pay.
- E. Code Gray/STAT Team Differential. An employee who is assigned by administration to respond to emergency Code Gray calls as a member of the STAT Team will be paid a differential of ten percent (10%) of the employee's base rate of pay.

44. **Staff Advice Nurse-Per Diem Shift Differentials:** Effective September 1, 2003, employees in the classification of Staff Advice Nurse-Per Diem (VWXF), who are unrepresented and paid on an hourly basis, are eligible for the following differentials under the stated circumstances:

- A. Evening Shift. An employee who works an evening shift of four (4) hours or more between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. will be paid a shift differential of twelve percent (12%) of the employee's base rate of pay.
- B. Night Shift. An employee who works a night shift of four (4) hours or more between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. will be paid a shift differential of fifteen percent (15%) of the employee's base rate of pay.

45. **Podiatrists / Optometrists Unrepresented Status:** In addition to all general benefits afforded Unrepresented employees in Section I of this Resolution, the classes of Exempt Medical Staff Podiatrist (VPS2) and Exempt Medical Staff Optometrist (VPS1) are also eligible for the following benefits:

Educational Leave. Each permanent full-time employee with at least one (1) year of service are entitled to five (5) days leave with pay each year to attend courses, institutions, workshops or classes which meet requirements for American Medical Association Category One Continuing Medical Education. Requests must be submitted for approval in advance to the Medical Director and Service Chief. Permanent part-time employees are entitled to educational leave under this section on a pro-rated basis.

Long-Term Disability Insurance: The County will continue in force the Long-Term Disability Insurance program with a replacement limit of eighty-five percent (85%) of total monthly base earnings reduced by any deductible benefits.

Malpractice Coverage. The County will provide coverage under the Continuing Practice Physician's Insurance Plan.

Paid Personal Leave. Permanent full-time employees with three (3) years of service will be credited with five (5) days of non-accruable paid personal leave effective January 1 of each calendar year. Balances not used will be returned to zero (0) at the end of each year. Permanent part-time employees are entitled to paid personal leave under this section on a pro-rated basis.

**46. Probation - Safety Employees Retirement Tier; Contribution Toward Cost of Enhanced Retirement Benefit:**

Retirement Tier. The retirement formula of "3 percent at 50" applies to employees in the classifications set forth below. The cost of living adjustment (COLA) to the retirement allowances of these employees will not exceed three percent (3%) per year. The final compensation of these employees will be based on a twelve (12) month salary average. Each employee will pay nine percent (9%) of his/her retirement base to pay part of the employer's contribution for the cost of these safety retirement benefits. Such payments will be made on a pre-tax basis in accordance with applicable tax laws. "Retirement base" means base salary and other payments, such as salary differential and flat rate pay allowances, used to compute retirement deductions.

Eligible Classes.

This section applies only to the following classifications:

Assistant Chief Public Service Officer (64BA)  
Chief Deputy Probation Officer (7ADC)  
County Probation Officer- Exempt (7AA1)  
Probation Manager (7AGB)

- 47. Real Property Agent Advanced Certificate Differential:** Employees in the classifications of Assessor (DAA1), Assistant County Assessor (DAB1), and Real Estate Manager-Exempt (DYD1) are entitled to receive a monthly differential in the amount of five percent (5%) of base monthly salary for possessing and maintaining either a valid Senior Member Certificate issued by the International Executive Committee of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) or a certification issued by the Building Owners and Managers Institute (BOMI) with a designation as either a Real Property Administrator (RPA) or Facilities Management Administrator (FMA). Verification of eligibility will be by the Department Head or his/her designee. Eligibility for receipt of the differential begins on the first day of the month following the month in which eligibility is verified by the Department Head.

All employees who qualify for the Senior Member certificate must recertify every five (5) years with the International Right of Way Association in order to retain the Senior

Member designation and continue to receive the differential. In order to recertify, a Senior Member must accumulate seventy-five (75) hours of approved education which may include successfully completing courses, attending educational seminars or teaching approved courses.

All employees who qualify for the RPA or FMA designation must recertify every three (3) years with BOMI in order to retain the RPA or FMA designation and continue to receive this differential. In order to retain certification, an employee must achieve eighteen (18) points of continuing professional development, which may include successfully completing courses, attending educational seminars, or teaching approved courses related to the industry.

**48. Sheriff Sworn Management P.O.S.T.:**

A. Incumbents of the classes of Sheriff-Coroner (6XA1), Undersheriff-Exempt (6XB4) and Commander-Exempt (6XD1) who possess the appropriate certificates beyond the minimum P.O.S.T. qualifications required in their class may qualify for one, and only one, of the following career incentive allowances:

1. A career incentive allowance of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of monthly base pay will be awarded for the possession of a Management and/or Executive P.O.S.T. Certificate and possession of an approved Baccalaureate Degree.
2. A career allowance of five percent (5%) of monthly base pay will be awarded for the possession of a Management and/or Executive P.O.S.T. Certificate and possession of an approved Master's Degree.

B. Incumbents in the class of Chief of Police-Contract Agency-Exempt who possess the appropriate certificates beyond the minimum P.O.S.T. qualifications required in their class may qualify for one, and only one, of the following career incentive allowances:

1. A career incentive allowance of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of monthly base pay will be awarded for the possession of an Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificate.
2. A career incentive allowance of five percent (5%) will be awarded for the possession of an Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificate and possession of an approved Baccalaureate or Master's Degree.

**49. Sheriff Continuing Education Allowance:** Sheriff's Department employees in the classifications of Sheriff's Fiscal Officer (APSA) and Sheriff's Chief of Management Services (APDC) are eligible to receive a Continuing Education Allowance of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of base monthly salary for any fiscal year in which they complete at least sixty (60) hours of education or training or at least three(3) semester units of college credit or a combination thereof, approved by the

department, subject to all of the following conditions:

- A. An application must be submitted in advance, to the Sheriff's Department prior to the fiscal year in which the education or training will occur.
  - B. The education or training must be directly related to the technical or Management duties of the employee's job.
  - C. The course must be reviewed and approved in advance by the Sheriff's Department Standards and Resources Bureau.
  - D. The employee must show evidence of completion with a passing grade.
50. **Sheriff Emergency Services Standby Differential:** Employees in the classification of Emergency Planning Specialist-Exempt (9GS1) who perform standby duty for the Office of Emergency Services at least one (1) week per month, are entitled to receive a differential in the amount of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of base monthly salary.
51. **Sheriff Law Enforcement Longevity Differential:** Incumbents in the classifications of Undersheriff (6XB4), Commander (6XD1), and Chief of Police-Contract Agency-Exempt (6XF1) are eligible for a differential of five percent (5%) of base monthly salary upon completion of fifteen (15) years of County service as a full-time, permanent, sworn law enforcement officer.
52. **Sheriff Uniform Allowance:** The Sheriff-Coroner (6XA1), Undersheriff (6XB4), Commander (6XD1), Chief of Police-Contract Agency-Exempt (6FX1) and non-sworn management employees in the Sheriff-Coroner's Department will be paid a uniform allowance in the amount of eight hundred seventy-two dollars (\$872) per year effective July 1, 2007, payable one-twelfth (1/12) of the yearly total in monthly pay warrants. The management employees eligible for this uniform allowance are: Sheriff's Fiscal Officer (APSA) and Sheriff's Chief of Management Services (APDC).
53. **Sheriff - Detention Division Meals:** Employees assigned to the Detention Division will have fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per month deducted from their pay checks in exchange for meals provided by the Department. The employee may choose not to eat facility food. In that case, no fees will be deducted.
54. **Sheriff - Retirement Tiers; Contribution Toward Cost of Enhanced Retirement Benefit:**
- 54.10. **Safety Tier A.** The retirement formula of "3 percent at 50" applies to employees in the classifications set forth below, who are employed by the County as of December 31, 2006. The cost of living adjustment (COLA) to the retirement allowances of these employees will not exceed three percent (3%) per year. The final compensation of these employees will be based on a twelve (12) month salary average. Beginning on October 1, 2006, each employee will pay three

percent (3%) of his/her retirement base to pay part of the employer's contribution towards the cost of Safety Tier A. Such payments will be made on a pre-tax basis in accordance with applicable tax laws. Effective June 29, 2013, such payments will cease. "Retirement base" means base salary and other payments, such as salary differentials and flat rate pay allowances, used to compute retirement deductions. Safety Tier A is closed to all employees initially hired by Contra Costa County after December 31, 2006.

- 54.11 Safety Tier C. The retirement formula of "3 percent at 50" applies to employees in the classifications set forth below, who are hired by the County after December 31, 2006. The cost of living adjustment (COLA) to the retirement allowances of these employees will not exceed two percent (2%) per year. The final compensation of these employees will be based on their highest consecutive thirty-six (36) month salary average. Beginning on January 1, 2007, each employee will pay two and one-tenths percent (2.1%) of his or her retirement base to pay part of the employer's contribution towards the cost of Safety Tier C. Such payments will be made on a pre-tax basis in accordance with applicable tax laws. Effective June 29, 2013, such payments will cease. "Retirement base" means base salary and other payments, such as salary differentials and flat rate pay allowances, used to compute retirement deductions. Safety Tier C is closed to all employees initially hired after December 31, 2012.
- 54.12 Safety Tier D. The retirement formula of "3 percent at 55" applies to employees in the classifications set forth below, who are hired by the County after December 31, 2012. The cost of living adjustment to the retirement allowance will not exceed two percent (2%) per year and will be banked. The employee's final compensation will be based on his/her annual compensation earnable during a consecutive thirty-six month period. On the employee's retirement date, the employee's retirement allowance will not exceed ninety percent (90%) of his/her final compensation.
- 54.13 Rehires. Employees who leave County service on or before December 31, 2012, and are rehired after that date, will be automatically placed in Safety Tier D unless otherwise required by law.
- 54.14 Employees with more than 30 years of Service. Commencing January 1, 2007, employees in the classifications set forth below and designated by the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association as safety members with credit for more than thirty (30) years of continuous service as safety members, will not make payments from their retirement base to pay part of the employer's contribution towards the cost of Safety Tier A.
- 54.15 Retirement Tier Elections. If members of the Deputy Sheriffs' Association have the opportunity to elect different retirement tiers, employees in the classifications set forth below and employed by the County as of December 31, 2012, will be offered the same opportunity to elect the new Safety Tier D at the same time and on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to members of the Deputy

Sheriffs' Association.

54.16 Eligible Classes.

This section applies only to the following classifications:

Sheriff-Coroner (6XA1)  
Undersheriff- Exempt (6XB4)  
Assistant Sheriff (6XB2)  
Chief Deputy Sheriff-Exempt (6XB3)  
Commander (6XD1)  
Chief of Police-Contract Agency-Exempt (6XF1)

- 55. Treasurer-Tax Collector Professional Development Differential:** Incumbents of the following listed classifications in the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Department are eligible to receive a monthly differential equivalent to five percent (5%) of base salary for possession of at least one (1) of the following specified professional certifications and for completion of required continuing education requirements associated with the individual certifications. Verification of eligibility for any such differential must be in writing by the Treasurer-Tax Collector or his/her designee. Under this program, no employee may receive more than a single five percent (5%) differential at one time regardless of the number of certificates held.

Eligible classes are:

Treasurer-Tax Collector (S5A1)  
Treasurer's Investment Officer-Exempt (S5S3)  
Assistant County Treasurer-Exempt (S5B4)  
Assistant County Tax Collector (S5DF)  
Chief Deputy Treasurer Tax Collector-Exempt (S5B2)

Qualifying Certificates:

Certified Cash Manager (C.C.M.)  
Certified Financial Planner (C.F.P.)  
Certified Government Planner (C.G.F.P.)  
Certified Treasury Manager (C.T.M.)  
Chartered Financial Analyst (C.F.A.)