CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES SUMMARY OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR BARGAINING UNIT 9

Exclusive Employee Representative: Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG)

Number of Employees: Approximately 13,980 full-time equivalents

General Provisions:

I. Compensation

Salary Adjustments (Section 3.26)

- Effective July 1, 2025, all Bargaining Unit (BU) 9 classifications shall receive a general salary increase of 3 percent (3%).
- Effective July 1, 2027, all BU 9 classifications shall receive a special salary adjustment, increasing the maximum salary range by 4.5 percent (4.5%) and increasing the minimum salary rate by 2 percent (2%). Employees at the old maximum of the classification shall move to the new maximum of the classification. Employees not at the old maximum of the classification shall receive a Special Salary Adjustment of 2 percent (2%).

PLP 2025 Program (Section 5.24 New)

- Effective with the July 2025 pay period through the June 2027 pay period.
- Three percent (3%) pay reduction for all BU 9 employees.
- Five (5) hours credited monthly for the PLP 2025 Program.

Telework Stipend Program (Section 7.10)

• Effective June 30, 2025, the Telework Stipend Program will sunset.

Prefunding of Post-Retirement Health Benefits (Section 28.1)

 Effective July 1, 2025, the employee and employer monthly contributions to prefunding other post-employment benefits for BU 9 will be suspended through June 30, 2027.

II. Leave

Bereavement Leave (Section 5.2)

 This section was updated to reflect changes to bereavement leave authorized on January 1, 2023, by Assembly Bill 1949, which added section 12945.7 to the Government Code.

Vacation Leave (Section 5.4)

- Effective July 1, 2025, the BU 9 vacation leave cap will continue to be 832 hours.
- Effective January 1, 2026, the BU 9 vacation leave cap will be 768 hours.
- Effective January 1, 2027, the BU 9 vacation leave cap will be 704 hours.
- Effective January 1, 2028, the BU 9 vacation leave cap will be 640 hours.

Annual Leave Program (Section 5.12)

- Effective July 1, 2025, the BU 9 annual leave cap will continue to be 832 hours.
- Effective January 1, 2026, the BU 9 annual leave cap will be 768 hours.
- Effective January 1, 2027, the BU 9 annual leave cap will be 704 hours.
- Effective January 1, 2028, the BU 9 annual leave cap will be 640 hours.

III. Miscellaneous

Business and Travel Expense (Section 7.1)

• This section reflects the current travel program that has been in place since October 1, 2024. This is consistent with the BU 9 Side Letter agreement that was signed on September 12, 2024.

On-Call/Standby Time (Article 25)

 This article clarifies that on-call/standby time applies to all BU 9 employees.

Furlough Protection (Article 26)

• For the term of the Personal Leave Program 2025, July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, the State will not implement a Furlough Program.

Post-Retirement Health and Dental Benefit Vesting (Section 28.2)

 This section aligns the health and dental vesting schedules with CalPERS provisions.

Side Letter #27

• This Side Letter suspends Executive Order N-22-25 immediately, and reinstates it on July 1, 2026, unless the agreement is not ratified by both parties. Departments shall rescind any existing Return-to-Office notices and revise policies tied to Executive Order N-22-25.

IV. Term

July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

V. Duration

• Effective July 1, 2025. The union ratification process will be completed no later than July 3, 2025.

VI. Fiscal

- Fiscal Year 2025-26 Savings: \$38.6 million (\$2.8 million General Fund)
- Total 3-Year Incremental Cost: \$53.4 million (\$3.7 million General Fund)
- Total 3-Year Budgetary Cost: \$92.7 million (\$6.6 million General Fund)

VII. Agreement

 The complete Tentative Agreement between the State and PECG is posted on Bargaining Unit 9 Contract