

County → SEIU

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Section 8.1 – Hours of Work

Eight (8) hours' work shall constitute a full day's work and forty (40) hours work shall constitute a full week's work unless otherwise provided by law, code or other agreement. Workers assigned to an eight (8) hour shift which is shortened to seven (7) hours due to daylight savings time shall be paid for eight (8) hours.

Section 8.2 – Overtime Work

a) Overtime Defined - Workers Covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) County is reviewing and may make a future proposal

For hospital workers, overtime is defined as time worked beyond eighty (80) hours in any fourteen (14) consecutive day work period, or beyond eight (8) hours in any workday except as mutually agreed upon between the County and the Union. For workers, who do not meet FLSA criteria for different work periods, overtime is defined as time worked beyond forty (40) hours in any seven consecutive day work period or beyond eight (8) or ten (10) hours in any workday (depending on the number of hours in the duty shift to which the worker is assigned). Workers assigned under FLSA to work periods other than seven (7) or fourteen (14) consecutive day work periods, shall have work periods and daily overtime defined accordingly. Time for which pay is received but not worked such as vacation, sick leave, and authorized compensatory time off, will be counted towards the base period. Workers shall not be assigned irregular work hours to avoid the payment of overtime. The County Executive shall determine by administrative order those classes and positions which shall be eligible for overtime work and for cash payment.

The County and Union agree that in any arbitration involving an FLSA non-exempt employee and Section 8.2 the arbitrator shall be strictly bound by U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, Regulations, Bulletins, Regional Opinion Letters and provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act in reviewing, deciding and rendering a decision. The arbitration award and remedy must be in strict compliance with said Regulations, Bulletins, Regional Opinion Letters and provisions of the FLSA and cannot exceed that which would have been ordered by the DOL, Wage and Hour Division if the dispute had been submitted for their review.

If the Fair Labor Standards Act is determined by the U.S. Supreme Court or Legislation to not apply to state and local government Section 8.2(a) will be deleted and Section 8.2(b) shall apply to all classifications, in addition, Section 8.2(c) will be deleted and Section 8.2(d) shall apply to all classifications.

b) Overtime Defined -Workers Exempt from the FLSA -County is reviewing and may make a future proposal

For hospital workers, overtime is defined as time worked beyond eighty (80) hours in a biweekly pay period, or beyond eight (8) hours in any workday except as

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mutually agreed upon between the County and the Union. For all other workers, overtime is defined as time worked beyond forty (40) hours in any workweek or beyond eight (8) or ten (10) hours in any workday (depending on the number of hours in the duty shift to which the worker is assigned). Time for which pay is received but not worked such as vacation, sick leave, and authorized compensatory time off, will be counted towards the base period. Workers shall not be assigned irregular work hours to avoid the payment of overtime. The County Executive shall determine by administrative order those classes and positions which shall be eligible for overtime work and for cash payment.

c) **Rate of Pay -Workers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)**

When overtime work is assigned and is authorized by an appointing authority to be worked, compensation for such time worked shall be time off with pay computed at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) hours off for every hour of overtime worked, except that such overtime work shall be paid in cash at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the regular hourly rate when specifically directed authorized by administrative order of the County Executive. Workers may request in writing in advance to be paid in cash at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the regular hourly rate subject to approval of the appointing authority or designee.

FLSA compensatory time off accruals/balance shall be limited to a maximum of two hundred and forty (240) hours or four hundred and eighty (480) hours for Communication Dispatcher I, II, III and Complaint Center Dispatcher.

All compensatory time off must be taken within twelve (12) months of the date the overtime was worked. Any balance remaining after twelve (12) months shall be paid in cash at the regular rate. Compensatory time balances shall be paid in cash on separation. ~~A worker may elect in advance to receive compensatory time off credit in lieu of cash compensation for overtime where compensatory time off is allowed, if the appointing authority agrees.~~

d) **Rate of Pay -Workers Exempt from the FLSA**

When overtime work is assigned and is authorized by an appointing authority to be worked, compensation for such time worked shall be time off with pay computed at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) hours off for every hour of overtime worked, except that such overtime work shall be paid in cash at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the hourly rate of pay when specifically directed authorized by administrative order of the County Executive. Workers may request in writing in advance to be paid in cash at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the regular hourly rate subject to approval of the appointing authority or designee.

All compensatory time off must be taken within twelve (12) months of the date the overtime was worked, and failure to take the compensatory time off shall be deemed a waiver of the compensatory time by the worker. In the event the appointing authority does not provide compensatory time off during the mandatory

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time period, the worker may take compensatory time off as a matter of right immediately before the end of the pay period in which the compensatory time would be lost. Compensatory time balances shall be paid in cash on separation. A worker may elect in advance to receive compensatory time off credit in lieu of cash compensation for overtime where compensatory time off is allowed, if the appointing authority agrees.

- e) The Union and the Department of Labor Relations, where permitted by law, may waive the overtime provisions of this Agreement in order to implement mutual agreements reached pursuant to Section 8.14 - Varying Hours.
- f) **Distribution of Overtime**
In the absence of a departmental agreement on the subject, overtime work assignments shall be distributed among workers in the same classification and applicable work unit as equally as practicable, where volunteers exist, volunteers will be utilized first, when possible. Overtime work required beyond the regular eight (8) hour or ten (10) hour duty shift shall be offered first to the regular workers who normally work such assignments.

Section 8.3 – Work Schedules -CCL

a) Hours of Operation

It is recognized that unless otherwise established by agreement or practice, the regular County business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and adequate coverage shall be maintained to assure the highest quality of service. Alternate work schedules based on eight (8) hour shifts with either one-half (1/2) hour or one (1) hour lunch periods may be established with starting and quitting times between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

b) Alternate Hours Schedules

It is understood that workers have the right to meet and confer at the department level on alternate hours. The parties agree that shift selection based on seniority, merit and ability being adequate, may be an appropriate method for determining shift assignments; however, the department may establish other criteria based on operational considerations.

Matters subject to alternate hours schedule negotiations under this Agreement to proceed as follows:

1. Negotiations

The Union or the department shall make prompt request to meet and confer, specifying the matter to be negotiated. The other party shall respond promptly, and they shall commence meeting and conferring at the earliest mutually agreeable date and attempt to reach agreement. Thereafter, either party may declare impasse in such negotiations.

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2. Impasse

If impasse is declared, the Union and the County shall commence mediation-arbitration which shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days. The results of mediation-arbitration are advisory to Board of Supervisors. Costs of mediation-arbitration are to be split equally between the County and the Union.

3. Board of Supervisors

Recommendations reached in mediation-arbitration shall be moved to the level of the Board of Supervisors and shall be promptly agendized and referred to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

Section 8.4 – Meal Periods

a) Length

Workers shall be granted an unpaid meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes nor more than one (1) hour, scheduled at approximately the mid-point of the workday. Workers required to be at work stations for eight (8) or more consecutive work hours shall have their meal during work hours.

b) Overtime Meals

If a worker is assigned and works two (2) or more hours of overtime work at the worker's County worksite (excludes telework worksites) contiguous to his/her regular work shift or is called into the worker's County worksite (excludes telework worksites) within three (3) hours of his/her their scheduled quitting time and then works two (2) or more hours of overtime work, the County will pay a meal reimbursement of up to fourteen (\$14.00) dollars. Workers shall be provided an additional reimbursement as above for every seven (7) hour period of overtime completed thereafter. If a worker is called into the worker's County worksite (excludes telework worksites) after three (3) hours of his/her scheduled quitting time and if less than two (2) hours prior notice is given and the worker then works four (4) or more hours of overtime, then the County will pay a meal reimbursement of up to fourteen (\$14.00) dollars.

Workers authorized meals pursuant to Section 8.4(c) or otherwise provided meals at no cost, are not eligible for meal reimbursement as outlined in this section.

The assigned overtime must be consecutive hours either before or after the workers' normal work hours and cannot be split.

Workers must provide a receipt for reimbursement up to the maximum amount.

c) County Facilities

Whenever the duties or responsibilities of any County worker require him/her to be present and on duty during the serving of meals in a County facility and where

such duty or responsibility occupies that worker's meal period, such individual shall be entitled to that meal without charge.

d) **Meal Rates**

In each County dining facility where meals are served to workers at the worker's expense, the department head in charge of the operation of that facility shall prescribe the rates to be charged. The rates so prescribed shall, as a minimum, be sufficient to defray the costs of the food served.

e) Acute Care Hospital, Clinic, or Public Health Meal and Rest Periods
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Section 8.5 – Rest Periods -CCL

All workers shall be granted and take a rest period of fifteen (15) minutes during each half shift of four (4) hours of work. Rest periods shall be considered as time worked for pay purposes. If a rest break is not taken, the worker is not entitled to an earlier quitting time.

Section 8.6 – Clean-up Time -CCL

All workers whose work causes their person or clothing to become soiled shall be provided with reasonable time and adequate facilities for washup purposes at shift end.

Section 8.7 – On-Call Pay

a) **Definition**

On-call is defined as the requirement to remain immediately available to report for duty to perform an essential service when assigned by the appointing authority, subject to approval by the County Executive. On-call duty is in addition to and distinct from the normal workweek. This Section is not applicable to those situations where workers are recalled to work when not previously placed on an on-call status.

b) **Classifications Eligible**

Each department head, subject to approval by the County Executive, shall designate which class(es) of worker(s) shall be subject to on-call duty.

c) **Rates of Pay**

Workers assigned to on-call duty shall receive, in addition to their regular salary, thirty ~~eight~~nine dollars (~~\$398~~) for each eight (8) hour shift, or substantial portion thereof, of assigned call duty, except for the following classifications which shall receive one-half of their regular base rate of pay for each hour of assigned call duty within the same 24 hour-period when assigned to the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System.

R78 Anesthesia Technician

R88 Diagnostic Imaging Technician II

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S85 Licensed Vocational Nurse, when acting in lieu of S23 ~~Operating Room Surgical Technician~~

~~R2E Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist~~

R6A ~~Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist-Angio~~Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologist - Magnetic Resonance Angiography

R6C ~~Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist-Angio~~Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologist - Computed Tomography

S23 Surgical Technician

R27 Pharmacist

P40 Pharmacist Specialist

J1S Epic Pharmacy Informaticist

R15 Respiratory Care Practitioner I

R1S Respiratory Care Practitioner II

R54 Respiratory Therapy ~~in-service Coordinator~~ Services Specialist

S30 Ultrasonographer I

S29 Ultrasonographer II

One (1) position of Occupational Therapist (when assigned on call to the Burn and Plastics service)

d) **Notification to Union**

Should any other classes unique to Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System be assigned to on-call duty, the County agrees to notify the Union of the assignment and to meet and confer as to which of the above rates apply.

e) **Beepers**

Beepers shall be provided to all workers, who request them, when placed on on-call status.

Section 8.8 – Non-Contiguous Overtime Guarantee

If overtime work does not immediately follow or precede the regular work shift and the worker is required to leave home and return to a recognized a County work location, a

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minimum of ~~four~~ two (42) hours overtime shall be credited to the worker. Workers in the following classes are not eligible for the ~~four~~ two (42) hour minimum if the worker has been called in from assigned on-call duty under 8.7(c):

- R78 Anesthesia Technician
- R88 Diagnostic Imaging Technician II
- S85 Licensed Vocational Nurse, when acting in lieu of S23 ~~Operating Room~~ Surgical Technician
- S23 Surgical Technician
- R27 Pharmacist
- P40 Pharmacist Specialist
- R15 Respiratory Care Practitioner
- R54 Respiratory Therapy ~~Inservice Coordinator~~ Services Specialist
- S30 Ultrasonographer I
- S29 Ultrasonographer II
- One (1) position of Occupational Therapist (when assigned on call to the Burn and Plastics service)

The payment of the guaranteed ~~four~~ two (4)-(2) hour minimum is subject to all the provisions of Article 8, Section 8.2, Overtime Work.

A worker who is required to return to a recognized County work location is credited with a guaranteed ~~four~~ two (42) hour minimum under this section for each occurrence of non-contiguous overtime during a scheduled shift, except that a worker shall not be credited with an additional ~~four~~two (42) hour guaranteed minimum until the original ~~four~~two (42) hours has elapsed.

A worker who is required to return to a recognized County work location and receives the two (2) hour minimum may be required to perform work for the entire two-hour period, including additional work that is not the original work that the worker was required to return and perform.

A worker who is On-Call pursuant to Section 8.7 and responds to telephone calls, or who respond to telephone calls for emergency purposes without having to leave home and return to a recognized work location shall be credited with twenty-four (24) minutes for each after-hour telephone call, or the actual time spent, whichever is greater. More

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than one call within the same twenty-four (24) minute window shall be considered one transaction and shall result in pay for only one twenty-four (24) minute period. The worker will keep a record of the number of calls, the length of each call, the name of the caller(s), and the purpose of each call.

Section 8.9 – Evening/Night Shift Differential

a) Evening Shift Differential

An evening shift differential of three dollars and sixty-four cents (\$3.0064) per hour shall be paid to workers for each hour worked after 2:00 p.m. if at least four (4) hours of an assigned schedule of contiguous work hours (to include overtime) are worked after 5:00 p.m. ~~Effective June 15, 2020, Pay Period 20/14, the evening shift differential will be increased to three dollars and fourteen cents (\$3.14). Effective June 14, 2021, Pay Period 21/13, the evening shift differential will be increased to three dollars and thirty nine cents (\$3.39). Effective June 13, 2022, Pay Period 22/13, the evening shift differential will be increased to three dollars and sixty four cents (\$3.64).~~

b) Night Shift Differential

A night shift differential of four dollars and eighty-four cents (\$4.0084) per hour shall be paid to workers for each hour worked after 11:00 p.m. and prior to 7:30 a.m. if at least four (4) hours of an assigned schedule of contiguous work hours (to include overtime) are worked after 11:00 p.m. and before 7:30 a.m. ~~Effective June 15, 2020, Pay Period 20/14, the night shift differential will be increased to four dollars and fourteen cents (\$4.14). Effective June 14, 2021, Pay Period 21/13, night shift differential will be increased to four dollars and thirty nine cents (\$4.39). Effective June 13, 2022, Pay Period 22/13, the night shift differential will be increased to four dollars and sixty four cents (\$4.64).~~

c) Regularly Scheduled Shifts

A worker shall not be paid two different shift differential rates during a regularly scheduled shift. If a worker meets the criteria for both evening and night shift differential during a regularly scheduled shift, the worker shall receive the night shift differential for all eligible hours.

d) Overtime Shifts

Overtime shifts stand alone and shall be treated as two separate shifts for purposes of determining whether the night or evening shift differential rate is paid. (Total hours worked is the basis used for computing eligibility for the differential.)

e) Part-time Workers

Workers in part-time codes (twenty hours (20) or less in a work week) will receive the above differential if at least two (2) hours of an assigned schedule of contiguous hours meet the above guidelines.

f) **Eligible Classifications**

The premium for shift differential shall be paid to all County workers (as outlined above), irrespective of classification, pay level, overtime status, holiday work, or other wage variations (except as required by law).

g) The shift differential shall not be allowed in computing payments at time of termination.

h) This differential shall only be paid on actual hours worked. In addition, workers whose shifts are temporarily changed (either voluntarily or at management discretion) will be paid based on actual hours worked.

Section 8.10 – Split Shift Pay -CCL

A worker who is performing services upon a split shift shall be paid an additional twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) per day. "Split Shift" is defined as eight (8) hours of work which are not completed within any nine (9) consecutive hours in a workday.

Section 8.11 – Temporary Work Location -CCL

When a worker is assigned to work at a location different from his/her regularly assigned work location, the County will either supply transportation for such travel or shall pay mileage based on Article 16.2 of this Agreement.

Section 8.12 – Bilingual Pay

On recommendation of the appointing authority and the Director of Personnel, the County may approve payments of one hundred seventy dollars (\$170) per month to a bilingual worker whose abilities have been determined by the Director of Personnel as qualifying to fill positions requiring bilingual speaking and/or writing ability. Bilingual payments will be when:

- a) Public contact requires continual eliciting and explaining information in a language other than English; or in sign language (ASL or SEE); or
- b) Where translation of written material in another language is a continuous assignment; or
- c) The position is the only one in the work location where there is a demonstrated need for language translation in providing services to the public.

The County shall review positions covered by this Agreement not less than annually to determine the number and location of positions to be designated as requiring bilingual abilities.

Differential may be removed when the criteria ceases to be met for two (2) pay periods.

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Section 8.13 – Voluntary Reduced Work Hours Program

- a) ~~The County agrees to establish a Voluntary Reduced Work Hours Program, is available to~~ for full-time workers represented by the Union. The purpose of the Program is to reduce work hours and a commensurate amount of pay on a voluntary basis.
- b) ~~Workers may elect a two and one-half percent (2 1/2%), five percent (5%), ten percent (10%), or twenty percent (20%) reduction in pay for a commensurate amount of time off for a six (6) month period. Admission to the plan will be at six (6) month intervals – pay period 5 and pay period 18. The parties shall meet and agree upon the beginning date for the Program.~~
- c) ~~All persons in the Program will revert to their former status at the end of six (6) months. If a worker transfers, promotes, demotes, terminates, or in any other way vacates or reduces his/her present code, he/she will be removed from the Program for the balance of the six (6) month period.~~
- d) ~~Workers who wish to voluntarily reduce their work hours may submit a written request to their immediate supervisor within the designated window period. Supervisors must issue a written response to the worker within five (5) working days. If the request is being denied, the specific reason for denial will be included in the response. Copies of this shall be delivered by mail to the Union and the designated Chief Steward.~~
- e) ~~If the worker is not satisfied with the decision, he/she may, within five (5) working days after receipt of the supervisor's response, submit a written request to the Department Director for a meeting to make a verbal appeal.~~
- f) ~~It is agreed that the Department Director or his/her direct report or another member of Executive Management, will arrange a meeting with the worker within five (5) days after the receipt of such a request. The worker may have a Steward assist him/her in the meeting. Every effort will be made to accommodate the worker, steward and manager when scheduling the meeting. Timelines can be extended by mutual agreement to accommodate absences. The Department Director shall send a final decision in writing to the worker within five (5) working days of such a meeting. Copies of this decision shall be delivered by mail to the Union and the designated Chief Steward.~~
- g) ~~Compensatory time shall accrue as earned and shall not be scheduled on any day considered as a County holiday. Workers may use the reduced hours time in advance of accrual and will reimburse the County for hours taken in advance of accrual upon early termination from the Program.~~
- h) ~~Participation in this Program shall be by mutual agreement between the worker and the department/agency head. At no time will approval be given if it results in~~

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~~overtime. Restrictions by Department/Agencies within work units shall be uniformly applied.~~

- ~~i) It is understood by the County that due to this Program there may be lower levels of service.~~
- ~~j) All workers will be notified in writing regarding the Program specifics and the sign-up options. Such written notice to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.~~
- ~~k) Full and timely disclosure of actual sign-ups and any analysis developed will be made available to both the County and the Union.~~
- ~~l) This agreement governs as to the Voluntary Reduced Work Hours Program, but will in no way alter the meaning of the Union and County agreements currently in effect. This will include any departmental, master, unit, sideletter agreements, etc.~~
- ~~m) It is agreed that the workload standards referred to in the Social Services Unit will be reduced for each worker, proportionate to each worker's reduction in hours. (This section is only applicable to SSU.)~~

Section 8.14 – Request for Alternate Hours Schedule -CCL

During the month of November, the Union may request an informal meeting with the Office of Labor Relations regarding requests for varying work hour schedules such as 4-10 or 9-80 which would be beneficial to the community or the program, as well as to the worker, and would be cost effective for the County. At such meeting, the parties shall exchange information and shift schedules. To the extent possible, they will jointly analyze the feasibility of the request. A response shall be given by the Office of Labor Relations as to the decision on whether to propose such a schedule within sixty (60) days of the Union's proposal on the schedule. If the Office of Labor Relations and Agencies/Departments propose to change hours practices pursuant to such guidelines, they shall proceed to meet and confer in accordance with Section 8.3 b) of this Article.

Section 8.15 – Departmental Agreements -County is reviewing and may make a future proposal

All agreements between departments and the Union covering hours, job assignments, shifts, shift assignments, overtime, seniority, and holiday and vacation scheduling currently in effect or entered into during this Agreement shall remain in effect pursuant to their terms. Work assignments by seniority and provisional appointments by seniority are proper subjects for inclusion in a Departmental Agreement. New or existing agreements may be opened or reopened by mutual agreement of any year. During odd years, only new agreements may be opened. During even years, only existing agreements may be reopened.

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a) **Negotiations**

1. New agreements may be negotiated by mutual agreement with three (3) months to negotiate in an attempt to reach agreement, or then impasse may be declared by either party.
2. During November the Union or the Department/Agency may request to meet and confer as specifically listed in this Section. The other party shall respond promptly, and they shall promptly commence meeting and conferring in an attempt to reach agreement. Thereafter, either party may declare impasse in such negotiations.

b) **Impasse**

If impasse is declared, the Union and the department shall commence mediation-arbitration which shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days. The results of mediation-arbitration are advisory to Board of Supervisors. Costs of mediation-arbitration are to be split equally between the County and the Union.

c) **Board of Supervisors**

Decisions reached in mediation-arbitration shall be moved to the level of the Board of Supervisors and shall be promptly agendized and referred to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

Section 8.16 – Hazard Duty Pay

a) **Coverage**

The work places covered by this differential are the JPD Ranches and the locked/secured sections of the following facilities:

1. Emergency Psychiatric Service
2. Main Jail
3. Elmwood
4. North County Jail
5. JPD Hall (including Transportation Officers)
6. Psychiatric Inpatient

b) **Full Time Payment**

A premium of one dollar and ~~twenty-five~~forty-five cents (\$1.~~450~~25) per hour shall be paid to coded classifications while in paid status whose regular assignment for the County is in a work place described in a). This payment shall be made irrespective of classification, pay level, overtime status, holidays worked, or other wage variations. This hazard duty premium shall be included in the pay status time of the coded classifications described in this paragraph b). Workers must physically work within the locations outlined in Section 8.16 to receive the hazard

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duty pay. Telework, remote work, vacation, sick, compensatory time, holiday time off, and personal leave do not qualify for the pay.

~~Effective June 13, 2022 Pay Period 22/13 Hazard Duty Pay will be raised by fifteen cents (\$0.15) to one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40).~~

c) **Part Time Payment**

A premium of one dollar and ~~twenty-five~~ forty-five cents (\$1.~~45025~~) per hour shall be paid to coded classifications whose regular assignment is not in a work place described in a) for only the hours assigned and worked in a work place described in a). This payment shall be made irrespective of classification, pay level, overtime status, holiday work, or other wage variations.

A worker must work a minimum of thirty (30) consecutive minutes per entry into a work place described in paragraph a) prior to being eligible for the hazard duty premium. Coded classifications shall receive an additional full hourly premium for time worked of more than six (6) minutes in any hour after the first hour of work. This hazard duty pay should not be included in the paid status time of the coded class described in this paragraph c).

~~Effective June 13, 2022 Pay Period 22/13 Hazard Duty Pay will be raised by fifteen cents (\$0.15) to one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40).~~

d) **Classifications Assigned to Elmwood**

Included in the coded classifications covered by a) and b) are the following coded classifications assigned to Elmwood: Community Workers and Rehabilitation Officers; provided that if any of the foregoing is assigned for an entire pay period to work outside Elmwood, such worker shall not receive hazard duty pay for such pay period.

e) If the work of a coded classification covered by paragraphs a), b), and d) requires absence from a work place described in paragraph a) for less than 100% of working time during any pay period such coded classification shall receive hazard duty pay.

f) **Termination Payment**

The hazard duty premium shall not be allowed in computing payments at the time of termination.

g) **Safety Retirement Exclusion**

No worker covered by Safety Retirement shall receive a payment for hazard duty.

Section 8.17 – Notary Public Differential

A Notary Public differential of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) per month will be paid to all workers when assigned and performs the function of notary public.

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Section 8.18 – Telework

a) ~~Telework Program~~

~~The County of Santa Clara recognizes that flexible work arrangements and reduced commutes may benefit the employee, the department and the public by making the most efficient use of staff time.~~

The County ~~shall~~may maintain a teleworking program for workers in SEIU 521 represented classifications, consistent with the County's Telework policy. The County shall provide training for supervisors and workers who meet the criteria for participating in the program.

~~The Union shall have the right to meet and confer over any proposed changes to the telework program.~~

b) ~~Eligibility for telework~~

~~Eligibility is based on many criteria, and many job classifications and associated job responsibilities may not be conducive to teleworking. The following requirements are presented to help the employee and supervisor determine if teleworking is feasible. Additionally, a change in job duties and assignments, such as being assigned to work out of class, being assigned to a new project, or covering for coworkers who are out on vacation or leave, may affect eligibility. For this reason, it is the supervisor's responsibility to periodically assess the teleworking arrangement with the employee to address any change in eligibility.~~

~~Meeting any eligibility requirement does not guarantee approval to telework. Approval is given on a case by case basis; however, for approval to be given, an employee must meet all requirements.~~

~~Criteria for an employee to telework include:~~

- ~~• Full or part time status~~
- ~~• Permanent status (no original probationary status); others on exception basis only, subject to approval by department head~~
- ~~• Classified or unclassified position~~
- ~~• Employee is in compliance with County merit system rules, regulations or policies, and/or department rules and policies~~
- ~~• Demonstrated job performance to be able to work independently as determined by the immediate supervisor~~

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Deleted language is struck through.

Current contract language is CCL

- ~~• Job performance meets or exceeds expectations~~
- ~~• Employee's telework consists of the employee's regular work responsibilities, including call-back and on-call duties~~
- ~~• Employee's job duties allow him/her to be away from the County work site for a period of time during the work week~~
- ~~• Teleworking does not impede other workers from performing their job duties~~
- ~~• No reduction of service to internal and external customers and clients~~
- ~~• Employee and supervisor agree in writing on a teleworking arrangement, which is approved in writing by the department head or designee.~~
- ~~• Employee has access to required supplies and equipment to telework and has an acceptable workspace and environment to effectively work at home.~~

~~In addition to meeting these eligibility requirements, the following items are required before allowing an employee to telework:~~

- ~~• Telework Request and Approval Form is completed and approved~~
- ~~• Telework Agreement/Assignment Form is completed and approved~~

c) Teleworking is a management option, not an entitlement. Any telework agreement may be revoked or modified by the Department at any time for any reason. This section is not subject to the grievance procedure.

