REVISED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY AND INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, STATIONARY ENGINEERS LOCAL 39, AFL-CIO

COVERING ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE LIBRARY SUPERVISORY UNIT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024
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PREAMBLE

This Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement, has been entered into by the Sacramento Public Library Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers Local 39, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union. These parties have met and conferred in good faith, and this resulting Agreement has as its purpose: (1) the promotion of harmonious labor relations between the Authority and the Union; (2) the establishment...
of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and, (3) the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other terms and conditions of employment.
ARTICLE 1
RECOGNITION

1.1 RECOGNITION

a. The Authority hereby recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for all regular employees in the Library Supervisory Unit, as defined in the Authority's Employer-Employee Relations Policy, and agrees to meet and confer and otherwise deal exclusively with the Union on all matters relating to the scope of representation pertaining to these employees as authorized by law. The current Unit composition is attached as Exhibit A.

The term “regular employee” is an employee who has been appointed to a position in a classification that requires the successful completion of a probationary period.

b. The Union will not object to the State Mediation and Conciliation Service or the American Arbitration Association conducting an election pursuant to the Authority's Employer-Employee Relations Policy.

1.2 EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Employees covered by this Agreement shall have all rights specified in Government Code Section 3500 et seq.
ARTICLE 2
SOLE AGREEMENT

2.1 SOLE AGREEMENT

a. This Agreement, when signed by the parties hereto and approved by the Governing Board, supersedes all other Agreements and supplements, and represents the sole agreement between the parties.

b. Neither party shall be obligated to meet and confer during the term of this Agreement on any matter within the scope of bargaining. However, if during its term, the parties hereto should mutually agree to modify, amend or alter the provisions of the Agreement in any respect, any such change shall be effective only if and when reduced to writing and executed by the authorized representative of the Authority and the Union. Any such changes validly made shall become a part of this Agreement and subject to its terms.

c. The waiver of any breach or condition of this Agreement by either party shall not constitute a precedent in the future enforcement of all terms and conditions herein.
ARTICLE 3
RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT

3.1 RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT

The Authority retains all rights not expressly abridged by this Agreement and applicable laws and other regulations, including the grievance procedure herein. These rights shall include, but are not limited to, the exclusive right to: a) direct, hire, promote, discipline, transfer, assign, and schedule employees; b) dismiss employees due to lack of work, lack of funds, or abolishment of position or for other reasonable cause; c) determine services to be rendered, operations to be performed, utilization of technology, work and productivity standards, and methods of work to be performed; d) determine the mission of the Authority, its organization, the number of employees, appropriate job classifications and all budgetary matters; e) maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Authority operations; and f) take any necessary actions to carry out its mission in situations of emergency.
ARTICLE 4
UNION RIGHTS

4.1 UNION RIGHTS

a. The Union shall have the regular dues/voluntary fees of its bargaining unit members deducted from their paychecks under the following procedures:

(1) The Union is solely responsible for distributing to, and collecting from, employees the dues deduction authorization forms. It is the employee’s responsibility to submit requests to start or stop dues deductions directly to the Union and not to the Library. The Union is responsible for maintaining the deduction forms from individual employees. Copies of an individual employee’s deduction authorization need not be provided to the Library unless a dispute arises about the existence or terms of the authorization. Questions regarding Union membership, dues amounts, and payroll deductions must be directed to the Union and not to the Authority.

(2) The Union will provide to the Library an updated, certified deduction list of bargaining unit members who have provided written authorizations for deductions, and will note any specific changes to employees’ deductions, including starting and stopping deductions, or validly cancelling or revoking a deduction authorization as compared to the last list provided to the Library.

(3) In cases where an employee is not paid for a portion of the pay period and the employee’s salary is insufficient to cover part or all of the withholding of the Union dues, or the statutory withholding obligations exceed the withholding of Union Dues, there shall be no withholding. All legally mandated and statutory tax and required payroll/benefit deductions shall have priority over Union dues.

b. The Union agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Library and its agents, representatives, employees, Board members, officers, against all claims, including costs of such suits and reasonable attorney’s fees and/or other forms of liability arising from the implementation of the provisions of this Article, including claims for or related to employee authorizations, revocations, deductions made, cancelled, or changed in reliance on the Union’s representations and certifications regarding employee dues deduction authorizations.

c. This Article of the MOU is not grievable.

4.2 [INTENTIONALLY BLANK]

4.3 BULLETIN BOARDS

a. Space shall be provided on Authority property, at locations mutually agreed upon, for Union bulletin boards for the posting of the following types of notices:

(1) Union recreational and social activities
(2) Union elections
(3) Union appointments and results of Union elections
(4) Union meetings
(5) Such other notices as may be mutually agreed upon by the Union and the Authority.

b. Bulletin boards are for the sole purpose of such notices as are listed above. The board size shall be up to three (3) feet by four (4) feet.

4.4 STEWARDS

a. The Authority recognizes that the Union has established Stewards, who consist of regular Authority employees represented by the Union, to handle grievances pertaining to this Agreement. A current list of Stewards shall be made available to the Library Director or designee together with any changes thereto.

b. The Union will not exceed a ratio of one Steward for Library Supervisor III’s and one Steward for the remainder of the bargaining unit.

c. Stewards shall not conduct Union or representational activities on Authority time unless prior approval is expressly granted by the Library Director or designee. Approval will not be unreasonably denied.

4.5 USE OF AUTHORITY FACILITIES

The Union may use Authority conference rooms and similar facilities for meetings with employees. Use of Authority meeting facilities requires reasonable advance notice to the appropriate Authority official and is subject to Authority use of such facilities. The Authority may establish reasonable regulations governing the use of Authority facilities as provided by this Section.

4.6 USE OF AUTHORITY MAIL, E-MAIL OR VOICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

The Union shall have the right to reasonable use of the Authority’s existing internal mail or e-mail or voice communication systems for the limited purpose of communicating with employees who have been designated in writing by the Union as Stewards. The envelope for internal mail shall contain the following information: Steward’s name and work location. The right to use of the internal mail, e-mail or voice communication systems may be denied for cause.

4.7 NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

The Library shall provide at least 10-days advance notice to the Union of new-hire orientation dates and times. The Union’s Business Representative or designee shall be given up to thirty (30) minutes to make a membership presentation at the employer’s regularly schedule new employee orientation session.

4.8 LIST OF NEW EMPLOYEES

At least every thirty (30) days, the Library shall provide the Union with a list of employees who are employed in classifications represented by the bargaining unit. To the extent it is known and
if the employee has not opted out, information shall include: name, hire date, job title; department; work location; work, home and personal cellular phone numbers; personal email address; and the home address of each employee.
ARTICLE 5
GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

5.1 INTENT

It is the intent of the parties to resolve grievances at the lowest practicable level and as promptly as possible. Any grievance not initiated or pursued by the Union, aggrieved employee, or group of employees, as the case may be, within the time limits of the steps, will be considered settled on the basis of the last timely answer by the Authority.

If the Authority does not meet the time limits, the Union may process the grievance to the next step of the Grievance Procedure. The time limits may be extended by written agreement of both parties.

5.2 DEFINITION

a. A grievance is a dispute between the Authority and the Union or a good faith complaint of an employee or group of employees involving the meaning, interpretation, application or enforcement of the express terms of this Agreement.

b. As used in this procedure, the term “Functional Manager” means the individual to whom a supervisor has a direct reporting relationship.

c. As used in this procedure, the term "party" means an employee, the Union, the Authority or their authorized representatives.

d. As used in this procedure, the term “standard workdays” means “Monday through Friday,” excluding holidays.

5.3 PROCEDURE

Grievances will be processed in the following manner and within the stated time limits.

5.4 INFORMAL GRIEVANCE

The aggrieved employee or group of employees or a representative of the Union shall orally present the grievance to the employee's Functional Manager or his/her designated representative within five (5) standard working days following the occurrence of events on which the grievance is based. The supervisor shall give his/her answer orally within five (5) standard working days of the date of presentation of the grievance. Grievance settlements at the informal level shall set no precedents in any future Agreement interpretation.

5.5 FORMAL GRIEVANCE STEP 1

If the grievance is not resolved at the informal level, the grievant may present the grievance to the Manager of Human Resources or designee in writing within ten (10) standard working days after the Functional Manager’s answer. The grievance shall be submitted in writing on the grievance form provided by the Authority. The written grievance shall set forth the alleged facts
or circumstances giving rise to the grievance, the applicable section of the Agreement asserted to have been violated and the remedy or correction requested of the Authority. The written grievance must be dated and signed by the grievant or Union representative. The Human Resources Manager or designee shall meet with the aggrieved employee and/or the Union representative within ten (10) standard working days after receipt of the written grievance in an attempt to resolve the matter. The Human Resources Manager or designee shall respond in writing within ten (10) standard working days after the grievance meeting.

5.6 FORMAL GRIEVANCE STEP 2

If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at Formal Step 1, the written grievance may be presented to the Library Director or designee within ten (10) standard working days after receipt of the Manager of Human Resources’ or designee’s written answer. The Library Director or designee shall meet with the aggrieved employee and/or the Union Representative within ten (10) standard working days after receipt of the written grievance in an attempt to resolve the grievance. The Library Director or designee shall render a written decision on the grievance to the Union within ten (10) standard working days after the meeting.

5.7 FORMAL GRIEVANCE - ARBITRATION

a. Grievances not settled in Formal Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure may be appealed to arbitration by the Union. Request for arbitration shall be made in writing to the Library Director or designee within ten (10) standard working days after the date of the Library Director’s response. An impartial arbitrator shall be selected jointly by the parties within ten (10) standard working days of receipt of the request. The parties shall attempt to mutually agree on an arbitrator. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, they shall make a joint request to the State Mediation and Conciliation Service for a list of five (5) qualified arbitrators. The parties shall each strike two (2) names from the list and the remaining person shall be accepted as the arbitrator. The first party to strike will be determined by the flip of a coin. When an arbitrator is not available, a new list will be requested. The arbitrator shall have access to all written statements and documents relevant to the grievance.

b. The arbitrator shall render his/her decision no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing. Such decision shall be made in writing in accordance with, and in conformance to, the terms of this Agreement and shall be final and binding on the Authority, the Union and the employee(s). Copies of the decision will be furnished to all parties.

c. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, delete or alter any provision of this Agreement, but shall limit his/her decision to the scope, application and interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement and shall make no decisions in violation of existing law.

d. The fees and necessary expenses of any arbitration proceedings shall be shared equally by both parties except that each party shall pay the fees of its own counsel and/or representative.

e. Employees shall not suffer loss of compensation for time spent as a witness at an arbitration hearing held pursuant hereto. The Union agrees that the number of witnesses requested to attend and their scheduling shall be kept to a reasonable minimum.
5.8 GENERAL PROVISIONS

a. No matter shall be considered as a formal grievance unless it is presented in writing within twenty (20) standard working days after the occurrence of the events on which the grievance was based except by mutual agreement between the parties.

b. No grievance decision covering any type of grievance shall provide for retroactive compensation for more than thirty (30) standard working days prior to the date such grievance was filed.

c. The Union Business Representative or designee shall have the authority to settle grievances for either the Union or employees at the respective steps of the Grievance Procedure.

d. With prior management approval, an employee may present a grievance to Authority management during working hours without loss of compensation. Time off for the employee to present the grievance shall not be unreasonably denied.
ARTICLE 6
SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

a. Effective July 1, 2021, a base wage adjustment of two and one-half percent (2.5%) will be conferred.

b. Effective July 1, 2022, a base wage adjustment of two and one-half percent (2.5%) will be conferred.

c. Effective July 1, 2023, a base wage adjustment of two and one-half percent (2.5%) will be conferred.
ARTICLE 7
SALARY ADMINISTRATION

7.1 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT COMPENSATION RATE

The rate of compensation upon original appointment in a supervisory position in the Authority shall normally be step "1." However, if the Library Director or designee finds that the appointee has extraordinary qualifications, or that a higher step is necessary in order to recruit, appointment at any step in the grade may be made.

7.2 ADVANCEMENT IN RATE OF COMPENSATION

a. Advancement in Steps

(1) Upon successful completion of the probationary period, an employee shall be advanced to the next higher step of the salary grade of the classification. A step advancement may be denied only for just cause. Employees who thereafter maintain a normally satisfactory level of performance shall be advanced automatically at 2,080 hours intervals to succeeding steps of the assigned salary grade. An employee who has completed the required probationary period in his/her classification, who is at a salary step lower than the highest step and demonstrates exceptional performance or as needed for retention, may be advanced to any higher step in the salary grade for that classification at any time if approved by the Library Director or designee.

(2) Time spent on leave of absence without pay of ten (10) or fewer consecutive working days shall not affect the step advancement eligibility date. For such leaves in excess of ten (10) consecutive working days, all leave time shall not count toward step advancement.

b. Denial of Step Advancement and Reduction in Grade

Employees who do not maintain a satisfactory level of performance shall be denied advancement and may be reduced within grade upon approval of the Library Director. Any such denial or reduction shall be appealable through the Discipline provision.

c. Effective Date of Step Advancement

Step advancement for employees who successfully complete the probationary period or 2,080 hours of service shall become effective on the first day of the next pay period. Advancement to succeeding steps of the assigned salary grade shall become effective at 2,080-hour intervals from the anniversary date of the first increase.

d. Effective Date of Step Advancement Upon Extension of Probationary Period

(1) When the probationary period, if applicable, is extended, due to light duty, leave or on-the-job-injury, the salary step advancement will be delayed for the period of the extension. However, the probationary period shall only be extended if the time

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cumulatively exceeds twenty (20) workdays.

(2) When the probationary period is extended and the employee successfully completes the extended probationary period, the period of the extension shall be included in determining the eligibility date for the next salary step increase.

(3) If a probationary period is extended due to an unpaid leave of absence, the period of such extension is excluded in determining the eligibility date for a salary step increase.

(4) Increases to succeeding steps of the assigned salary range shall become effective at 2,080 hours from the anniversary date of the first increase.

7.3 EFFECT OF CLASSIFICATION CHANGE ON RATE OF COMPENSATION

a. Movement to a Higher Classification

When an employee moves from one classification to another that has a higher salary, through examination, temporary appointment in the absence of an eligible list, reallocation or reclassification of a position, the employee shall receive a one-step (5%) increase or the "1" step of the higher classification, whichever is greater, but not to exceed the maximum rate of the higher classification.

b. Movement to Another Classification With the Same Salary Grade

When an employee moves to another classification with the same salary range, the employee shall maintain the same salary and same anniversary date.

c. Movement to a Lower Classification

When an employee's position is reallocated to a classification with a lower salary grade, the employee shall suffer no reduction in salary and the Y-rate provisions of this Agreement shall apply. The salary of an employee who voluntarily demotes shall be that salary step nearest, but does not exceed, such salary paid in the previous classification.

7.4 COMPENSATION UPON CHANGE OF GRADE

When the salary grade for a classification is changed, employees in such classification shall change to the new grade but shall remain at the same step. This provision may be modified by mutual agreement of the parties.

7.5 RATE OF COMPENSATION UPON RETURN TO AUTHORITY SERVICE

a. An employee recalled after layoff or reinstated after a leave of absence of up to one (1) year shall return to the same salary step paid at the time of departure.

b. If the employee is re-employed within one (1) year of resignation to a classification that is the same or lower than that in which last employed, the employee may receive any salary step at the discretion of the Library Director or designee, but not to exceed the step received
immediately prior to leaving Authority service. If that step is other than the maximum salary step of the salary grade, the anniversary date for subsequent in-grade adjustments shall be the date of re-employment.

7.6 RATES HIGHER THAN THE HIGHEST STEP (Y-RATE)

Whenever the salary of an employee exceeds the highest step of the salary grade established for a classification, the Authority shall at its discretion designate such salary as a "Y-rate." During such time as an employee's salary remains above the highest step, the employee shall not receive further salary increases, except that upon promotion to a higher classification, the employee shall immediately advance to the step of the grade of the higher classification next above the "Y-rate" and be eligible for advancement to succeeding steps in the grade as outlined in this Agreement. An example of when a Y-rate applies is when an employee's position is reallocated to a classification with a lower salary grade; and examples of when a Y-rate shall not apply are discipline, layoff or voluntary demotion.
ARTICLE 8
HEALTH AND WELFARE

Preface: The following are non-vested benefits which may be modified through the negotiation process.

8.1 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) SECTION 125 PLAN

a. The Authority shall continue to implement an IRS Section 125 Cafeteria Plan that shall be applicable to regular employees in the Supervisory Unit.

b. The balance of the health and welfare contribution, if any, may be utilized to purchase benefits in the cafeteria plan, the Authority-sponsored health/welfare benefits, life insurance and short-term disability insurance.

c. Vision insurance shall be offered to employees at their expense.

d. Employees covered by the Agreement who incur out-of-pocket cost for benefits selected within the cafeteria plan shall have premium conversion applied to allow pre-tax payment.

e. Employees covered by the Agreement may elect pre-tax or post-tax payment of disability insurance only, and in the absence of such an election, the premiums shall be treated as post-tax payments.

f. Any amount of the health and welfare contribution that is not spent in the cafeteria plan will be paid to the employee in cash and will be treated as taxable income. To be eligible for a cash payment, employees must be enrolled in an Authority sponsored health insurance plan.

g. Contributions to deferred compensation are employee contributions. All contributions to deferred compensation are not subject to income taxation.

h. In the event that legislation or tax regulations are enacted that materially affect the operation of the Authority’s 125 Plan and the favorable tax status of the 125 Plan for employees, the Authority will meet and confer with the Union to establish a successor plan. Until such plan is agreed upon, the existing plan shall remain in place and to the extent legally enforceable, existing rules shall continue to apply.

8.2 CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEES

a. Effective January 1, 2016, and for each remaining calendar year for the life of the MOU:

(1) For employee only, the Authority contribution will be the lowest cost health and dental rate as shown in Exhibit C.

(2) For employee + 1, the Authority contribution will be 75% of the lowest cost health and dental plan as shown in Exhibit C.

(3) For employee + 2, the Authority contribution will be 75% of the lowest cost health and dental plan as shown in Exhibit C.
b. If plans or co-pays change, the parties shall meet and confer.

c. In order to receive the full Authority contribution towards Health and Welfare benefits referenced above the employee must be in paid status a minimum of sixty (60) hours per pay period. The contribution towards Health and Welfare benefits for employees in paid status from 30 to 79 hours per pay period will be pro-rated to the number of hours in paid status. If the employee is not in paid status for at least thirty (30) hours per pay period, the employee shall not be eligible for any Authority contribution. In that event, the Authority shall deduct from the employee’s paycheck the amount needed to pay for the insurance plans the employee has selected. If this deduction from the employee’s paycheck cannot be made in its entirety, it is the responsibility of the individual employee to pay for the remaining amount.

“Paid Status” means being paid for time while:

- At work
- On PTO or other paid time off hours, including, but not limited to, holidays and holiday credit pursuant to Article 12 Leaves, section 12.3
- On State Disability Leave or State Paid Family Leave (PFL) and integrating with their available leave balances
- On Worker’s Compensation leave and integrating with their available leave balance
- On Jury Duty
- On Bereavement Leave

“Paid Status” does not mean:

- On an unpaid leave of absence
- On suspension without pay
- On “in-lieu” discipline per Article 18 Discipline, section 18.2

d. Premium Payment With Separation Date During First Pay Period Of The Month

In the event an employee separates from Library Authority employment during the first pay period of the month, the health premium that would have been deducted from the second paycheck of the month shall instead be deducted from any remaining leave balance payment due to the employee upon separation. In the event the remaining leave balance is insufficient to cover the entire amount of the remaining premium due, it is the responsibility of the individual employee to pay for the remaining amount. This payment may be accomplished through deduction from final pay, or by personal check made payable to the Sacramento Public Library Authority.

e. Former County Library employees who transferred to the Authority upon formation of the Joint Power Authority shall continue to receive 100% employer coverage.

f. For purposes of this section, employees who are receiving benefits under State Disability Insurance, Workers Compensation or PFL will receive Authority contributions based on their
normally scheduled hours during the pay period that includes Authority payment for integrated leave balances. If all leave balances are exhausted, Authority contributions cease.

### 8.3 BASIC LIFE INSURANCE

Authority-paid basic life insurance shall be $20,000 per employee.

### 8.4 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS

a. The Authority shall maintain the following Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) as permitted by Internal Revenue Service regulations:

   1. Out-of-pocket costs for health and/or dental insurance premiums;
   2. Unreimbursed health care expenses and,
   3. Dependent care reimbursement up to IRS allowed limits.

b. Any administrative costs shall be paid by the employees participating in FSA for subparagraphs (2) and (3) above.

c. Employees will be informed about the procedures, rules and the forfeiture of funds left unused in FSA.

### 8.5 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Employees may participate in the Authority’s deferred compensation plan, as long as the deferred compensation salary limit is not exceeded.

### 8.6 STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE AND PAID FAMILY LEAVE

a. The Authority shall maintain State Disability Insurance (SDI) and Paid Family Leave (PFL) at the employee's cost.

b. The intent of this program is to enable eligible employees who file for their SDI or PFL benefits in accordance with applicable rules and procedures to integrate such SDI benefits with their own available leave balances. Integration occurs when the SDI or PFL benefit and the monetary value of the employee's leave balance combine to provide a bi-weekly adjusted net income that does not exceed 100% of the employee's regular net income so long as available leave balances and SDI or PFL eligibility permits. The regular net income is the employee's gross income, less any required deductions such as taxes, retirement and SDI or PFL insurance premiums, as well as any other mandatory deductions. Other employee-authorized deductions shall be deducted from the resultant net pay.

c. Eligible employees will use SDI or PFL on an integrated basis using all available paid leave hours, compensatory time off (CTO), holiday earned credit, paid time off (PTO), and catastrophic leave (CAT), in that order.

d. Integration of SDI or PFL with accrued leave balances must follow the procedures established by the Authority, which the Authority shall, in its sole discretion, implement to insure the
equitable application of the program.

e. Integration of SDI or PFL with accrued leave balances shall take place only if the employee requests integration, in writing, to Human Resources, using the Authority-provided form.

The Authority shall make leave payments to the employee in the usual manner except that the net pay, including SDI or PFL benefits and net Authority pay, shall not exceed 100% of the employee’s regular net pay. If SDI or PFL benefits equal or exceed 100% of the regular net pay, no Authority payment shall be made.

(1) Special pay allowances not of a permanent nature, such as overtime compensation, night shift differential or higher duty assignment pay, shall not be counted in determining the employee’s gross or net pay.

(2) PTO, CAT leave and Holiday pay or credit will accrue on a pro-rata basis during the period of integrated SDI or PFL, based on the number of hours the employee integrates from his or her paid leave balances.

(3) Service credits toward seniority and step increase eligibility shall be accrued during any pay period during which an employee is on the integrated leave and SDI or PFL program.

(4) Any period of absence during which an employee is receiving SDI benefits, but is not receiving leave integration payments, shall be deemed a leave of absence without pay.

(5) If the employee exhausts all available leave balances but continues on SDI or PFL, the Authority contribution, including leave accruals, shall cease.

(6) The Authority shall continue its contributions toward the employee’s health, dental, life and retirement contributions in accordance with established laws and practices during the pay periods that include Authority payment for integrated leave balances. The employee shall be responsible for payment of premiums required to maintain medical insurance coverage when Authority contributions cease.

f. In the event the Authority determines that legislative, administrative or judicial determinations cause changes that in any way restrict, reduce or prohibit this program operation, it shall immediately and automatically terminate.

8.8 RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS PLAN

a. The Authority shall provide to all full-time regular employees covered by the Agreement a Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan as selected by the Authority. The RHS Plan is a medical expense reimbursement program that accumulates assets to pay for medical expenses in retirement on a tax-free basis.

b. Effective the first paycheck following approval of this MOU by the Authority Board, or the first paycheck in July 2021, part-time employees hired on or after July 1, 2021 and in paid status less than forty (40) hours per week shall receive contribution on a pro-rata basis. Part-time employees hired on or before June 30, 2021 shall receive the full RHS contribution.
c. Effective the first paycheck following approval of this MOU by the Authority Board, or the first paycheck in July 2021 whichever is later, the Authority shall contribute $80 per month ($40 per pay period for 24 pay periods per year to eligible full-time employees’ RHS accounts.
ARTICLE 9
HOURS OF WORK

9.1 WORKDAY/WORKWEEK

a. The workweek for employees covered by this Agreement shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday and end at 12:00 midnight the following Friday. A regular full-time employee’s workweek shall consist of forty (40) working hours during the said seven (7) day period. The hours of work and work schedule for all regular part-time and full-time employees shall be established by the Authority.

b. The Authority may establish a workweek schedule consisting of forty (40) hours in increments of four (4) ten (10) hour workdays, five (5) eight (8) hour workdays or a modified workweek schedule equal to eighty (80) hours per pay period. The Authority agrees to discuss with the Union fifteen (15) calendar days in advance of implementation of the four (4) ten (10) workweek or other modified workweek that differs from a five (5) eight (8) hour workweek schedule.

c. Regular employees shall be given at least fourteen (14) calendar days’ written notice prior to a permanent change in their assigned hours of work. The notice requirement shall not apply to emergency assignments or changes as a result of absences by other employees.

d. If an employee’s shift or days off are changed without the above notification, he/she shall be paid the overtime rate for all hours actually worked on the first day of the new shift.

9.2 REST PERIODS

a. Employees who work an eight (8) hour day will be afforded rest periods. The length of the rest periods will be fifteen (15) minutes during the first half of the employee’s work shift, and fifteen (15) minutes during the last half of an employee’s work shift, unless the Authority and Union agree otherwise in writing.

b. Rest periods may not be accumulated nor will they be scheduled within one hour at the beginning or the end of the workday or meal period.

c. Whenever it is necessary for an employee to work overtime in excess of two (2) consecutive hours at the end of the workday, the employee shall be granted an additional unpaid fifteen (15) minute rest period, at the option of the employee. This rest period must be scheduled at the end of the employee’s regular shift and prior to working overtime hours.

9.3 MEAL PERIODS

Employees working eight (8) hours shall be allowed an unpaid meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes nor more than one hour that shall be scheduled in the middle of the workday. If an employee is required to work during a scheduled meal period by his/her supervisor, the employee shall either be given an alternate unpaid meal period or compensated for the additional work time as determined by his/her supervisor.
ARTICLE 10
OVERTIME COMPENSATION

10.1 OVERTIME COMPENSATION

a. Employees required by their manager or supervisor to work in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or forty (40) hours in a workweek shall be compensated for such work time at one and one-half (1½) times their regular rate of pay.

b. As determined by the manager, supervisor or designee the employee will either be paid or receive Compensatory Time Off (CTO).

c. For the purpose of computing the number of hours worked, all absences with pay shall be counted and included as time worked.

d. An employee may accrue up to eighty (80) hours of CTO.

e. Scheduling of CTO must be approved in advance by the supervisor, manager or designee and must be used within the fiscal year accrued. CTO time shall be used before PTO or other leave types for absences from work. If CTO time is not used within the fiscal year in which it was accrued, it shall be cashed out.

f. An employee’s workweek, work schedule and/or days off shall not be changed to avoid the payment of overtime.

g. Overtime compensation and CTO are excluded from retirement calculations.
ARTICLE 11 NIGHT-SHIFT
DIFFERENTIAL

11.1 NIGHT-SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

a. Employees covered by this Agreement who work five-eighths (5/8) or more of their regular shift in the period extending from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. shall be compensated by payment for the entire shift of an additional seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of their base pay for that shift. Said employees who work less than five-eighths (5/8) of their regular work-shift in the period extending from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. shall be compensated for those hours worked (to the nearest one-half hour) within this period by payment of an additional seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of their base pay for such hours.

b. An employee shall not receive night-shift premium pay when on PTO or other authorized leave of absence with pay.
ARTICLE 12
LEAVES

12.1 PTO (PAID TIME OFF)

a. Time off with pay shall be earned by regular employees based on the equivalent of full-time service from the date of appointment. Paid time off (PTO) shall be earned over twenty-four (24) pay periods per year, which shall be the first two (2) pay periods of each month.

b. Full-time employees shall accrue and accumulate PTO in accordance with the following schedule:

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c. Employees in paid status less than forty (40) hours per week shall accrue PTO on a pro-rata basis.

d. Accrued PTO may be taken upon approval and at the discretion of the Library Director or designee. In order to avoid undue disruption of work activities or to minimize conflicts with other employees’ PTO, the supervisor, manager or designee may place reasonable seasonal or other restrictions on the use of accrued PTO.

e. An employee who separates from Authority service or who takes military leave in excess of one hundred eighty (180) days shall be paid the monetary value of his/her accrued PTO.

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12.3 HOLIDAYS

a. The following shall be the recognized paid holidays under this Agreement:

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Thanksgiving Day  
Fourth Thursday in November  
Day after Thanksgiving Day  
Friday after Thanksgiving  
Christmas Eve  
December 24  
Christmas Day  
December 25  
Floating Holiday  
Employee’s discretion

Floating Holiday

(1) As of July 1 each fiscal year employees shall accrue a Floating Holiday. The accrual of the Floating Holiday is based on the employee’s full-time equivalent (FTE) (ex. 1 FTE (8 hours) earns 8 hours Floating Holiday and 0.5 FTE (4 hours) earns 4 hours Floating Holiday). Employee are expected to use the floating Holiday during the fiscal year July 1 – June 30.

(2) Employees may not carry over more than eight (8) hours of Floating Holiday credit from one fiscal year to the next. Any hours in excess of eight (8) not use by November 1 of the next fiscal year shall be paid at the employee’s straight-time rate on the first full pay period of December in the same calendar year.

(3) An employee terminating for any reason or going on a leave of absence without pay for a period exceeding ninety (90) days shall be paid at the employee’s straight time rate for all accrued Floating Holiday hours not used.

b. On New Year’s Eve, libraries will close at the regular time, but no later than 5:00 p.m.

c. Administration of Holidays

(1) The actual dates as listed above shall be considered as the employee’s holiday.

(2) If the recognized holiday falls on the employee’s scheduled day off, the employee shall accrue holiday credit for the hours of the holiday benefit.

(3) Holiday credit may be taken by the employee at the discretion of the supervisor, and must be taken prior to requesting and being approved to take other accrued leave.

(4) An employee who is scheduled to work on a recognized holiday shall receive holiday pay plus time and one-half compensation for working the holiday.

d. Holiday Credit Accumulation

(1) Employees may accumulate holiday credit up to a maximum of eighty (80) hours in a calendar year. Employees may not carry over more than eight (8) hours of holiday credit from one calendar year to the next. Any hours in excess of eight (8) not used by November 1 of the current year will be paid to the employee at his/her straight-time rate on the first full pay period of December in the same calendar year.

In the event it is not feasible or is impracticable to schedule an employee to use holiday
credit prior to the end of the calendar year, the Library Director or designee may consider exceptions to this provision.

(2) To be eligible for holiday pay, employees shall be in paid status the last scheduled workday before and the first scheduled workday after the recognized holiday. The Library shall not schedule unpaid suspensions for the purpose of disqualifying employees for eligibility for holiday pay.

(3) Holiday Credit Earned (HCE) is based on the employee’s full-time equivalent (FTE) (ex. 1 FTE (8 hours) earns 8 hours holiday credit and 0.5 FTE (4 hours) earns 4 hours holiday credit).

12.4 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVES

The Library Director or designee will coordinate a request for leave of absence for medical reasons with FMLA and other applicable federal or state laws.

12.5 LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

a. Upon written request and approval by the Library Director or designee, a leave of absence without pay may be granted to any regular employee for up to six (6) months. The leave of absence may be extended by the Library Director or designee based on unusual and special circumstances. Unpaid leaves of absence may not be granted for absences that can be covered by PTO accruals, except the employee may maintain a balance of forty (40) hours of PTO credit. Leave under this section shall not be granted to seek or accept other employment.

b. A regular employee on approved leave of absence is eligible to return to his/her classification at the completion of such leave.

c. The employee shall not be entitled to selectively intersperse paid leave credits with unpaid leave for the purpose of accruing benefits or qualifying for Authority insurance contributions.

d. Requests for leave of absence without pay shall be submitted to the Library Director or designee and shall state specifically the reasons for the leave, the date when the leave is to begin, and the date of return. Requests for leave of absence without pay non-medical will be approved or disapproved within ten (10) working days following receipt by the Library Director or designee. An employee taking a leave of absence without pay prior to approval may be subject to disciplinary action.

e. Military Leave shall be granted as required by law.

f. An employee shall not accrue PTO, Catastrophic Leave (CAT) or Retiree Health Savings (RHS) while on leave of absence without pay. Health Benefits shall be applied in accordance with Article 8 Health and Welfare section 8.2c.

g. The Library Director or designee may revoke a leave of absence if the reason for granting such leave was misrepresented or has ceased to exist. Such misrepresentation is also grounds for disciplinary action.
12.6 REINSTATEMENT – VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION

a. The Library Director or designee may waive the hiring process and re-hire an employee who has voluntarily resigned. To be eligible the employee shall be rehired within one (1) year of their resignation date. The employee shall be reemployed into the classification from which they resigned. Any employee hired under this process will be subject to the probationary period for that classification if they had not previously completed probation. The employee will accrue PTO and other applicable benefits as a new hire.

(1) Employee’s classification seniority date shall be adjusted for the months absent due to resignation (e.g. classification seniority date 1/1/2014 will become 7/1/2014 for an absence of 6 months).

b. Sub-section (a) above is not applicable if there are employees in the same classification that have been subject to layoff under the provisions of Article 15 Layoff, section 15.3 of this Agreement.

c. The employee shall return to the same salary step paid at the time of resignation.

12.7 INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY LEAVE

a. An employee who has suffered a work related illness or injury in the performance of assigned duties shall immediately undergo such medical examination as the supervisor, manager or designee deems necessary. The employee shall not be considered absent from duty during the time required for such an examination. Failure or refusal of the employee to undergo such a medical examination shall constitute a waiver on the part of the employee of the leave benefits of this Section.

(1) An employee who suffered a work related injury or illness shall immediately inform his/her supervisor of such injury and shall complete any forms provided to him/her within 24 hours of receipt.

b. An employee who is unable to perform any appropriate work assignments because of disability incurred in the performance of assigned duties shall be entitled to the following disability leave benefits, in addition to those provided pursuant to the California Workers Compensation Insurance Act:

(1) During any period of disability due to a work related illness or injury for which payment is not provided under workers compensation insurance, the employee shall use any leave with pay that he/she has accrued excluding Catastrophic Leave. If it is the determination of workman’s compensation insurance the employee should have received payment the amount of paid leave utilized will be credited back to the employee.

(2) During any period of disability for which payment is provided under workers compensation insurance, the employee shall:

c. Retain any workers compensation benefits received during the pay period and receive a
partial paycheck in an amount so that the partial pay and the workers compensation benefits added together are equivalent to or no greater than the employee’s full pay. The employee may use accrued paid leave, excluding Catastrophic Leave (CAT).

d. All disability leave with pay provisions of this Section shall terminate when the employee exhausts all usable leave balances or upon the date of the employee’s recovery from disability, receipt of permanent disability under workers compensation insurance, retirement, termination from Authority employment or death, whichever occurs first.

In cases where workers compensation is not immediately payable, the employee shall use accrued paid leave during the first three (3) days of an industrial accident. The employee’s paid leave accrual shall be credited for the amount of the paid leave utilized when it is determined by worker’s compensation that:

(1) The accident is, in fact, work related;

(2) Time off and duration thereof are warranted; and

(3) Workers Compensation pays the employee for the initial 3 day waiting period.

e. The Authority has the right to require that the treatment of work-related injuries or illnesses be provided by an Authority-designated physician in accordance with Sections 4600 and 4601 of the Labor Code. This does not preclude the employee from seeking treatment from a physician of the employee's choice, designated in advance as provided by law.

f. An employee who has been injured on the job and is receiving pay for accrued leave while on workers compensation shall continue to accrue PTO.

g. An employee who is injured on the job shall immediately inform his/her supervisor of such injury and shall complete any forms provided to him/her within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt.

h. The Authority may make alternative assignments, retrain employees or as provided under the Government Code.

i. An employee who has suffered a work related injury or illness is encouraged to schedule doctor appointments/medical examinations outside of his/her normal work hours. If doctor appointments/medical examinations are scheduled during the employee’s work hours the employee’s accrued paid leave balances (e.g. Paid Time Off (PTO), Holiday Credit (HCE)) shall be utilized. If the employee does not have accrued paid leave balances the time taken to attend doctor appointments/medical examinations shall be unpaid leave (LWOP).

12.8 COURT LEAVE

a. An employee shall be granted pay for those hours absent from work for the following reason(s):

• to testify in response to a subpoena issued by a court of competent jurisdiction in a
matter to which the employee is not a party
- to serve on a jury
- to report for jury duty examination
- to testify in a proceeding in which the employee was a witness while on Authority business

b. Employees shall notify their supervisor, manager or designee immediately upon receiving the subpoena or jury summons. Pay for work time lost shall be computed at the employee’s regular rate of pay at the time of such absence.

c. Upon return to work, the employee must provide the Authority with a statement signed by an official of the court certifying the employee’s service as a witness or juror or appearance in court for such purposes, the date or dates of attendance, the time released from attendance and the compensation paid. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1102 any remuneration received from the court, less transportation allowance, must be returned to the court by the employee.

d. The Authority may require the employee to elect to be on telephone alert, when allowed by the court, and remain on the job until such time as called to testify or serve jury duty. When an employee is required to be on telephone alert, the employee will cooperate with the court or jury commissioner and the Authority will be responsible to ensure that the employee is available.

e. When an employee is notified by telephone alert to report for court service to begin the following day the employee must notify the immediate supervisor as soon as possible. An employee who is scheduled to work a swing or graveyard shift has the option to take off the shift before or the shift after court service.

f. A full-time employee who is scheduled to work on a night shift or weekend shift will work with their immediate supervisor to adjust the employee’s schedule to a 40-hour workweek, court time and work time inclusive.

g. Employees who have served in court or on jury service 75% or more of their shift (including commute time to return to their work site) shall be deemed to have worked a full shift.

h. Employees who are in court or on jury service less than 75% of their shift (including commute time to return to their work site) will be required to work the remainder of their shift. Employees may elect to use PTO for the remainder of the work shift after court in accordance with PTO rules.

i. Employees required to work more than the eight (8) hours (court time and work time inclusive) will be paid overtime.

j. If an employee serves on a jury for fifteen (15) days or less, the employee may retain all witness fees, jury remuneration received and transportation allowance. If an employee serves on a jury for greater than fifteen (15) days, the employee is required to return to the Authority all witness fees and jury remuneration received, less transportation allowance.
12.9 PARENTAL LEAVE

a. The following Parental Leave Policy shall apply to all employees:

(1) Full-time regular employees shall be eligible for a maximum Authority-paid parental leave of four (4) weeks consisting of up to one hundred sixty (160) hours of paid time off within six (6) months of birth or adoption. Part-time regular employees shall be eligible for parental leave consisting of up to eighty (80) hours of paid time off within six (6) months of birth or adoption. Unused parental leave shall have no cash value.

(2) To be eligible for the paid leave, an employee must have completed at least two (2) years of service from the most recent date of hire preceding either (a) the birth of a child who resides with the employee and of whom the employee has legal custody, or (b) the adoption of a child under age six (6) who resides with the employee and of whom the employee has physical and legal custody, including the pre-adooption period. Court-appointed legal guardians and foster parents do not qualify for parental leave.

(3) Eligible employees shall have the right to only one leave of absence per pregnancy or adoption regardless of the number of children involved (e.g., twins). The duration of Authority-paid leave shall not change based on a change in employment status, such as from part-time to full-time regular.

(4) Upon return from parental leave on the date previously authorized, employees shall be reinstated in the classification last held.

(5) Eligible employees may extend parental leave beyond the four (4) weeks of Authority-paid leave to the maximum six (6) months of leave by adding accrued and available hours of accrued PTO, other usable leave credits and/or unpaid leave to their initial request for parental leave. Any additional leave must be approved. The total period of absence from work, including the four (4) weeks of paid parental leave, shall not exceed six (6) consecutive months.

(6) Paid parental leave shall be considered as time worked for purposes of eligibility for recognized holidays occurring during such leave.

b. The Authority shall have the right to promulgate a policy and procedure to implement and administer the parental leave benefit.

12.10 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

The Authority shall authorize bereavement leave for a regular employee on active pay status in the event of a death in the employee’s household or of an immediate family member.

a. Immediate family is defined as: spouse, child, step-child, parent, step-parent, parent-in-law, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, a domestic partner registered with the State of California or any individual who resided with the employee at the time of death.
b. A full-time employee shall, upon written request, be granted up to three (3) days with pay for any one (1) death. In the event that the employee needs to travel to a location more than 300 miles away from the city of Sacramento, an employee may use up to two (2) additional days for travel to be taken from Catastrophic Leave time. The employee will be required to submit documentation for the need to take these additional days.

c. The Library Director or designee may grant bereavement leave for deaths of other persons if the Library Director or designee determines that special circumstances are applicable.

d. Bereavement leave is not accrued or carried over from year to year.

e. An employee must provide documentation of the need to take bereavement leave. Documentation shall be provided upon the employee’s return to work.

12.11 CATASTROPHIC LEAVE PLAN

a. All regular employees shall accrue catastrophic leave at the rate of 1 hour, 40 minutes (1.66 hours) in each of the first two (2) pay periods of every month (equivalent to forty (40) hours annually).

b. Purpose of Leave

Catastrophic Leave may be taken to attend to the employee’s own serious health condition or the serious health condition of a member of the employee’s family, provided that the condition is anticipated to last for greater than thirty (30) days, with the exception of 12.10(b) above.

c. Eligibility

(1) Catastrophic Leave may only be used by regular employees who have exhausted all available leave balances, including PTO and CTO in excess of eighty (80) hours.
(2) Catastrophic Leave shall have no cash value and will be forfeited upon the employee terminating employment with the Authority.

(3) Catastrophic Leave may not be applied to the Leave Donation Plan.

d. Family Members

(1) Parent: The biological, foster or adoptive parent, a step-parent or a legal guardian of the employee. Parent does not include “parent-in-law.”

(2) Child: Biological, adopted or foster child, step-child, legal ward of the employee or of the employee’s registered domestic partner.

(3) Spouse: A husband or wife as defined or recognized under state law for purposes of marriage.

(4) Domestic Partner: A domestic partner registered with the State of California.

e. Intermittent Leave

When using Catastrophic Leave, the employee may work occasionally and take leave in increments no less than four (4) hours per day.

f. Re-certification/re-application:

If the employee returns to work full-time for two (2) consecutive weeks, a new approval for Catastrophic Leave will be required.

g. Coordination with Family Medical Leave Act:

If the employee has not previously exhausted leave under Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA), Catastrophic Leave (CAT) will run concurrently with these leaves.

h. The Library Director shall promulgate and distribute a policy and procedure for administration of Catastrophic Leave.

12.12 LEAVE DONATION PLAN

a. A regular employee may donate to or receive from an unrepresented or a represented employee usable leave credits except Catastrophic Leave or sick leave credits. Participation in this plan shall be voluntary.

b. All donations shall be made and accepted in writing using Authority-provided forms.

c. The donation shall be made in a minimum of four (4) hour increments of accrued time as defined in 12.12a.
d. Donations shall be on an hour-for-hour basis, regardless of the pay rates of the donor and recipient.

e. Donated hours shall be kept in a pledge status until used. Donations shall be date stamped as they are received and used in date stamped order. As needed, pledged hours shall be debited from the donor's leave balance and credited to the recipient's PTO balance.

f. An employee may not donate hours to a management employee and may not receive donations from a subordinate employee where a direct supervisor/subordinate relationship exists. Any exception to this paragraph must be approved by the Library Director or designee.

g. To be eligible to request donations, an employee must:

(1) Be incapacitated and unable to work due to a prolonged catastrophic non-industrial illness or injury that is estimated to last for more than thirty (30) calendar days or to provide necessary care for a family member as defined in 12.11(d), who is incapacitated for more than thirty (30) calendar days; and,

(2) Have exhausted all usable leave balances except for eighty (80) hours of PTO; and,

(3) Be on an approved leave of absence.

h. All donated hours must be used on a continuous and uninterrupted basis and will be paid at the rate of pay and normal work schedule of the recipient, along with all usable leave hours accrued, until the earliest of the following events occurs:

(1) All leave balances, including both donated and accrued leave, are exhausted; or

(2) The employee returns to work at his/her normal work schedule; or

(3) The employee's employment terminates.

i. Donations received while a recipient is still utilizing previously donated and related accrued leave time may be used immediately thereafter. Hours donated subsequent to exhausting all donated hours shall be accumulated and utilized along with related accrued leave hours in amounts equal to the recipient's normal bi-weekly work hours.

j. Used donated leave time shall count toward the application of Authority service and benefits in the same manner as when the employee is on paid leave.

k. Used donated leave time shall be subject to the recipient's normal payroll deductions.

l. The Authority shall promulgate a policy and procedure to implement and administer leave donation.
12.13 LEAVE INCENTIVE CREDIT

a. Full-time regular employees who use twelve (12) hours or less of unanticipated leave from January 1st through June 30th or July 1st through December 31st shall receive eight (8) hours Leave Incentive Credit following the six (6) month period in which it was earned.

b. Part-time regular employees who work forty (40) hours or more hours per pay period and who use six (6) hours or less of unanticipated leave shall receive four (4) hours of Leave Incentive Credit following the six (6) month period in which it was earned.

c. Leave Incentive Credit not utilized by the employee's last workday of the designated six (6) month period shall be forfeited. Leave Incentive Credit shall not accrue to Paid Time Off (PTO) or Catastrophic Leave (CAT) balances and shall have no monetary value.

d. "Unanticipated leave" is leave requested within forty-eight (48) hours of the absence.

e. Regular employees must be continuously on the Authority payroll and eligible to earn and use Leave Incentive Credit during the entire period designated. Any employee on an unpaid leave of absence during a portion of the designated period is excluded for that time period. Any employee who receives workers' compensation or State Disability Insurance (SDI) integration during the period designated is excluded from participation for that time period.

f. This program does not restrict an employee's ability to use Paid Time Off (PTO) as authorized.
ARTICLE 13
SPECIAL ALLOWANCES

13.1 TEMPORARY WORK IN A HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

a. Temporary assignments to higher classifications shall be permitted only in those classifications where, in the judgment of the Library Director or designee, it is necessary to maintain proper and efficient Authority operations.

(1) An employee temporarily assigned in writing to perform the duties of a higher classification shall be compensated for the duration of the out-of-classification assignment on the grade the out-of-classification duties are assigned and on the step that provides for not less than a five percent (5%) increase of the employee’s hourly rate, except that the employee may be placed on the highest step of the grade if that is the maximum allowable for the class.

b. The Authority recognizes that temporary work in a higher classification shall not be used as a device for circumventing regular positions.

c. The Authority agrees that temporary work in a higher classification shall not exceed ninety (90) days in length.

13.2 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

a. The Authority will reimburse employees in this unit for the costs associated with professional development, such as approved conference attendance or tuition, books, and fees, excluding parking, up to a maximum of $1,000 per calendar year, relevant to the employee’s assignment and approved by the Library Director or designee, pursuant to the Authority's existing policy for such educational reimbursement.

b. The Authority will promulgate and distribute a policy and procedures to administer the tuition reimbursement benefit.

13.3 CALL-BACK PAY

An employee who is called to work outside the employee’s normal duty hours shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at time and one-half (1½) of the employee’s hourly rate of pay.

13.4 STANDBY PAY

An employee who is required to remain on standby for emergency work shall be paid $158 per week, or the daily proration, in addition to his/her hourly rate. Employees who are called out while on standby shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at time and one-half (1½) their hourly rate of pay. Any employee who is on standby on New Year’s Day, Christmas Day, Thanksgiving or the 4th of July shall receive twelve (12) hours of PTO.
13.5 TRAINER PAY DIFFERENTIAL

The Library Director or designee shall have the right to establish formal staff training programs. When assigned in writing to conduct formal staff training of a minimum of four (4) hours of presentation time, the employee shall receive an additional five percent (5%) of his/her hourly rate for such hours assigned.

13.6 BILINGUAL PAY

A differential of five percent (5%) over base rate will be paid to each employee who meets the following criteria:

(1) Management has approved a justification form for the employee submitted pursuant to the Authorities Bilingual Pay Policy and Procedure; and
(2) The employee has passed the required language skills assessment. Bilingual pay may be discontinued upon occurrence of certain events identify in the Authorities Bilingual Pay Policy and Procedure.

13.7 TECHNOLOGY ALLOWANCE

The Authorities Technology Policy (also known as the Mobile Device Acceptable Use Policy) will be adhered to by both employer and employee.
ARTICLE 14
REIMBURSEMENTS AND EXPENSES

14.1 MONTHLY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

a. Downtown Parking

Upon ratification, employees who work at the Central Library and drive to work shall receive monetary reimbursement of parking costs.

14.2 REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

a. Employees required to utilize their private vehicles for official Authority business shall be reimbursed for such use at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) business mileage deduction rate and in compliance with the Authority's Travel Policy and Procedures.

b. Any privately owned vehicles operated on Authority business by any employees shall be insured, at the employee’s expense, against liability to persons and property, including wrongful death, in an amount no less than the minimum State of California required automobile coverage for bodily injury and property damage.

14.3 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

a. The Authority will reimburse Supervisory employees for fees associated with membership in professional organizations up to $150 per fiscal year per employee, upon approval of the Library Director or designee. Such organization must be a recognized professional organization and must be related to the employee’s position and classification.

b. The Authority will promulgate a policy and procedure to implement and administer this benefit.
ARTICLE 15
LAYOFF

15.1 SENIORITY

a. Seniority, for purposes of layoff, demotion or re-employment, shall be determined by total continuous service in the employee's current classification since the employee's most recent date of appointment. The seniority list shall include all employees. Where classification seniority is equal, the employee with the greatest total continuous Authority service in all classifications shall be senior. Where total continuous Authority service is equal, the senior employee shall be determined on the basis of greater hire date seniority, or in the event of a hire date tie, a lottery will be used.

b. Definitions

(1) Classification Seniority: Classification seniority shall be defined as the effective date of probationary appointment to the employee's present job classification including any time spent in a higher job classification. The term “higher classification” shall mean a job classification in which the top rate of pay is greater than the top rate of pay of the employee's present job classification. For any employee who has not served a probationary period in his/her present job classification, or any employee whose position has been reallocated, classification seniority shall be mutually established by the Authority and Union. For those classifications that have flexible staffing designated in the classification specifications, classification seniority shall be defined as the effective date of probationary appointment to the lowest classification in the classification series.

(2) Authority Service Seniority: For employees in the Library who hold regular status effective the date of the Agreement, Authority service shall be defined as the effective date of appointment to the employee's first regular position in either the City of Sacramento or the County of Sacramento. For all others, Authority service seniority shall be defined as the effective date of appointment to the employee's first regular position with the Authority.

(3) Hire Date Seniority: For employees in the Library, effective the date of the Agreement, hire date seniority shall be defined as the employee's first appointment to any position as either regular or temporary in either the City of Sacramento or the County of Sacramento. For all others, hire date seniority shall be defined as the employee's first date of hire to any position with the Authority.

(4) Seniority Adjustments: Classification seniority and Authority service seniority shall be adjusted (reduced) in calendar days to reflect time spent on layoff from Authority service and time spent on an approved unpaid leave of absence in excess of six (6) months.

(5) Termination of Seniority: Termination of classification seniority and Authority service seniority shall occur upon:

   i. Resignation or retirement, provided that any employee who is re-employed within three (3) years completes a probationary period, if any, in the position to which he/she
was re-employed may count the seniority that he/she accumulated prior to resignation or retirement.

ii. Discharge.

iii. Layoff in excess of three (3) consecutive years out of the Authority service.

iv. Failure to comply, report or respond to a recall notice within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of postmark on the recall notice.

15.2 SENIORITY LIST

The Authority shall prepare and maintain a seniority list that shall show the name, classification, classification seniority date, Authority service date hire date, and classifications that each employee held regular status of all employees covered by this Agreement. The Union shall be given a current list every twelve (12) months.

15.3 LAYOFF

a. When it becomes necessary, due to lack of work or lack of funds, to reduce the number of employees, the order of separations within each classification affected by the layoff shall be based on seniority.

b. Temporary employees in the classification involved shall be separated prior to probationary or regular employees except employees in the substitute pool. The Authority may continue working temporary employees regardless of any regular employees who may be laid off in the regression ladder in which these job classifications fall. Upon written request from a laid-off regular employee, he/she shall be included in the substitute pool and be given preference for assigned pool hours.

c. Probationary employees who are serving their initial probation in the classification of layoff shall next be laid off without regard to seniority.

d. A probationary employee who has previously completed a regular probationary period shall be laid off next and shall have the right to return to the classification from which promoted. Seniority accrued during the probationary period shall be applied to the classification from which the employee promoted.

e. Regular employees shall be laid off in the reverse order of seniority. A regular employee scheduled for layoff shall have the right to demote in descending order of salary to a lower classification in the current classification series or to a classification in which he/she formerly held regular status provided, however, that the demoting employee has classification seniority over a displaced employee. If the salaries are the same, the employee shall downgrade to the classification of greater seniority. Seniority over the displaced employee shall include time in the classification to which demoted and time in any higher classification in the series.

f. If employees are also being laid off in the classification to which the employee has a right to
demote, or requests to demote, his/her seniority in the lower classification shall be determined, pursuant to the displacement seniority defined above.

g. The salary of an employee who downgrades shall be that salary step nearest but does not exceed such salary paid in the previous classification.

15.4 NOTICE OF LAYOFF

In the event of layoff, the Authority shall send a layoff notice to all affected employee(s) by certified mail, return receipt requested, personal delivery or accompanied with the employee's paycheck. Such notice shall be postmarked or delivered at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the effective date of layoff. If mailed, such layoff notice shall be sent to the employee's address currently on file in the Authority Human Resources Department and shall be deemed appropriate notice. The employee(s) who is on a paid or unpaid leave shall be affected by the layoff in accordance with the provisions of this Article in the same manner as all other employees. However, the employee who is on workers compensation status on the date of the layoff notice shall not be laid off or demoted until the employee returns to work; except that the effective date for re-employment purposes shall be the date of actual layoff as stated in the layoff notice.

15.5 RECALL

a. The names of employees with regular status who are laid off shall be placed on a recall list that shall be used to make appointments in the classification from which they were laid off in preference to all other eligible lists.

b. An employee who does not wish to be recalled may submit written notification to the Authority that he/she waives recall rights. The name of such person shall be removed from the recall list.

c. When such a vacancy is to be filled, persons shall be offered appointments from a recall list as follows:

(1) The person with greatest seniority on the recall list for the classification shall be offered an appointment. The offer of appointment shall be made by certified mail to the person's last address of record.

(2) When a vacancy exists and employees are to be recalled, notice of the opening(s) shall be sent to the mailing address as shown on Authority Human Resources Department records unless a more recent address has been furnished in writing by the laid-off/demoted employee. To expedite recall, more than one employee may be notified of an opening. This recall notice shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested, and the employee shall have fourteen (14) calendar days to report to work from the date of receipt of the recall notice. If said employee fails to report to work within fourteen (14) calendar days, he/she will lose all recall rights. An employee who has been laid off shall be required to meet the qualifications of the classification to which he/she is recalled.

(3) If the person offered the appointment is temporarily medically incapacitated, the appointment may be waived without affecting his/her position on the recall list.
(4) The names of persons included on recall lists shall be removed three (3) years after the effective date of layoff.
ARTICLE 16
UNIFORMS

16.1 UNIFORMS

a. The Authority agrees to provide uniforms for employees who are required to wear uniforms.

b. All employees who are required by the Authority to wear a uniform shall have a clean uniform provided five (5) days a week. Employees will be issued 11 shirts and 11 pairs of pants at no cost to the employee.
ARTICLE 17
SAFETY SHOES

17.1 SAFETY SHOES

a. Where the Authority requires that safety shoes be worn by employees as a condition of employment, the Authority shall reimburse the employee $150 per pair of acceptable safety shoes up to a maximum of $300 total per fiscal year. To be eligible for a replacement pair of safety shoes, the employee must obtain prior authorization from his/her supervisor. Safety shoes shall normally be authorized for a single pair and the second pair in the fiscal year shall only be approved if replacement is necessary.

b. The Authority maintains the right to specify the type of required safety shoes.
ARTICLE 18
DISCIPLINE

18.1 LETTER OF REPRIMAND

a. Letters of reprimand shall not be appealable, except the employee may have an administrative review of the reprimand by submitting a request in writing within seven (7) calendar days to the Library Director or designee. The Library Director or designee will schedule a private meeting within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the written request to hear the employee's response. A final written decision will be rendered by the Library Director or designee within seven (7) calendar days of the meeting and provided to the employee. This Section shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure.

b. The Letter of Reprimand will be withdrawn from an employee's official personnel file two (2) years from the date of issue provided there has not been additional formal discipline imposed during the two (2) year period.

18.2 IN-LIEU DISCIPLINE

By mutual agreement between the Library Director or designee and the employee, an employee suspended from duty without pay may forfeit accumulated PTO or other accumulated leave credits in lieu of the suspension. The Authority shall not deny use of accumulated leave credits in an attempt to persuade the employee to waive his/her appeal rights. If the suspension is reduced or reversed at the conclusion of the appeal process, the Authority shall reinstate the forfeited credits. This provision shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure.

18.3 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND APPEAL HEARING PROCEDURE

a. Regular employees may be disciplined for just cause only. Discipline shall include a suspension, demotion, in-grade salary reduction and discharge.

b. If the Authority, after investigation, intends to take disciplinary action against an employee other than oral or written reprimand, it shall give the affected employee written notice of the disciplinary action, including the causes for disciplinary action, the acts or omissions that constitute the causes of the intended disciplinary action, the material upon which the action was based, and the effective date of the disciplinary action.

c. The affected employee shall have the right to a pre-disciplinary review process (Skelly). The employee shall be given reasonable time from the notice of intent to take action in which to respond to the proposed disciplinary action. The reviewing officer shall make a recommendation to the Library Director or designee within five (5) working days of the meeting.
d. The Library Director or designee shall consider the recommendations of the reviewing officer and issue a final determination. If discipline is imposed, the employee may appeal the action to arbitration pursuant to Article 5 Grievance and Arbitration Procedures section 5.7. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Authority, the Union and employee.

e. If an individual employee covered by this Agreement pursues arbitration and Local 39 does not pursue such appeal, the employee may pursue such appeal and shall assume all of the rights and responsibilities of Local 39 in the appeal process pursuant to this Agreement, including but not limited to the cost of the arbitrator.
ARTICLE 19
CLASSIFICATION AND PAY

19.1 NEW OR REVISED CLASSIFICATIONS

It is recognized that the establishment of new or revised classifications covered by this Agreement may be warranted because of changes in job content or services. Under such circumstances, the Authority shall prepare and submit to the Union such proposed descriptions and pay ranges and upon Union request will meet and confer over such proposals as are within the scope of representation for such classifications prior to submission to the Authority Board.
ARTICLE 20
MISCELLANEOUS

20.1 PROBATIONARY PERIOD

a. The probationary period is an extension of the testing and hiring process. Full-time employees shall serve a probationary period of 2080 hours. Part-time employees shall serve a probationary period of 1400 hours. The Library in its sole discretion may extend the probationary period of employees. A probationary period shall be extended for all hours of time off due to work-related injury, as well as paid or unpaid leave time if the employee is absent on a cumulative basis during the probationary period in excess of twenty (20) workdays.

b. Probationary employees shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this Agreement unless otherwise provided herein, except that their release shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration process. Upon the completion of the initial probationary period, the employee's seniority shall relate back to the date of hire.

c. Employees may be released from probation at any time during the probationary period and there shall be no appeal available for such probationary release.

d. An employee released during the probationary period following promotion shall be reinstated at his/her former salary step to the classification from which he/she was promoted.

e. Part-time employees may apply for transfer into full-time positions within their current classification during their probationary period. Time, as defined in hours, spent in a probationary capacity in the part-time position will be counted toward completion of the full-time probationary period.

20.2 SELECTION FOR VACANCIES

a. When a vacancy occurs and the Library Director or designee elects to permanently fill said vacancy, a written announcement shall be posted. Employees holding regular status in the classification in which the vacancy arises may request to be reassigned to fill said vacancy. The Library Director or designee shall give first consideration to those employees making such requests before considering any other persons for the vacancy.

b. The Authority’s policy regarding nepotism/conflict of interest will be adhered to by both employer and employee.

c. A vacancy or vacancies resulting from an assignment made hereunder shall not be subject to this procedure.

20.3 BRANCH/UNIT REASSIGNMENT NOTICE/SCHEDULE CHANGES

a. Regular employees shall be given at least fourteen (14) calendar day’s written notice prior to permanent reassignment from one branch location to another.
b. When it becomes necessary to transfer employees, the Authority shall, prior to the transfer, take into consideration the hardship created for the employee, such as transportation or family care problems. It shall be within the discretion of the Library Director or designee to make transfers that in his/her judgment will best meet the organizational, operational and personnel needs of the Authority.

20.4 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

a. The Authority shall have the right to evaluate the performance of employees. Evaluations will measure the standards of successful performance that must be met to qualify for completion of probation, step increases, consideration for appointment to a higher classification and to give notice of deficiencies in performance that may subject an employee to disciplinary action. Failure to complete a performance evaluation shall not be the sole basis for denial of a step increase.

b. Employees on a twelve (12) month probationary period shall be evaluated at least quarterly.

c. Non-probationary regular employees shall be evaluated annually during the month of their anniversary dates.

d. Any regular employee receiving a performance evaluation about which he/she disagrees may, within ten (10) working days from the date of receipt of the final evaluation, write a rebuttal statement for attachment to the evaluation and informally appeal to the manager of the reviewer, but in no case higher than the Library Director or designee. Regular employees may be evaluated more frequently than annually as determined by the manager or designee. This subsection shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

20.5 PERSONNEL FILES

a. With prior management approval, employees may be granted reasonable time off with pay to review their own Authority personnel file.

b. The Authority shall provide to the employee a copy of any and all material at the time of placement in the employee's personnel file.

20.6 TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Employees who participate in training required by the Authority shall either be assigned to such programs during their regular working hours or be compensated for time spent participating in such programs at the applicable overtime rate. Voluntary participation in training shall not be subject to such overtime compensation.
20.7 PAYROLL ERRORS

a. In the event an error has been made in the payment of an employee's salary, overtime payment or leave accruals, balances or usages, the Authority shall, for purposes of future compensation, adjust such compensation to the correct amount, giving written notice to the employee.

b. In the event an employee received an overpayment in wages or benefits, reimbursement to the Authority shall be accomplished by:

(1) Lump sum payment by the employee;

(2) A one-time deduction from usable leave credit balances equivalent to the overpayment at the employee's current hourly rate;

(3) A repayment schedule through payroll deduction; and/or

(4) Other means as may be mutually agreed between the parties.

No repayment schedule shall exceed fifty-two (52) pay periods in duration. Overpayment collections for amounts less than $1000 shall not exceed twenty-six (26) pay periods.

c. No action shall be taken to enforce repayment of an overpayment, or to correct an underpayment, unless action is taken within one year from the ending date of the pay period in which the error is discovered. "Action is taken" as used in this Section shall mean written notice to the employee in the case of an overpayment, or written or oral notice to the Authority of an underpayment error.

20.8 TIME OFF FOR PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS AND LATERAL TRANSFERS

Employees shall be released from duty without loss of compensation while competing in Authority promotional examinations and lateral transfers that take place during scheduled work hours.

20.9 VOLUNTEERS

Employees may not volunteer at other units/branches. For purposes of this section, volunteering means to work without compensation outside of the employee’s regular work hours, either within the employee’s own unit or a unit elsewhere in the system.

20.10 CONTRACTING OUT

a. The Authority shall not contract out for goods and services performed by bargaining unit employees, which will result in any regular employee being laid off without prior consultation with the Union concerning the impact on the terms and conditions of employment of employees covered by this Agreement.
b. Any layoffs resulting from the Authority's action shall be made pursuant to Article 15 Layoff of this Agreement.

20.11 DRUG/ALCOHOL POLICY

The parties agree that employees represented by this Agreement shall be free from the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while at work. The Authority's Drug/Alcohol Policy will be adhered to by such employees.

20.12 NON-DISCRIMINATION

a. The Authority and the Union agree not to unlawfully discriminate against any employee and/or member on the basis of age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, race, color, creed, national origin, political affiliation, Union membership or activity, or disability.

b. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to extend benefits to any person.

20.13 STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

a. For the duration of this Agreement, the Union and its members agree that it shall not call, sanction or engage in any strike, slowdown, suspension or stoppage of work activity, and the Authority agrees that it shall not cause or engage in any lockout.

b. Further, the Authority shall have the right to deny all usage of paid leave by any employee where the Library Director or designee has reasonable cause to believe the paid leave usage is related to a sickout or any other form of concerted activity. However, at the discretion of the Library Director or designee, an employee may be granted the use of paid leave on a case-by-case basis.

20.14 LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

a. To promote and enhance harmonious relationships, a committee comprised of members from labor organizations representing Authority employees and management shall meet regularly to discuss issues brought forth by staff members. This committee will not add to, delete from or amend any part of the labor contract currently in effect.

b. Supervisory Unit employees shall have two seats on the committee appointed by the Union; one representing the Librarian III classification and another representing the remaining classifications. Management members shall be appointed by the Library Director or designee.

c. If at any time there should arise issues that are deemed to be exclusive to Supervisory Unit employees, the Union or Management may request a meeting or meetings outside of the Labor Management Committee to discuss such issues. Nothing agreed to in these meetings shall add to, delete from or amend any part of the labor contract currently in effect.
20.15 SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any part of this Agreement is found to be illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation, such illegality shall not in any way invalidate any other part of this Agreement.

20.16 PERS RETIREMENT PLAN AND CONTRIBUTION

a. For employees hired on or before December 31, 2012, the Authority’s contract with the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) for miscellaneous employees provides for the following structure:

- Modified 2% at age 55
- One-year highest compensation
- 2% COLA
- 25% survivor continuation
- 50% industrial disability
- Military service credit

b. Effective July 1, 2013, the Authority will pay one and one half percent (1.5%) of the employee’s contribution to the PERS retirement plan.

c. Effective July 1, 2014, employees shall be solely responsible for paying the employee’s contribution to the PERS retirement plan.

d. For employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, and who meet the definition of “new member” under Government Code § 7522.04(f), the Authority’s contract with the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) for miscellaneous employees shall provide for the following structure:

- 2% at age 62
- Employee contribution rate of 50% of the total normal cost rate
- Three-year average compensation
- 2% COLA
- 25% survivor continuation
- 50% industrial disability
- Military service credit

e. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, shall be responsible for paying 50% of the “total normal cost rate” as determined annually by PERS.

f. For former County employees who have been in continuous County service since March 7, 1963, and upon reaching thirty (30) years of continuous combined County and Authority service, the Authority will pay the full employee’s contribution to the Authority PERS retirement plan.
20.17 TERM

a. The Union and the Authority agree on a three (3) year term which takes effect on the date it is adopted by the Board and shall terminate at the close of business on June 30, 2024.

b. The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective on the effective date stated above except as otherwise specifically provided.
EXHIBIT A

CLASSIFICATIONS

THE SUPERVISORY UNIT SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATIONS:

*CUSTODIAL SUPERVISOR
FIELD CUSTODIAL SUPERVISOR
*FACILITIES SUPERINTENDENT
CUSTODIAL AND LOGISTICS SUPERVISOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISOR
*LIBRARY GALLERIA ADMINISTRATOR
LIBRARY SUPERVISOR III
*SECURITY SUPERVISOR

* Indicates job classifications that are not currently being used.
Sacramento Public Library

SALARY SCHEDULE – SUPERVISORY UNIT

Effective July 1, 2021

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