MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FOR

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ UNION, LOCAL 1 / AFSCME 57

AND

CITY OF YUBA CITY

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JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023
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Preamble

This agreement between the City of Yuba City (City) and the Miscellaneous Employee Unit / Public Employees’ Union, Local 1 (Local 1), has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious labor relations between the City and Local 1 and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment.

Article 1 – Recognition

The City recognizes Local 1 as the exclusive representative for full-time and regular part-time employees in the classifications in Appendix “A” Recognition as amended.

Article 2 – Management Rights

After discussion and due consideration, it is recognized that, except as expressly stated herein, the City shall retain whatever rights and authority as are necessary for it to operate and direct the affairs of the City in all of its various aspects, including, but not limited to:

The exclusive right to determine the mission of its constituent departments, commissions, boards; set standards of service; determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotions; direct its employees; establish and enforce dress and grooming standards; determine the methods and means to relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons; maintain the efficiency of governmental operations; determine the methods, means and personnel by which government operations are to be conducted; determine the content and intent of job classifications; determine methods of financing; determine style and/or types of City-issued wearing apparel, equipment or technology to be used; determine and/or change the facilities, methods, technology, means, organizational structure and size and composition of the work force and allocate and assign work by which the City operations are to be conducted; determine and change the number of locations, relocations and types of operations, processes and materials to be used in carrying out all City functions including, but not limited to, the right to contract for or subcontract any work or operations of the City; to assign work to and schedule employees in accordance with requirements as determined by the City and to establish and change work schedules and assignments upon reasonable notice; establish and modify productivity and performance programs and standards; discharge, suspend, demote, reprimand, withhold salary increases and benefits, or otherwise discipline employees for cause; establish reasonable employee performance standards including, but not limited to, quality, and quantity standards; and to require compliance therewith; take all necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies; and exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and the technology of performing its work. The City Council on its own behalf and on behalf of the City, hereby retains and reserves unto itself all rights, power, authority, duty, responsibility, and obligations confirmed on and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of California and the United States of America.

Neither party is waiving their right to bargain or meet or confer over these issues, pursuant to the MMBA and all governing and relevant laws.
Article 3 – Union Rights

Local 1 shall be granted up to 160 (non-cumulative from year-to-year) hours leave per calendar year to conduct Local 1 business and attend training sessions related to employee relations. All hours shall be counted except for time spent actually attending meetings with the City Local 1 leave is subject to the same accountability standards as are other leaves taken by City employees. In order to utilize Local 1 leave, prior notice must be given to the immediate supervisor and Director of Human Resources as follows:

a. Such release time to attend training conferences shall, whenever possible, be made two (2) weeks in advance of such conference or seminar;

b. Such release time to conduct Local 1 business shall, whenever possible, be made one (1) shift in advance;

c. Such release time to attend a grievance meeting or disciplinary conference (i.e. Skelly) called by management (not assessed against Local 1 business leave) shall be made soon as possible upon learning of said meeting.

The representative or designee should provide notice to their immediate supervisor or, in the absence of said supervisor, to the Department Head. Despite the granting of release time, employees are expected to, on an overall basis, complete their work.

The City shall provide notice to Local 1 regarding changes in job classifications or policy that fall within the scope of representation under the MMBA. Local 1 shall have fifteen (15) days to request a meet and confer.

Article 4 – Wages

1. Salary Schedule

Employees hired before June 5, 2018, shall be on the five (5) step salary schedule. Employees hired after June 4, 2018, shall be on the nine (9) step salary schedule. The salary schedules are attached as Appendix “B” Salary Schedule.

2. Merit Increases

The following language replaces the Rules §1.11, B, Merit Salary Increases:

Merit salary increases are not automatic. They are based on performance as judged by the department. Department Heads may approve increases only for those employees who have demonstrated appropriate standards of work performance. Merit increases may be recommended to the next highest step in the salary range for the classification. Department Heads may recommend an additional merit step increase based on exceptional performance by an employee. This action must be approved in advance by the City Manager. When a merit
increase is denied the employee may appeal such decision through their chain of command up
to the Department Head, the appointing authority’s decision will be final.

3. Salary Increases

Effective July 31, 2021, the below classifications have the top step of their schedules set as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Classification</th>
<th>Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wastewater Collection Maintenance Worker II</td>
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<td>Wastewater Collection Maintenance Worker III</td>
<td>$36.77</td>
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Effective July 31, 2021, the classification of Wastewater Collection Maintenance Worker III who does not possess a CWEA Collections System Maintenance Grade 3 Certification shall be reclassified and moved to the top step of the Wastewater Collection Maintenance Worker II classification.

The Water Distribution Operator I/II/III and Wastewater Collections Maintenance Worker I/II/II shall be flexibly staffed positions.

Effective July 31, 2021, the Water Distribution Operator classifications shall receive a twenty-three and a half percent (23.5%) salary increase.

Effective July 31, 2021, all classifications shall receive a three and a half percent (3.5%) salary increase. The Water Distribution Operator classifications shall be excluded from receiving this salary increase.

Effective the first full pay period in fiscal year 2022/2023 the Water Distribution Operator classifications shall receive a six and a half percent (6.5%) salary increase.

4. Signing Bonus

No later than the completion of the first full pay period following City Council approval of this Agreement, each current employee who was employed on June 30, 2021 shall receive a signing bonus of $4,000, which shall be in a separate check. The signing bonus is subject to applicable payroll taxes and withholdings.

Article 5 – Overtime

Employees who work in excess of their standard (i.e. regularly scheduled) daily shift, or in excess of the applicable overtime threshold, 40 hours in the designated 7-day work period, shall be compensated for such overtime at a rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee’s regular rate of pay. Hours in a paid status, including all paid leave, shall count as hours worked for purposes of overtime when such overtime is mandatory and/or required by the department head or designee. If overtime is made available by the department head or designee and the employee voluntary chooses to work such time, only actual hours worked pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), and compensation time, will count toward hours worked. If the employee
is not eligible for the overtime rate the employee will be paid their regular hourly rate for such hours worked.

Article 6 – Compensatory Time Off (CTO)

Compensatory Time Off (CTO) maximum accumulation for employees is 80 hours. Rules § 2.06(E) shall apply to the accumulation and use of compensatory time off. The City shall no longer provide cash out for accrued compensation time for employees. This article supersedes Rules § 2.06(E).

Article 7 – Uniforms

The City shall report non-safety uniforms expenditures as “special compensation,” pursuant to CalPERS regulations, in two ways. The initial uniform outlay for an employee at the time of hire will be reported at the next available reporting opportunity following the expenditure at an amount not to exceed $25.00. When reported, the amount will be reported ratably as earned over the course of the expected period that the initial uniform items are intended to be used. Thereafter, uniform expenditures will be reported as earned on a per pay period basis in the amount determined by the uniform billing provider statement for class CalPERS members only but not to exceed $1200.00 per fiscal year. The uniform billing services is subject to change based on uniforms provider, operational safety and requirements as determined by the City. The foregoing shall be subject to the provisions and limitations under the Public Employees’ Retirement Law, including prohibitions on reporting the uniform allowance as pensionable compensation for employees deemed “new members” under the Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) of 2013.

Article 8 – Holidays

1. Recognized Holidays

Employees shall be entitled to holidays with pay. Holidays are paid on an eight (8) hour basis. The City recognizes following holidays:

a. New Year’s Day (the first day of January)
b. Martin Luther King Day (the third Monday in January)
c. Washington’s Birthday (the third Monday in February)
d. Memorial Day (the last Monday in May)
e. Independence Day (the fourth day of July)
f. Labor Day (the first Monday in September)
g. Veterans Day (observed on the day established by the Yuba City Unified School District)
h. Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday in November)
i. The day following Thanksgiving Day
j. Christmas Day (the 25th day of December)
k. Eight hours of holiday time to be used on either Christmas Eve or New Year’s Eve, or, a combination on both days as approved by the department head.
Whenever a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday, and whenever a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday.

Employee shall be entitled to a holiday with pay only if (i) the employee would have been regularly scheduled to work and (ii) such employee is in a paid status on the date immediately preceding or succeeding the holiday.

Employees on alternate work schedule who wish to be paid for their full normal shift on a paid holiday may either:

a. Use accrued vacation or CTO hours to supplement the 8-hours of holiday pay; or

b. Flex their schedules and work additional hours on another day in the same FLSA workweek to cover the difference between their scheduled day and the 8-hours of holiday pay.

2. Compensation for Holiday Work

a. Employees required to work on paid holidays shall be compensated at the overtime rate for any work during the holiday in addition to their normal rate of pay.

b. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, and Monday is designated by the City as the City holiday, compensation for holiday work shall be allowed for work performed on only Monday. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, and Friday is designated by the City as the City holiday, compensation for holiday work shall be allowed for work performed on only Friday.

c. The treatment plants will be staffed during holidays, on-shift staff will receive a minimum of eight (8) hours of holiday overtime pay for hours worked on the holiday. All holidays will begin at 12:00:00 AM and end at 11:59:59 PM. If the Operator schedule is such that the same night Operator works the day prior to the holiday and the actual holiday, the maximum hours allowed for payment of holiday overtime pay for that Operator shall be twelve (12) hours. If different night Operators are scheduled to work the day prior to the holiday and the actual holiday, each Operator is entitled to eight (8) hours of holiday overtime pay even though the actual hours worked on the holiday is less.

3. Treatment Plant Employees Recognized Holiday Falls on Day Off

5/8, 9/80, and 4/10 Shift Employees – If a holiday falls on an employee’s scheduled day off, either the day before or the day after the scheduled day off will be the employee’s holiday. If the employee is required to work this day, they shall receive holiday overtime pay for the actual hours worked on their holiday.

12-Hour Shift Employees (Operators) – If a holiday falls on an operator’s scheduled day off, another day within the current bi-weekly work schedule will be designated as the Operator’s holiday. If the operator is required to work this day, they shall receive holiday overtime pay for the actual hours worked on their holiday.
4. Animal Control Officers Recognized Holiday Falls on Day Off

8-hour shift employees – If a holiday falls on an employee’s scheduled day off, either the day before or the day after the scheduled day off will be the employee’s holiday. If the employee is required to work this day, they shall receive holiday overtime pay for the actual hours worked on their holiday.

10-hour shift employees – If a holiday falls on an employee’s scheduled day off, another day within the current bi-weekly work schedule will be designated as the officer’s holiday. If the employee is required to work this day, they shall receive holiday overtime pay for the actual hours worked on their holiday.

5. Floating Holidays

Employees shall receive two (2) floating holidays per fiscal year shall be provided which must be used during the fiscal year. These two floating holidays have no cash value and may not be carried over to a subsequent fiscal year. If any employee in this unit does not use either of both of these floating holidays during the fiscal year when the holidays are provided, the employee forfeits the unused floating holiday(s). Scheduling/approval of use of the floating holidays must be in accordance with the requirements of Rule § 2.08.

Article 9 – Employee Benefit Plans

1. Health Plans:

The City shall pay 80% of the premium for the lowest cost health plan available to the majority of City employees.

2. Medical-in-lieu:

Cash-in-Lieu payments may be available when an employee provides proof of alternative group health coverage and through another employer, such as a spouse’s employer (and thus reduces the level of health care coverage taken through the City) be as follows:

a. Employees, who reduce the level of health care coverage to which they are entitled, i.e. from full family coverage to employee plus one, or employee only coverage, or from employee plus one to employee only coverage, shall be entitled to a Cash-in-Lieu benefit. The Cash-in-Lieu benefit is based upon the lowest cost health plan available to the majority of City Employees.

b. The employee making the election covered above, shall receive the difference between the Cash-in-Lieu benefit to which they would have been entitled had they waived coverage at their present coverage level and Cash-in-Lieu benefit for the lower level elected.
c. The Cash-in-Lieu of medical insurance bonus for employees electing to forego health insurance coverage by providing proof of alternative group health coverage through another employer, such as a spouse’s employer, will be based on the below percentages of the current lowest cost health plan available to the majority of City employees:

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<td>Employee only:</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Employee plus one dependent:</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Family coverage:</td>
<td>30%</td>
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3. Dental and Vision Plans:

The City shall pay 90% of the dental/vision premiums for covered employees. Effective January 1, 2020, for dental, the calendar year maximum shall increase to $1,750 and for vision, the benefit maximum (as defined in the plan document) shall increase to $600 every 24 months. Employees are not required to enroll in the City’s dental/vision plan.

4. Health Plan Benefit Committee:

Local 1 shall designate at least one (1) representative to the Health Plan Benefit Committee. The general purpose of the committee is to address benefit plan design, cost containment and premium adjustments. The committee will also contain members from other employee groups.

5. Life Insurance:

The City shall provide employees with a $20,000 life insurance policy. Dependent life insurance shall be available to employees. Payment for dependent life insurance is the responsibility of the employee.

6. Employee Assistance Program (EAP):

The EAP is an employee benefit that assists employees with personal problems and/or work-related problems that may impact their job performance, health, mental and emotional wellbeing. The EAP provides free and confidential assessments, short-term counseling, referrals, and follow-up services for employees and their household members. For details about the EAP program please see the Human Resources Department.

7. Short Term Disability Plan:

Employees are eligible for short-term disability in a manner provided in the City’s adopted Short Term Disability Plan. Per the current plan, Local 1 employees are eligible to receive short-term disability benefits after a 14-calendar day waiting period from the first day of disability for total or limited disability.

8. The City shall have the right to select the insurance carriers and the mechanism for providing all benefits under this Article. The City shall meet and confer with Local 1 over any proposed changes regarding the benefit levels under this Article.
Article 10 – Vacation Accrual

1. Vacation Accrual: Employees will accrue vacation as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Years of City Service</th>
<th>Bi-Weekly Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>0 - Completion of 4 years</td>
<td>4.0 hours</td>
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<td>5 - Completion of 10 years</td>
<td>5.5 hours</td>
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<td>11 - Completion of 15 years</td>
<td>6.5 hours</td>
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<td>16 or more years</td>
<td>7.1 hours</td>
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2. Vacation Sell-Back:
   a. Employees may make an irrevocable decision to sell-back up to 80 hours of vacation during the months of November 2021 and 2022, for the succeeding calendar year. The employee must have a minimum of 80 hours of any combination of CTO, floating holiday, or administrative leave available in their leave banks after the vacation sell back occurs.
   b. Employees must have accrued and maintain a minimum of 80 hours of vacation leave in order to exercise the voluntary option to sell-back as outlined in #1.
   c. Employees that opt to sell-back a portion of their vacation accrual can elect to be paid for such at any time during the following calendar year, assuming they have accrued the vacation leave. Payments will be made in the first full pay period of the month of the selected and subject to all applicable payroll taxes and withholding.
   d. While an employee is electing to sell back vacation in November, the employee will only be taxed upon actual paid receipt of the credits elected.

Article 11 – Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS)

Employees shall receive retirement benefits from the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS).

The use of terms “classic member” and “new member” shall be as defined by CalPERS and the Public Employee Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) but are generally as described below.

1. New Member: A new member is:
   a. An individual who becomes a member of any public retirement system for the first time on or after January 1, 2013, and has no prior membership in any other public retirement system; or
   b. An individual who becomes a member of any public retirement system for the first time on or after January 1, 2013, and is not eligible for reciprocity with another public retirement system; or
c. An individual who established prior membership in a retirement system and after a break in service of more than six months, returns to active membership in that system with a new employer.

2. Classic Member Retirement Formulas:

a. Employees hired before August 2, 1991, shall receive the 2.7% at 55 miscellaneous CalPERS formula with the one year final average compensation period. These members shall pay the 100% of the employee’s eight percent (8%) member contribution on a pre-tax basis.

b. Employees hired between August 1, 1991, and July 1, 2012, shall receive the 2.7% at 55 miscellaneous CalPERS formula with the three years final average compensation period. These members shall pay the 100% of the employee’s eight percent (8%) member contribution on a pre-tax basis.

c. Employees hired after June 30, 2012, who are not classified as a new member shall receive the 2% at 55 miscellaneous CalPERS formula with the three years final average compensation period. These members shall pay the 100% of the employee’s seven percent (7%) member contribution on a pre-tax basis.

3. “New Member” Retirement Formulas:

Employees hired after December 31, 2012, who are classified as new member shall receive the 2% at 62 miscellaneous CalPERS formula with the three years final average compensation period. These employees shall pay one half the total normal cost as determined annually by CalPERS on a pre-tax basis.

4. Optional Benefits:

All retirement plans have the following optional CalPERS retirement benefits:

- Non-Industrial Disability Improved
- Optional Settlement 2
- 1959 Survivor Benefit Level Indexed
- Post-Retirement Death Benefits $500 lump sum
- Survivor Allowance (PRSA)
- 3% Retirement COLA

**Article 12 – Tuition Reimbursement**

Employees are eligible through the City’s Tuition Reimbursement Program for tuition reimbursement for registration fees, parking fees, class presentation participation materials, and other educationally related materials, fees, or supplies not to exceed $5,000 annually.
Article 13 – Job Sharing

1. No more than two (2) persons may job share one full-time position. A job share could be accompanied by splitting hours in a day or days of a week. It is the responsibility of the participants to coordinate a job share of a position.

2. One allocation of health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits shall be provided for each full-time position.
   a. The job share participants shall jointly agree if the benefits shall be shared or if one party shall receive 100% of the benefits. If one party agrees to waive their share of the benefits, the other party shall be entitled to receive that share of the benefits.
   b. The agreement on distribution of benefits shall be binding on the parties unless another mutual agreement is made between the participants.
   c. Job share participants agree to payroll deduction for payment of benefit premiums in the event benefits are being shared between the participants.
   d. The Cash-in-Lieu Program is available only if the benefits allocated to the position are not being used by the participants.

3. All other employment benefits (sick, leave, vacation, administrative leave, etc.) shall be prorated to the full-time equivalency of time worked, in accordance with Rule § 2.07(B) 2.

4. It is the responsibility of the participants to provide full-time coverage during the absence of the other participant, such as for vacation, jury duty, sickness, leave of absence, termination of employment by one participants, etc., subject to request by the department for additional coverage.

5. In the event one participant wants to return to full-time status, and the other participant does not, the position shall remain as a job share until a mutual decision is reached by the participants. Seniority does not provide any preference or rights for the participants.

6. In the event one party leaves the position permanently, the department head shall decide whether to retain the position as a share or to convert it to a full-time position. If the latter, the full-time position shall be offered first to the remaining participant.

7. Job share participants may apply for other city positions that they qualify for and will be considered along with other applicants. Job share participants shall not be entitled to preferential consideration above other city employees.

8. It is expected and required that job share participants shall work together cooperatively and develop a system for keeping each other updated on a daily basis, and to provide overlap as required ensuring a smooth transition during the workday.
9. The department head, subject to approval of the City Manager, shall retain sole discretion in
approving, modifying or terminating a job share arrangement at any time based upon the
efficiency of the department or the best interests of the City.

10. In the event a decision is made to terminate the job share arrangement, the employee with the
most seniority in the position (not classification) being job shared (including service in the
position prior to job sharing), shall have first opportunity for the full-time position. If declined,
the second employee shall be offered the position. The layoff provisions of the Personnel Rules
shall be used to displace the employee(s) affected.

11. A written agreement regarding the final terms and conditions of each job share arrangements
shall be prepared by the Human Resources Director.

12. All requests for a job share arrangement shall be approved in the following manner:

a. Employees submit request to Department Head.

b. Department Head meets with Human Resources Director to finalize arrangement.

c. Approval of City Manager is required.

13. Where applicable, the above terms and conditions take superiority and preference to any and
all other Rules, policies or any other terms or conditions of employment with the City.

**Article 14 – Incentives**

1. Bilingual Pay:

Employees who are proficient in speaking a foreign language will receive $23.08 per
workweek bilingual pay incentive. The method of certifying proficiency, determination of
which languages will be covered under this program and the number of persons who will
receive bilingual pay shall be determined by the City.

2. Water Certificate Pay:

The City’s water distribution system is classified as a D4 system. Due to this D4 system
classification, the Chief Operator is required to have a minimum of a D4 certificate and shift
operators are required to have a minimum of a D3 certificate. To meet the intent of this drinking
water regulation, the City must have Public Works employees working in water distribution
who possess water distribution certifications. Water Distribution Certificate pay is included in
the base hourly rate for Public Works employees in the Water Distribution operator
classification who work with or have the potential to work with the City’s water system and
possess D-1 through D-4 certification.

Public Works (PW) employees who are assigned to work in water distribution are referred to
as “Water PW employees”. Public Works employees, along with Finance’s Field Customer
Service Representatives, who are not assigned to the area of water distribution are referred to as “Non-Water PW employees”.

The chart is how water distribution certificate pay is applied to Non-Water PW employees. For maintenance workers on the Water Distribution Division that do not meet minimum qualifications for the Water Distribution Operator classification, they shall remain in the maintenance worker classification and continue to receive certification pay provided in the chart below. Total amount of certification pay cannot under any circumstances exceed 10% of the employees’ salary (this includes bilingual pay).

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Water Distribution, Maintenance Workers (does not apply to Water Distribution Operator classification)</th>
<th>Non-Water (i.e. Streets, Wastewater, Plant Maintenance Mechanics): If multiple certification, only receive $50 per month (cap).</th>
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<tr>
<td>$50 per month (D-1)</td>
<td>$50 per month (D-1)</td>
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<td>2.5% of salary per month (D-2)</td>
<td>$50 per month (non-cumulative) (D-2)</td>
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<td>2.5% of salary per month (cumulative = 5%) (D-3)</td>
<td>$50 per month (non-cumulative) (D-3)</td>
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<td>2.5% of salary per month (cumulative = 7.5%) (D-4)</td>
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Water Treatment Plant Operators shall receive certificate pay for treatment (T-1 through T-4) or distribution (D1 through D-4) certification. The certificate pay is included in the hourly base rate for Water Treatment Plant Operators.

**Article 15 – Callback and Stand-by Time**

1. Public Works/Utility Employees Callback and Stand-by Time:

This section addresses Public Works and Utility employees on stand-by for after hours and weekend/holidays for a seven-day period. Stand-by pay shall be $2.45 per hour for all hours occurring between the end of the shift and the beginning of the next regular shift. A rotation stand-by list will be created and posted in January each year. Employees will be allowed to trade stand-by weeks with stand-by eligible employees with written prior notice to their supervisor for approval at least two (2) days in advance of their scheduled stand-by week. Specific days may be traded during the stand-by week and can be accommodated if there is a stand-by eligible employee available and willing to cover the day(s). Stand-by employees will be provided a designated take home vehicle for the purpose of responding to call-outs. Take home vehicles will not be driven for any purpose other than driving to and from service calls and traveling to and from work. Employees required to use their personal vehicle while on stand-by shall receive the current IRS mileage rate for personal vehicle mileage while responding to callouts. Personal vehicle usage must have pre-approval of insurance coverage in accordance with the City’s policy. Stand-by employees called back to work shall receive a minimum two (2) hours at time and one-half the employee’s regular rate of pay. Multiple call-outs within a two (2) hour minimum period are not separately compensable. If continuous work
hours exceed the two (2) hour minimum, the actual time worked is paid at time and one-half the employees’ regular pay. Callback pay is from portal to portal.

There are two (2) types of stand-by time: General and Water Distribution. The General stand-by employee is responsible for any after hour’s calls except for Water Distribution related calls. The Water Distribution stand-by employee is the designated shift operator for the water system and must respond to water distribution calls but may be utilized for general calls for service. If an additional employee is required by the general stand-by person, the Water Distribution stand-by person will be utilized. If further staffing is needed beyond the two employees, then any available employees will be asked to respond.

a. Personnel Eligibility for General Stand-by:

1. Personnel for General stand by shall have a minimum of one year experience as a City of Yuba City Public Works Maintenance Worker I and off their initial probationary period.

2. Personnel must have a minimum of a Class B California Driver’s License.

3. Personnel must be within 45 minutes response time using an internet mapping site.

4. Personnel while on stand-by must remain physically able to respond within 45 minutes to the incident and refrain from the use of alcohol, medications or substances that may interfere with their ability to effectively respond to any call for service.

b. Personnel Eligibility for Water Distribution Stand-by:

1. Personnel must have a valid California Water Distribution D-3 or higher certification and have successfully completed their initial probationary period.

2. Personnel must have a minimum of a Class B California Driver’s License.

3. Personnel must be within 45 minutes response time using an internet mapping site.

4. Personnel while on stand-by must remain physically able to respond within 45 minutes to the incident and refrain from the use of alcohol, medications or substances that may interfere with their ability to effectively respond to any call for service.

c. Assignment Period: A typical stand-by period shall be one week beginning on Thursday at conclusion of the workday and continuing to the following Thursday at conclusion of the workday.

d. Assignments Limits: Employees will be limited to two weeks stand-by at a time (in a row). Employees may only participate in one of the two stand-by categories General or Water Distribution. In the event the Water Distribution on-call covers both shifts for on-call they will not collect any additional pay.
e. Exceptions:

1. The stand-by individual is responsible for finding a qualified substitute when necessary due to illness or a family emergency. When a substitute is found the stand-by employee must notify a supervisor and police dispatch.

2. Stand-by is typically filled by a voluntary basis. In the event no employee volunteers to cover stand-by, the Department Director or designee will choose from the qualified personnel listing. First will be qualified personnel that have not worked stand-by in the previous six months starting with the least senior staff to the most senior staff. Remaining slots will then be filled by seniority, starting with the least senior qualified staff until all the slots are filled.

2. Animal Services Callback and Stand-by Time:

Animal Services employees on stand-by for after hours, weekend and holidays for a seven-day period. Stand-by pay shall be $2.45 per hour for all hours occurring between the end of the shift and the beginning of the next regular shift. A rotation stand-by list will be created and posted each month. Employees will be allowed to trade stand-by weeks with at least two (2) days advance notice of their scheduled stand-by assignments. Specific days during the stand-by week may be traded and can be accommodated if there is a stand-by eligible employee available to cover the day(s). The Animal Services Manager must approve any trading of stand-by assignments prior to switching between employees.

Stand-by employees will be provided a designated take home vehicle for the purpose of responding to call-outs. Take home vehicles will not be driven for any purpose other than driving to and from service calls and traveling to and from work. Employees on stand-by will not be required to use their personal vehicles while on stand-by assignments due to the nature of Animal Services.

Stand-by employees called back to work shall receive a minimum two (2) hours at time and one-half the employees’ regular rate of pay. Multiple call-outs within a two (2) hour minimum period are not separately compensable. If continuous work hours exceed the two (2) hour minimum, the actual time worked is paid at time and one – half the employees’ regular pay. Callback pay is from portal to portal.

If an animal control officer is called for service and they are able to resolve the call by phoning a citizen rather than responding to a physical address, they will be compensated at time and one-half the employees’ regular pay for actual time on the phone. These cases happen routinely as in the event of an animal bite. The animal control officer will take a report over the phone, but in many cases does not need to respond to a physical address until the next business day where the biting animal has been confined and secured.
a. Personnel Eligibility for Animal Services Stand-by:

1. Animal Services employees must have successfully passed their field training and are considered a full-fledged animal services officer.

2. Animal Services employees must have a current Class C California Driver’s License.

3. Personnel must be within 45 minutes response time using an internet mapping site.

4. Personnel while on stand-by must remain physically able to respond within 45 minutes to the incident and refrain from the use of alcohol, medications or substances that may interfere with their ability to effectively respond to any call for service.

b. Assignment period: The typical stand-by time shall be rotated on a monthly basis with the exception of the responsible employee having relief from the assignment on their weekly and routine days off. This historical practice has been mutually agreeable to the employees and management, however, other service models can be considered as the need arises.

c. Exceptions: The stand-by employee is responsible for finding a qualified substitute when necessary due to illness or family emergency. When a substitute is found, the stand-by employee must notify a supervisor, police dispatch and sheriff’s dispatch. Stand-by is filled on a mandatory basis due to the nature of Animal Services.

3 Parks Division Callback and Stand-by Pay:

Parks Division employees on stand-by for after hours, weekend and holidays for a fourteen-day period. Stand-by pay shall be $2.45 per hour for all hours occurring between the end of the shift and the beginning of the next regular shift.

Employees shall bid for stand-by weeks annually in November based on seniority for the following calendar year. The bid calendar shall designate the qualifications required to bid for specific weeks. Employees shall bid for two week blocks, one at a time until all 52 weeks are filled. Any weeks unfilled on December 15th shall be assigned at the discretion of the supervisor.

Once the stand-by calendar is posted for the following year employees may trade or give away their weeks with written approval of the supervisor.

Stand-by employees called back to work shall receive a minimum two (2) hours at time and one-half the employees’ regular rate of pay. Multiple call-outs within a two (2) hour minimum period are not separately compensable. If continuous work hours exceed the two (2) hour minimum, the actual time worked is paid at time and one – half the employees’ regular pay. Callback pay is from portal to portal.

Employees must have a minimum of a year of experience as a City of Yuba City Parks Maintenance Worker, and either a current Class B or C California Driver’s License, and either
possess a current Certified Pool Operator from the National Swimming Pool Foundation and/or be trained by a Qualified Operator in the operation of the Parks Aerial Truck, and must remain physically able to respond within 45 minutes to the Corporation Yard and refrain from the use of alcohol, medications or substances that may interfere with their ability to effectively respond to any call for service.

Article 16 – Animal Control Officers Work Schedules and Related Issues

This Article applies to Animal Control Officers.

1. Shift Assignments Determined By City: The City retains the management authority and responsibility to ensure proper staffing and operation of the Animal Services facility at the level of service the City deems appropriate. Employees agree to assist and cooperate with facility management/supervision to fulfill this obligation and provide high quality service to the public.

2. Shift schedules: Absent a negotiated change or City-approved alternative work schedule, the typical work schedule for employees will either be:

   a. Five 8-hour work days per workweek (totaling 10 work days in a two-week period.) Hours and days are fixed by schedule but subject to change; or,

   b. Four 10-hour work days per workweek (totaling 8 work days in a two week period.) Hours and days are fixed by schedule but subject to change.

3. Shift Assignment: The City retains complete discretion to determine the most efficient and cost effective means to manage and deploy its work force. No employee has entitlement to any particular shift assignment for any particular length of time.

4. Maximum Hours: Absent a declaration of emergency, employees will not be scheduled in advance to work more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period, nor required to work more the 16 hours straight in mandatory overtime circumstances. Employees on standby shall not actually work (as opposed to being on standby time) more than 16 consecutive hours.

   Except as otherwise designated under a City-approved alternative work arrangement, the 7-day work week for employees covered under this MOU begins at 0001 Saturday and ends at 2400 the following Friday.

5. Schedule Changes:

   a. So that employees may plan for their shifts, the City agrees to post tentative shift schedules approximately two to three weeks in advance of the shift schedule to be worked. However to obtain needed coverage, accommodate leaves of absence and minimize overtime expenses, management retains discretion to reassign employees to alternative shifts or hours (other than those designated on the tentative schedule).
b. Employees who are not provided at least seven (7) calendar days' advance notice of a shift reassignment shall be paid an additional four (4) hours at the overtime premium rate (time and one half) in the first altered work week. This additional 4-hour premium payment shall be paid on top of any hours actually worked (straight time and overtime) during that work week. Mandatory or permitted overtime hours (whether holdover or as worked on days typically scheduled as non-working days), where the employee's underlying shift schedule does not change, do not constitute a shift reassignment for purposes of this section.

c. If an employee is requested to work an extra full shift in a work week, they have the option of: (1) receiving overtime premium pay for the extra shift: or (2) requesting an alternative day off during the same workweek prior to the day the work week concludes (management retains the authority to approve or deny such requests based on operational need and to avoid incurring overtime.)

6. Shift rotation: The primary shift assignments will be reviewed every eight (8) pay periods (roughly every four months). New eight (8) pay period schedules created by management will focus on and address operational needs, but will give consideration to stated employee wishes. Some shift assignments may remain fixed while others rotate.

7. Shift trades: Employees will be permitted to trade their regular day(s) off with another employee's assigned shift(s) with their supervisors advance written approval, taking into account other staffing and operational circumstances. However, no shift trades will be approved that result in an overtime liability to the City. When a shift trade is requested by employees, the City's “advance notice” obligation described above does not apply. Shift trades shall be requested on a designated form created by the City.

8. Vacation Requests:

a. Vacation requests of forty (40) hours or more must be submitted in writing to Animal Services Manager at least 1 month in advance of the time off being requested to minimize impact on operations. Submission of a request does not mean it will be granted. The City reserves the management right and discretion to approve or reject such requests based on factors such as operational needs, overtime costs, and impacts on other employees.

b. To insure adequate staffing and reduce overtime, absent extenuating circumstances, requests for less than forty (40) hours, must be similarly made in writing at least two weeks (14 days) in advance of the requested time off.

c. Response to Vacation requests: requests for forty (40) or more hours of vacation shall be approved or denied within five (5) calendar days, from the date request was submitted. Vacation requests of less than forty (40) hours will be approved or denied within two working days, from the date and time on which the request was made.

d. Requests to apply vacation leave to an absence requested due to unforeseen circumstances may be granted by immediate supervisor with less than twenty four (24) notice. Such
requests, however, are acknowledged to be particularly disruptive to operations and scheduling, and should be the rare exception.

Article 17 – Required Certifications

1. Every employee who is required by the State of California, the City of Yuba City or any governmental agency to obtain and maintain as a condition of employment special certifications, shall have all costs associated with obtaining and maintaining said certifications paid for by the City. Required certifications are listed in the applicable job description.

2. Some certifications are not required, but do result in eligibility for certificate pay, including:
   a. Employees whose job functions include pesticide application are eligible for certificate pay of $50.00 per month for possession of Pesticide Application certification.
   b. Employees whose job functions include pool operations are eligible for certificate pay of $50.00 per month for possession of Pool Operations certification.

3. Labor Management Committee (LMC) – The City and Local 1 shall form a Labor Management Committee (LMC) for the purpose of exploring certificate pays. Any changes to this MOU shall be by mutual written agreement.

Article 18 – Shift Differential

A shift differential of five percent (5%) of their base rate of pay shall be paid to plant operators who are assigned to work from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Operators who utilize vacation, sick leave, CTO or any other paid leave time (jury duty, military duty, etc.) shall not be paid shift differential while on such leave.

In the event plant operators are reassigned so that staffing is reduced to less than 24-hour continuous coverage, the City has the sole option to terminate payment of shift differential.

The City specifically retains its’ management rights to determine the method of staffing plan operations as more fully detailed in Rule § 3.03(B). Should the City intend to implement this option, the City will give Local 1 30 days advance written notice during which time Local 1 may request to meet and confer.

Article 19 – Treatment Plant Work Schedules and Related Issues

1. Applicability: This Article applies to Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant employees who are regularly and permanently assigned to the Treatment Plants.

2. Treatment Plant Coverage:
   a. The City retains the authority and responsibility to ensure proper staffing and operation of the City’s treatment plant facilities. Notwithstanding this primary obligation, operators
agree to assist and cooperate with facility management/supervision to fulfill this obligation and to work collaboratively toward providing a high standard of service to the general public.

b. If an operator is unable to work their shift, it is the responsibility of the on-shift operator to operate the Plant until a relief operator arrives. The on-shift operator shall notify their supervisor of the situation and will assist in finding a relief operator. If an off-shift operator is contacted, they will respond to relieve the on-shift operator and cover the shift if feasible.

3. Shift Schedules:

The eighty (80) hour biweekly work schedule for employees/operators/relief operators will either be:

a. Ten (10) eight (8) hour work days in a two week period (Hours and days are fixed by schedule, but subject to change.); or,

b. Six (6) twelve (12) hour workdays and one (1) eight (8) hour workday in a two-week period. There will be two twelve (12) hour shifts, (1) from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM and (2) from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

c. Staff assigned to the plants that do not work modified schedule may be eligible to participate in alternative work scheduled as per City policy.

d. Work schedule for the laboratory technicians are ten (10) eight (8) hour workdays with the following schedules: Monday – Friday, Tuesday – Saturday, and Sunday – Thursday with the working hours of 0700 – 1530. (Holidays are observed as stated in Article 8)

4. Shift Assignment: The City retains complete discretion to determine the most efficient and cost effective means to operate the treatment plant facilities. Operators have no entitlement to any particular shift assignment or right to retain their assignment to any particular shift.

5. Maximum Hours: Operators will not be scheduled to work more than 12 hours in a 24-hour period, nor will operators be required to work more than 16 hours straight in a 24-hour period. Operators will have a minimum of eight hours off between scheduled shifts.

6. Workweek Split:

a. Water Treatment Plant – Workweek begins at 0001 Saturday and ends at 2400 the following Friday.

b. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Workweek begins at 0001 Saturday and ends at 2400 the following Friday.
7. Schedule Changes:

a. So that Operators may plan for their shifts, the City agrees to post tentative shift schedules approximately two (2) weeks in advance of the shift/hours to be worked. However, to accommodate leaves of absences and to minimize overtime expenses, operators may be reassigned to alternative shifts (other than those designated on the tentative schedule) with a minimum of two (2) week (14 days) advance notice of the time to be worked.

b. Operators who are not provided the advance notice required, shall retain their assigned shift day(s)/hour(s) and be paid at the overtime rate for any additional hours worked for which minimum required notice was not provided.

c. Operators and relief operators that work consecutive days/shifts in addition to their normal schedule, fourth day for three (3) day weeks, fifth day for four days weeks (12-hour shifts) and the sixth day for five (5) day weeks, (8-hour shifts) shall be compensated at time and a half until their next normally scheduled shift (unless otherwise required by the FLSA).

d. If an operator is requested to work an extra shift, the operator has the option of: (1) receiving overtime for that extra shift; or (2) taking an additional day off during that same workweek prior to the day on which the operator’s workweek concludes.

8. Shift Rotation: The primary shift assignments of all operators will be reviewed every three (3) months. New three (3) month schedules created by management will focus on and address operational needs, but with consideration of the stated desires will be based upon simple majority approval of the affected operators. Some shift assignments may remain fixed, while other shift assignments may rotate.

9. Operator Shift Trades: Employees must submit to their supervisor shift trade requests twenty-eight (28) days in advance using the City designated form. Shift trades shall be evaluated based on staffing, operational need, may not result in overtime, and must be completed during the workweek. The supervisor or manager in the absence of the supervisor shall approve or deny the request within five (5) days of receipt. If the employee wishes to appeal the supervisor’s denial to their mid-manager, they must do so within three (3) days. The mid-manager or department head in the absence of the mid-manager shall approve or deny the request within five (5) days of receipt. If the employee wishes to appeal the mid-manager’s denial to their department head, they must do so within three (3) days. The department head or designee shall approve or deny the request within five (5) days of receipt. The department head’s decision shall be final.

Employees will be permitted to trade their regular days(s) off with another employee’s assigned shifts(s) with their supervisors advance written approval, taking into account other staffing and operational circumstances. However, no trades will be approved that result in an overtime liability to the City. On a case by case basis the supervisor may approve requests with less than twenty-eight (28) days’ notice. Trades shall be requested on the designated City form.
10. Vacation Requests:

a. Operators must submit vacation off requests for forty (40) hours or more at least one month in advance to minimize impact on treatment plant operations. Submission of a vacation request does not guarantee that the request will be granted.

b. To ensure proper staffing and to minimize overtime, vacation off requests for less than forty (40) hours, must be made at least two (2) weeks (14 days) in advance of the requested time off.

c. Response to Vacation Requests: Requests for forty (40) hours or more shall be approved or denied within five (5) calendar days, from the date on which the request was made. Vacation requests of less than forty (40) hours will be approved or denied within forty-eight (48) hours, from the date/time on which the request was made.

d. Vacation requests made due to unforeseen circumstances may be granted by the immediate supervisor with less than 24-hour notice, on an exception basis.

11. Reporting and Allocation of Leave Hours:

a. Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators will report used leave accruals according to the date on which their shift would have started.

b. An operator who is absent from work due to sickness or vacation will use leave accruals in proportion to their assigned shift and according to scheduled hours for each day they are absent.

12. Operation Certification:

a. Certification Requirements to operate the treatment facilities independently:

   1. WTP - Grade III Water Treatment Certificate.
   2. WRP - Grade III Wastewater Certificate.

b. Certification Support:

   1. The City will purchase and make available books and other training material related to state certification requirements. Operators will utilize these materials to stay current of developments pertaining to water and wastewater treatment.

   2. Supervision will assist with and coordinate the completion of forms, applications, etc. required to secure and maintain required certification.

   3. Supervision will maintain personnel/training files for operators to record applications, certifications and documents related to required certification, training and required continuing education.
c. Certificate Testing:

1. Test application fees will be paid for by the City, up to three times for each certificate required for the position held by the operator. Additionally the City will pay for the certification fee for each level of certification obtained by the operator.

2. Subject to maintaining treatment plant operations priorities, operators will be allowed to study and prepare for certification classes and testing. The City will allow the operator time off on City paid time to take the certification test, but under no circumstance will the City pay for overtime to provide for or as a result of these activities.

3. The City is not responsible for appealing decisions by the Office of Operator Certification; the operator is responsible for filing and pursuing appeals related to their certification and will be permitted to pursue such appeal on City paid time, but under no circumstance will the City pay for overtime to provide for or as a result of these activities.

d. Certificate Re-testing:

1. Operators are expected to re-test when successive test dates are scheduled, if they fail to pass a certification test.

2. Operators will be allowed City paid release time for test review, if the operator failed a test and the oversight agency provides for such review/appeal.

3. Operators must continue re-testing, unless a waiver is received for good cause from the Department Director. An operator who fails to continue re-testing or fails to retain their certification may be subject to discipline.

e. Certificate Retention Review Classes:

1. Certification review classes attended by operators must be held in the local region, typically within northern California.

2. The treatment plant supervisor will coordinate scheduling of certification review classes and determine the number of operators who can be released for each review class. Treatment plant coverage must be maintained at all times and will be given priority consideration. Operators will be scheduled for review classes as far in advance as possible.

3. If review classes require overnight lodging, the City will pay for such lodging and meal expenses in accordance with City policy.

4. Under no circumstance will the City pay an operator overtime to attend review classes.
5. When available a City vehicle will be provided; if not available, the operator will be reimbursed in accordance with City mileage rate for use of their personal vehicle.

6. Operators swing, graveyard or weekend shifts will utilize shift trading to secure rest time in advance of review classes and will have their shift temporarily changed to a Monday through Friday day shift schedule during the week of review classes and certification testing. An operator may choose to use vacation to secure rest time instead of trading shifts, subject to adequate coverage for plant operations. If overtime is required to back-fill the vacation request, vacation time shall be limited to two days.

7. The City will pay for up to, two (2) certification review classes and two test application fees to obtain each higher level of certification than is required for the City’s treatment facilities by the regulatory agency.

f. Continuing Education Units: As required by applicable oversight agency, these will be funded by the City.

13. Training on the Job Mandatory Training:

a. When feasible, the City will schedule mandatory staff training meetings so they coincide within the last few hours of the graveyard shift (i.e. 5:00 AM to 7:00 AM); or,

b. As an alternative, when the subject matter and presenters allow, the City may schedule multiple training sessions so affected employees can participate during their normal work hours; or,

c. As an alternative, the City may make the mandatory training available on CD/DVD/internet so employees can fulfill their obligation to participate individually as workload and priorities allow.

**Article 20 – Department of Transportation Commercial Driver License Testing**

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy Implementing the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act attached as Appendix “C” Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy shall remain in effect. The City shall provide a maximum of seven (7) days paid administrative leave for those employees who test positive and are required to enroll in a program.

**Article 21 – Leave Donation**

The attached Catastrophic Illness & Injury Program Appendix “D” amended June 20, 1998, to add that while an employee is utilizing donated hours, the City will continue to pay its portion of the contribution to the employee’s health, dental, vision and life insurance premiums in accordance with the applicable Memorandum of Understanding.
Article 22 – Counseling Memos

The attached policy on Counseling Memos (Appendix “E”) shall remain in effect.

Article 23 – Substance Abuse Policy


Article 24 – Discipline

The following language is added to the Rules §1.16, Discipline:

When an employee in this unit is to be interviewed as a subject witness as part of an administrative investigation by the City, the employee will be given a minimum of two (2) calendar days advance notice of the general nature of the investigation (and the name of the interviewer). However, the employee shall not be entitled to pre-interview discovery. Such interview will be conducted at a reasonable hour, typically during regular business hours, unless in the City’s judgment, the seriousness or urgency of the investigation requires otherwise. Time spent by the employee being interviewed as a subject witness will all be considered “hours worked” for which the employee shall be paid. A “subject witness” is one whose conduct is being investigated as potentially having violated City policies, rules, or procedures.

Article 25 – Reopener

Wages: Effective April 1, 2022, the parties agree to a reopener to discuss the City’s financial position no later than the end of April in 2022, on the issue of wage to determine if an agreement can be reached on wage increases only with any changes to be effective the first full pay period in July 2022, unless agreed otherwise. If the parties cannot agree on a wage increase during the reopener, there shall be no salary adjustment, other than those already agreed to by the parties.

Article 26 – Term of Agreement

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect from July 1, 2020, to and including June 30, 2023. The parties acknowledge that the Memorandum of Understanding constitutes the entire agreement on matters addressed herein, all other terms shall remain the same unless expressly changed by agreement between the parties concerning wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment. This agreement may only be changed by written mutual agreement.

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Appendix “C” Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy

Addendum to Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy Implementing the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991

This policy addendum coexists with the current Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy except where it is intended by Federal regulations to supersede the policy, as specified herein.

The purpose of this policy is to assure worker fitness for duty and to protect our employees and the public from risks posed by the use of alcohol and controlled substances. This policy is also intended to comply with all applicable Federal regulations governing workplace anti-drug programs in the transportation industry. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the Department of Transportation has enacted 49 CFR Part 382 that mandates urine drug testing and breathalyzer alcohol testing for safety-sensitive positions and prevents performance of safety-sensitive functions when there is a positive test result. The Department of Transportation has also enacted 49 CFR Part 40 that sets standards for the collection and testing of urine breath specimens. In addition, the Department of Transportation has enacted 49 CFR Part 29, “The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988,” which requires the establishment of drug free workplace policies and the reporting of certain drug-related offenses to the Department of Transportation. The policy incorporates those requirements of safety-sensitive employees and others when so noted.

THE CITY OF YUBA CITY recognizes that the use of alcohol and/or controlled substances in the workplace is not conducive to safe working conditions. In order to promote a safe, healthy and productive work environment for all employees, it is the objective if the City to have a work force that is free from the influence of alcohol and controlled substances.

A. Applicability
This policy applies to all safety-sensitive employees, volunteers, and contractors when they are on City property or when performing any City related business. It applies to off-site lunch periods and breaks when a safety-sensitive employee is scheduled to return to work. Visitors, vendors, and contracted employees are governed by this policy while on City premises, and they will not be permitted to conduct business if found to be in violation of this policy.

A safety-sensitive position is defined as any position requiring the use of a Class “A” or Class “B” commercial driver license. Fire safety employees will be subject to the policy in accordance with State and Federal laws. A safety-sensitive employee is considered to be performing a safety-sensitive function during any period in which that employee is actually performing, ready to perform, or immediately available to perform any safety-sensitive functions.

B. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES
“Prohibited substances” addressed by this policy including the following:

Drugs:
Marijuana, amphetamines, opiates, phencyclidine (PCP) and cocaine.

**Alcohol:**

This use of beverages or substances, including any medication, containing alcohol such that it is present in the body at a level in excess of that stated in Department of Transportation guidelines while actually performing, ready to perform, or immediately available to perform any City business is prohibited. “Alcohol” is defined as: the intoxicating agent in beverage alcohol, ethyl alcohol, or other low molecular weight alcohol, including methyl or isopropyl alcohol.

**C. PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

**Manufacture, Trafficking, Possession, And Use**

Any safety-sensitive employee engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance or alcohol on City premises, in City vehicles or while conducting City business off the premises is absolutely prohibited. Violation will result in removal from safety-sensitive duty and referral to a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP).

**Impaired/Not Fit for Duty**

Any safety-sensitive employee who is reasonably suspected of being impaired, under the influence of a prohibited substance, or not fit for duty shall be removed from safety-sensitive job duties and be required to undergo a reasonable suspicion controlled substance or alcohol test. Employees failing to pass this reasonable suspicion controlled substance or alcohol test shall remain off duty and be referred to a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP). A controlled substance or alcohol test is considered positive (failed) if the individual is found to have a quantifiable presence of a prohibited substance in the body above the minimum thresholds defined in the Department of Transportation guidelines.

**Alcohol Use**

No safety-sensitive employee may report for duty or remain on duty when his/her ability to perform assigned functions is adversely affected by alcohol or when his/her breath alcohol concentration is 0.04 or greater. No safety-sensitive employee shall use alcohol while on duty or while performing safety-sensitive functions. No safety-sensitive employee shall use alcohol within four hours of reporting for duty nor during hours that he/she is on call. Violation of this provision is prohibited and will subject the employee to removal from safety-sensitive duty and referral to a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP).

**Compliance with Testing Requirements**

All safety-sensitive employees are subject to controlled substance testing and breath alcohol testing. Any safety-sensitive employee who refuses to comply with a request for testing, who provides false information in connection with a test or who attempts to falsify test results through tampering, contamination, adulteration, or substitution shall be considered as having a positive test result and shall be removed from duty immediately and referred to a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP). Refusal to submit to a test can include an inability to provide a urine specimen or breath
sample without a valid medical explanation, as well as a verbal declaration, obstructive behavior or physical absence resulting in the inability to conduct the test. Employees who refuse the referral to the SAP shall be subject to immediate termination from their position.

Treatment/Rehabilitation Program

An employee with a controlled substance and/or alcohol problem may be afforded an opportunity for treatment in accordance with the following provisions:

Positive Controlled Substance and/or Alcohol Test:
A Rehabilitation Program is available for safety-sensitive employees who have tested positive for a prohibited substance on a one-time basis only. Employees will be immediately terminated on the occurrence of a second verified positive test result. Program costs and subsequent controlled substance and/or alcohol testing costs will be paid by the safety-sensitive employee. In regards to probationary employees, the City reserves sole discretion in offering a one-time opportunity for rehabilitation in lieu of immediate termination. When recommended by the Substance Abuse Professional (SAP), participation and completion of rehabilitation program within the prescribed time allowed is mandatory. Failure of a safety-sensitive employee to attend and/or complete a prescribed program will result in termination from employment. The City will immediately serve a Notice of Intended Disciplinary Action in accordance with the personnel rules. Prior to return-to-duty testing, an employee must follow the rehabilitation program recommended by the SAP and agree to sign a Return-to-Duty Agreement. Employees may use their accrued leave balances of sick leave, Comp. Time earned, and vacation or be placed on an approved leave of absence, if time off needed. The Notice of Discipline documents shall specify the employee’s leave status when discipline is imposed. The duration and frequency of follow-up testing will be determined by the SAP but will not be shorter than one year or longer than five years.

Voluntary Admittance: All employees who feel they have a problem with controlled substances and/or alcohol may request voluntary admission to the rehabilitation program. Requests must be submitted through the Department Head to the Director of Human Resources for review. Program costs and subsequent controlled substance and/or alcohol testing costs will be paid by the safety-sensitive employee. An employee failing to complete the program within the prescribed time allowed will be subject to termination from employment. An employee completing a rehabilitation program must agree to sign a Return-To-Duty Agreement, pass a return-to-duty controlled substance and/or alcohol test and be subject to unannounced follow-up testing for 36 months following return to duty. A positive result on the return-to-duty test or on the unannounced follow-up tests within a 36-month period will result in termination from employment. A positive follow-up test after 36 months may result in termination or additional rehabilitation at the City’s sole discretion.

Leave Balance: Participants in a rehabilitation program may use accumulated sick leave, (provided a substance abuse professional has attested in writing for the need to use a sick leave) vacation, and CTO leave balances. Time spent in a rehabilitation program shall be counted as utilized leave time under the Federal and State Family Care Leave Act if it qualifies as a “serious health condition” under the law. Once leave balances have been exhausted, an employee will be placed on an approved leave without pay in accordance with Personnel Rule 2.11(B).
D. NOTIFYING THE CITY OF CRIMINAL DRUG CONVICTION

Pursuant to the “Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988” any employee who fails to immediately notify the City of any criminal controlled substance statute conviction shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

E. PROPER APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

The City is dedicated to assuring fair and equitable application of the Substance Abuse Policy. Therefore, supervisors are required to administer all aspects of the policy in an unbiased and impartial manner. Any supervisor who knowingly disregards the requirements of this policy, or who is found to deliberately misuse the policy with respect to his/her subordinates shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

F. TESTING FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Analytical urine controlled substance testing and breath testing for alcohol will be conducted as required under the Department of Transportation guidelines. All safety-sensitive employees shall be subject to testing prior to employment, randomly, for reasonable suspicion, and following an accident, as defined in the Department of Transportation guidelines. In addition, all safety-sensitive employees will be tested prior to duty after failing a controlled substance and/or alcohol test. Employees who have returned to duty will be subject to unannounced follow-up tests for up to five years, as determined by a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP). Safety-sensitive employees who perform safety-sensitive functions as defined in the Department of Transportation guidelines shall also be subject to testing on a randomly selected, unannounced basis.

Testing shall be conducted in a manner to assure a high degree of accuracy and reliability and using techniques, equipment, and laboratory facilities, which have been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). All testing will be conducted consistent with the procedures put forth in the Department of Transportation guidelines. Testing may be conducted by a mobile unit, which meets the requirements of DHHS.

The controlled substances that will be tested for include marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, and phencyclidine (PCP). An initial controlled substance screen will be conducted on each specimen. For those specimens that are positive, a confirmatory Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) test will be performed. The test will be considered positive if the controlled substances levels present are above the minimum thresholds established in the Department of Transportation guidelines.

Tests for alcohol concentration will be conducted utilizing an approved Evidential Breath Testing device (EBT) operated by a trained Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT). If the initial test indicated an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater, a confirmation test will be performed to confirm the result of the initial test. An employee who has a confirmed alcohol concentration of 0.02 but less than 0.04 will be removed from his/her position for at least twenty-four hours unless a re-test results in an alcohol concentration 0.02 or less. An alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater will be
considered a positive alcohol test and in violation of Department of Transportation guidelines and this policy.

Any safety-sensitive employee who has a pending or confirmed positive controlled substance or alcohol test will be removed from safety sensitive duties and/or his/her position, placed on unpaid leave, vacation, or CTO (at the employee’s discretion) informed of educational and rehabilitation program available, and evaluated by a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP). Transfer of an employee to a non-safety sensitive position will be made at the sole discretion of the City.

The City affirms the need to protect individual dignity, privacy, and confidentiality throughout the testing process.

Employees in Safety-sensitive positions may be tested under any of the following circumstances:

Pre-Employment Testing

All Applicants for safety-sensitive classifications shall undergo urine controlled substance testing prior to employment. Receipt of satisfactory test results is required prior to employment and failure of a controlled substance test will disqualify the applicant from further consideration for employment. Pre-Employment testing requirements will be conducted in compliance with current law.

Reasonable Suspicion Testing

All safety-sensitive employees will be subject to urine and/or breath testing when there is a reason to believe that controlled substances or alcohol use is adversely affecting job performance. A reasonable suspicion referral for testing will be made on the basis of documented objective facts and circumstances, which are consistent with the effects of substance abuse. Examples of reasonable suspicion include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Observation of unsatisfactory work performance or on-the-job behavior.
2. Physical signs and symptoms consistent with prohibited substance use.
3. Occurrence of a serious or potentially serious accident that may have been caused by human error.
4. Fights (to mean physical contact), assaults and flagrant disregard or violations of established safety, security, or other operation procedures.

Reasonable suspicion determinations will be made by a supervisor who is trained to detect the signs and symptoms of controlled substance and alcohol use and who reasonably concludes that an employee may be adversely affected or impaired in his/her work performance due to prohibited substance abuse or misuse.

Post-Accident Testing

Safety-sensitive employees will be required to undergo controlled substance and/or breath alcohol testing if they are involved in an accident with a City vehicle that results in a fatality. This includes all safety-sensitive employees who are on duty in the vehicles and any other whose performance
could have contributed to the accident. In addition, a post-accident test will be conducted if an accident results in injuries requiring transportation to a medical treatment facility; or when one or more vehicles incurs disabling damage that requires towing from the site; and the safety-sensitive employee is cited for a moving violation.

Following the accident, the safety-sensitive employee will be tested as soon as possible, but not to exceed eight hours for alcohol and 32 hours for controlled substances. Any employee who leaves the scene of the accident without appropriate authorization prior to submission to controlled substance and alcohol testing will be considered to have refused the test and be subject to termination. Post-accident testing of safety-sensitive employees will include not only the operation personnel, but also any other covered employees whose performance could have contributed to the accident.

**Random Testing**

Employees working in safety-sensitive classifications will be subjected to randomly selected, unannounced testing. The random selection will be by a scientifically valid method. Each safety-sensitive employee will have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made. Safety-sensitive employees will be tested either just before duty, during duty, or just after the safety-sensitive employee has ceased performing his/her duty.

**Return-to-Duty Testing**

All safety-sensitive employees who have previously tested positive on a controlled substance or alcohol test must test negative and be evaluated and released to duty by the Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) before returning to duty. Employees will be required to undergo unannounced follow-up controlled substance and/or alcohol breath testing following returning to duty. The duration and frequency will be determined by the SAP. However, it shall not be less than 6 tests during the first 12 months, nor longer than 60 months in total, following return to duty.

**Employee Requested Testing**

Any safety-sensitive employee who questions the result of a required controlled substance test under Department of Transportation guidelines may request that an additional test be conducted. This additional test may be conducted at the same laboratory or at a different DHHS certified laboratory. The test must be conducted on the split sample that was provided at the same time as the original sample. All costs for such testing are to be paid by the employee unless the second sample test invalidated the original test. The method of collecting, storing, and testing the split sample will be consistent with the procedures set forth in the Department of Transportation guidelines. The safety-sensitive employee’s request for a re-test must be made to the Medical Review Officer (MRO) within 72 hours of notice of the initial test result. Requests after 72 hours will only be accepted if the delay was due to documentable facts that were beyond the control of the employee.
G. EMPLOYEE ASSESSMENT

Any safety-sensitive employee who tests positive for the presence of controlled substances or whose breath alcohol concentration is above the minimum thresholds set forth in the Department of Transportation guidelines will be assessed by a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP). The SAP is a licensed physician, psychologist, social worker, employee assistance professional, or addiction counselor with knowledge of and clinically experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol related disorders. The SAP will evaluate each employee to determine what assistance, if any, the employee needs in resolving problems associated with prohibited substance abuse or misuse.

If a safety-sensitive employee is returned to duty following rehabilitation, he/she must agree to and sign a Return-To-Duty Agreement, pass a return-to-duty controlled substance and/or alcohol test and be subject to unannounced follow-up tests for a period of one to five years, as determined by the SAP. Referral to the Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) and any other recovery treatment costs will be borne by the safety-sensitive employee. Employee will be immediately terminated on the occurrence of a second verified positive test result.

H. CONTINUOUS COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City shall apply and interpret this policy to maintain required compliance with applicable Federal laws and regulations, including subsequent amendments and interpretive rulings.

I. CONTACT PERSON

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the following City representative:

Title: Director of Human Resources
Address: 1201 Civic Center Boulevard, Yuba City, CA 95993
Telephone: (530) 822-4610

J. DEFINITIONS

ACCIDENT – an unintended happening or mishap where there is a loss of human life (regardless of fault), bodily injury or property damage totaling $4,400 or more.

ALCOHOL – the intoxicating agent in a beverage alcohol, ethyl alcohol or other low molecular weight alcohol including methyl or isopropyl alcohol.

ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION – the alcohol in a volume of breath expressed in terms of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath as indicated by an evidential breath test under this regulation. For example, 0.02 means 0.02 grams of alcohol in 210 liters of expired deep lung air.

ALCOHOL USE – consumption of any beverage, mixture, or preparation, including any medication containing methyl alcohol. Since ingestion of a given amount of alcohol produces the same alcohol concentration in an individual whether the alcohol comes from a mixed drink or cough syrup, the Department of Transportation prohibits the use of any substance containing...
alcohol, such as prescription or over-the-counter medication or liquor filled chocolates. Prescription medications containing alcohol may have a greater impairing affect due to the presence of other elements (e.g., antihistamines).

BREATH ALCOHOL TECHNICIAN (BAT) – a person trained to proficiency in the operation of the Evidential Breath Testing (EBT) device that the technician is using in the alcohol testing procedures. BAT’s are the only qualified personnel to administer the EBT tests.

CHAIN OF CUSTODY – the procedures to account for the integrity of each urine specimen by tracking its handling and storage from point of collection to final disposition.

COLLECTION SITE – a place designated by the City where individuals present themselves for the purpose of providing a specimen of either urine and/or breath.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE – a motor vehicle, or combination of motor vehicles used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle: (1) has a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds inclusive of a towed unit with a gross weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds; or (2) has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds; or (3) is designated to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or (4) is of any size and is used in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and which requires the motor vehicle to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials Regulations.

CITY – THE CITY OF YUBA CITY

CITY TIME – any period of time in which the safety-sensitive employee is actually performing, ready to perform, or immediately available to perform any safety-sensitive functions.

CONFIRMATION TEST – for alcohol testing means a second test, following a screening test with a result of 0.02 or greater, which provides quantitative data of alcohol concentration. For controlled substances testing this means a second analytical procedure to identify the presence of a specific drug or metabolite which is independent of the screen test and which uses a different technique and chemical principle from that of the screen test in order to ensure reliability and accuracy. (Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) is the only authorized confirmation method of cocaine, marijuana, opiates, amphetamines and phencyclidine).

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (DRUG) TEST – a method of detecting and measuring the presence of alcohol and other controlled substances, whether legal or illegal, in a person’s body. A controlled substance test may either be an initial test or confirmation test. An initial controlled substance test is designed to identify specimens having concentrations of a particular class of drug above a specified concentration level. It eliminates negative specimens from further consideration.

Controlled substances will be tested under the Department of Health and Human Services guidelines. The primary (initial or screening) controlled substance test thresholds for a verified positive test result are those that are equal to or greater than:
Marijuana Metabolites 50 ng/ml
Cocaine Metabolites 300 ng/ml
Phencyclidine (PCP) 25 ng/ml
Opiates Metabolites (1) 300 ng/ml
Amphetamines 1,000 ng/ml

(1) 25 ng/ml if immunoassay

A confirmation drug testing is a second analytical procedure to detect the presence of a specific drug or its metabolite. The confirmation procedure is conducted independent of the initial test and uses a different technique and chemical principle in order to confirm reliability and accuracy. The confirmatory controlled substance test thresholds for a verified positive test result are those that are equal to or greater than:

Marijuana Metabolite (THC) (1) 15 ng/ml
Cocaine Metabolite (2) 150 ng/ml
Phencyclidine (PCP) 25 ng/ml
Opiates
   Morphine 300 ng/ml
   Codeine 300 ng/ml
Amphetamines
   Amphetamine 500 ng/ml
   Methamphetamine (3) 500 ng/ml

(1) Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid
(2) Benzoylcegonine
(3) Test for 6-Acetylmorphine when morphine concentration exceeds 2000 ng/ml
(4) Specimen must also contain amphetamine at a concentration greater than or equal to 200 ng/ml


DRIVER – any person who operates a commercial motor vehicle. This includes full time, regularly employed drivers; casual, intermittent or occasional drivers; leased drivers and independent, owner-operator contractors who are either directly employed by or under lease to an employer or who operate a commercial motor vehicle at the direction of, or with the consent of, an employer. For the purposes of pre-employment/pre-duty testing only, the term driver includes a person applying to an employer to drive a commercial motor vehicle.

DRUG (CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE) METABOLITE – the specific substance produced when the human body metabolizes (changes) a given drug (controlled substance) as it passes through the body and is excreted in urine.
EMPLOYEE – any person who is employed by the City or who is a volunteer in a safety-sensitive position requiring a commercial driver license. A complete list of safety-sensitive employee (function and/or position) classifications is listed in Attachment B.

EVIDENTIAL BREATH TESTING DEVICE (EBT) – the device to be used for breath alcohol testing.

MEDICAL REVIEW OFFICER (MRO) – a licensed physician responsible for analyzing laboratory results generated by an employer’s controlled substance (drug) testing program. The MRO is knowledgeable about substance abuse disorders and has appropriate medical training to interpret and evaluate positive test results.

PERFORMING (SAFETY SENSITIVE FUNCTION) – a safety-sensitive employee is considered to be performing a safety sensitive function and includes any period in which the safety-sensitive employee is actually performing, ready to perform, or immediately available to perform such functions.

POST-ACCIDENT ALCOHOL AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TESTING – conducted after accidents on employees whose performance could have contributed to the accident. For drivers this is determined by a citation for a moving traffic violation and for all fatal accidents even if the driver is not cited for a moving traffic violation. See Attachment A.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT ALCOHOL AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TESTING – conducted before applicants are hired or after an offer to hire, but before actually performing safety sensitive functions for the first time. Also required when employees transfer to a safety sensitive position.

PROHIBITED DRUGS (CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES) – Marijuana, Cocaine, Opiates, Amphetamines, or Phencyclidine.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES – means and is synonymous to drug abuse and/or alcohol misuse or abuse.

RANDOM ALCOHOL AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TESTING – conducted on a random unannounced basis just before, during or just after performance of safety sensitive functions.

REASONABLE SUSPICION CONTROL AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TESTING – conducted when a trained supervisor observes behavior or appearance that is characteristic of alcohol or controlled substance abuse.

REFUSE TO SUBMIT (TO AN ALCOHOL AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TEST) – a safety-sensitive employee fails to provide an adequate breath or urine sample for testing without a valid medical explanation after that safety-sensitive employee received notice of the requirement to be tested, or engages in conduct that clearly obstructs the testing process (i.e., verbal declarations, obstructive behavior or physical absence resulting in the inability to conduct the test).
REHABILITATION – The total process of restoring an employee to satisfactory work performance through constructive confrontation, referral to the SAP and participation in SAP recommendations such as education, treatment and/or support groups to resolve personal, physical or emotional/mental problems which contributed to job problems.

RETURN-TO-DUTY AND FOLLOW-UP ALCOHOL AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TESTING – Conducted when an individual who has violated the prohibited alcohol or controlled substance conduct standards returned to performing safety sensitive duties. Follow-up tests are unannounced and at least 6 tests must be conducted in the first 12 months after an employee returns to duty. Follow-up testing may be extended for up to 60 months following return to duty upon the SAP recommendation.

RETURN-TO-DUTY AGREEMENT – a document agreed to and signed by the employer, safety-sensitive employee and the Substance Abuse Professional that outlines the terms and conditions under which the safety-sensitive employee may return to duty after having had a verified positive controlled substance test result or an alcohol concentration to 0.04 or greater on an alcohol test.

SAFETY-SENSITIVE EMPLOYEE (FUNCTION AND/OR POSITION) – An employee or volunteer is considered to be performing a safety-sensitive function during any period in which that employee is actually performing, ready to perform, or immediately available to perform any safety-sensitive functions and any employee who transfers into or is assigned safety-sensitive functions.

A complete list of safety-sensitive employee (function and/or position) classifications is listed in Attachment B.

SCREENING (INITIAL) TEST – In alcohol testing, it means an analytical procedure to determine whether a safety-sensitive employee may have a prohibited concentration of alcohol in their system. In controlled substance testing, it means an immunoassay screen to eliminate negative urine specimens from further consideration.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL (SAP) – a licensed physician (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy), or licensed or certified psychologist, social worker (with knowledge of, and clinical experience in, the diagnosis and treatment of drug and alcohol-related disorders, the license alone does not authorize this), Certified Employee Assistance Professional (CEAP), or addiction counselor certified by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors Certification Commission (NAADAC) with knowledge of, and clinical experience in, the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol and controlled substance-related disorders. The employee shall select a SAP from a list provided by the City.

SUPERVISOR – a person in authority who has had one hour of training on the signs and symptoms of alcohol abuse and an additional hour of training on the signs and symptoms of controlled substance abuse.

VEHICLE – a bus, electric bus, van, automobile, rail car, trolley bus, truck or vessel used for mass transportation.
PROCEDURES FOR REASONABLE SUSPICION TESTING

A. PROCEDURES – REASONABLE SUSPICION TESTING

1. A supervisor observes a safety-sensitive employee who may possibly be under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.

Any employee may identify someone suspected of alcohol and/or controlled substance to any supervisor. Employees should realize, however, that it is against City policy to make false or malicious statements about other employees and doing so can result in disciplinary action being taken against the offending employee.

2. The supervisor is then obligated to insure that the matter is immediately investigated. If possible, two supervisors determine (independently or together) that the safety-sensitive employee in question may indeed be under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.

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SAFETY-SENSITIVE EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS AS OF AUGUST 1, 2006

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Lead Mechanic
Maintenance Supervisor – Water/Sewer
Maintenance Supervisor – Streets
Mechanic
Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Parks Maintenance Workers I, II, III (only those who have a commercial drivers license)
Plant Maintenance Mechanic (See note 3)
Public Works Maintenance Workers I, II, III
Recreation Supervisor I/II
Senior Arborist
Senior Plant Maintenance Mechanic (See note 3)
Streets Maintenance Supervisor
Sweeper Operator
Temporary Positions that require a commercial drivers license

NOTE:

(1) New positions requiring a commercial license will be subject to this policy.

(2) Any employee who possesses a commercial license and makes himself or herself available to drive for the benefit of the City is also subject to this policy.

(3) If these employees possess a commercial license.
Appendix “D” Catastrophic Illness and Injury Donation Plan

Purpose

To assist employees confronting personal or family catastrophic illness or injury who need the support of City employees to avoid financial hardship.

Plan Guidelines

1. Regular and probationary employees who are on an approved leave of absence (in accordance with Human Resources Rules 2.11 (B) or (D)) may receive donated hours of vacation, sick leave, or compensatory time off (CTO) from other employees.

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A) Yuba City Employees Association
B) Firefighters’ Association
C) Police Officers’ Association
D) Middle Managers Group
E) First Level Managers Group
F) Human Resources Department

In the event the Committee reaches a tie decision, the decision shall be made in favor of the employee.

The decision of the labor-management committee shall be final and binding, and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

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Appendix “E” Counseling Memo Policy

When a department head becomes aware of employee conduct, which requires documentation but does not warrant formal disciplinary action, a counseling memorandum may be issued to the employee. The purpose of a counseling memo is to provide notice to the employee of a deficiency or problem observed, document infractions, and modify behavior.

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Counseling memos used prior to the adoption of this Memorandum of Understanding are subject to this policy.
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Appendix “G” Alternative Work Schedule Application

Name: ____________________________ Position Title: ____________________________

Department/Division: ____________________________ Telephone Number: ____________________________

I request the following alternate work schedule to begin on ____________ (start date must coincide with the beginning of a pay period and begin at least one full pay period after the submission date of this form) and end on ____________.

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My schedule is different from my supervisor’s work schedule:
☐ No  ☐ Yes, please give this form to your Supervisor. Supervisor explanation needs to be attached to this form.

My supervisor has made me aware of any related holiday timekeeping requirements. _______ employee initials

I understand that I may be required to provide supporting documentation or information.

I have read and understand the information and conditions of the Alternative Work Schedule policy in accordance with section 2.04, § G, as listed below. _______ employee initials

“A request for a flexible work schedule shall be forwarded to the appropriate Department Head for consideration. Prior to approval, the concurrence of the Human Resources Director and City Manager is required. In considering a flexible work schedule request, the operational and staffing needs of the City and the department shall receive top priority. Compliance with applicable laws, FLSA and City rules will also be evaluated for each such request. The City retains the right of sole discretion in the approval or denial of such requests.” A written response shall be provided by the Department Head within 30 days.

If approved, I understand this request can be revoked at any time.

Employee Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Department Head: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Human Resources Director: ____________________________ Date: ____________

City Manager: ____________________________ Date: ____________