

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 9052

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEMORANDA OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS AND THE
PROBATION ASSOCIATION AND THE MID-MANAGEMENT
PROBATION ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the negotiation team for the Board of Supervisors and the negotiation team for the Probation Association and the Mid-Management Probation Association have met and conferred in good faith and have reached a tentative agreement for the Memoranda of Understanding covering wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment. The period covered under these tentative agreements is January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and concurs with terms and conditions of the Memoranda of Understanding for the Probation Association and the Mid-Management Probation Association.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. Board of Supervisors ratifies and accepts the Memoranda of Understanding for the Probation Association and the Mid-Management Probation Association has been set forth in the copies of the Memoranda of Understanding attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and Exhibit B.
2. The County Auditor/Controller and Human Resources Director, are hereby directed to implement the provisions of these Memoranda of Understanding, and the Board Chair is authorized to execute the individual Memoranda of Understanding and any other documents related hereto in order to carry out this ratification.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 19th day of August 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: Goss, Hall, Engel, Ceresola, McGowan
NOES: Supervisors
ABSENT: Supervisors

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board



Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:


Sara James, Attorney
County Counsel's Office

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

County of Plumas

and

PROBATION UNIT

January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026

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PROBATION UNIT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Pursuant to the provisions of the Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act Section 3500 et seq. of the Government Code of the State of California and the Rules and Regulations of the County of Plumas, hereinafter called "County", the following Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter called "MOU", is established for those classifications in the Probation Unit, represented by the Plumas County Probation Association, hereinafter called "Association".

This Memorandum of Understanding represents the good faith effort of both parties to reach agreement on matters of wages, hours and conditions of employment for employees in the Probation Unit. It is understood that this agreement is not binding on the County until such time as it is ratified by the membership of the Association and the Plumas County Board of Supervisors.

1.00 GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.01 RECOGNITION

The County recognizes the Association as the exclusive representative for employees designated to Probation Unit of County employees pursuant to Section 3510(b) of the California Government Code and the Rules and Regulations of Plumas County.

The classifications of County positions designated to the Probation Unit are as shown in Appendix "A" of this Memorandum of Understanding.

1.02 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The County retains, solely and exclusively, all of its rights, powers and authority that it exercised or held prior to the execution of this Agreement, except as expressly limited by a specific provision of this Agreement. The County's management rights include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To manage and direct its business and personnel;
2. To manage, control, and determine the mission of its departments, building facilities, and operations;
3. To create, change, combine or abolish jobs, departments and facilities in whole or in part;
4. To direct the work force;
5. To increase or decrease the size of the work force and determine the number of employees needed;
6. To hire, transfer, promote, layoff, and maintain the discipline and efficiency of its employees;
7. To establish work standards, schedules of operation and reasonable work load;

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8. To specify or assign work requirements and require overtime;
9. To schedule work, working hours and shifts; to furlough employees for limited duration;
10. To adopt rules of conduct;
11. To determine the type and scope of work to be performed by County employees and the services to be provided;
12. To classify positions and determine the content and title of such classifications;
13. To determine the methods, processes, means, and places of providing services;
14. To take whatever action necessary to prepare for and operate in an emergency, including with respect to issues within the scope of the Union's representation as provided by the Meyer-Milias-Brown Act; and
15. To contract for services.

1.03 ASSOCIATION SECURITY

The Union may post within the employee rest area a written notice, which sets forth the classifications included within the representation unit referred to in this Memorandum of Understanding and the name and address of recognized organization. The Union agrees that it has a duty to provide fair and non-discriminatory representation to all employees in all classes of the units for which this Section is applicable.

1.04 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

The Association shall provide the Human Resources Department with a written authorization, on a form approved by the County, signed by each employee in the unit who authorizes a payroll deduction and setting forth the full amount to be deducted each month. The County Auditor will forward to the Association in a timely manner the dues collected each month from members in the unit authorizing such deduction.

The Association shall immediately notify Human Resources of any changes or cancellations in the authorized deductions. The County shall not be liable to the Association, the Employees, or any other party by reason of this section, for the remittance of payment of any sum other than the actual amount of deductions authorized to be withheld by payroll deduction. The Association agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, orders, judgment or other forms of liability that may arise out of or by reason of action taken by employees or others under this section.

The effective date of Association dues for such employees shall be the beginning of the first pay period of employment or the pay period this subsection becomes effective for current employees, whichever is later.

The Employee's earnings must be sufficient to cover the amount of the dues authorized. When an employee is in a non-pay status for an entire pay period, no withholding will be

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made to cover the pay period from future earnings. In the case of an employee who is in a non-pay status during only part of the pay period, and the salary is not sufficient to cover the full withholding, no deduction shall be made. In this connection, all other legal and required deductions (including health care deductions) have priority over Association dues.

1.05 USE OF COUNTY FACILITIES

With approval of the County, the Association may use certain county facilities, resources and supplies as long as the County is reimbursed for the cost of any supplies or materials provided to the Association and provided that such use of supplies, resources or space does not interfere with the efficiency of the County operations. The Association agrees to pay the County upon demand from the County Auditor, cost of such benefits of supplies received.

1.06 BULLETIN BOARDS

The Association shall be provided reasonable designated space on County bulletin boards which does not interfere with the County's official use of the bulletin boards. Association material on bulletin boards is to be maintained by the Association in an orderly manner and current.

1.07 ACCESS TO EMPLOYEES

With prior notice to the County, the Association or its official representative(s) may have access to County employees during off duty time in the non-work areas of County facilities for the purpose of Association business.

1.08 NEW CLASSIFICATIONS AND PERSONNEL RULES

The Association shall be advised in advance of any new classification to be created or changed. The County and Association will meet and confer to extent required by law concerning changes to classifications. The Association shall be provided the following information, if available at the time of notification from the County:

1. The proposed job specification;
2. Current job specification;
3. The proposed salary;
Current salary

The Association's bargaining team shall normally be limited to three (3) representatives, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

1.09 UNIT REPRESENTATIVES

The Association shall be allowed to designate up to three (3) employee members to serve as representatives in the "meet and confer" process with the County. The Association shall provide the County, in writing, prior to the beginning of the meet and confer process the name, classification and department of each representative.

Designated employee representatives shall, upon prior notification to their respective department head(s), be granted reasonable release time from scheduled duties without loss of pay to meet the County representatives during the "meet and confer" process. The County shall not be responsible for any travel, overtime or miscellaneous expenses resulting from the Association exercising this right.

1.10 LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Association stewards identified in writing by the Association shall be released up to three (3) hours per month to meet in a labor management committee with County management to discuss how to improve problem solving and County-Association labor management relations. The Committee may make recommendations to the County Administrative Officer and the Board of Supervisors.

1.11 INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

Neither the County nor the Association shall interfere with, intimidate, coerce, restrain, or discriminate against an employee because of the exercise of his/her right to engage in or refrain from engaging in activities pursuant to Section 3500 et seq. of the California Government Code.

1.12 PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

- (a) New employees shall be hired on a probationary basis from an eligible list to a vacancy that the Board of Supervisors authorizes to be filled, other than by reemployment, transfer, demotion, or temporary assignment. The probationary appointment shall become a for cause appointment after the new employee successfully completes a probationary period. The initial probationary period for new employees is twelve (12) months of continuous and compensated service measured from the date of hire, also known as the anniversary date, as provided in Section 1.14. A probationary employee is employed on an at-will basis and may be terminated without cause.
- (b) The probationary period for a for cause employee promoted to a higher-level classification shall be six (6) months of continuous and compensated service measured from the date of promotion, which becomes the employee's new anniversary date as provided in Section 1.14.

- (c) A for cause employee who is promoted shall have the right to return to the employee's job classification and pay status prior to promotion if the employee fails the probationary period for the promotion.
- (d) Temporary employees hired as regular employees in the same classification they worked, with no break in County service, shall have their time worked in that classification counted towards their probationary period.

1.13 ANNIVERSARY DATE

An Employee's anniversary date is the date the County appointed the Employee to a particular classified position.

1.14 APPOINTMENT

Appointment is the filling of a position in the County service by means of an appointing authority's offer of employment and acceptance of that offer by an applicant.

2.00 COMPENSATION

2.01 WAGE

Increase base wages for all represented classifications in the Probation Unit as follows:

10.0% effective the first full pay period following Board ratification of this MOU.

The County will complete a salary study in Fiscal Year 25/26. If the County has not adjusted wages based on the salary study by July 1, 2026, then the issue of wages (Section 2.01) can be reopened at the option of the unit for the remainder of the term of the MOU. Wages (Section 2.01) shall be the only issue subject to negotiation until the end of this MOU term.

The County shall pay all current members who were employed by the County as of January 1, 2025, a one-time, non-recurring, non-pensionable lump sum payment in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) minus applicable payroll deductions, the first full pay period following Board of Supervisors' adoption of this Agreement.

2.02 MERIT INCREASE

Advancement through Steps A through E depends on satisfactory performance at the prior step for the equivalent of twelve (12) months of full-time compensated and continuous service before advancement to the next higher step. However, an employee who is promoted shall be eligible for one (1) advancement to the next higher step after six (6) months of continuous and compensated service measured from the date of the

promotional appointment. In such an event the effective date of the merit advancement shall become the employee's new anniversary date as provided in Section 1.14.

Satisfactory performance is demonstrated by an appointing authority's completion of County's Personnel Action Form (PAF), based on performance evaluations conducted at least thirty (30) days prior to the employee's merit anniversary date.

The County shall maintain a standardized performance evaluation form and procedures for conducting employee performance evaluations.

When merit advancement is denied to an employee, the employee's performance shall be re-evaluated within ninety (90) days and, if the performance is satisfactory, the employee may be advanced to the next step effective the first pay period following the date of the re-evaluation report. If the employee's performance is not satisfactory in the re-evaluation the employee shall not be eligible for a merit increase until the next anniversary date.

2.03 LONGEVITY ADVANCEMENT

Employees will earn longevity pay, reportable to CalPERS as special compensation, upon completing seven (7), ten (10), fourteen (14), eighteen (18), twenty-one (21), twenty-four (24) and twenty-seven (27) years of regular full-time continuous service measured from the date of hire. Each longevity increment constitutes a five percent (5%) ongoing increase calculated on the employee's current base wage. Longevity pay compounds. The maximum longevity pay constitutes a thirty-five percent (35%) ongoing increase calculated on the employee's current base wage upon completion of twenty-seven (27) years of continuous and compensation service. The two new steps begin the first full pay period following Board ratification of this MOU.

3.00 HOURS OF WORK

3.01 OVERTIME PAY

Overtime shall be paid on the following basis:

Employees, except FLSA-exempt employees, shall be paid one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular rate of pay for hours worked in excess of their normal workday or FLSA work period.

A vacation day, paid holiday, or sick leave used, shall be counted as time worked for purposes of computing overtime.

3.02 COMPENSATORY TIME OFF

Compensatory Time Off (CTO) shall be permitted in-lieu of overtime pay for overtime work as set forth below:

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- (a) In lieu of overtime pay, an employee may request and accrue compensatory time off, subject to limits stated in this rule, and calculated to be the equivalent value of overtime pay.
- (b) FLSA non-exempt employees shall accrue one and one-half (1.5) hour of compensatory time off for each hour worked in excess of their normal workday or workweek.
- (c) Payroll/payroll software shall keep/maintain records showing all compensatory time off accrued and used, so that the net balance of unused compensatory time off is known at all times. Such records shall substantiate the time cards maintained by the Auditor.
- (d) The compensatory time-off accrual cap is one hundred and twenty (120) hours. An employee may not request, and the County may not authorize CTO accrual above the cap for any employee.
- (e) Compensatory time off shall be accrued and used as authorized by the department head as provided by applicable law.
- (f) The County will cash-out employee CTO accrual banks upon their transfer from the Probation Department to any other County department.
- (g) At the end of employment, the County will pay the employee the value of accrued compensatory time off. The value shall be based upon the employee's hourly wage at the date of termination.

3.03 ON-CALL PAY

On-call duty assigned by the department head shall be compensated as follows:

- (a) Employees who are required to be on call outside of normal working hours shall be eligible for on-call pay.
- (b) On-call employees shall be provided a cell phone and/or tablet and will be expected to respond to service call within thirty (30) minutes.
- (c) Employees assigned on-call outside of normal duty hours shall be compensated by two (2) hours of pay at their regular pay rate for each full week day of on-call and three (3) hours of pay at their regular pay rate for each full Saturday, Sunday, or observed Holiday of on-call status.
- (d) Employees responding to a service call outside of normal duty hours shall be compensated at time and one half (1 ½) their normal pay rate. Compensation may be either in pay or CTO upon agreement between the

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department head and the employee. This section shall apply to both overtime "exempt" and "non-exempt" employees.

- (e) Responding to a service call shall mean any call that requires the employee to respond away from the employees residence and any telephone call in excess of fifteen (15) minutes.

3.04 CALL-BACK PAY

An employee required to report for work on a non-workday or outside of the employee's regular hours on a workday once the employee has left the work site, shall receive callback pay. The minimum hours for each callback shall be two (2) overtime hours of compensation or the actual hours worked whichever results in the greater overtime hours. Callback time shall start when the employee is contacted to report to work and end at the work site when the assignment is concluded. A telephone response shall not be considered a callback, but any telephone time may be overtime subject to the overtime provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Employees responding to a callback assignment by use of their private vehicle may claim mileage under the County mileage reimbursement policy.

3.05 SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL PAY

Employees assigned a shift with the majority of hours occurring between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. shall receive an additional thirty-five cents (\$.35) per hour shift differential pay.

3.06 BILINGUAL PAY DIFFERENTIAL

Employees identified by the Director of Human Resources that have been assigned duties involving regular use of bilingual skills, a stipend of seventy dollars (\$70.00) per month shall be provided.

3.07 TRAINING OFFICER PAY

The Probation Chief or his/her designee, may designate up to two employees from either the Probation or Mid-Management Unit, as training officers, one as an Administrative Trainer and one as a Probation Officer Trainer. Training Officers who are routinely and consistently assigned to teach or orient new employees to the Department and provide new-hire training shall receive two and one-half percent (2.5%) above their base rate of pay upon designation as a training officer, and an additional two and one-half percent (2.5%) when performing training duties, for a total of five percent (5%) when performing training duties.

3.08 FLEX TIME

At the department head's discretion, departmental employees may be authorized to work a

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flexibly scheduled workday using a core (mandatory) time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. per day with remaining work hours scheduled outside the core time.

3.09 FOUR DAY WORK WEEK

Upon board authorization, and with the agreement of affected employees, a department head may schedule an employee's workweek into four-ten (4/10) hour days. The department shall provide ten (10) days' notice before beginning "four ten" workweek schedule, unless the employee agrees to a shorter notice period. For this purpose "workday" is defined as ten hours instead of eight (8) hours; merit advancements shall be applicable so that eligibility for salary step increases is determined on a calendar day basis. If a department head determines that a return to the standard workweek would serve departmental and/or county needs, the alternate "four ten" workweek shall be terminated with no less than ten (10) working days' notice.

3.10 WORK SCHEDULE

All full-time employees shall enjoy a regular work schedule that are comprised of either a five (5) working days of eight (8) hours each or four (4) working days of ten (10) hours each and includes two (2) consecutive days off. Exceptions shall be on a limited basis and based upon workplace necessity with Board of Supervisors approval.

- (a) When a County-recognized paid holiday occurs during a regular scheduled shift, employees working the night shift will not be subject to a split-shift in the event that the shift hours cannot be changed so that the shift is completed prior to twelve o'clock midnight. These employees shall finish their regular shift at straight time and will begin their holiday at the end of that shift.

3.11 REST PERIODS

Unless precluded by operational necessity of an imminent nature, employees shall be afforded a fifteen (15) minute duty free rest period during each four (4) hours or one half (1/2) of the regular eight (8) or ten (10) hour workday, whichever is greater.

4.00 BENEFITS

4.01 HEALTH INSURANCE

Active Employee Health Plan

Employees are eligible to receive medical insurance through the CalPERS PORAC or Gold plans. County paid health insurance is a benefit exclusively for eligible probationary and permanent employees.

Effective December 1, 2022, the County shall contribute up to 85% of the total amount to fund the combined premiums for employee medical, dental, life and vision insurance.

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The Gold Plan is used for the benchmark for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) low wage earners.

- (a) Upon providing continued proof of other Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act compliant group health insurance by providing a copy of the health insurance card for the alternative coverage, employees choosing to opt out of the County offered health plans shall receive \$150.00 per 24 pay periods (excluding the 3rd paycheck in one month) for a maximum annual benefit of \$3600 per year.

(b) Retiree Employee Health Plan:

An employee who retires from Plumas County, who is covered under a Union health insurance plan for themselves and any eligible dependents, may continue to be covered under the plan by advancing to the County Auditor, the full premium amount each month preceding the month of coverage, under rules and procedures established by the Auditor.

For employees retiring in good standing under the above stated conditions, who have fifteen (15) years of continuous service with Plumas County, the County shall contribute an amount equal to twenty five percent (25%) of the Union's health premium contribution for an active employee, or fifty percent (50%) after twenty-five (25) years of continuous service, until the employee reaches age sixty-five (65).

Employees, upon retirement in good standing under the conditions stated above, may choose to convert unused sick leave accumulation to prepaid health premiums under the conditions stated below. Employees who choose this option may not utilize any portion of sick leave accrual designated for prepaid health premiums for any other retirement or cash option. The County Auditor shall establish reasonable rules and procedures for the administration of this program. Any balance in accounts shall not be refundable in the event of death of the retiree and their surviving dependent.

Prepaid Health Plan/Sick Leave Conversion Option	
Years of Continuous Service	Percent of Sick Leave Value
0 - 5	25%
5 - 10	50%
10 - 15	75%
15 or more	100%

Conversion rates to be based on employee rate of pay at retirement. Retirees eligible for the basic twenty-five per cent (25%) or fifty per cent (50%) of the County-paid premium for active employees may convert accrued sick leave in an amount not to exceed a combined value of one hundred per cent (100%) premium for themselves or surviving spouse.

4.02 RETIREMENT

Classic Members

Employees determined to be Classic Members by CalPERS who retire from the County and otherwise meet eligibility requirements receive retirement benefits as follows: 2% at age 55 for miscellaneous members.

The County shall pay four percent (4%) of the seven percent (7%) employee member contribution. The remaining portion of the employee member contribution to PERS three percent (3%) shall be paid by the employee on a pre-tax basis through their Employee Member Paid Contributions. Provided, however, that all new employees, after ratification of this Memorandum of Understanding, will pay their entire member contribution to PERS until either: a) the new employee has successfully completed his or her probationary period, or b) the new employee is vested with PERS, whichever occurs last. Thereafter, such new employees will contribute the same portion of their PERS member contribution as County employees at the time of ratification of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The County has amended its contract covering miscellaneous employees of the County to allow for the highest single year as the basis for application of the 2% @ 55 retirement formula with PERS.

New Members

Employees determined to be new members by CalPERS who retire from the County and otherwise meet eligibility requirements receive retirement benefits as follows: 2% at the age of 62 for miscellaneous members. New employees hired on or after 01/01/2013 shall be subject to Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA).

4.03 STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE

The State Disability Insurance (SDI) plan shall include integration of benefits with County sick leave to prevent duplication and to allow an employee up to full pay by the combination of benefits.

The premium cost of S.D.I. will be paid by the employee through payroll deduction in a manner acceptable to the County Auditor.

4.04 BENEFIT PRORATION

Regular employees regularly assigned less than forty (40) hours per week, as set out in the approved County budget, shall be eligible for benefits offered to full time regular employees prorated on the basis of percentage of time regularly assigned. Provided, however, when contract provisions with benefit carriers (i.e. PERS, health, etc.) require a minimum work schedule to participate, the part-time employee shall not be eligible for the pro rata benefit. The County may establish implementation procedures to insure uniform

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application of this section.

5.00 LEAVES

5.01 SICK LEAVE

Sick leave is a benefit granted to regular employees who are probationary or for cause. Sick leave shall be granted subject to the following terms:

- (a) An employee shall accrue sick leave at the rate of one and one quarter (1-1/4) working days per month.
- (b) An appointing authority shall approve sick leave only after ascertaining that the absence was due to illness or unfitness for work for medical reasons, and a doctor's certificate may be required.
- (c) An employee hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2010 shall have a maximum sick leave accrual of 500 hours."

5.02 SICK LEAVE PAYOFF

The County will cash-out an employee's accrued sick leave upon the employee's death, retirement, lay-off or resignation while in good-standing with the County as follows for those hired and employed on and before August 30, 2025:

10 to 14 years of continuous service = thirty-five percent (35%) of accrued sick leave.

15 to 19 years of continuous service = forty percent (40%) of accrued sick leave.

20 or more years of continuous service = fifty percent (50%) of accrued sick leave.

For those hired and employed on and after September 1, 2025:

15 years of continuous service = thirty-five percent (35%) of accrued sick leave.

16 to 19 years of continuous service = forty percent (40%) of accrued sick leave.

20 or more years of continuous service = fifty percent (50%) of accrued sick leave.

The value of the accrued sick leave shall be based upon the employee's hourly wage at the end of employment.

5.04 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)

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Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave will be granted as provided by law.

5.05 NON-FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT ABSENCES

If a leave does not qualify under the Family Medical Leave Act, the employee must request an unpaid leave of absence for personal or medical reasons in accordance with the following:

- (a) Leaves of fourteen (14) calendar days or less may be granted by the Chief Probation Officer. Leaves greater than fourteen (14) calendar days also require the prior approval of the County Administrative Officer in addition to the Chief Probation Officer.
- (b) A request for medical leave under the provisions of this section requires medical verification by the employee's medical provider and must be provided in writing to the Chief Probation Officer.
- (c) The County will not contribute to the health insurance premium. During the leave the employee is to pay the full premium to the group health insurance plan the payment schedule shall be determined by the Human Resource Department of the County.
- (d) The County reserves the right to deny such a leave and to deny the extension of such a leave.
- (e) An employee granted a leave under this provision is expected to return to his/her normal assigned duties upon the expiration of the leave. He/she is subject to layoffs as if he/she were working.
- (f) An employee unable to perform the essential function of his/her job under provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act may not be reinstated.

5.06 WORKERS' COMPENSATION LEAVE

A Workers' Compensation leave of absence may be granted by the Board of Supervisors to employees who are on authorized workers' compensation status due to industrial illness or injury as provided by state law. The employee will be required to supplement temporary disability payments with accrued paid leave to an amount whereby the combined amounts are equivalent to full pay. When all accrued paid leaves are exhausted, the County will continue to pay the County's share of the employee's health insurance premium up to one (1) year, from the date of the injury, during the remaining temporary disability payment period and only if the employee pays his/her share of the premium in a timely manner as prescribed by the County. An employee on workers' compensation leave may be terminated as provided by state law, including participation in vocational rehabilitation or retirement.

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5.07 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

- A. All employees are entitled up to five (5) workdays of bereavement leave for an immediate family member as defined in this Section. Any such bereavement leave will be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of Government Code 12945.7.
- B. Regular full-time, regular part-time and probationary employees shall be entitled to bereavement leave without loss of pay up to a maximum of five (5) work days of paid leave for each death in the immediate family.
- C. Bereavement leave need not be taken in consecutive days but must be used within three (3) months of the date of the death of the immediate family member.
- D. The County may require verification of the death of the immediate family member for an employee's use of bereavement leave within thirty (30) days of the first day of leave taken.
- E. Immediate family member means; spouse, registered domestic partner, child, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother, grand parent, grandchild, and those family relations recognized by law such as in-law, half, step, adopted and foster family members and any other such persons as may be identified in California Government Code 12945.7.

5.08 VACATION

Paid vacation is exclusively a benefit for regular probationary and for cause employees. Vacation shall be granted on the following terms and "days" shall refer to eight (8) hour workdays.

- (a) Accrual shall be computed from the date of hire:
 - 1. During the first (1st) through second (2nd) year of compensated and continuous service, an employee shall accrue ten (10) days of vacation.
 - 2. During the third (3rd) through seventh (7th) year of compensated and continuous service, an employee shall accrue fifteen (15) days of vacation.
 - 3. During the eighth (8th) year of compensated and continuous service, and each year thereafter, an employee shall accrue twenty-one (21) days of vacation per year.
 - 4. In any accounting period the County will first accrue vacation earned to the employee's record before charging vacation taken.

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- (b) The balance of accrued unused vacation leave for any employee shall be limited to three hundred thirty-six (336) hours. No vacation will be earned when the maximum vacation accrual is reached except as provided for in this section.
- (c) In the event an employee was prevented from taking a scheduled vacation, due to a County need, which results in the employee exceeding the accrual limit the employee will continue to earn vacation in excess of the maximum limit for a period no longer than six (6) months. During the extension time the employee and the department management will cooperate in developing a vacation use schedule to bring the employees vacation accrual balance at or below the maximum allowed accrual.
- (d) Reasons to extend a vacation accrual limit may include but not be limited to the following.
 - 1. The employee was required to work as a result of an operational need or an emergency.
 - 2. The employee was assigned to work of a priority or critical nature over an extended period of time.
 - 3. The employee was absent on full salary for compensable injury pursuant to Section 5.06 of this Agreement.
 - 4. The employee was on jury duty.
 - 5. The employee was prevented by the department head or designee from utilizing accrued vacation.
- (e) Vacation leave shall be taken with the prior approval of the appointing authority, provided that there shall be a reasonable basis for denial of an employee's request for leave.

Appointing authorities shall be responsible for ensuring that employees have the opportunity to take vacation leave each year. Except in case of emergency no employee shall be denied the opportunity to take off each year two thirds (2/3) of the employee's annual vacation accrual, nor denied the opportunity to take off at least five (5) consecutive days each year.

If an employee's vacation accumulation exceeds the vacation cap at any time the department head or designee has the right to order the employee to take vacation.

- (f) The Department Head will define a thirty (30) day window period each

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calendar year at which time employees may bid for their first-choice preference of continuous block of vacation time. When two (2) or more employees on the same shift (if applicable) in a work unit (as defined by each department head or designee) request the same vacation time and approval cannot be given to all employees requesting it, employees shall be granted their preferred vacation period in order of seniority (defined as total months of County service in the classification in the department). When two or more employees have the same amount of classification seniority, departmental seniority will be used to break the tie.

- (g) Each department head or designee will make every effort to act on vacation requests in a timely manner.
- (h) Vacations will be canceled only when operational needs require it.
- (i) Upon death, retirement, layoff, or resignation, an employee or said employee's estate shall be paid one hundred percent of the value of any accrued, vacation leave. The value of the accrued vacation leave shall be based upon the employee's hourly wage at the end of employment.

Employees will be allowed to sell back to the County, up to forty (40) hours of vacation per calendar year provided, however, they have used forty (40) hours during that calendar year and there must be a remaining balance after the hours have been sold back to the County of at least eighty (80) hours. Pursuant to Federal IRS regulations, beginning in December 2025, in order for the County to meet the constructive receipt of income rules, the County must withhold the applicable income, social security, and Medicare taxes on the date the employee constructively received the benefit as paid.

5.09 HOLIDAYS

The following holidays are recognized holidays. On such holidays employees shall be entitled to time off with regular pay at a rate of eight (8) hours per holiday: An employee working a regular schedule different from eight hours (8) per day may supplement holiday hours with vacation or Compensatory Time Off to make a full day.

January 1, New Year's Day

The third Monday in January, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 12, Lincoln's birthday;

The third Monday in February, Presidents' Day;

The last Monday in May, legal observance of Memorial Day;

June 19, Juneteenth;

July 4, Independence Day;

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The first Monday in September, Labor Day;

The second Monday in October, Columbus Day;

November 11, Veterans' Day

The day in November that is the legal observance of Thanksgiving.

The day in November following Thanksgiving;

December 24, Christmas Eve

December 25, Christmas Day; and

One (1) floating holidays to be approved in advance by the Chief Probation Officer.

If January 1, February 12, July 4, November 11, or December 25 falls upon a Sunday, the Monday following shall be a holiday; if such foregoing date falls upon a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be a holiday.

When December 24 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday shall be designated as the Christmas Eve holiday, and when December 24 falls on a Friday, the preceding Thursday shall be the holiday.

5.10 DISABILITY LEAVE

An employee who has become temporarily disabled, for any reason, shall have the right to disability leave not to exceed four (4) months inclusive in the Family Medical Leave Act provisions of this agreement, or until a doctor certifies fitness to return to work, whichever is sooner. Such leave shall be without compensation or accrual of benefits or seniority. Accrued sick leave benefits must be used prior to the effective date of disability leave. If the employee has been covered by County paid health insurance prior to the effective date of disability leave, the employee shall have the right to continue such insurance at the employee's own expense.

When disability leave is used up, and reliable medical evidence shows that the employee is still medically or physically unfit for his or her position, then:

- (a) The County shall submit an application for disability retirement for the employee under Government Code Section 21023.5, unless the employee elects otherwise; or
- (b) The employee may apply for and be granted a general leave of absence if the medical evidence shows a likelihood of fitness to return to work in the position within a reasonable period of time; or

- (c) The employee shall be terminated from employment after receiving notice and an employee so terminated shall have the right to appeal.

5.11 PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE

Pregnancy disability leave shall be granted as provided by law.

5.12 JURY AND WITNESS LEAVE

Any employee who is called for jury duty or subpoenaed to appear as a witness, other than as an expert witness or party to the action, shall receive paid leave for such purpose on the terms that follow:

- (a) The employee shall receive paid leave provided that any witness fees or jury fees are assigned to the County Auditor.
- (b) If called as a witness in litigation in which the County is a party, or to testify in an official capacity as a county employee, the employee shall receive paid leave and an allowance for any necessary travel, provided that any witness fees are assigned to the County Auditor.

5.13 MILITARY LEAVE

Military Leave shall be granted as provided by law.

5.14 ASSOCIATION TIME BANK

For other Local business, an association time bank will be established. The bank will allow designated representatives to utilize time for the sole purpose of performing or conducting Local activities.

The County shall provide the first forty (40) hours into a bank for the President, Vice President or other Officers or Directors of the association for temporary time off with pay, for the purpose of investigating grievances; disciplinary matters; employer/employee training; attending to organization training sessions; seminars; business meetings; elected board meetings; conventions and/or conferences.

Each member may volunteer to donate 5 hours every January 1 to be credited into the Association Release Bank. Donated hours may come from vacation or compensatory time off (CTO).

Requests for time off using this bank of hours must be approved by the President of the Association or designee and by the Probation Chief or designee and sufficient advance notice shall be provided to the Department so that release time may be arranged.

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Release time for all of the above meetings shall be subject to the scheduling needs of the Department. A record of Association Release Time will be maintained by the Department.

Use of the Association leave bank shall be approved through the department's normal leave request process and shall not be unreasonably denied.

When the designated representatives take approved leave, the Association leave bank will be charged an hour-to-hour basis.

The unused hours shall roll over annually as of January 1.

6.00 GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

6.01 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Definitions

"Grievance." A grievance is a claimed violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of a specific provision of this document or of the provisions of the County Personnel Code or other County policies relating to issues within the scope of bargaining. Except as specifically provided otherwise, grievances regarding the County Personnel Rules or County policies may be advanced only through Formal Step Three (3) of this procedure.

A grievance shall not include any matter for which a separate administrative appeal process is available including but not limited to claims of discrimination, on the job illness or injury (workers' compensation) and unemployment claims.

Grievances relating to disciplinary actions and medical terminations or demotions shall be subject to the appeal process provided herein.

"Grievant." A grievant is an employee in the unit at the time of the alleged violation. The Association may act as a grievant in its own behalf or in behalf of one or more employees adversely affected provided that the affected employees and circumstances are identified in sufficient detail for management to respond.

"Day." As used within this Article, "day" shall be construed to mean calendar day, excluding recognized County holidays, unless otherwise specifically stated.

Procedure

There shall be an earnest effort on the part of both parties to settle grievances promptly through the steps listed as follows:

STEP ONE (1): An employee's grievance must be submitted to his/her first line supervisor or management representative immediately in charge of the aggrieved employee within

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fifteen (15) calendar days after the event giving rise to the grievance. The supervisor or management representative will give his/her answer to the employee by the end of the fifth (5th) calendar day following the presentation of the grievance and the giving of such answer will terminate "Step One".

STEP TWO (2): If the grievance is not settled in "Step One", the grievance will be reduced to writing by the employee, fully stating the facts surrounding the grievance and detailing the specific provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding alleged to have been violated, signed and dated by the employee and presented to the supervisor or his/her designee within seven (7) working days after termination of "Step One". A meeting with the representative and supervisor or his/her designee will be arranged at a mutually agreeable location and time to review and discuss the grievance. Such meeting will take place within seven (7) calendar days from the date the grievance is received by the supervisor or his/her designee. The supervisor or his/her designee may invite other members of management to be present at such meeting. The supervisor or his/her designee will give a written reply by the end of the seventh calendar day following the date of the meeting, and the giving of such reply will terminate "Step Two".

Should there be intermediate layers in the chain of command, Step Two (2) may be repeated for each layer of supervision in the chain of command before advancing to Step Three (3).

STEP THREE (3): If the grievance is not settled in "Step Two" the Association Representative (or the employee if not represented by the Association, the Employee Representative) and the Management Representative shall, within seven (7) calendar days after the termination of "Step Two", arrange a meeting to be held at a mutually agreeable location and time to review and discuss the grievance. Such meeting will take place within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the grievance is referred to "Step Three". A decision shall be rendered within seven (7) calendar days from the date of such meeting.

Time limits as set forth may be extended by mutual agreement between the parties, but neither side shall be required to so agree.

If the County fails to respond to the grievant within the time period contained above, the grievance will be advanced to the next step in the procedure.

The decision of the Department Head may be appealed to the designated hearing officer pursuant to Section 6.02.

6.02 APPEAL POLICY

The County hereby establishes a personnel action appeals procedure in order to have an impartial hearing on disputed personnel actions which have been appealed on the basis of the following rules: Personnel Rule 4.03 (Discrimination); Personnel Rule 11.05 (Medical Examination); 16.02 (Disciplinary Action); and Section 6.0 (Grievance) of this document.

6.03 REQUESTS FOR APPEAL

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When a person has a right to appeal under these rules, the person may submit to County Counsel a written request for appeal to the Board. The request for appeal must be submitted within fourteen (14) days from the date that the person received notification of the right to appeal the appointing authority's final decision.

Upon receiving a request for an appeal, the appointing authority shall be notified by the County Counsel. The County Counsel shall schedule a hearing on the appeal at the earliest time that is mutually convenient for the interested parties (county and appellant), their representatives, if any, and the assigned hearing officer.

6.04 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

The Administrative Law Judge shall be assigned by the California Office of Administrative Hearings.

The cost of the Administrative Law Judge shall be shared equally between the County and Union or the County and the appellant if the Union is not representing the appellant.

6.05 CONDUCT OF THE HEARING

The County Counsel shall be responsible for scheduling and notification as to the time and place of the hearing, and of notifying the Administrative Law Judge of the nature of the proceeding.

Unless otherwise stipulated, the hearing shall be closed to the public and conducted in an informal manner under the direction and authority of the Administrative Law Judge pursuant to the California Administrative Procedures Act.

County employees called as witnesses shall serve without loss of pay in accordance with Section 5.12.

Unless there is a pre-agreement to share the cost of a record by the parties, an interested party may tape record the hearing or arrange at its own cost the services of a court reporter. Should an Administrative Law Judge require a record of the hearing; the parties shall share the cost equally. Any such record of the hearing shall become a record of the proceedings for purposes of any future judicial review.

An Administrative Law Judge's decision may not alter any provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, any County ordinance or resolution or initiative passed by the people of Plumas County or any State or Federal law or regulation.

6.06 FINAL DECISION

Within forty-five (45) calendar days of the conclusion of the hearing, unless waived by the parties, the Administrative Law Judge shall prepare the record of the hearing and shall submit a written decision of findings of fact, rulings of law, and final disposition. Copies shall be sent to the interested parties. The Administrative Law Judge's ruling shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final adjudication as provided in the California Administrative Procedures Act.

9.00 AGREEMENT

9.01 FULL AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding contains all of the covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the parties. It is understood that all items relating to employee wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment not covered by this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain the same for its term.

Therefore, except by mutual agreement of the parties or as otherwise provided by herein, for the life of this Memorandum of Understanding, neither party shall be compelled to bargain with the other concerning any mandatory bargaining issue, whether or not the issue was specifically bargained prior to the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding.

9.02 ENACTMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective when ratified by the Association and adopted by resolution of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors. Upon such adoption, the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall supersede and control over conflicting or inconsistent county rules, resolutions, or ordinances.

9.03 SAVING CLAUSE

If any provision of this Memorandum Of Understanding shall be held invalid by operation of law or by any court of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any provision shall be restrained by any tribunal, the remainder of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be affected thereby and the parties shall enter in to negotiations for the sole purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such provision or provisions.

9.04 PER DIEM

The County will make a per diem reimbursement for County business travel which will be adjusted based on current IRS rates.

9.05 TERM

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This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon adoption by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors and shall remain in full force and effect from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

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COUNTY

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Sara James, Interim Human Resources Director

8/15/2025

Date

PLUMAS COUNTY PROBATION ASSOCIATION



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8.18.25

Date



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Date

Kristina Wicker-Estes

Kristina Wicker-Estes, Labor Consultant

10/16/26

Date

Appendix A

Probation Job Classifications

- Administrative Assistant I
- Administrative Assistant II
- Deputy Probation Officer I
- Deputy Probation Officer II
- Deputy Probation Officer III
- Detention Coordinator
- Legal Services Assistant I
- Legal Services Assistant II
- Management Analyst I
- Management Analyst II
- Office Assistant I
- Office Assistant II
- Office Assistant III
- Probation Assistant
- Probation Program Coordinator – Administrative Assistant
- Probation Report Writer

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