



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO  
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS  
BARGAINING UNIT  
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 986**

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 986  
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UNIT**

**ARTICLE I            PREAMBLE**

It is the purpose of this memorandum to promote and provide for harmonious relations, cooperation, and understanding between the City and the employees covered by this memorandum; to provide a document setting forth the understanding of the parties reached by meeting and conferring in good faith on wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment of the employees covered under this memorandum. Except as specifically amended by this memorandum, the City's Administrative Personnel Rules and Regulations remain in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE II            RATIFICATION PROCEDURE**

This is the joint recommendation on salaries, benefits, and working conditions of the bargaining representatives of the City of Escondido and the Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations Unit. When ratified by the members of the Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations Unit, and approved by the Escondido City Council, this document shall be the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Unit for the term set forth herein.

**ARTICLE III            TERM**

This Memorandum is a statement of the terms and conditions of employment for the Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations Unit, including salaries, benefits, and hours of work for the period July 1, 2025, through and inclusive of June 30, 2028. Salary and benefit modifications are effective on the dates specified.

**ARTICLE IV            COMPENSATION POLICY**

Section 1    Wages

- a. Salary Range Increases: All classifications in the bargaining unit will have the base salary adjusted by the following amount the first full pay period in July of the following years.
  - a) Effective the first full pay period in July of 2025, the base salary range for all represented classifications shall be increased by six percent (6.0%).
  - b) Effective the first full pay period in July of 2026, the base salary range for all represented classifications shall be increased by five percent (5.0%).
  - c) Effective the first full pay period in July of 2027, the base salary range for all represented classifications shall be increased by five percent (5.0%).

b. Utility Classification Equity Adjustments:

The following Utility benchmark classifications that are below market median are eligible for equity adjustments:

- Control Systems Technician II
- Park Ranger II
- Plant Systems Technician II
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II
- Water Distribution Technician II
- Water Treatment Plant Operator III

Each benchmark classification will be reviewed annually by June 1, **2026, 2027 and 2028**, to reassess market median using comparable agencies which were previously agreed to by both parties. The surveyed market median data will include any salary increases that the Maintenance and Operations bargaining unit and comparable agencies will receive annually on the pay period closest to July 1, **2026, 2027, and 2028**. The survey information will be provided to the bargaining unit for review and discussion as needed the month prior (June) to implementation.

Following agreed upon survey results, classifications below market median will be eligible for an increase of 2.5% or 5.0% each full pay period in July **2026, 2027, and 2028**. The salary adjustment will depend on the Utility classifications' salary proximity (variance) to the surveyed median results for comparable agency classifications. Utility classifications 5% below median will be moved to the nearest salary grade (range) that results in an increase of 2.5% or 5.0%, and incumbents will remain on their current salary step. The change in salary grade will not have an effect on the incumbent's anniversary date or eligibility to move to the next merit step prior to the equity adjustment.

The salary adjustments will continue each full pay period in July **2026, 2027, and 2028** until the benchmark classifications are at the median for the term of the contract. Utility classifications which are benchmarked from the above-stated classifications are also eligible for equity adjustments. Those classifications are:

- Cross Connection Technician I/II
- Lead Plant Systems Technician
- Lead Wastewater Collections Technician
- Lead Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
- Lead Water Distribution Technician
- Lead Water Treatment Plant Operator
- Senior Cross Connection Technician
- Wastewater Collections Technician I/II
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee
- Water Meter Reader
- Water Service Representative
- Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee

## Section 2 Mechanic Salary Progression

Upon successful completion of requirements, as set forth by the Department Head, incumbent mechanics will progress within their classification.

City agrees to reimburse incumbents the cost for certifications for mechanics, upon successful completion of the certification. New employees will pay costs for initial examination. The City will pay certification renewal costs for all employees.

Tuition reimbursement will be provided for these vocational mechanic courses upon approval of the Department Head and Director of Administrative Services.

## Section 3 Salary Calculations

Salary calculations shall be based on 2,080 work hours a year. The current biweekly schedule shall continue to be in effect.

## Section 4 Pay Periods

The current biweekly schedule shall continue to be in effect.

## Section 5 Overtime/Compensatory Time

- A. Eligibility - All classified miscellaneous employees shall be entitled to overtime as described below, except for exempt employees.
- B. Exempt Employees - An exempt employee is an employee whose duties except them from overtime as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1939 as amended. Such employees shall be entitled to compensatory time on a straight-time basis with a maximum balance not to exceed 100 hours and/or overtime compensation at the rate of time and one-half when responding to emergency callback situations as defined in paragraph G of this section. Eligibility for overtime compensation shall be only for callback overtime.
- C. Overtime-General - All eligible employees shall be paid overtime at the rate of time and one-half their regular rate of pay, including any special pay which is a part of their regular rate (e.g., shift premium) in accordance with paragraphs D, E, and F below; provided, however, exempt employees may opt for compensatory time off in accordance with the provisions of paragraph H.
- D. Overtime-Hours - Overtime shall be paid after eight hours worked in a day, unless the regular workday is in excess of eight hours, or 40 hours worked in a week, and exclusive of meal time. Upon supervisory approval, employees may flex their work schedule within the same work week in order to remain within a 40 hour work week.
- E. Overtime-Hours Worked - Holidays, vacation and sick leave shall constitute hours worked for the purpose of computing overtime.
- F. Overtime-Record Keeping - Overtime shall be recorded and paid on the basis of 15 minute increments; such that for each full 15 minute period worked, the employee

shall be compensated for one-quarter hour of overtime. Overtime, when reported for either compensatory time off or for payment, shall not be claimed for periods of less than one-quarter hour.

- G. Overtime-Callback - A minimum of three hours pay at the rate of time and one-half shall be paid for each incident of callback overtime for all eligible employees. Callback overtime is unscheduled overtime as opposed to early start or extended day. Holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays within a regularly scheduled work week, and/or attendance at regularly scheduled meetings and other activities such as City Council meetings, Planning Commission meetings, etc., shall not be considered callback overtime. Overtime, other than callback overtime, when worked, will be compensated either by time and one-half compensatory time off or time and one-half pay as set forth herein. All overtime must be requested by the supervisor and approved by the Department Head.
- H. Compensatory Time Off - At the employee's option, overtime may be compensated by time off at the rate of time and one-half the hours worked. The compensatory time off is subject to the needs of the service and may not be taken without prior approval by the employee's supervisor on an approved form, nor shall it be taken in increments of less than one-quarter hour. Compensatory time balances shall not exceed 100 hours but may be maintained on an indefinite basis. When the maximum balance is reached, cash payment for overtime will be automatic.
- I. Overtime-Holidays - Employees who work such a holiday shall receive compensation as follows:
  - 1. Time and one-half pay for time worked, and, at the employee's option:
    - a. Compensatory time off on a straight-time basis subject to the needs of the service and the prior approval of the employee's supervisor; or
    - b. Straight-time pay for time worked.
- J. Compensatory Time Payoff - There shall be an opportunity for a cash payoff of all or a portion of accrued compensatory time at the request and discretion of the employee on the first payday in October.
- K. Holiday Payoff - There shall be an opportunity for a cash payoff of all or a portion of accrued Holiday hours credited to employees for working on designated holidays. Such payoff shall be at the request and discretion of the employee and shall be paid on the first payday in the month of October each year.

#### Section 6 Out-of-Class Compensation

An out-of-class assignment is a temporary assignment of a regular employee to an authorized classification at a higher level of pay which requires the employee to perform the duties of the higher classification. Employees directed to continuously perform the duties in a vacant higher level classification shall be entitled to a salary rate increase at five percent (5%) above their regular rate of pay, or the minimum salary of the out-of-

class classification, whichever is greater, commencing after five consecutive work days in the out-of-class assignment, and for a period of no longer than six months at any one time. Compensation will be retroactive to the first day of the out-of-class assignment.

Once the initial out-of-class assignment terminates, the five consecutive work-day waiting period will be waived for any additional out-of-class assignments that occur within six months provided that the employee is working in the same out-of-class classification regardless of work area assignment.

#### Section 7 Shift Differential

- A. Shift differential shall be paid only if one-half of the shift plus one-half hour is worked after 6:00 p.m. or before 7:00 a.m. Effective July 1, 2004, the shift differential will be \$1.50 per hour for shift work performed within the current criteria.
- B. Notwithstanding paragraph "A" above, Water Treatment Plant Operator classification shall be compensated in accord with the following schedule:
  - 1. For shifts worked from 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to 12:00 p.m. (noon) and for shifts worked from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 12:00 a.m. (midnight), shift differential shall be paid for the entire shift.
  - 2. Notwithstanding the conditions for payment of shift differential set forth in Section 6 of this Article, nothing shall abridge the City's rights to modify work schedules in accord with the provisions of law, ordinance, rule or regulation, or other written agreements.

#### Section 8 Safety Shoe Allowance

- a. Safety shoe allowance for all represented classifications shall be \$300.00 annually.
- b. Upon implementation of Workday, the safety shoe allowance will be paid during the first pay period after hiring or promotion to an eligible classification and continue annually thereafter on July 1.
- c. If initially eligible or when footwear is replaced, within three months prior to July 1, the employee will not be eligible for their Safety Shoe Annual Allowance until July 1 of the next year.
- d. This compensation is not included in the MOU rate of pay.
- e. The City shall pay for safety shoe toe capping upon request by the employee.
- f. The replacement of lost or damaged footwear prior to the completion of the employee's one-year shoe allowance period may be reimbursed if the employee can show reasonable cause for such loss or damage, and provided that the footwear to be replaced complies with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) safety standards. The safety shoes shall meet ASTM-F2413-6 standards.

- g. All premature, unusual wear or damage must be reported to the Safety Office Representative and supervisor immediately.
- h. The Safety Office Representative, in conjunction with the supervisor, will assess the shoe condition and, if warranted, will approve a reimbursement for replacement.
- i. The employee will need to supply a receipt of purchase to the Safety Office Representative to obtain reimbursement.
- j. The employee will continue to be eligible for replacement of footwear due to unusual wear and tear under the policy.

#### Section 9 Tool Maintenance Allowance

Effective July 1, 2025, Tool Maintenance Allowance shall be \$1,200 per year for all Lead Mechanics and Equipment Mechanic I/II's and \$400.00 per year to all Equipment Service Workers.

#### Section 10 Bilingual Pay

The City agrees to pay \$50.00 per pay period for verbal bilingual skills. An additional \$25.00 per pay period shall be granted for written bilingual skills. The City reserves the right to establish eligible languages and the criteria for eligibility for the skill pay and shall verify through testing procedures developed by the City that employees are eligible and qualified. Verbal and written bilingual skill pay will be awarded based upon an established need as approved by the Department Head.

#### Section 11 Tree Trimmer Specialty Pay

Maintenance Technician I and II will be eligible for an additional \$0.98 per hour when assigned as a lead tree trimmer for either eight or more consecutive hours. This specialty pay will not be granted during leave time such as sick leave, compensatory time off, or vacation.

#### Section 12 Wastewater Plant Relief Operator Compensation

City agrees to a stipend of \$0.97 per hour for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators during the time they actually work as a Relief Operator and experience a work schedule change.

#### Section 13 Specialty Pay (Crew Leader)

City agrees to a stipend of \$0.97 per hour for Crew Leader pay, for Maintenance Technician II or equivalent who are designated as a Lead Maintenance Technician crew leader or equivalent, as assigned by a supervisor.

Effective pay period ending September 4, 2010, employees assigned as a crew leader for a minimum of five (5) hours will receive Crew Leader pay for the full shift they are at work, excluding any leave time. If the crew leader assignment is less than five (5) hours, the employee will only be compensated for the actual time worked as a crew leader.

#### Section 14 Training Differential

City agrees to a stipend of \$1.00 per hour for employees designated as Trainers by the Maintenance and Operations Division for the time they are assigned training duties. Training differential will be compensated as a minimum of four hours or actual time assigned training duties within a workday. In order to remain eligible for such compensation, Designated Trainers will be required to maintain overall satisfactory job performance.

#### Section 15 Confined Space Entry Team

The City agrees to implement Confined Space Entry Teams to be composed of varied classifications represented by Local 986. Eligible classifications will have current and continuing work experience and skills in the appropriate Utilities and Public Works Divisions. Team members, upon successful completion of training, will receive a differential of \$0.83 per hour for all hours worked. While assigned to the team, and to continue receiving specialty pay, team members must maintain satisfactory job performance in their normal work assignment as well as continue to meet all requirements of the Confined Space Entry Team.

#### Section 16 Wastewater Treatment Plant Duty Operator Pay

The following classifications are eligible for Duty Operator Pay:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II's with a State of California Grade III Certification or higher.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III's assigned as the Duty Operator.

Those classifications will receive a stipend (flat dollar amount) which is equivalent to 5.0% above the salary of a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III, Step 5, for all hours worked as a Duty Operator.

#### Section 17 Water Treatment Plant Duty Operator Pay

Water Treatment Plant Operators assigned as the Duty Operator will receive a stipend based on 5% above Water Treatment Plant Operator III, Step 5, for all hours worked as Duty Operator. This pay applies to any Water Treatment Plant Operator that is qualified to serve as the Duty Operator.

#### Section 18 Certification Pay

In accordance with CalPERS reporting requirements, certification specialty pay will be reported as a separate line item from an employee's hourly base rate of pay. Classifications eligible for certification pay will receive a flat dollar amount equivalent to five percent (5%) of their monthly base rate of pay, paid biweekly:

Wastewater Collections Technician: Collections personnel shall be based on certification by the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) for certification held above the

level required for the employee classification for duties related to the incumbent classification.

Water Treatment Plant Operator Specialty Pay: Water Treatment Plant Operators holding a State of California certification above the level required for their current classification.

Water Distribution Technician: Water Distribution Technicians holding a State of California certification above the level required for their current classification. Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention classifications for Water Distribution personnel holding a State of California "D" certification above that required for the incumbent position.

Control Systems Technician/Plant Systems Technician: Control Systems Technicians and Plant Systems Technicians that hold a State of California or CWEA certification as a Water Plant or Wastewater Plant Operator II. Control Systems Technicians and Plant Systems Technicians holding a State of California certification above the level required for their current classification.

Mechanic: Equipment Mechanic II and Lead Mechanic personnel who receive State of California Fire Mechanic II certification; this certification pay is open to all Equipment Mechanic II and Lead Mechanic personnel. Management will undertake an equitable effort to ensure all eligible personnel have the opportunity to participate in the training with due consideration for availability of training budget funds and Fleet Services Division workload. Considering that certification as a State Fire Mechanic provides skills that apply to a wide variety of the City's Fleet Services equipment, such certification will not result in employee work assignments restricted to Fire Apparatus only. The City agrees to provide certification pay for Equipment Mechanic II and Lead Mechanic personnel who obtain the State of California Smog Certification. For the Fire Mechanic Certification and the Smog Certification, an employee is eligible for only one level of certification pay.

#### Section 19 Meal Stipend Eligibility

- a. A bargaining unit member who works an extended day of two (2) additional unscheduled hours or more beyond a scheduled shift, of eight (8) hours or more, is eligible to receive a stipend of thirty dollars (\$30.00) and another allowance following every five (5) additional hours thereafter for the duration of the extended day. A bargaining unit member who reports to work for unscheduled hours that are not part of an extended day or reports to work on a scheduled day off and who works four (4) hours or more shall also receive the same stipend.
  1. If the City provides reasonable notice of an overtime need or opportunity, the work will be considered scheduled. Reasonable notice is considered 15 hours.
  2. Scheduled overtime does not qualify a bargaining unit member for a meal stipend.
- b. Concurrent to the right to a meal stipend, an eligible employee may be able to take a meal during the hours worked. Work conditions and operational impact may

determine if the employee will take a break subject to department head or designee discretion.

- c. Meal Payment: The stipend will be paid at the end of the pay period and included in the employee's regular paycheck.
  - 1. The stipend is reportable to the IRS by the City and the employee.
  - 2. The stipend is not an increase in base pay and will not be included in calculations of salary increases or retirement benefits.
  - 3. The City will not require meal receipts.
- d. Meals Provided: If applicable, as declared by the City Manager or designee, the City may provide reasonable balanced meals for employees in lieu of a meal allowance.

#### Section 20 Welder Pay

Effective pay period ending September 4, 2010, the City will establish a welding test to fill two (2) welder pay positions – one within the Water Division and one within the Collections Division of the Utilities Department. The City agrees to a stipend of \$250 per month for Welder Pay. The City will continue to contract for services, as appropriate, in order to augment the welding requirements of the City.

#### Section 21 Concrete Crew Specialty Pay

Maintenance Technicians will be eligible for an additional \$0.98 per hour for all hours assigned to the concrete crew. This specialty pay will not be granted during leave time such as sick leave, compensatory time off, or vacation.

### **ARTICLE V            EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAM**

#### Section 1 Health Insurance

##### A. Health Insurance Committee

While this memorandum is in force, the Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations Unit and the City agree to delegate to the Health Insurance Committee (HIC) the task of recommending to the City Council the health insurance options that will be made available to City employees.

The Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations Unit and the City agree, in good faith, to make every possible attempt to provide a health plan cost which is beneficial to all employees and their dependents. The City Council may overrule and will not be bound by the recommendation of the HIC.

Membership of the HIC is set forth as follows:

Each bargaining unit with at least 25 or more eligible employees shall have one representative on the committee. The City's unclassified group shall provide a number of representatives equal to the total number of representatives provided by all the bargaining units.

B. Health Insurance

The Health Insurance Committee (HIC) will commence its annual review of medical and dental insurance plans and the related designs of the various plans available to employees. Consistent with the MOU, the HIC may consider changes in health and dental plan design that may increase the cost to covered employees in such areas as doctor visit co-pays, prescription co-pays, etc. throughout the term of this agreement. The City will continue to pay the lowest cost "HMO" medical plan.

Beginning January 1, 2013, and thereafter, any medical insurance premium increases will be shared equally by the City and the employee for the lowest cost HMO medical plan. Employees choosing more expensive medical plans are required to pay the increased cost between that plan and the lowest cost plan. The employee's share of any medical insurance premium increases will be added to the employee's 2012 insurance contribution.

Employees choosing a more costly level of medical coverage will participate at the above rates, and also pay the differential cost for the more expensive premium level.

The City reserves the right to document, to the City's satisfaction, the status of each employee.

The current health/dental rates can be found at: <https://intranet.escondido.gov/DocumentCenter/View/478/Maintenance-and-Operations-PDF?bidId=>

C. Health Insurance Premium Deductions

The City will reserve the right to deduct health insurance premiums 24 times a year.

D. Dual Health Insurance Coverage

The City presently purchases health insurance on behalf of employees at various levels (employee, employee plus one, family). If an employee waives coverage at any level, a savings results. To recognize the savings, the City and bargaining unit agree to rebate to the employee the amount of \$200 per month if an employee waives health insurance coverage completely; and, \$75.00 per month if an employee waives health insurance coverage at any level. If a City employee is the spouse/partner and receives a flexible benefit, the rebate does not apply.

The employee is eligible to enroll in the rebate program at any time during the year. The first rebate will be paid within 30 days of when the employee provides proof of alternative coverage to Benefits Division staff with the completed enrollment/waiver

form. Once coverage is waived, employees cannot drop the rebate and re-enroll in the health plan unless allowed by law.

By waiving coverage, the employee and/or spouse/ domestic partner acknowledges in writing that they will not be able to add the deleted persons until open enrollment.

When both spouses/domestic partners are City employees, only one spouse/domestic partner will receive the monthly waiver benefit; and if they are subscribers to the highest cost provider, they will be required to pay the higher rate.

E. Domestic Partner Benefits

Consistent with Federal and/or State Law, the City will provide Domestic Partner benefits.

F. Same Sex Marriage Benefits

Consistent with Federal/State Law, the City will provide same-sex marriage benefits.

Section 2 Dental Insurance

The City agrees to pay the full cost of the employee-only dental insurance coverage for the term of this agreement, except as stated below.

Effective January 1, 2013, and thereafter, any premium increase over the 2012 employee-only dental coverage rates will be shared 50/50 between Teamsters and the City. If a rate increase is realized for the January 1, 2013 rates, the premium cost-share increase will be added to the employees' 2012 insurance contribution.

Employees may opt to purchase dependent dental insurance through payroll deduction.

The current health/dental rates can be found at: <https://intranet.escondido.gov/DocumentCenter/View/478/Maintenance-and-Operations-PDF?bidId=>

Section 3 Workers' Compensation

Employees in a Workers' Compensation status may select additional benefits to be paid from employee's accrued leaves, consistent with disability benefits for employees in a non-industrial disability status.

Section 4 Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)/California Family Rights Act (CFRA) Disability Leaves

Short Term and Long Term disability insurance premiums shall be deducted from salary.

Coordinated benefits for non-work related disabilities will take place under the following administrative guidelines:

- Employees will be provided FMLA/CFRA according to the Federal and State provisions.

- Employees will be required to accept disability benefits upon determination of eligibility.
- The City will make every possible effort to provide light duty assignments for employees in a disability status. Employees in a work-related disability status will have priority for light-duty assignments. Administrative Directive #26 defines City policy relative to light duty assignments.
- Short-term Disability coverage will be coordinated with Long-term Disability coverage.
- Employees will continue to accrue vacation, sick leave and holiday pay during the twelve-week FMLA/CFRA period and for three months thereafter. Vacation, sick leave and holiday compensation will cease to accrue after the six-month period.
- Employees may supplement disability insurance benefits with accrued benefits up to either 80% or 100% of regular payroll during the short-term disability period (twelve weeks). The level of supplementation cannot be changed during the short-term disability period.
- Upon receiving long-term disability benefits, the employee may choose to supplement disability benefits with accrued benefit up to 80% or 100% of regular payroll. During the long-term disability period, the employee may not change their level of supplementation of payroll.
- Medical, Dental, Life and Dependent Life insurances will be paid by the City for a period not-to-exceed nine months after the twelve-week FMLA/CFRA period has elapsed (total of twelve months).

Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the City Manager.

#### Section 5 Life Insurance

The City agrees to provide term life insurance coverage in the amount of \$50,000 for employee-only coverage. Dependent coverage shall remain unchanged from that in effect on the date of this Memorandum of Understanding. Employees may opt to purchase additional group term life insurance benefits for employees and dependents through payroll deduction.

#### Section 6 California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)

Per Government Code 20516 CalPERS Cost Sharing, all Class CalPERS employees (Tier 1 and Tier 2 – Non PEPRA) in the bargaining unit will participate in additional cost sharing of 1%, pre-tax; for a total of 3% over the term of this agreement. The first 1% shall commence effective upon the contract amendment between the City and CalPERS, the second and third percentages shall commence the first full pay period in July of the two following years. The additional cost sharing requires a contract amendment between the City and CalPERS, and implementation will occur in 2018 as soon as administratively possible once approved by CalPERS.

An election of Tier 1 and Tier 2 employees by secret ballot is required for CalPERS cost sharing and implementation of CalPERS contract amendment.

The City's goal is to retain and recruit well-qualified members for the City Team. Therefore, the City implemented changes to employee retirement benefits over several contracts. The currently negotiated CalPERS benefits are:

1. Tier 1 Retirement Benefit (Classic Members). The City will continue to provide CalPERS 3% at 60 retirement benefit.
  - The City and the Teamsters Maintenance and Operations Bargaining Unit agree that effective June 26, 2011 (pay period ending July 9, 2011), current Maintenance and Operations Bargaining Unit employees will make 100% of the statutory employee contribution to CalPERS, which will be applied to the Employees' Contribution and is currently eight percent (8.0%). The City will cease paying and reporting the value of the seven percent (7.0%) Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC). These contributions will be on a pre-tax basis.
  - The City agreed to provide CalPERS Section 21548 – Pre-Retirement Option 2W Death Benefit, effective November 12, 2000.
  - Effective January 1, 1998, the City shall provide Fourth Tier 1959 Survivor's Benefit through Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).
  - Effective July 12, 1998, the City will provide the CalPERS Section 21024 benefit, Military Service Credit as Public Service.
  - Effective July 12, 1998, the City will provide the CalPERS Section 20965 benefit, Credit for Unused Sick Leave.
  - Effective July 11, 1999, the City will provide the CalPERS Section 20042 benefit, One-Year Final Compensation.
2. Tier 2 Retirement Benefit (Classic Members). Effective December 23, 2012, the City implemented a second tier retirement system under Government Code Section 20475. The following will be applicable to the second tier:
  - The City will provide Section 21353, the CalPERS 2% @ 60 retirement benefit.
  - Employees make 100% of the statutory employee contribution to CalPERS, currently 7.0% of salary. These contributions will be on a pre-tax basis.
  - There will be no final-year concession of said payments to compensation for CalPERS benefit calculation purposes ("EPMC").
  - The City will provide 36 highest paid consecutive months for determining the average monthly pay rate (Government Code Section 20037).
3. Tier 3 Retirement Benefit (New Members). Effective January 1, 2013, the City implemented a third tier retirement system per the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), Assembly Bill 340. The following is applicable to the third tier:
  - The City will provide the 2% at age 62 CalPERS retirement calculation.
  - Employees pay fifty percent of total normal cost rate, currently 7.75% of salary. These contributions will be on a pre-tax basis. The City may bargain

to have employees pay more than fifty percent of total normal cost with no maximum cap.

- There will be no final-year concession of said payments to compensation for CalPERS benefit calculation purposes (“EPMC”).
- The final compensation calculation shall be based on the highest average 36 consecutive months.
- Cap on pensionable compensation – 120% of value of Social Security Wage Index limit.
- All other provisions in accordance with AB 340 apply.

#### Section 7 Reimbursement Account

The Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations Unit is eligible to participate in the reimbursement portion of the Section 125 Plan effective November 1, 1991. The members of this unit may elect, by payroll deduction, pre-tax money to be set aside in the health care reimbursement account and/or the dependent day care reimbursement account. Pre-tax health insurance premium payments will be established by negative declaration, effective January 1, 1993.

#### Section 8 Uniforms

- A. The City agrees to pay full-time Park Ranger I and II employees an annual uniform allowance based upon evidence of purchase submitted. Effective July 1, 2008, annual uniform allowance shall be \$650, paid in equal amounts each pay period. The City agrees to provide, in addition to the annual uniform allowance, reimbursement for an authorized jacket for each new park ranger upon proof of purchase and a replacement jacket upon proof of purchase, as approved at Department Head discretion.
- B. The City agrees to provide uniform service for all maintenance employees required to wear a uniform as deemed appropriate for the health and safety of the employee, per department policy.
- C. Safety Jackets - As part of required safety equipment, the City will provide all unit members a safety jacket which is required wear during all cold-weather periods. Wearing of the jacket will be at the discretion of the employee, however, the specified jacket will be the only cold-weather jacket allowed to be worn while on duty. The implementation of this measure will be undertaken with the participation of a committee composed of management and Local 986 representatives.
- D. Uniform Work Shirts – The City will provide up to seven tee-shirts per employee per year. Design, logo and color will be agreed upon by Teamsters Local 986 and the City. Employees are expected to always appear for work in a neat, clean and tear-free shirt. Employees may receive a light jacket/windbreaker in lieu of receiving the annual seven t-shirts. The acceptable jackets will be agreed upon by Management and Teamsters representatives.
- E. Safety Glass Policy – The City and the Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations Unit agree to a Safety Glass Policy with criteria for classifications

requiring eye protection and a maximum cost cap of \$350 bi-annually not including the cost of polarized, anti-reflective, or transitional lenses.

Section 9 401(k)

The City will provide availability of a 401(k) plan to employees. The plan shall be funded by employee contributions only.

**ARTICLE VI**            **STANDBY POLICY**

Section 1 Definition

Standby is defined as that period of time outside the normal scheduled work shift, in which the employee is required to be within immediate reach for contact by phone, pager or radio and be ready to report for work without delay to perform emergency services. Standby duty shall not count as time worked for purposes of computing overtime.

Section 2 Standby Policy Committee

The City and the Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations Unit agree to maintain the existing Standby Policy Committee negotiated and agreed upon by both parties.

Section 3 Standby Pay

- A. Effective July 11, 2021, each employee who serves on a seven day standby duty shall receive \$300.00 compensation for each entire seven day standby assignment.
- B. Applicable standby compensation will be paid on the first pay period following the end of a tour of standby duty served.
- C. In the event of an emergency substitution, the person substituting will be compensated at 1/128th of the weekly figure, on an hour-for-hour basis of standby duty served. The total amount paid for substitution personnel will be deducted from the total weekly compensation of the individual assigned the seven day tour of duty.
- D. If a designated holiday occurs during the seven day tour of standby duty, the employee will be eligible for an additional \$50.00 of compensation for each designated holiday served during that tour of duty.

When a holiday falls on a Wednesday, the Standby employees who are trading out a standby vehicle shall both receive a minimum three (3) hours overtime and the Standby Holiday Pay of \$50.00.

Section 4 Telephonic Call Back

The City will implement telephonic response compensation through which employees, on standby duty, and when contacted by Emergency Dispatch or by an employee called-back as an Emergency Responder, will be compensated with overtime pay in increments

of 15 minutes when contacted to provide verbal guidance to the emergency call-back circumstance.

Section 5     Callback Standby Overtime

- A.   Effective July 1, 1995, employees will be paid a three-hour minimum at the rate of time and one-half for each emergency callback responded to while assigned standby status except as follows:
  - Subsequent callouts within a three-hour period of the original callback shall be considered as one callback for purposes of compensation.
- B.   Callback compensation will be paid for portal to portal time for each individual callback.
- C.   Shift differential shall apply for all Maintenance & Operations employees for scheduled shifts only.

**ARTICLE VII**       **TUITION POLICY**

Within budgetary limitations, and subject to the criteria and limitations listed below, the City will reimburse tuition and related expenses, up to \$2,500 per employee per fiscal year for tuition fees. A maximum of \$8,000 will be allotted each fiscal year for the use of tuition reimbursement for all Bargaining Unit employees, as outlined within this Article.

A.   Eligibility Criteria

- 1.   Course content is closely related to the employee's current classification and is designed to improve job performance, or would assist the employee in preparing for a promotional opportunity.
- 2.   To receive reimbursement, it is encouraged that the employee pursue any approved course or courses of study at an educational institution with tuition fees comparable to fees of the California State University system.
- 3.   Tuition reimbursement shall be provided for up to 100% of the tuition and fees comparable to costs within the California State University system.
- 4.   Course is completed with a minimum grade of "C" or its equivalent or by evidence of satisfactory completion.
- 5.   Course is given by a school accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or equivalent approved by the Council for Private Post-Secondary and Vocational Education, or by an accredited high school.

B.   Tuition and Related Expenses

The following are eligible expenses within the meaning of "Tuition and Related Expenses":

1. Tuition and/or class fees and/or registration fees charged by an educational institution;
2. Books required for the course;
3. Miscellaneous mandatory charges such as health service and/or identification cards (parking charges are not considered required expenses and will not be reimbursed);

C. Approval Process

Upon submittal, the Department Head will note the recommendation and forward the application to the Human Resources Department for approval.

D. Pre-Approval and Approval Procedures

1. An employee shall complete the first section of the City's Tuition Reimbursement form and send it to the Department Head for approval.
2. Upon the Department Head's approval, forward signed form to the Human Resources Benefits Manager for further approval based on eligibility.
3. Upon preliminary approval and successful completion of approved courses, availability of funds, proof of expense payment and a transcript showing successful course completion, employees may request reimbursement through the Workday platform.

Follow the Expense Reporting and Reimbursement Job Aid on the City's intranet site for submitting proof of payment and reimbursable items.

**ARTICLE VIII**      **VACATION**

Section 1      Annual Vacation Leave

All probationary, permanent part-time, and permanent Maintenance and Operations employees shall be entitled to annual accrual of full or prorated vacation leave with pay.

Section 2      Earned Vacation

- A. Each eligible employee shall accumulate annual prorated vacation and a maximum accrual from the date of hire at the rate applicable to their employment status as follows:

First five years of service = 100 hours/year (3.85 hours per pay period), maximum accrual 200 hours

5-10 years of service = 140 hours/year (5.38 hours per pay period), maximum accrual 280 hours

10-15 years of service = 180 hours/year (6.92 hours per pay period),  
maximum accrual 360 hours

More than 15 years of service = 220 hours/year (8.46 hours per pay  
period), maximum accrual 440 hours

### Section 3 Vacation Periods

Vacation may be taken the first day following the completion of six months and may never be used in units of less than 15-minute increments.

- A. The times during an accrual year at which an employee may take their vacation shall be determined by the Department Head with due regard for the wishes of the employee and particular regard for the needs of the personnel system. Prior approval is required except in the case of an emergency. In such circumstances, the Department Head or designee must be notified of need for previously unapproved vacation.
- B. No legal holiday that falls during an employee's vacation may be charged against the employee as vacation, and the leave shall be extended accordingly.
- C. Employees who terminate shall be paid in a lump sum for all allowable accrued vacation leave earned prior to the effective date of termination.

### Section 4 Vacation Cash Out

All employees have the ability to cash out a maximum 40 vacation hours in July and a maximum of 40 vacation hours in December, for a total of 80 vacation hours in a year. Employees must maintain a minimum balance of 80 hours of vacation leave after the requested payoff to ensure a sufficient balance to cover future planned time off requests.

## ARTICLE IX      SICK LEAVE

### Section 1 Personal Use

Sick leave with pay shall be granted to all probationary, regular part-time, and regular employees within the personnel system. Sick leave shall not be considered as a right which employees may use at their discretion, but shall be allowed only in case of necessity and actual personal sickness or disability, including instances where employees are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

In order to receive compensation while absent on sick leave, the employee shall notify their immediate superior or their Department Head prior to or within two hours after the time set for beginning their daily duties, or as may be specified by the head of their department. In the event that an employee has applied for sick leave use for four or more consecutive scheduled working days, the City may require a physician's certification as to the existence of a sickness or injury that prevents the employee from working, and an approval of the employee's intended return to work. The City Manager may, however,

require such certification or evidence the City deems necessary regarding sick leave use at any time.

"Evidence" as used in the prior sentence includes but is not limited to:

- A. An opinion from the treating physician as to the expected convalescent period, if any;
- B. Specific physical restrictions, if any, which bear on the employee's ability to perform his/her usual and customary duties or modified work assignments;
- C. A second opinion on the employee's condition from a physician or physicians of the City's choice (and at City's expense) based upon independent medical evaluation(s) and/or review of the employee's physician's report.

All employees shall accumulate sick leave at the rate of nine hours/month (4.15 hours/pay period); there shall be no limit to the amount of sick leave hours accumulated.

In no case will the City provide less sick leave than which is set forth in AB 1522, Healthy Workplace, Healthy Families Act (California Paid Sick Leave Act).

#### Section 2 Sick Leave Conversion

Once annually, during the 60 days following the end of a fiscal year, an employee may convert sick leave to vacation during that fiscal year on the basis of two hours of sick leave to one hour of vacation.

However, a minimum balance of 120 sick leave hours must be maintained in order to be eligible for conversion to vacation.

#### Section 3 Family Leave/Bereavement Leave/Child-Related Activities Leave

All currently benefited employees' annual Sick Leave accrual may be used for Sick Leave, Family Sick Leave, Maternity/Paternity Leave, and Bereavement Leave for members of their immediate family. The immediate family shall consist of a member of the employee's immediate family or individuals whose relationship to the employee is that of a dependent or near dependent, member of the immediate household, or a person who is significant to the employee. Exceptions to exceed the limit are subject to consideration by the City Manager on a case-by-case basis. In no event shall an employee be granted sick leave time to oversee children who are not ill (baby-sitting).

In no case will the City provide less family leave than that which is set forth in State and Federal law.

Family Leave: Effective January 1, 2016, the Kin Care Leave Law (Labor Code Section 233) was modified per SB 579. Per the Kin Care Leave Law and the City of Escondido, employees may use up to one year of their sick leave accruals each calendar year for the following purposes:

- The diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventative care for, the employee's family member.
- The diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventative care for, the employee.
- An employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Child-Related Activities Leave: Employees can take up to 40 hours per calendar year (up to 8 hours per month) for child-related activities per Labor Code Section 230.8. Employees must use their available vacation, compensatory time, or holiday leave accruals and provide reasonable notice to their supervisor for the need of such leave.

Bereavement Leave: Effective July 1, 2025, all employees will be credited twenty-seven (27) hours into a bereavement leave bank annually on July 1. Any unused bereavement leave credit will not carry over to the next fiscal year, has no cash value, and thus cannot be paid out upon separation of employment. Employees may use up to one year of their sick leave accruals each calendar year for situations when an employee's presence is required elsewhere due to bereavement for members of the employee's immediate family or individuals whose relationship to the employee is that of a dependent or near dependent, member of the immediate household, domestic partner, or a person who is of significance to the employee.

Exceptions to exceed the authorized hours for family leave or bereavement are subject to consideration by the City Manager on a case-by-case basis. In no event shall an employee be granted sick leave time to oversee children who are not ill (baby-sitting).

In no case will the City provide less family leave than that which is set forth in State and Federal law.

#### Section 4 Termination

Employees who terminate for any reason, including retirement, shall not receive cash payment for accrued sick leave. Further, all eligibility for sick leave with pay shall be canceled upon separation of the employee from the City service, provided, however, that if such separation is by layoff, this accumulated eligibility may be restored to the employee in whole or in part by the City Manager upon reemployment.

#### Section 5 Illness During Authorized Vacation

Employees who are on authorized vacation and become ill, or otherwise disabled through accident not a result of vicious habits or intemperance, may charge such sickness or disablement to credited sick leave, provided a doctor's certificate is presented to the Director of Administrative Services indicating the total number of days to be so charged.

### **ARTICLE X            HOLIDAYS**

#### Section 1 Holidays Observed

Every regular, regular part-time and every probationary employee in the personnel system shall not be required to be on duty on holidays unless the employee's services

are needed and required in the interests of the public health, safety, or general welfare, in which latter event, any such employee shall be entitled to an in lieu holiday or overtime pay, in accordance with these rules.

### DESIGNATED HOLIDAYS

(10 Fixed & 3 Floating)

New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Presidents' Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Veteran's Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day After Thanksgiving  
Christmas Day  
(3) Floating Holidays

When a holiday falls on a Sunday, it is observed on the Monday immediately following. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, it shall be observed on the preceding Friday.

### Section 2 Holiday Pay

An employee whose regularly scheduled workday or work shift falls on a designated holiday and who works such a holiday shall receive compensation for hours worked and the shift differential compensation as follows:

- A. Time and one-half pay for time worked, and, at the employee's option:
  - 1. Compensatory time off on a straight-time basis subject to the needs of the service and the prior approval of the employee's supervisor; or
  - 2. Straight-time pay for time worked.
- B. Employees whose regularly scheduled workday or work shift falls on a holiday and who calls in sick on the holiday, or a part thereof, shall receive straight-time holiday pay for those hours scheduled to work but not actually worked due to illness.
- C. Shift Workers Holiday Pay - Holiday observance for shift workers shall be in accordance with the past practice at the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants (i.e., all shift workers may receive Holiday pay on either the actual or the observed Holiday. However, if the employee works both days, Holiday pay shall be paid for only one day.)
- D. Effective July 1, 2025, All employees will receive three floating holidays per fiscal year on July 1<sup>st</sup>, equal to twenty-seven (27) hours of straight time. This benefit will not be prorated for those hired after July 1. Floating holidays may be used at the discretion of the employee with prior management approval. An unused floating

holiday credit will not carry over to the next fiscal year, has no cash value, and thus cannot be paid out upon separation of employment.

## **ARTICLE XI            MILITARY LEAVE**

### **Section 1    Military Leave**

Military Leave shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of State and Federal law. All employees entitled to military leave shall give the City Manager an opportunity within the limits of military regulations to determine when such leave shall be taken.

Health benefits will be continued for the employee and family. An employee would continue to pay their respective portion of the benefit programs (including any premiums for family coverage), unless health benefits are waived.

If the leave is longer than 12 months, no more than one uniform allowance will be paid upon return.

### **Section 2    Compensation**

Every employee ordered to take military leave who would have been required to work for and be paid by the City at the same time military leave is ordered shall receive their salary or compensation as an employee of the City in accordance with the provisions of State and Federal law.

## **ARTICLE XII            LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY**

The City Manager may grant a regular or probationary employee leave of absence without pay, seniority, or benefit accruals not to exceed six months. For special educational purposes, however, the City Manager may grant leaves of absence not to exceed one year, without pay, provided such study is related to City employment. When such special educational leave of absence is granted, the employee must agree in writing that they will return to regular, full-time employment with the City for a minimum of one year. No such leave shall be granted except upon written request of the employee, setting forth the reason for the request, and the approval will be in writing. Upon expiration of a regularly approved leave or within a reasonable period of time after notice of return to duty, the employee shall be reinstated in the position held at the time leave was granted. Failure on the part of an employee on leave to report promptly at its expiration, or within a reasonable time after notice to return to duty, shall be cause for discharge.

When an employee is in a leave of absence without pay status due to having exhausted all accrued sick leave and vacation credit, their revised hire date or date of promotion for purposes of merit increases, sick leave, and vacation credit, will be the number of working days absent added to their former hire or promotion date, whenever such leave exceeds 30 consecutive working days.

Bargaining Unit employees in good standing may, with supervisory permission and five days prior notice, take time off without pay without having to exhaust vacation leave

balance. No employee shall exceed ten work days off without pay within a calendar month.

In the event of leave of absence due to injury or illness, after all sick leave is exhausted, utilization of accrued vacation, compensatory time and/or floating holidays shall be at the option of the employee.

With regards to benefits, all employer paid premiums will discontinue when paid leave time is exhausted at the end of the month. Employees will be offered continued coverage at their own expense through COBRA or other continued coverage options.

**ARTICLE XIII**      **MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE/FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)/ CALIFORNIA FAMILY RIGHTS ACT (CFRA)/ PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE (PDL)**

Employees shall be granted Maternity Leave/FMLA/CFRA in accordance with federal and state law:

- A. If appropriate, an employee shall furnish the City a statement from her physician giving the anticipated date of delivery and the opinion of the physician as to her ability to perform her normal work assignment. When known, the employee shall provide to the Human Resources Benefits Division an expected return to work date, and shall keep Human Resources informed if the expected return to work date changes.
- B. A pregnant employee shall work as long as she is able to safely perform the duties of her position as recommended by the statement of her physician.
- E. The City may, at its option, and at City cost, require an independent medical opinion concerning the employee's ability to safely perform her duties.
- F. A pregnant employee shall be entitled to use all accumulated paid leave time (sick leave, vacation) for maternity leave and such additional leave of absence without pay, seniority and accrual of benefits, in accordance with state and/or federal regulations.
- G. In the case of adoption and paternity leave, up to a maximum of six months leave time may be approved in accordance with the City of Escondido Personnel Rules and Regulations, Rule 21, Section 6.

**ARTICLE XIV**      **JURY AND WITNESS LEAVE**

Section 1      Jury Duty

Any employee who is called or required to serve as a trial juror shall be entitled to absent themselves from their duties with the City during the period of such service or while necessarily being present in court as a result of such call. Under such circumstances, the employee shall be paid their full salary and any payment received by them from the

court for such duty. Employees shall provide the Personnel Division with a copy of the call to jury duty and other documentary evidence of service as required by the City.

## Section 2 Witness Leave

Any employee who is called or required to serve as a witness shall be entitled to absent themselves from their duties with the City during the period of such service or while necessarily being present in court as a result of a proper subpoena. Under such circumstances, the employee shall be paid the difference between their full salary and any payment received by them, except travel and subsistence pay, for such duty. Witness leave will not be granted to employees who are litigants in civil cases or defendants in criminal cases. Employees shall provide the Personnel Division with a copy of the legal subpoena and other documentary evidence of service as required by the City.

## ARTICLE XV      ATTENDANCE

### Section 1 Attendance

Except as the City Manager requires to the contrary, all offices of the City shall be open for business from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on all days except Saturdays, Sundays, and the designated holidays as set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding.

All departments shall keep daily attendance records of employees which shall be reported to the Finance Department in the form and on the dates specified.

Employees shall, except as this Memorandum of Understanding provides to the contrary, work at least 40 hours per week. An employee whose duties require an irregular work schedule shall work according to a schedule recommended by their supervisor and/or Department Head and approved by the City Manager.

All employees shall be on duty at the times required by this Memorandum of Understanding with respect to hours, days of work, and leave. However, an employee who is absent without leave and who fails to return to duty within 24 hours after receiving written notice to do so shall be deemed to have resigned from their position. Such employee automatically waives all rights under the Municipal Code and this Memorandum of Understanding and the Personnel Rules and Regulations.

### Section 2 Hours of Work

The normal work week shall be five consecutive work days with two days off. The normal work day shall be eight consecutive hours within a 24-hour period. Shift work employees shall be granted reasonable advance notice of changes in the scheduled shifts. Notwithstanding the above, when public or operational necessity or efficiency of the services are deemed by the City to require an other than normal work week, work day, or work schedule, such will be prescribed by the City.

Section 3 Length of Probationary Period

Employees hired or promoted on or after March 31, 2024, will serve a probationary period of 12 months/1 year.

Section 4 Alternate Work Schedule

With written approval of the Department Head, an alternate work schedule may be adopted in a section/division where there is mutual agreement between the employees and their supervisor(s) in instances where an alternate work schedule may meet City service level needs. Said alternate work schedule may change periodically based upon City service demands and the periodic reevaluation by the respective Department Head, which may be at the request of the employees and/or their supervisor(s). Nothing in this Article provides for or implies any additional compensation or benefit for work on an other than normal work week, work day, or work schedule.

Section 5 Rest Periods

Employees rest periods will normally be provided to employees at the rate of 15 minutes for each four hours worked. Further, except under unusual circumstances, rest periods will not be taken during the first or last hours of the work day. Notwithstanding the above, when public or operational necessity or efficiency of the service are deemed by the City to require other than full freedom from the job assignment and/or less than 15 minutes rest time, such will be prescribed by the City. Since rest periods are paid time already, nothing in this section provides for or implies any additional compensation or benefit if a rest period is not received.

Section 6 Absenteeism

Excessive absenteeism shall be grounds for termination. Prior to implementation of disciplinary procedures leading to termination, the City shall make a good faith effort to make a performance referral to the Employee Assistance Program. The final determination shall be made by the City subject to the normal disciplinary review process.

**ARTICLE XVI**      **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

Because the Americans with Disabilities Act (hereinafter "ADA") requires accommodations for individuals protected under the Act, and because these accommodations must be determined on an individual case-by-case basis, the parties agree that the provisions of this agreement may be disregarded in order for the City to avoid discrimination relative to hiring, promotions, granting permanency, transfer, layoff, reassignment, termination, rehire, rates of pay, job and duty classification, seniority, leave, fringe benefits, training opportunities, hours of work, or other terms and privileges of employment.

The bargaining unit recognizes that the City has the legal obligation to meet with the individual employee to be accommodated before any adjustment is made in working conditions. The employee's bargaining unit will be notified of these proposed accommodations prior to implementation by the City.

Any accommodation provided to an individual protected by the ADA shall not establish a past practice, nor shall it be cited or used as evidence of a past practice in the Grievance/Arbitration procedure.

Prior to disregarding any provision of this agreement in order to undertake required accommodations for an individual protected by the Act, the City will provide the business representative of the bargaining unit with written notice of its intent to disregard the provision, and if requested will allow the business representative of the bargaining unit the opportunity to discuss options to disregarding the agreement.

## **ARTICLE XVII      DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**

The City and the Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations bargaining unit agree that the City has the obligation to comply with the provisions of the Federal Department of Transportation rules for drug testing. Prior to implementing said rules, the City shall consult with the bargaining unit.

Teamsters Local 986 agrees to the terms of the City's Drug-Free Workplace Policy and the Locker Policy.

## **ARTICLE XVIII      PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE FEES**

The City agrees to reimburse employees for the application and certification fees for new and renewal licenses and certificates utilized in the normal scope of duties as assigned under their employment with the City, when proof of completion or passing is presented to the City.

## **ARTICLE XIX      SENIORITY PROVISIONS**

### Section 1      Definition

Seniority shall mean the status attained by length of continuous service with the City as modified by leaves of absence without pay.

### Section 2      Leave Preference

For the purposes of granting vacation, holidays and non-emergency sick leave, the following seniority practices shall apply:

- A. First preference shall be granted by classification. The highest classification in the job family shall be granted preference regardless of tenure.
- B. Within each classification, preference shall be given by length of continuous City service regardless of department or classification.
- C. With respect to annual leave (vacation) where a vacation schedule has been bid and approved by the Department Head, employee requested changes will not be subject to seniority.

- D. At all times, the granting of paid leave preference shall be approved by the Department Head with regard for the needs of the service and such leave shall be controlled at the department level.

### Section 3 Layoff Procedure

Whenever it becomes necessary to reduce the number of employees in any classification, the order of layoff shall be as follows:

- (1) employees with provisional status;
- (2) employees with probationary status; and
- (3) employees with regular status in order of seniority, the employee with the shortest service in total City service in any classification is to be laid off first.

In the event that two or more employees have identical total City service seniority, the order of layoff will be determined by length of continuous service in the affected classification. Whenever two or more employees have identical service in the affected classification, the order of layoff shall be determined by the City Manager on the basis of performance.

Employees to be laid off in a particular classification have the right to demote to a lower job previously performed for which they meet the minimum qualifications and the employee is capable of performing the essential functions of the position.

The name of each laid off employee shall be placed on a reemployment list and shall be given the first opportunity to return to regular employment in reverse order of layoff.

In the event of any layoffs, the City agrees to meet and confer with employees to the extent required by law.

### Section 4 Implementation of Agency Shop

Effective April 17, 2001, and based on a valid election among Bargaining Unit members, Agency Shop is implemented as shown on Exhibit "B."

## **ARTICLE XX      GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

### Section 1 Grievance Procedure

In the belief that the resolution of grievances is a constructive management action, a grievance procedure is hereby established. Such a procedure will give regular employees assurance that the City recognizes their right to be heard and assist them in achieving job satisfaction. The purpose of this procedure is to provide a just and equitable method for the resolution of grievances or complaints without prejudice, coercion or reprisal.

## Section 2 Definitions

- A. A *complaint* is defined as an allegation or charge against a party that an error or wrong has been committed, and is identified as a complaint when communicated to the supervisor or other appropriate designated representative.
- B. The *complaint procedure* is defined as the orderly process by which a determination is made as to whether or not a wrong has been committed.
- C. A *grievance* is an expressed claim by an employee that the City has violated, misinterpreted or misapplied an obligation to the employee as such obligation to the employee is expressed and written in the City personnel ordinance, rules and regulations, and administrative directives, and is identified as a grievance when communicated to the supervisor or other appropriate designated representatives.
- D. The *grievance procedure* is the process by which the validity of a grievance is determined.
- E. The term *employee* includes employees wherever applicable within this procedure.
- F. The term *days*, when used in this procedure, shall mean calendar days.
- G. A *representative* is a person who, at the request of the employee or management, is invited to participate in grievance conferences.
- H. A *general grievance* is defined as an expressed written claim by the employee organization that the City has violated, misinterpreted or misapplied a provision in a current memorandum of understanding which concerns items or procedures relating to the relationship between the City and the employee organization as a corporate body.
- I. The *general grievance procedure* is the process by which the validity of a grievance is determined.

## Section 3 General Provisions

- A. No retribution or prejudice shall be suffered by employees making use of the grievance or complaint procedures, provided, however, no act or behavior which would otherwise subject an employee to discipline shall exclude the employee from discipline simply on the basis that a complaint or grievance is filed pertaining to that act or behavior.
- B. The time limits established herein may be extended to a date certain by mutual written agreement.
- C. If management, at any step of the procedure, fails to respond within the prescribed time limit specified, the employee may process their grievance or complaint at the next step.

- D. If the employee, at any step of the procedure, fails to appeal the decision on a grievance or complaint within the prescribed time limit specified, such decision shall be deemed accepted and shall not be subject to further appeal or consideration.
- E. By mutual written agreement, a grievance may revert to a prior level for reconsideration.
- F. The employee shall be present at all steps of the grievance or complaint procedure.
- G. All communications, notices and papers required to be in writing shall be served personally or by the United States Postal Service.
- H. Management shall inform an employee of any limitation on the authority of the management representative to fully resolve the grievance.
- I. The employee is assured the right to consult with their supervisor, the Department Head or their designee, or the Director of Administrative Services, without prejudice, concerning the matter, from and/or procedure for filing a grievance.

#### Section 4 Representation Rights

- A. The employee has the right to the assistance of a representative of their choice in the investigation, preparation and presentation of a grievance.
  - 1. Representation may occur at any stage of the grievance procedure, provided, however, that prior to calling for representation at step one of the procedure, the employee shall discuss their grievance with the supervisor. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the employee may request a continuation of the informal grievance process (step one) to a mutually agreeable time within five days to have the assistance of a representative.
  - 2. If the employee elects another employee as their representative, such representative shall not be released during working hours without the approval of their supervisor.
  - 3. The supervisor shall grant a reasonable amount of time off, provided such would not unreasonably interfere with or delay City work.
- B. Grievance conferences (between management and the employee) will normally be conducted during regular working hours at a mutually convenient time.
- C. The investigation of a grievance during working hours by an employee and their representative, if any, shall be in accordance with the following:
  - 1. Prior to entering any job site, the representative shall obtain the approval of the job site supervisor.
  - 2. There shall be no solicitation of grievances or employee organization membership.

3. The investigation shall be conducted in a reasonable amount of time and expeditiously with due regard for the work requirements of the City.
  4. Where the investigation commences prior to the end of the regular workday and continues beyond the close of the regular workday, time spent after the close of the regular workday shall be the employee(s) own time.
  5. Entry will not be permitted if it would unreasonably interfere with or delay City work.
  6. All safety regulations relating to the presence or conduct of persons at the job site shall be complied with.
- D. The name of the representative of the employee or management shall be given to the other party not less than 48 hours prior to any grievance conference.

#### Section 5 Complaint Procedure

##### A. Step One

1. The employee shall inform their supervisor of their complaint within ten days after the employee knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, of the events giving rise to the complaint. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the complaint.
2. The supervisor shall, within five days after receipt of the complaint, have a discussion with the employee concerning the complaint.
3. The supervisor shall, within five days of the discussion, render a verbal decision to the employee.
4. The City, as well as the employee, has the right to process a grievance or complaint to the next step in the grievance procedure.

##### B. Step Two

1. Within five days from receipt of the verbal decision from the supervisor, the employee, if they wish to appeal the decision, shall notify the Department Head of their intent to appeal the decision. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the complaint.
2. The Department Head or their designated representative shall, within five days of the notification as required above, have a discussion with the employee concerning the complaint.
3. The Department Head or their designated representative shall, within five days of the discussion, render a verbal decision to the employee.

C. Step Three

1. Within five days from the receipt of the verbal decision from the Department Head, the employee, if they wish to appeal the decision, shall notify the City Manager of their intent to appeal the decision. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the complaint.
2. The City Manager or his designated representative shall, within five days of the notification as required above, have a discussion with the employee concerning the complaint.
3. The City Manager or his designated representative shall, within five days of the discussion, render a verbal decision to the employee.

D. Nothing in this section shall prohibit more expeditious handling of the complaint.

Section 6 Grievance Procedure

A. Step One - Informal Grievance

1. The employee shall inform their supervisor of their grievance within ten days after the employee knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, of the events giving rise to the grievance. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the grievance.
2. The supervisor shall, within five days after receipt of the grievance, have a discussion with the employee concerning the grievance.
3. The supervisor shall, within five days of the discussion, render a verbal decision to the employee.
4. The City, as well as the employee, has the right to process a grievance or complaint to the next step in the grievance procedure.

B. Step Two - Formal Grievance

1. Within ten days from the receipt of the verbal decision from the supervisor, the employee, if they wish to appeal the decision, shall submit a formal written grievance to their supervisor. The grievance shall be submitted on forms provided by the City's Personnel Office and in conformance with the procedures stated thereon. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the grievance.
2. The supervisor shall, within five days of the receipt of the grievance, schedule a grievance conference at a mutually agreeable time. A representative of the employee and/or management may attend this conference in accordance with Section 4 of this procedure.
3. The supervisor shall, within five days of the grievance conference, render a written decision to the employee with a copy of the original grievance.

4. The City, as well as the employee, has the right to process a grievance or complaint to the next step in the grievance procedure.

C. Step Three - Appeal

1. Within five days from receipt of the written decision from the supervisor, the employee, if they wish to appeal the decision, shall submit an appeal to the Department Head. The appeal shall be submitted on forms provided by the City's Personnel Office and in conformance with the procedures stated thereon, and include the supervisor's response, if any. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the grievance.
2. The Department Head or their designee shall, within five days of receipt of the appeal, schedule a grievance conference at a mutually agreeable time. A representative of the employee and/or management may attend this conference in accordance with Section 4 of this procedure.
3. The Department Head or their designee shall, within five days of the grievance conference, render a written decision to the employee with a copy of the appeals documents.

D. Step Four - Administrative Appeal

1. Within five days from receipt of the written decision from the Department Head or their designee, the employee, if he/she wishes to appeal the decision, shall submit an appeal to the City Manager. The appeal shall be submitted on forms provided by the City's Personnel Office and in conformance with the procedures stated thereon and include the original grievance and management's responses, if any. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the grievance.
2. The City Manager or his designee shall, within seven days of receipt of the appeal, schedule a grievance conference at a mutually agreeable time. A representative of the employee and/or management may attend this conference in accordance with Section 4 of this procedure.
3. The City manager or his designee shall, within seven days of the grievance conference, render a written decision to the employee with a copy of all appeal documents.
4. The City Manager may, at his option, render a written decision based on the documents submitted for their review without the grievance conference within the time frame set forth above. If they do so, the employee may discuss this decision with the City Manager at a mutually convenient time, provided they request such meeting within seven days of receipt of the City Manager's decision.

5. The decision of the City Manager shall be final, except where the grievance has resulted from a disciplinary action, in which case the employee may appeal his/her case to an Administrative Law Judge as permitted in these rules.

E. Nothing in this section shall prohibit more expeditious handling of the grievance.

#### Section 7 General Grievances

A. In order to provide an effective mechanism whereby disagreements between the employee organization and management concerning items or procedures relating to the relationship between the City and the employee organization may be effectively resolved, the following general grievance procedure is hereby established.

1. Where the employee organization has reason to believe that management is not correctly interpreting or applying a relevant provision of a current Memorandum of Understanding, the employee organization may file a general grievance by requesting in writing that a meeting be held with the authorized representatives of the City who have authority to make effective recommendations for the resolution of the matter. Such written request shall set forth in detail the facts giving rise to the general grievance and shall set forth the proposed resolution sought. Within 15 days of receipt of the general grievance, management will schedule a meeting at a mutually agreeable time for the purpose of discussing and attempting to resolve the disagreement.
2. Within 15 days of this meeting, management will submit its decision in writing to the employee organization.
3. If the employee organization is not satisfied with the decision, they may submit a request for hearing before the City Council. Such request for hearing must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of management's decision and shall include in detail the facts giving rise to the general grievance and all supporting documentation necessary for City Council consideration.
4. Management shall calendar on the City Council agenda such request and supporting documentation within 30 days.
5. It shall be the option of the City Council to:
  - a. Refuse to hear the appeal, or make a decision on the documentation submitted; or,
  - b. Hold a hearing after which they shall make a decision.
6. The decision of the City Council shall be final.

**ARTICLE XXI**      **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

The City and the Teamsters Local 986 Maintenance and Operations Unit will adhere to the Personnel Rules and Regulations for the purposes of due process rights related to non-safety personnel.

**ARTICLE XXII**      **BARGAINING UNIT**

Section 1      Payroll Deduction

The City shall deduct bargaining unit dues and such other proper and lawful deductions from the salary of each bargaining unit member covered hereby who files a written authorization, on a form provided by the City, requesting that such deductions be made.

Section 2      Release Time

The City shall release members of the bargaining unit negotiating team one-half hour prior to the commencement of formal meet and confer sessions and permit them to continue preparation for the next session one-half hour following the conclusion of a formal meet and confer session. Such release time not to include more than two employees from each unit when bargaining at a joint table. In addition, the bargaining unit chief representative, if he/she so desires to act as a unit coordinator, may attend the sessions subject to the approval of each individual bargaining unit in their meetings with the City's representatives. Such release time not to include more than four employees, including the alternate, and, subject to unit approval, the bargaining unit chief representative as unit coordinator when bargaining as a single unit. In addition, the City shall allow each bargaining unit's alternate(s) to attend the preliminary ground rules meeting. No other employees may be released without the advance written approval of the City.

Designated members of the Teamsters' Union shall have paid release time for the following activities in the capacity of representing the Union and/or its membership:

- a. Formally meeting and conferring with City representatives on matters within the scope of representation. Release time will also be provided for grievance or disciplinary representation as stated above. Release time will include individuals designated by the Union, and is based on receiving prior approval of the member's supervisor.
- b. Testifying or appearing as the designated representative of the Union in conferences, hearings or other proceedings before the Public Employment Relations Board, or agent thereof, in matters relating to a charge filed by the employee organization against the City or by the City against the Union.
- c. Testifying or appearing as the designated representative of the Union in matters before the Administrative Law Judge.
- d. Once annually, eight (8) members of the Teamsters' Maintenance & Operations unit will be granted release time for up to one (1) full day of training at base pay. Overtime is not authorized.

- e. The Union must provide reasonable notice to the City for the time off.

### Section 3 Bulletin Boards

The City will provide adequate bulletin board space for the use of the bargaining unit in posting bargaining unit reports, agenda, minutes, bulletins, membership benefits, programs and promotions. Any other material approved by the Department Head may be posted. All material shall be initialed and dated by the bargaining unit representative posting or authorizing the posting of such material. Such material shall be removed after a reasonable time.

### Section 4 Access to Work Locations

Bargaining unit representatives may visit members of the unit on City job sites for purposes of bargaining unit business subject to the following:

- A. Prior to entering any job site, the representative shall obtain the approval of the job site supervisor.
- B. There shall be no solicitation of grievances of bargaining unit membership.
- C. Entry will not be permitted if it would unreasonably interfere with or delay City work.
- D. All safety regulations relating to the presence or conduct of persons at the job site shall be complied with.
- E. The bargaining unit will provide the City with a list of all representatives who may be visiting job sites.

### Section 5 Employee Rights

Employees of the City shall have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations including, but not limited to, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. No employee shall be interfered with, intimidated, restrained, coerced, or discriminated against by the City or by any employee organization because of their exercise of these rights. No employee shall be prohibited from exercising their right to resign from City employment at any time and nothing in this policy shall be construed as to abrogate that right. In addition, employees of the City shall have the right to the redress of grievances and complaints as set forth in Article XX of this Memorandum of Understanding.

## **ARTICLE XXIII      MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

### Section 1 General Rights

The rights of the City include, but are not limited to, the exclusive right to determine the mission of its constituent departments, commissions, and boards; set standards of service; determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotion; direct its employees; take disciplinary action for just cause; relieve its

employees from duty because of lack of work or for 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 of job classifications; 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 is in the process of analyzing efficiencies as to the means and methods of governmental operations. If it is determined that the City is to outsource or contract services, the City will meet and confer over the decision and effects as it relates to any services that specifically pertains to personnel represented by the Teamsters.

## Section 2 Newsbriefs

The City's management may issue Employee Newsbriefs at their discretion commencing with the start of negotiations until agreement is reached or following a declaration of impasse; such newsbriefs would be related to salary negotiations and distributed in accord with the agreed policy. Nothing in this section or the Memorandum of Understanding shall limit or abridge the City's right and authority to distribute in any manner and at any time newsbriefs of a general nature to any and all employees of the City.

## ARTICLE XXIV      MOU REOPENERS

- A. Healthcare Reform
- B. At such time as regulations are issued implementing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the City and Teamsters will meet and confer to review the impact of such regulations on the benefits plans then in force. If modifications to the benefits, eligibility for coverage, employer or employee contribution to the cost of insurance or any other provisions of the benefit plans covered by this MOU will be modified by ACA during the term of this agreement, it is agreed that the City and Teamsters will reopen the contract to meet and confer and determine how such mandated changes will be implemented. Health Care Re-Opener

The City will direct the Health Insurance Committee to promptly investigate, evaluate and produce a written report assessing potential options to increase the quantity of City funded health plans. The HIC report shall specifically address participation rates and costs associated with each health care option in a written report to be completed by September 1, 2025. Part of this analysis will include a review of the insurance rebate.

- C. The parties will meet and confer over revisions to current MOU language to the limited extent necessary to effectuate the terms of the tentative agreement and maintain compliance with the law.

**ARTICLE XXV      OTHER TERMS**

Bargaining unit employees are also covered by the City of Escondido Personnel Rules and Regulations to the extent that these Rules and Regulations are not inconsistent with the terms of this Memorandum. In case of inconsistency between the terms of this Memorandum and the City's Administrative Personnel Rules and Regulations, the terms of this Memorandum shall prevail.

DATED: 1/12/20

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FOR THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO:

FOR THE ESCONDIDO  
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS  
BARGAINING UNIT TEAMSTERS  
LOCAL 986



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<b>Classification Title</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>	<b>Step 7</b>
Control Systems Technician I	\$6,989.25	\$7,338.72	\$7,705.65	\$8,090.94	\$8,495.48	\$8,920.26	\$9,366.27
Control Systems Technician II	\$7,526.66	\$7,903.00	\$8,298.15	\$8,713.05	\$9,148.71	\$9,606.14	\$10,086.45
Control Systems Technician III	\$8,946.84	\$9,394.18	\$9,863.89	\$10,357.08	\$10,874.94	\$11,418.68	\$11,989.62
Cross Connection Technician I	\$6,026.81	\$6,328.15	\$6,644.56	\$6,976.79	\$7,325.63	\$7,691.91	\$8,076.51
Cross Connection Technician II	\$6,989.25	\$7,338.72	\$7,705.65	\$8,090.94	\$8,495.48	\$8,920.26	\$9,366.27
Custodian I	\$3,415.38	\$3,586.15	\$3,765.45	\$3,953.73	\$4,151.41	\$4,358.98	\$4,576.93
Custodian II	\$3,769.94	\$3,958.43	\$4,156.36	\$4,364.17	\$4,582.38	\$4,811.50	\$5,052.08
Electrician	\$5,736.41	\$6,023.23	\$6,324.39	\$6,640.61	\$6,972.64	\$7,321.27	\$7,687.33
Electrician Assistant	\$5,196.90	\$5,456.75	\$5,729.58	\$6,016.06	\$6,316.87	\$6,632.71	\$6,964.34
Equipment Mechanic I	\$6,026.81	\$6,328.15	\$6,644.56	\$6,976.79	\$7,325.63	\$7,691.91	\$8,076.51
Equipment Mechanic II	\$6,331.92	\$6,648.52	\$6,980.94	\$7,329.99	\$7,696.49	\$8,081.31	\$8,485.38
HVAC Technician	\$5,736.41	\$6,023.23	\$6,324.39	\$6,640.61	\$6,972.64	\$7,321.27	\$7,687.33
Lead Maintenance Technician	\$5,596.49	\$5,876.32	\$6,170.13	\$6,478.64	\$6,802.57	\$7,142.70	\$7,499.84
Lead Mechanic	\$7,163.99	\$7,522.18	\$7,898.29	\$8,293.21	\$8,707.87	\$9,143.26	\$9,600.43
Lead Plant Systems Technician	\$7,714.83	\$8,100.57	\$8,505.60	\$8,930.88	\$9,377.42	\$9,846.29	\$10,338.61
Lead Wastewater Collections Technician	\$7,163.99	\$7,522.18	\$7,898.29	\$8,293.21	\$8,707.87	\$9,143.26	\$9,600.43
Lead Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	\$8,105.39	\$8,510.66	\$8,936.20	\$9,383.00	\$9,852.16	\$10,344.76	\$10,862.00
Lead Water Distribution Technician	\$7,163.99	\$7,522.18	\$7,898.29	\$8,293.21	\$8,707.87	\$9,143.26	\$9,600.43
Lead Water Treatment Plant Operator	\$8,105.39	\$8,510.66	\$8,936.20	\$9,383.00	\$9,852.16	\$10,344.76	\$10,862.00
Maintenance Technician I	\$4,161.31	\$4,369.37	\$4,587.84	\$4,817.23	\$5,058.09	\$5,311.00	\$5,576.55
Maintenance Technician II	\$4,593.30	\$4,822.97	\$5,064.12	\$5,317.32	\$5,583.19	\$5,862.35	\$6,155.47
Park Ranger I	\$4,481.27	\$4,705.33	\$4,940.60	\$5,187.63	\$5,447.01	\$5,719.36	\$6,005.33
Park Ranger II	\$4,946.49	\$5,193.81	\$5,453.50	\$5,726.18	\$6,012.48	\$6,313.11	\$6,628.76
Plant Systems Technician I	\$6,026.81	\$6,328.15	\$6,644.56	\$6,976.79	\$7,325.63	\$7,691.91	\$8,076.51
Plant Systems Technician II	\$6,818.78	\$7,159.72	\$7,517.71	\$7,893.60	\$8,288.27	\$8,702.69	\$9,137.82
Senior Cross Connection Technician	\$7,907.70	\$8,284.71	\$8,718.24	\$9,154.15	\$9,611.86	\$10,092.45	\$10,597.07
Senior Maintenance Technician	\$5,070.15	\$5,323.84	\$5,589.84	\$5,869.33	\$6,162.80	\$6,470.94	\$6,794.48

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Wastewater Collections Technician I	\$5,070.15	\$5,323.84	\$5,589.84	\$5,869.33	\$6,162.80	\$6,470.94	\$6,794.48
Wastewater Collections Technician II	\$5,596.49	\$5,876.32	\$6,170.13	\$6,478.64	\$6,802.57	\$7,142.70	\$7,499.84
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I	\$6,026.81	\$6,328.15	\$6,644.56	\$6,976.79	\$7,325.63	\$7,691.91	\$8,076.51
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II	\$6,652.47	\$6,985.10	\$7,334.35	\$7,701.07	\$8,086.12	\$8,490.43	\$8,914.95
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III	\$7,343.09	\$7,710.24	\$8,095.75	\$8,500.54	\$8,925.57	\$9,371.84	\$9,840.44
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee	\$5,459.99	\$5,732.99	\$6,019.64	\$6,320.63	\$6,636.66	\$6,968.49	\$7,316.91
Water Distribution Technician I	\$5,070.15	\$5,323.84	\$5,589.84	\$5,869.33	\$6,162.80	\$6,470.94	\$6,794.48
Water Distribution Technician II	\$5,596.49	\$5,876.32	\$6,170.13	\$6,478.64	\$6,802.57	\$7,142.70	\$7,499.84
Water Meter Reader	\$5,070.15	\$5,323.84	\$5,589.84	\$5,869.33	\$6,162.80	\$6,470.94	\$6,794.48
Water Service Representative	\$5,326.82	\$5,593.16	\$5,872.82	\$6,166.46	\$6,474.79	\$6,798.58	\$7,138.45
Water Treatment Plant Operator I	\$6,026.81	\$6,328.15	\$6,644.56	\$6,976.79	\$7,325.63	\$7,691.91	\$8,076.51
Water Treatment Plant Operator II	\$6,652.47	\$6,985.10	\$7,334.35	\$7,701.07	\$8,086.12	\$8,490.43	\$8,914.95
Water Treatment Plant Operator III	\$7,343.09	\$7,710.24	\$8,095.75	\$8,500.54	\$8,925.57	\$9,371.84	\$9,840.44
Water Treatment Plant Trainee	\$5,459.99	\$5,732.99	\$6,019.64	\$6,320.63	\$6,636.66	\$6,968.49	\$7,316.91

EXHIBIT "B"

May 15, 2001



CITY OF  
ESCONDIDO  
201 NORTH BROADWAY  
ESCONDIDO, CA 92025

Mr. Chester Mordasini  
President/Business Representative  
California Teamsters Local 911  
3202 East Willow Street  
Long Beach, CA 90806

Re: Side Letter to the Current Memorandum of Understanding Relating to  
Agency Shop Provisions

Dear Chester:

This letter will serve as a side letter to the Memorandum of Understanding implementing provisions of Agency Shop in the City of Escondido Maintenance and Operations Unit. Based on the outcome of the Agency Shop election conducted on April 17, 2001, the following provisions will be incorporated into the MOU:

1. Employees from the City of Escondido Maintenance and Operations Unit shall participate in an Agency Shop arrangement.
2. Employees shall have the right to voluntarily join or refrain from joining Teamsters Local 911. Employees who are covered by the terms of this agreement and who choose not to join the Union are required, as a condition of their employment, to pay a monthly service fee ("Agency Fee") to the Union for the purpose of aiding the Union in defraying costs in connection with its legal obligations and responsibilities as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for the Maintenance and Operations Unit.
3. The Agency Fee shall be payable through payroll deduction two pay dates per month. The sum of the Agency Fee shall not exceed the membership dues paid by those employees who voluntarily choose to join the Union. Other than payment of this Agency Fee, those employees who do not choose to join the Union shall be under no further obligation or requirements of any kind from Local 911.
4. Furthermore, as a condition of employment, all employees covered by this agreement shall on the 30th day following the beginning of such employment or the effective date of this amendment to the MOU, whichever is later, pay the established Agency Fee.
5. The City and Teamsters Local 911 agree that the charities from which religious-objector employees paying the Agency Fee may choose for the Agency Fee proceeds to be paid, are:

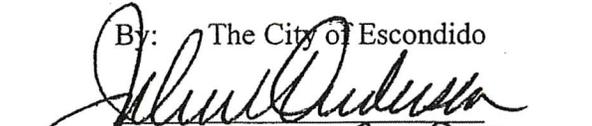
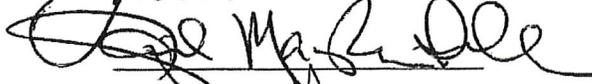
The City of Escondido Employee Contribution Club

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The Escondido Boys and Girls Club  
The Palomar Family YMCA.

6. The City of Escondido agrees to collect the Union dues and the Agency Fee via payroll deduction and remit to Local 911 following each of the first two payroll dates of each month.
7. Teamsters Local 911 agrees to remit to the charities selected by the religious-objector Agency Fee-paying employees by the 30th day of the month following the month in which the fees are received by Local 911.
8. Considering that employees, as a condition of their employment with the City of Escondido, are required to pay the Agency Fee, and that the City of Escondido is prepared to deduct the Agency Fee from employee pay, Teamsters Local 911 agrees to hold the City of Escondido harmless against any liability arising from any claims, demands or other action relating to the City's compliance with the Agency Fee obligation, consistent with Government Code Section 3502.5(b)(2).

Agreed to this date 5/15/01 :

By: The City of Escondido  
  
  


Teamsters Local 911  
