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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## By Alan Barcelona CSLEA President

Hello CSLEA Members,

I hope the beginning of 2021 finds you healthy and safe. We are turning a long corner in our way out of the pandemic and it may require patience as counties work to administer vaccines according to prioritized tiers. According to the state's website covid19.ca.gov, "California expects to



have enough supplies to vaccinate most Californians in all 58 counties by summer 2021." The website lists the prioritized tiers and also indicates that we should all be checking our counties' websites for when the vaccination will be available to us and our family members and where. According to the state's website, information about vaccinations for each county

can be found <u>here</u>. It takes some patience to carefully wade through the information on county websites regarding when and where you can get vaccinated. Please take the time to investigate your county's plan if you're interested.

Another area in which our patience is required is awaiting the Governor's revised budget in May. As you may be aware, the Governor released his proposed budget for 2021/22. As we report in an article below, as it pertains to state workers, Director of Finance Keely Bosler stated, "We hope to be able restore the pay reductions in the budget year, but we need to look at the May revision to see if that is something that can be afforded and we'll make a determination at that time, and we would also plan to restore anything through the collective bargaining process once we make that determination." We look forward to working with CalHR and the administration following the May budget revision.

I hope you will take time to read the newsletter below as you will find items such as the work CSLEA and its affiliates are doing, what your fellow CSLEA members are accomplishing, and a PORAC scholarship opportunity, among other items.

Please continue to practice health and safety measures, and as always, contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

#### **CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU**

#### Governor's Proposed Budget to Authorize Modification to Personal Leave Program Side Letters

SACRAMENTO - On January 8, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom released a proposed budget for fiscal year 2021/22, acknowledging that in the many cost-saving measures made last year, California state workers made sacrifices.

Following his presentation, Director of Finance Keely Bosler stated, as it pertains to state workers, "We hope to be able restore the pay reductions in the budget year, but we need to look at the May revision to see if that is something that can be afforded and we'll make a determination at that time, and we would also plan to restore anything through the collective bargaining process once we make that determination."



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**Five CSLEA Members Work Toward Becoming New Site Representatives** 

SACRAMENTO - On December 16, 2020, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Andrea Perez conducted a basic site representation class for five CSLEA members interested in becoming more involved with their union and working with CSLEA and their supervisors to solve issues that arise in their workplace.

"We had employees from CHP, State Lands Commission, ABC and Lottery," said Perez. "This was a class held via zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. While zoom is not the ideal format, it has been working well and facilitates lots of discussion and questions among the group. All participants have the desire and intention to be site reps for CSLEA."

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## CSLEA and CHP-PSDA Welcome New Dispatchers to Union Membership

RIVERSIDE – On December 15, 2020, CHP-PSDA Secretary-Treasurer Steve Fulton met with three dispatcher-trainees at the Ben Clark Training Academy in Riverside to introduce them to union membership. Kayla Schroeder, Sabrina Brooks and Michael Turner are all training to become CHP public safety dispatchers.



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CSLEA First Responder Members

**CSLEA Joins CALFIRE's All** 

# Among First to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

SACRAMENTO - While details about when the COVID-19 vaccine will be available to all California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members and state workers are still being worked out, some CSLEA first responder members are now receiving it.

Camp Roberts Firefighters and CSLEA Members Nate Ditmore and Kyle Coffman received their COVID-19 vaccine on December 23, 2020. "Just doing our part to keep everyone safe," said Ditmore. "We both feel fine, no side effects!"

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# **Chiefs Meeting on Behalf of Communications Operators**

SACRAMENTO - On January 8, 2020, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Supervising Counsel David De La Riva and Senior Counsel Andrea Perez, along with Fire Marshal Emergency Services Association (FMESA) Vice President Shelly Fontes, participated via teleconference in the annual All Chiefs Meeting for Cal FIRE.

Typically, the meeting is held at the CALFIRE academy in lone, however this year, due to the pandemic, the meeting was conducted via Microsoft teams.

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#### **AFFILIATE NEWS**

#### **CACI**

#### A Change to CACI Board of Directors

With the retirement of CACI Board Officer Robert Forte (CA Lottery) effective at the end of December, CACI President George Tiongson appointed Mikkel Libarle as the new Board Officer for CACI representing CA Lottery.

The appointment of Libarle was confirmed and approved by all other CACI board members. Tiongson welcomes Libarle to the CACI Board and wishes Forte well in this new chapter in his life.



#### **SPPOAC**

## An Update For State Park Rangers and Peace Officer Lifeguards

As of January 1, 2021, SPPO Rangers and Lifeguards now have their own CSLEA affiliate and will once again be known as SPPOAC - State Park Peace Officers Association of California.







## **CSLEA Spotlight**



#### **CSLEA Warden Members Help to Make the Holidays Bright**

#### FACEBOOK: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shop with a Cop, Heroes and Helpers, and other community holiday festivities make the season extra special for wildlife officers. Not only are these events an honor to be part of but they are an opportunity to provide gifts and some of life's necessities to children in need.

At these events, children can meet wildlife officers and other police officers in person and

see the human side of the badge. Many officers consider it one of the best events of the year.

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#### **PORAC**

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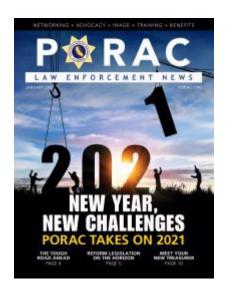
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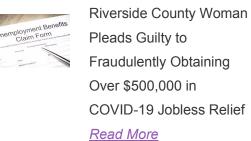


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#### The CSLEA

#### **Legal Division**

CSLEA Legal employs a staff of five attorneys. Our mission is to zealously defend Unit 7 members in disciplinary proceedings and to enforce the collective bargaining agreement between CSLEA and the State of California.

Each CSLEA attorney has been designated as a principle point of contact for representation issues.

To learn more about CSLEA's Legal Division

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#### **FAMILY PLANNING?**

Pregnancy Disability Income Benefit through Allstate Benefits

CSLEA members have the opportunity to receive disability income up to \$1800 a month for pregnancy leave through Allstate Benefits. The accident policy provides on-or- off the job, 24 hour, accidental disability income and has a sickness disability income rider which includes pregnancy income.

The illness rider coverage has to be purchased as part of the accident policy. In addition to income for time off due to illness or surgery, the rider will cover maternity as any other illness, provided the policy has been in effect 10 months at time of birth. This means that coverage is not available if you are currently pregnant.

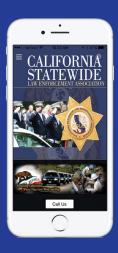
For more information on Allstate Benefits contact:

#### Jay McDonnell Ca.lic#0650517 800-586-2679 or

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