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CCPOA RESPONDS TO MINIMUM-WAGE RULING

WEST SACRAMENTO — Today in Sacramento County Superior Court, Judge Patrick Marlette rejected Gov. Schwarzenegger's demand for a temporary restraining order seeking to force State Controller John Chiang to immediately pay state employees minimum wage until a state budget is adopted. As a result, state workers – including the 33,000 members of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) - will continue to receive their regular pay for their hours worked.

“We’re gratified that the court acknowledged the existence of the significant legal concerns surrounding the governor’s minimum wage order and made what we believe is the right decision at the right time,” said Chuck Alexander, CCPOA’s Executive Vice President.

“State workers should not be used as pawns in this budget battle. We are pleased that Judge Marlette seemed appreciative of the serious financial harm such an order would cause to the 200,000 state employees who are simply trying to do their jobs and pay their bills,” Alexander said.

Judge Marlette, while denying the governor’s request, set a status conference for July 26 and may schedule a full hearing for sometime in late August to decide the underlying issues including the feasibility of enforcing the DPA’s page letter with the Controller’s antiquated state computer system and if so, whether such an order would violate various federal laws.

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