STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE COUNCIL FOR INTERSTATE ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

Minutes of the State Council for Interstate
Adult Offender Supervision
September 11, 2012

Present: Margarita Perez, Commissioner (Chair)
Deborah Bain, Victims Rights, Deputy Attorney General
Karen Neuwald, Appointee, Office of Senator Darrell Steinberg
Stephan Moore, Sheriff, San Joaquin County
Wesley Forman, Chief Probation Officer, Shasta County Probation

Guests: David Babby, Deputy Director (A), Division of Adult Parole
Mario Fox, Assistant Deputy Compact Administrator

Absent: Ronald Coen, Judge, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles

Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Margarita Perez

Opening of Meeting—Commissioner/Compact Administrator

Margarita Perez thanked everyone for attending the State Council meeting. This is an annual meeting which was preceded by the Annual Business Meeting held in Madison, Wisconsin August 28-29, 2012.

I. Introduction of State Council Members and Guests

Karen Neuwald, Senate Rules Committee appointee, was introduced as the council’s newest member.

David Babby, Deputy Director (A) was introduced as a guest and as former Deputy Compact Administrator of the California Interstate Compact.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were read and approved by the council.

III. Commissioner’s Report
a. New Interstate Compact Rules
b. 2012 Annual Business Meeting

c. Membership vacancies
The Speaker of Assembly Appointee position remains vacant. On 6-6-08 and 12-8-09, a letter was sent to Karen Bass requesting that an appointment be made. On 5-6-10, a letter was sent to John Perez requesting that an appointment be made.

IV. Realignment Act
Margarita Perez addressed the council and spent considerable time discussing the significant impact that the Realignment Act, also known as AB 109, is having on CDCR/Division of Adult Parole Operations. Margarita concluded by explaining that the reduction of the inmate population has directly affected the Parole Agent staffing levels by layoffs or redirection of Agents back to CDCR Institutions.

V. State Council Member's Report
a. Victim Rights-Deborah Bain
b. Judicial-Judge Ronald Coen; Absent
c. Sheriff-Stephan Moore
d. Probation-Wesley Forman
e. Sentat Rules Committee-Karen Neuwald

VI-VIII Audit Report/Parole Issues/Probation Issues
Mario Fox, Assistant Deputy Compact Administrator of Probation, is acting as the Compact Administrator in the absence of Frank Torres who is pending retirement, and also overseeing Parole in the absence of Maurice Geddis who has left the Region due to promotion.
Mario reported that the 2012 Audit report conducted by the National Office was not favorable. California reflected deficiencies in nearly every area of the Compact process. Mario reiterated Margarita's assessment of the Realignment Act and it's impact on the California Interstate Compact. The California Interstate Unit staffing level has nearly been cut in half due to staff lay-off, redirection, or simply leaving for other employment to avoid being affected. The Realignment act also had an affect on County Probation as many Probation Departments shifted their staffing focus to address Realignment issues, thereby move Interstate matters further down on the priority scale.

As a temporary measure to address public safety concerns and the deficiencies relative to the 2012 Audit in the larger county's such as Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside, Felony cases would be supervised by Parole upon acceptance of the Transfer Request. This measure would be withdrawn as the aforementioned county's received Interstate Compact training.

This was put as motion before the Council members by Margarita Perez and Deborah Bain gave her second.

IX. Questions
None

X. Adjourn
The Meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.