19.2 Overtime (Excludes Units 17 and 21)

A. Overtime is earned at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a regular workweek and is compensable by cash or CTO if it meets the following criteria:

1. Ordered overtime of at least fifteen (15) minutes at any one time;

2. Overtime will be credited on a fifteen (15) minute basis with a full fifteen (15) minute credit to be granted if seven (7) minutes is worked. Smaller fractional units will not be accumulated.

B. For the purpose of computing the number of hours worked, time when an employee is excused from work because of holidays, sick leave, vacation, annual leave, or compensating time off, or any other leave not listed below shall not be considered as time worked by the employee for the purpose of computing cash or compensating time off for overtime. Time spent on jury leave, military leave or subpoenaed witness leave under the provisions in paragraph E below, shall be included for the purpose of computing cash or compensating time off for overtime.

C. Overtime may be compensated on a cash or CTO basis at the discretion of the department head or designee. Both parties agree and understand that a different type of overtime payment (cash or CTO) may be provided to employees at different times and may even be different for employees in the
same or similar situations. However, in the event that the DIR determines that this provision is inconsistent with Labor Code section 204.3, the parties agree to immediately meet and confer regarding the impact of that determination.

D. Overtime must be authorized in advance, except in an emergency, by the State or its designated representative. This authorization must also be confirmed in writing not later than ten (10) days after the end of the pay period during which the overtime was worked. Each State agency shall maintain complete and accurate records of all compensable overtime worked by its employees.

E. Before an employee is required to work mandatory overtime, management will make every effort to schedule appropriate available employees prior to mandating overtime. This shall include, but not be limited to: Permanent Intermittent employees, Retired Annuitants and volunteers. In addition management will make every effort to schedule overtime first for those employees who have not taken leave during the week and such employees may be mandated overtime only as a last resort.

As a last resort and in order to meet required staffing needs, if an employee in Bargaining Units 4, 11, 14, 15 or 20 is mandated to work overtime in the same week in which they use approved leave then that approved leave will be considered hours worked for purposes of calculating overtime. Sick leave
is excluded from this provision.

F. The time when CTO may be taken shall be at the discretion of the State. When CTO is ordered, reasonable advance notice (at least 24 hours) should be provided the employee. CTO may be taken only in units of time of fifteen (15) minutes or multiples thereof.

G. CTO for employees shall be earned on a time one and one-half (1½) basis and may be authorized in lieu of cash compensation. If an employee is not allowed CTO within twelve (12) pay periods following the pay period in which the overtime was worked, payment shall be made for such overtime on the next payroll.

H. Employees may accrue up to two hundred forty (240) hours of CTO. All hours in excess of two hundred forty (240) CTO hours shall be compensated in cash.

I. Normally, an employee who has an accumulation of two hundred forty (240) hours or thirty (30) days of authorized overtime shall not be required to work additional overtime.

J. Notwithstanding any other contract provision, departmental policy, or practice, the travel time of employees who are covered by FLSA shall only be considered as time worked if it meets the definitions and requirements of travel time in sections 785.34 through 785.41 of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, except as provided in 1, 2 and 3 below.

1. Effective January 31, 2002, all time spent on required
travel to an alternate worksite shall be compensated consistent with the requirements of the FLSA. For FLSA covered employees, the State shall endeavor to accommodate travel to an alternate worksite to occur during an employee’s normal work hours. However, the State will also consider the business needs of the department including the costs of travel arrangements.

2. Notwithstanding the above, FLSA covered employees traveling on state business, outside of their normal work hours (as defined in FLSA) will be granted a special allowance for actual time spent traveling. Employees shall receive this special allowance equivalent to the employee’s regular hourly rate on a straight time, hour for hour basis, in cash or CTO, at the discretion of the department head or designee. This is not overtime compensation and shall not be considered as time worked for calculation of overtime. This paragraph also applies to passengers in carpools, vans or other vehicles, traveling on state business. This paragraph does not apply to employees who voluntarily choose to travel outside their normal work hours.

3. FLSA covered drivers of a carpool, a vanpool, or other vehicle traveling on state business will be compensated consistent with FLSA for purposes of overtime and shall not receive the special allowance described in J(2) above.