



Representing Public Employees in City of Colusa, Sutter and Yuba Counties

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## TRUTH SQUAD SETS THE STAGE

BY GARY STUCKY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Terry Barber

On Thursday, December 1, Firefighters, teachers, and other public employees from the Sacramento region (members of the Pension Truth Squad) met on the west steps of the State Capitol building for a press conference to set the record straight about attacks on their pensions. The news conference preceded a Joint

Legislative Conference Committee hearing on public employee pensions, which was focused on the Governor's Twelve Point Pension Reform Plan.

Retired and active public employees spoke outside before others were set to testify inside at the hearing itself. Terry Barber, Sutter County retiree and Sam Koch, El Dorado County retiree were amongst those that spoke to the numerous media representatives that had assembled. Terry

and Sam are both former Local #1 members and they spoke passionately about the true challenges faced by the average public employee retiree and tried to dispel the misinformation that all public employees enjoy a lavish retirement.

The Pension Truth Squad tour has appeared in 10 California cities and is sponsored by Californians for Retirement Security, which represents 1.5 million public employees and retirees.

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## SYCEA BOARD ELECTIONS

BY ANNA ANDERSON, OFFICE MANAGER

### SCEA BOARD ELECTIONS

The SCEA Officer positions of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer were up for

election this year. A bulletin went out to the membership asking for nominations to be submitted to the Association by Friday, November 18. The Association did not

receive any nominations so the SCEA Board by motion at their November 21 meeting declared a "white ballot" to confirm the incumbents Verena Garvin, Vice President

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# CHARITIES

BY BUSINESS AGENT MARIE CLARK

I want to remind members of the importance of donating to charities. Due to the recession nearly all charities are hurting for money.

I also want remind everyone that the Yuba County and Sutter County Animal Control departments also accept much needed donations. If you are wondering why I have chosen to

specifically write about the Sutter and Yuba County Animal Controls, it is because these animals cannot speak for themselves and anything that can help is very beneficial. Below is a list of what can be donated to Animal Control or you can call each department at Yuba County Animal Control 741-6478 and Sutter County Animal Control 822-7375 if you have any questions.

## *Items to Donate to both Animal Controls:*

Cash donations (typically used for vaccine, plastic containers, portable carriers, educational supplies for school outreach); dog food, loaf canned cat food; cat toys, Kong dog toys, small clean stuffed animals; clean blankets, towels, fleece fabric, sheets, puppy training pads; portable pet carriers (feral cat & small

mammal dens); catnip, large sterilized bones, jerky strip dog treats, leashes, collars, halters & lead ropes, horse blankets; rakes, shovels, wheelbarrow, new or gently used tools and tool box, stainless steel litter pans; raised rabbit hutch, chicken coup; kitten & puppy formula/puppy bottles & nipples; cage for hamsters & rats; Carabiner clips; cat and dog nail trimmers; piller

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# SYCEA BOARD ELECTIONS

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and Lorie Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer for a two year term.

November was also the month for members to annually consider their Department Director representative on the SYCEA Board. Since there were no nominations for Department Directors, the current Directors will remain seated. The Department Director positions have no term of office so they are subject to challenge at any time if the members in each

department wish to nominate someone else for one of the filled positions. With the restructuring of the Board that occurred last year there are currently vacancies in the Child Support Services, Superior Court, Mental Health, Social Services, Information Technology, Library, Probation, and Public Works Departments.

## **SYCEA BOARD ELECTIONS**

The SYCEA Officer positions of President and Treasurer along with the

Director positions for the Supervisory and Craft/Maintenance Service Unit were up for elections this year. A bulletin went out to the membership asking for nominations to be submitted to the Association by Friday, November 4. Since the Association did not receive any nominations; the SYCEA Board set forth a motion at their December 7 meeting for a "white ballot" and it passed so the incumbents Robin Timoszyk, President and Jeanette "Bunny" Elkins,

Treasurer will remain seated in their positions. Since there were no nominations for Department Directors, the current Directors will remain seated; Linda White, Supervisory Unit and George Boyd, Craft/Maintenance Unit.

*We would like to congratulate and thank the incumbents on both Boards for their commitment to their coworkers and their leadership qualities.*

# NONVOTING RETIREE DIRECTOR CREATED — BY GARY STUCKY, EXEC. DIRECTOR

The SCEA Board of Directors has approved a policy to establish a nonvoting Retiree Director position on the Board. The decision was made to gain a retiree's perspective and feedback on matters affecting both current and future retirees. This position will be filled by appointment of the SCEA President and the appointment must be confirmed by the Board. After the policy was approved at the November 21, Board of Directors' meeting, SCEA President Ray Hogan announced his

appointment of Terry Barber (who retired from Child Support Services in June of this year) and the Board confirmed Terry as the first Retiree Director.

If multiple retirees express interest in this position,



interviews would be conducted and/or written

statements solicited before a final decision is made in the future. There is no term of office for this position so Terry will continue to serve until she resigns or another retiree is appointed to replace her.

Currently SYCEA does not track retirees so there is no way to inform current retirees of this position, other than by word of mouth and our general publications. If someone is interested in filling the position they should communicate their interest

in writing to the current President or the SYCEA office. Ray (or the current SCEA President at the time) would take it under consideration. Terry has been an active leader and member for many years and is the only retiree who has expressed interest so far.

Staff recommended the creation of this position because changes to public pension plans and benefits in the future are inevitable. Additionally, Employer supported health insurance benefits are increasingly at risk of being made unavailable and/or affordable to retirees.

## CHARITIES

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(to give pills to animals); vet wrap, gauze, and medical tape; alligator forceps, medical scissors and forceps; corral panels, rubber feed bowls, tarps. Bleach, detergent, fabric softener and dryer sheets. Sutter County Animal Control also needs small digital cameras for their trucks, vacuum cleaner, clip

boards (plastic or metal) and colored printer paper.

Yuba County Animal Control provides donation receipts upon request. Please be generous and donate to a charity of your choice.

**Thank you!**



# S/YCEA Local #1

## DECEMBER 2011—CALENDAR

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[www.sycea.org](http://www.sycea.org)

YCEA Board Meeting *Wed* — NOON December 7  
Association Office - YCEA Board attends

SYCEA Site Rep Meeting *Tues* 11:30-1:30 December 13  
Association Office - SCEA & YCEA Site Reps attend

SCEA Board Meeting — DECEMBER MEETING CANCELED  
Association Office - SCEA Board members attend

Local #1 Board of Directors Mtg. *Tues* December 20  
Union Hall Sacramento 7:30 p.m.- Local #1 Board attends

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY *Fri & Mon* December 23 & 26  
Association Office will be closed.

Happy New Year!



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### The “Twelve Point Pension Reform Plan” -

1. Equal Sharing of Pension Costs: All Employees and Employers
2. “Hybrid” Risk: Sharing Pension Plan: New Employees

3. Increase Retirement Ages: New Employees

4. Require Three-Year Final Compensation to Stop Spiking: New Employees

5. Calculate Benefits Based on Regular, Recurring Pay to Stop Spiking: New Employees

6. Limit Post-Retirement Employment: All Employees

7. Felons Forfeit Pension Benefits: All Employees

8. Prohibit Retroactive Pension Increases: All Employees

9. Prohibit Pension Holidays: All Employees and Employers

10. Prohibit Purchases of Service Credit: All Employees

11. Increase Pension Board Independence and Expertise

12. Reduce Retiree Health Care Costs: State Employees

These proposals will have to be debated and passed by the California Legislature before Governor Brown can sign them into law.

Read the entire plan with details on our website at:

[www.sycea.org](http://www.sycea.org)