

ARTICLE 14. VACATION

- A. **Accrual.** Regular full-time and regular part-time employees paid on an hourly basis shall accrue the following hours of vacation time for each paid regularly scheduled working hour not to exceed eighty (80) regularly scheduled working hours in any one (1) pay period. An employee with a minimum of twelve (12) months of County service shall become eligible to use vacation up to the maximum time accrued as of the date such vacation is taken.

Years of Continuous Service	Vacation Hours Accrued Per Hour	Equivalent 8-Hour Days Per Year	Maximum Vacation Accrual
0 through 3	.0385	10	160
4 through 9	.0577	15	240
10 through 15	.0654	17	272
16 and thereafter	.0769	20	320

B. **Use of Vacation.**

1. The maximum vacation accrual shall be fifty-two (52) times the biweekly rate of accrual.
2. The maximum time limits for vacation accrual shall be extended by the appointing authority according to standards in the Personnel Rules.
3. It is County policy that employees take their accrued vacation each year at such time or times as may be approved by the Department Head; provided, however, that for reasons deemed sufficient by the Department Head, an employee may take less than the accrued vacation one (1) year and a correspondingly longer vacation the following year. No employee shall be allowed paid vacation time off in excess of that accrued.

C. **Vacation Scheduling.**

1. Within the Sheriff's Office, written bids for vacation shall be solicited from employees during the month of February of each year. Conflicts between requests for vacation in accordance with this section shall be resolved in favor of the bargaining unit employee with greater department seniority.
2. Requests for vacation submitted outside of the February bidding period, shall not be permitted to take precedence over requests of other employees whose bids were submitted and approved in February, regardless of seniority.
3. The following Sheriff's Office work units shall be considered as separate work units for vacation scheduling purposes: Burney Station, Patrol operations, Shasta Lake City operation, Major Crimes, Boating Safety, Civil Unit and Services Division.

4. When an individual employee's choice of vacation date is impractical because of emergency or other interference with legitimate operating needs of the department, reasonable exceptions may be made in accordance with such service requirements.
5. Requests for vacation shall not be unreasonably denied.

D. Payment for Vacation/Holiday Credit Hours/Compensatory Time.

1. Upon Separation. Any person terminating County employment, or who is laid off under the provisions of the Personnel Rules shall be paid off for any accrued but unused vacation.
2. Annual Payment. Beginning in 2017 for the 2018 calendar year and going forward with each subsequent calendar year, an employee may elect to receive payment for up to forty (40) hours – in five (5) whole hour increments - of accrued vacation leave, holiday credit hours, or compensatory time so long as the following criteria are satisfied:
 - Any employee utilizing this provision will be required to submit an irrevocable election through Employee Online by December 31st of the calendar year prior to the calendar year in which the accrued vacation leave, holiday credit hours or compensatory time is to be cashed out.

Where an employee has properly elected an intent to cash out accrued vacation, holiday credit hours, or compensatory time in the applicable calendar year as noted above, the employee can choose any pay period(s) during the year to receive the elected cash out. All requests for cash out must be made through Employee Online by the due date listed for each pay period. All requests must be submitted in five (5) whole hour increments. All requests for a cash out will be limited to the number of hours elected the preceding calendar year less any cash outs already approved, and the actual current year accrued hours available at the time of the cash out.

By November 15 of each calendar year, the County shall issue a notice to those employees who have elected cash out and have remaining cash out balances available.

If an employee who elected cash out fails to request the elected cashout in the applicable year, the County will automatically cash out the designated amount up to the hours available to be paid on the final payday of that calendar year in the following order:

1. Compensatory time off
2. Holiday credit hours earned
3. Vacation

All annual cash out payments shall be at the base hourly rate only with no other add-on compensation included.

If an employee fails to submit an irrevocable election by December 31st of the calendar year prior to the calendar year in which the accrued vacation, holiday credit hours or compensatory time would be cashed out, the employee will be deemed to have waived

their right and will not be eligible to cash out any such leave in the following calendar year.

- E. **Working for County During Vacation.** No person shall be compensated for County work in any capacity during the time of his/her paid vacation, except as may be authorized by the appointing authority.