

# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

Craft-Maintenance Division State of California Unit 12  
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## **IUOE Unit 12 representatives meet with the new General Manager of CalPIA, Scott Walker – July 2, 2019**

Last Friday Unit 12 representatives met the new General Manager of CalPIA. Mr. Walker had asked for the meeting with our Union as a meet and greet and an opportunity to discuss Unit 12 issues at CalPIA.

He told us that he wanted a good working relationship with IUOE and wanted to solve problems before they became grievances. We let him know that we are still not happy about the way the GFMR program was rolled out and the impact it has had on our Unit 12 members, particularly the painters.

Although the GFMR program is still a pilot program, we got the impression that he wants to extend it. We told him that there is a better way of training offenders than encroaching on the work that our Unit 12 members perform. We also told him that we wanted to have a clear list of what type of work and the extent of that work that CalPIA offenders in the program can do, which they refused to do under the previous General Manager. He said that he would consider our suggestion and get back to us.

Just that morning we got a call from our steward at Pelican Bay prison notifying us that the offenders were using power tools, which we were told would not happen, and that they were painting entire rooms and hallways, again which they are not supposed to do. We shared this information with him and he said that it would stop.

Only time will tell if he is truly on the side of his employees and our Unit 12 members at CDCR or on the side of his management staff and the Board.

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