State Personnel Board (SPB) Disapproves CalPIA Multi-Million Dollar Trucking Contracts. Huge Win for IUOE Local 501 – June 15, 2018

Last November and December the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) submitted letters to the State Personnel Board requesting a review of seven delivery service contracts between CalPIA and five private contractors.

IUOE requested review under Government Code section 19132 and California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 547.59. It was our contention that the contracts were in violation of these statutes and must be disapproved under Government Code section 19130.

Upon reviewing the submitted briefs from the parties, the SPB sought additional information from CalPIA. On April 23, 2018 the matter was deemed submitted.

According to SPB, in order to contract out the work, the department must show that it is “virtually” impossible to fill the vacancies which after numerous declarations from CalPIA staff, they were unable to demonstrate this.

Because of the shortcomings of CalPIA’s recruitment efforts for truck drivers, the SPB ruled in favor of our union and disapproved the contracts on June 1, 2018.

CalPIA failed to prove that the contracts are justified under Government Code.

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