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### 5. LEAVE PLANS

***THIS SECTION COVERS LEAVES FOR YEAR ROUND FULL AND PART-TIME BENEFITED POSITIONS, SEASONAL MANAGERS AND MULTI-SEASONAL YEAR ROUND POSITIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED. POLICIES 5.9, 5.10 AND 5.11 APPLY TO ALL EMPLOYEES***

#### 5.1 Holidays

##### ***5.1.1 Holidays Designated***

The following holidays are recognized by the District:

- New Year's Day – January 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday – Third Monday in January
- President's Day – Third Monday in February
- Memorial Day – Last Monday in May Independence Day – July 4
- Labor Day – First Monday in September
- Nevada Day – Last Friday in October
- Veterans Day – November 11
- Thanksgiving Day – Fourth Thursday in November
- Family Day – Friday following the fourth Thursday in November
- Christmas Day – December 25

Any day declared a legal holiday by the President of the United States and/or the Governor of the State of Nevada will be observed in accordance with the presidential or gubernatorial proclamation.

##### ***5.1.2 Holiday Pay***

1. Recognized holidays are typically non-work days, except for seasonal operations. All non-exempt full time year round employees and non-exempt benefit eligible



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part-time year round employees will be paid for their regularly scheduled hours at his/her rate of pay for each recognized holiday. Non-exempt benefit eligible part-time year round employees are not paid for holidays that occur on days the employee is not regularly scheduled. Exempt employees receive their regular salary for holidays.

2. Due to the nature of the District's business, eligible employees may not be allowed to take the holiday off on the day it occurs, but may be given a substitute day off in the same pay period. Substitute days off must be documented in the District time & attendance program.. *The decision to grant holiday time off rests with the supervisor and/or manager of the department.* Holiday time worked will either be paid out, received compensatory time or banked in the time & attendance system.

### **5.1.3 Weekend Holidays**

If a holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday. If the holiday falls on a regularly scheduled day off, the employee will observe the holiday on the next regularly scheduled work day, unless an alternative is authorized by the supervisor or manager.

### **5.1.4 Banked Holidays**

Should an employee be required to work a designated holiday, the supervisor or manager may authorize the designated holiday to be banked for the employee's use in the future. Banked holidays must be "banked" in the District's time & attendance program in the same pay period in which the designated holiday occurs. Banked holidays must be taken within six (6) months of when they are banked and must be used prior to the employee using accrued vacation. Any



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banked holiday time on the books would be paid out at end of employment. No other accrual of holidays is allowed.

**5.1.5 Work on Holidays**

Non-exempt employees who work on a designated holiday and are not provided a substitute day off, will be paid for the holiday plus one and one-half (1.5) times their regular rate of pay for any time worked on a holiday. Bargaining unit employees who work on a holiday will be paid as provided in the collective bargaining agreement.

**5.1.6 Seasonal Managers**

Seasonal Managers do not earn holiday pay and are not eligible for holiday benefits.

**5.2 Vacation**

**5.2.1 Vacation Accrual**

1. All regular full-time employees will earn vacation for the first and second pay periods of the month as follows:

Years of Service	Bi-Weekly Accrual	Annual Accrual
Hire* to 4 years	3.3333 hours	80 hours
4 yrs but less than 9 years	5 hours	120 hours
9 yrs but less than 14 years	6.667 hours	160 hours
14 years or more	8.333 hours	200 hours

\*No accrual for first six months, however 40 hours of vacation is credited to employee in the pay period following completion of six months of employment in a benefited position. Employee will be able to access their vacation following their six month anniversary.



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Note: Employees hired on or after July 1, 2012 will earn a maximum of 160 hours of annual vacation accrual.

2. Benefit eligible part-time year round employees working 24 hours or more a week, after one year of service; earn one-half of the above vacation accrual rates.
3. Seasonal Managers, working seven (7) months or more, accrue vacation at the rate 3.333 hour for the first and second pay periods of the month.

### **5.2.2 Maximum Accrual**

Accrued vacation hours may not exceed 200 hours at the end of each calendar year. Any vacation hours in excess of 200 will not carry forward and will be lost. In establishing this "use it or lose it" vacation policy, the only exception would be if an employee is not allowed to take a scheduled vacation because of business necessity, the Department Head may request a one-time payout of hours in excess of 200, with approval of the General Manager.

### **5.2.3 Use of Vacation**

Vacation is provided to employees for the purpose of rest and relaxation from their duties and for attending to personal business. Employees are strongly encouraged to use vacation in the year it is earned. Employees must request vacation through the time & attendance program for approval by their supervisor providing as much notice as possible. Employees may not use vacation hours before they are accrued.

### **5.2.4 Vacation Pay at Termination**

Upon termination, an employee with more than six (6) months of continuous employment will be paid for all accrued vacation at the employee's last regular rate of pay. Employees, who



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leave benefited positions and remain with the District, will be paid out accrued vacation.

### 5.3 Sick Leave

#### 5.3.1 Sick Leave Accrual

The District expects each employee to be available for work on a regular and reliable basis. The District is aware of the need for income protection when an employee is sick or injured. Therefore;

- a. Full time year round employees, seasonal managers, working seven (7) months or more and multi-seasonal year round employees will accrue four (4) hours of sick leave in the first and second pay periods each month.
- b. After one year of service in a benefit eligible position, part-time year round employees working 24 or more hours per week in a benefited position will accrue two (2) hours of sick leave in the first and second pay periods each month.
- c. There is no maximum accrual for sick leave.

#### 5.3.2 Use of Sick Leave

Sick leave is for use in situations in which the employee must be absent from work due to:

- a. His/her own physical illness or injury.
- b. His/her own exposure to contagious diseases or when attendance at work is prevented by public health requirements.
- c. The need to care for a dependent child, spouse, registered domestic partner, or parent who resides with



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an employee or who is dependent upon the employee for support.

- d. Medical, dental or vision appointments for the employee, in excess of two hours away from work, no more than once a month. Every attempt should be made to schedule appointments at the start or end of regular work day.
- e. Any disability, including disability caused or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, or childbirth, or to supplement disability payments to maintain an employee's regular pay.
- f. To supplement workers compensation benefits to maintain an employee's regular pay

### **5.3.3 Abuse of Sick Leave**

Use of sick leave for purposes other than those listed above is abuse of sick leave. Abuse of sick leave is cause for disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

### **5.3.4 Illness During Vacation**

If an employee on vacation suffers an illness or injury that requires medical treatment from a licensed physician or health practitioner, s/he may elect to change that time to sick leave, with approval of the supervisor. The employee must provide written proof from a health care provider.

### **5.3.5 Placing an Employee on Sick Leave**

A supervisor or manager may place an employee on sick leave if he/she has an illness that appears to be contagious or due to a known or suspected illness or injury.



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### **5.3.6 Return to Work**

An employee on sick leave may be required to provide a statement from a licensed physician or health practitioner certifying the employee's fitness to return to work.

### **5.3.7 Sick Leave Sell-Back (does not apply to seasonal managers)**

For eligible employees hired prior to July 1, 2011, during November of each year, the District will provide an opportunity to each eligible employee to "sell" back to the District one half (1/2) of their unused sick leave balance, up to a maximum of forty eight (48) hours. The sale will occur at the employee's current hourly rate of pay and the employee must be an active employee at the time of the sell back. Unused sick leave will be forfeited upon termination of employment or leaving a benefited position but remaining with the District.

Seasonal Managers are not eligible for the sick leave sell-back provision. However, Seasonal Managers, working seven (7) months or more who return to the District in the same capacity for the next season will have their sick leave balance re-instated.

### **5.3.8 Sick Leave at Retirement**

Employees who elect to retire after 20 years of service with the District may receive up to 20% of their accrued sick leave hours; adding 2% additional each year to 25 years (30% at 25 years) and 4% additional each year thereafter to a maximum sick leave buyout of 50% of up to 960 hours after 30 years of service.

As an alternative, employees retiring after 20 years or more of service may elect to convert their eligible sick leave hours with the same limitations identified above to a non-interest bearing



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District account for the purpose of paying medical insurance coverage and/or out-of-pocket medical expenses such as deductibles and co-payments at double the rate to a maximum of 100% of up to 960 hours after 30 years of service.

The non-interest bearing District account will be assigned a present value as of the date of retirement equal to the number of hours of sick leave times the employee's base hourly salary at the time of retirement. The District will debit said account on a dollar-for-dollar basis. This benefit is for the employee only, is non-transferable and does not survive the retiree.

### **5.3.9 Sick Leave Procedures**

#### 1. Leave Approval

An employee needs to request use of sick leave through the time & attendance program as soon as the need for a leave is known. The supervisor determines whether to approve use of accrued sick leave and will approve such a request whenever it is deemed reasonable.

#### 2. Notification

Any employee who is ill or unable to report to work for any reason will notify his/her immediate supervisor no later than fifteen (15) minutes following the employee's normal work reporting time. In the event of a continuing illness, the employee needs to continue to notify on a daily basis, his/her immediate supervisor or at appropriate intervals agreed on by the supervisor of his/her condition. The supervisor may deny sick leave requests which are not in compliance with this policy.

#### 3. Doctor's Certification

The supervisor may require an employee to provide a





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medical doctor's certification stating that the illness/injury incapacitated the employee from performing his/her duties, was necessary for the employee to make full and timely recovery, or was appropriate to avoid the spread of a contagious disease. The certification will also verify the employee's fitness for return to work.

### 5.4 Donation of Time

The District understands that employees may experience situations when their sick leave and/or vacation accrual balances are insufficient to cover catastrophic illnesses and/or injuries. In those instances the District will provide an opportunity for other employees, with accrued balances, to donate to individual employee's sick leave or vacation balances in order to assist in these difficult situations. Participation in this program is strictly voluntary.

The donation program exists to assist employees in overcoming hardship as a result of insufficient paid time off. Employees who want to donate time are limited to a maximum donation of 40 hours of sick leave or vacation time, per calendar year. Employees wanting to donate time must notify the Director of Human Resources and/or the Payroll Department, in writing or by email, the number of hours they wish to donate, the type of hours, either sick or vacation, and the name of the employee to receive the donation. Any donated time is treated as used by the donating employee and the amount of hours donated is permanently deducted from the donating employee's current accruals.

Employees receiving sick leave or vacation hours must exhaust all of their sick leave and vacation accruals prior to receiving any donated time. Employees receiving donated sick leave during a calendar year are not allowed to participate in the sick leave sell-back in the same calendar year, if they are eligible for the sick leave sell-back.