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## President's letter

Brothers and Sisters of 1440,

Today California is finally opening back up and decreasing the majority of the Covid-19 restrictions but there will still be some in effect. UPI released an email relating to the Covid restriction at the mill, at this time the rules will still be in effect with mask and social distancing. Cal Osha has been going in circles with what the workplace rules will be, last week Cal Osha made a ruling on a new mask mandate then 2 days later it was revoked and changed back. Cal Osha will meet again in 2 weeks to discuss the mandates and should have a ruling of the new rules that businesses will need to follow.

UPI has had 2 covid outbreaks in the last week in 2 locations. My best wishes and speedy recovery to all that have been affected by Covid.

This week we started contract negotiations with Bishop Wisecarver, we held a meeting with the members and collected information to draw up the proposals that will be presented. We will keep the members of Bishop Wisecarver updated on how negotiations are going and the movement that has been made.

- In Solidarity, Ben Salazar  
President / Rapid Response Coordinator

### USW Calls on Newsom Administration to Protect Oil Workers, Communities

The United Steelworkers union (USW) provided detailed recommendations to the administration of California Gov. Gavin Newsom in advance of its "Just Transition Roadmap," urging it to include substantial protections for oil production workers and their communities.

"The USW represents 5,500 highly skilled workers in California's oil refineries, each of whom has a high stake in ensuring that any changes to the state's energy policy consider workers and their families," said Gaylan Prescott, director of USW District 12, which includes California and 10 other Western states.

The state must prioritize workers and communities and ensure the preservation of good, family-supporting jobs, Prescott said in a letter to Newsom's office. In his letter, Prescott pointed out the nation's failed history of helping workers navigate through economic transitions.

"California has the ability to change that regrettable history," Prescott said. "Our union is eager to work with you to grow union jobs, raise wages, improve benefits, and assist companies that treat workers fairly."

The USW's recommendations include planning for a future with continued demand for petroleum products, ensuring that economic development can replace any jobs lost with similar high-quality jobs, prioritizing relevant job-training and job-placement programs, providing long-term assistance to dislocated workers, and preserving communities and public resources. Specifically, the USW is calling for a program for oil production workers that is easy to access and presumes eligibility. The program should ensure wage replacement, pension guarantees and access to health care, as well as retraining and relocation support.

Most of all, to achieve these goals, the administration must talk to workers whose jobs could be affected by the transition plan, which the administration expects to release in July, Prescott said. Speaking directly to workers in the oil industry will allow California officials to "understand the fear and the needs that those workers would have," he said.

To read the USW's full letter to the Newsom administration, visit the following link:  
<https://www.usw.org/news/media-center/releases/2021/21-05-USW-D12-letter-to-CA-Gov-OPR.pdf>

Brothers and Sisters, I would like to take a moment to talk about our membership across the highway at Bishop Wisecarver.

Bishop-Wisecarver has been privately held by the Wisecarver family since 1950. Much has changed in the world over those 70 years, but Bishop-Wisecarver remains a family-owned, American company committed to earning the trust of our customers with the highest quality products.

They are a small shop of 14 currently where everyone knows everyone. Danny Hicks would like to put out some news of membership. They have a new hire named Victor Corarrubias. He is on his fourth month with us passing his 90 day, Working in the shipping helper position. On the other end of the spectrum, we have James Furgason who just hit his 23rd year of service.



We would like to congratulate both on their milestones  
and being part of this family.

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## BURN PREVENTION

**Stove/Oven:** Never leave cooking unattended. Keep the stovetop and oven clean, as buildup of grease and debris can ignite easily. Keep stove area clear flammable materials. Don't leave oven mitts, paper or cloth towels near the stove. Dish towels should never be hung on the oven door. Do not place or spray aerosols near an open flame. Cook on back burners and turn pot handles in to prevent accidental spillage. Wear close fitting clothes and roll up sleeves. Turn stovetop flames off before reaching above the stove.

**Microwave Ovens:** Use only containers designed for microwave use. Allow food to cool before removing it from the microwave. Prevent steam burns by removing lids carefully. Stir thoroughly to distribute heat evenly. Never microwave a baby bottle.

**KID'S CORNER** Create a kid free zone around the stove/oven. Do not allow appliance cords to dangle within reach of small children. Keep hot liquids out of reach of children. Do not use tablecloths or placemats when small children are present. Do not cook at the stove, eat or drink hot foods while holding a child. Keep children out of the kitchen during hectic meal preparations. Assign older children to be responsible for younger children during this time if necessary. Store all matches and lighters up high, out of children's reach. Use child resistant lighters.

**BATHROOM SAFETY:** Set water heaters at 120° F. Anything higher puts those in your household; especially small children and the elderly, at risk for scald injuries. Do not use hairdryers or other electrical appliances near the sink or a full tub. When preparing a bath for small children, remember to keep the water temperature no more than 101F as their skin is more sensitive to heat. Have the children test the water themselves before getting in.

**HEATING SAFETY:** Space heaters need space at least three feet away from anything that can burn - including furniture, drapes and rugs. Keep children and pets away from all heaters Never leave heaters unattended. Refuel kerosene heaters with kerosene only, outside, after the heater has cooled. Always use an approved glass or metal protective screen in front of your fireplace. Store flammable materials like newspaper, kindling or wood away from stoves and fireplaces. Do not use throw rugs in front of the stove or fireplace. Have your chimney inspected by a professional once a year, and have it cleaned if necessary. Use only dry seasoned wood in wood stoves and fireplaces. Addition of wood and attendance to the fire should be the responsibility of an adult. Have a fire extinguisher readily available. Never dispose of ashes, hot or cold, in anything but a metal can or bin.

**BASEMENT:** Always store paint and other flammable liquids in their original, labeled containers with tight fitting lids and away from heat sources. Remove trash from your home. Don't store anything near a furnace or water heater. Clean the lint trap on the clothes dryer after each use. If flooding occurs, turn off electrical circuits before stepping into the water.

**SMOKERS:** Never smoke in bed or near flammables. Provide smokers with large, deep ashtrays and douse butts with water before discarding them. Douse butts with water before discarding them. Check around cushions and upholstered furniture for smoldering cigarettes before going to bed.

**OUTDOORS SAFETY:** Gasoline should always be stored outside in a detached shed or garage, in small amounts, in an approved, sealed container out of reach of children. Never use gasoline or other flammable liquid as a cleaning agent. Never fill gasoline motors in an enclosed space, such as a garage. Before starting a lawnmower, snow blower, or motorcycle; move it away from gasoline fumes. Let small motors cool before you refuel them.

**Grilling:** Never use gasoline to enhance or start a fire. Don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started (use dry kindling to revive the flame). Use grills outside only, well away from buildings, vegetation and other combustibles. Supervise children carefully when a grill is use. Never allow horseplay around the grill.

Found from KSD/Burn Prevention



Union Meetings Are Held the 2nd Thursday Of Every Month. Our Next Meeting Will Be:

**Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM At the Union Hall  
677 Cumberland Street  
Pittsburg, CA 94565  
Phone: 925-432-7396

## Retirements:

**Matamoros, Salvador**

OpT 1

Duo Mill/ Tin Division

9/23/1996 - 06/25/2021

**24 Years**

**Jones, Alan**

MTE- Electrical

Field Services/Reliability

6/9/1987 - 06/04/2021

**33<sup>.999</sup> Years**

**We Want to Wish our Union Members  
A prosper and Healthy Retirement**

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