STATE OF CALIFORNIA DECISION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD



FONTANA CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION/NEA

Employee Organization, APPELLANT,

and

UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL/CIO,

Employee Organization,

and

FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

Employer.

Case No. LA-D-176 Administrative Appeal

PERB Order No. Ad-157a

November 6, 1987

ON REMAND FROM THE CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL, FOURTH DISTRICT

Before Hesse, Chairperson; Porter, Craib and Cordoba, Members.

DECISION

CRAIB, Member: This case is before the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB or Board) on remand from the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District. On July 31, 1986, the Board issued PERB Order No. Ad-157, upholding an administrative decision by the Board's executive director rejecting as untimely an appeal of a Board agent's dismissal of a decertification petition filed by the Fontana Classified Employees Association/NEA (Association).

On August 26, 1987, the Fourth District Court of Appeal, in an unpublished decision, concluded that the Association's appeal of the dismissal was timely filed. Accordingly, the

Court vacated PERB Order No. Ad-157 and remanded the case to the Board. We are, of course, bound by the Court's decision with respect to the matter presently before us. Consequently, we will order that the executive director accept as timely the Association's appeal of the Board agent's dismissal of its decertification petition.

ORDER

Pursuant to the direction of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Case Number E003458, the executive director of the Public Employment Relations Board is hereby ORDERED to accept as timely filed the Fontana Classified Employees Association/NEA's appeal of the Board agent's dismissal of its decertification petition in PERB Case No. LA-D-176.

Chairperson Hesse and Members Porter and Cordoba joined in this Decision.