

PECG LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2018

Implementing SB 1 Efficiently and Cost-Effectively

PECG strongly supported SB 1, the transportation funding plan approved last year to provide stable, ongoing funding to repair and replace California's deteriorating state highways and bridges, and other transportation infrastructure.

To ensure that SB 1 commitments are met and that new resources are spent wisely the state must:

CT must hire engineers to deliver SB 1 projects.

Hire Engineering Staff. The Department of Transportation must hire the engineers and related professionals needed to deliver the billions of dollars of new state highway projects funded by SB 1. Unfortunately, fewer engineers work at Caltrans today than

were on the job the day SB 1 passed. The department must dedicate itself to an effective hiring plan (as authorized in SB 1) to deliver the projects Californians expect and deserve.

Stop Outsourcing – It Costs Twice as Much!

Caltrans currently wastes over \$100 million each year by awarding no-bid contracts to outsource nearly 1,000 engineering positions to consultants at twice the cost of using state engineers to perform the work. Other state departments and agencies also continue to reduce or limit state engineering positions while outsourcing. This wasteful practice must end.

Stop outsourcing at twice the cost!

Meeting Pension Commitments

A defined benefit pension is a key component of the total compensation package that allows the state to attract and retain engineers and related professionals, many of whom could make much more in the private sector. The state and other public employers have an obligation to keep their pension promises.

PECG has a proven record of working to stabilize the CalPERS system. In recent years, PECG has agreed to significantly increase the pension contributions of its members, to equalize employee and employer contributions, and to increase retirement ages and reduce benefits for new hires. These changes became the model for PEPPRA, the sweeping statewide pension reform measure approved in 2012 that will save the state \$42 to \$55 billion over the next 30 years and save billions more for local pension systems.

PECG is dedicated to the sustainability of the CalPERS system, but believes any discussion to meet that objective should be free of the suggestion that the state can and should step away from its commitments to its employees.

The state has an obligation to keep its pension promise!

Safe, Reliable, and Cost-Effective Water Supply

PECG is supporting two budget proposals to ensure that Californians have a safe, reliable and cost-effective water supply:

Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (SADWF).

The SWRCB has identified 331 public water systems that do not meet minimum federal and state drinking water standards. As a result, over one million Californians do not have access to safe drinking water, as required by state law. PECG strongly supports the creation of the SADWF to dedicate funding and staffing so every community has access to safe and affordable drinking water.



Every Californian deserves safe, clean water!

Safe, Well-Maintained State Water Project (SWP).

California must commit sufficient resources and staff to inspect and maintain the SWP on behalf of the 25 million Californians and hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland that depend on it. PECG strongly supports the governor's proposal to hire an additional 74 engineers and related professionals (funded by the state water contractors) committed to the safety and long-term viability of the SWP.

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