



# **PECG CAPITOL SECTION**

## **QUARTERLY REPORT**

### **June 2019**

Greetings from the Capitol Section!

The PECG Capitol Section represents Unit 09 Colleagues in 15 Departments, Agencies and Offices: State Architect; Water Resources; Forestry; Parks & Recreation; California Conservation Corps; Conservation; Education; Fish & Game; General Services; State Lands Commission; Central Valley Flood Protection Board; Boating & Waterways; Food & Agriculture; Emergency Services.

Capitol Section's 2018-2019 officers:

- Director – Harpreet Bhalla
- President – Jeff Parsons
- President Elect – Deane Burk
- Secretary – Derick Louie
- Treasurer – Susan Carroll
- VP Supervisory – Vincent Agusiegbe
- VP Supervisory Committee Chair – Darren Suen
- VP Rank & File - Terry Thompson

## **Officer's Meetings**

This quarter's officer's meetings occurred on:

- March 7, 2019
- April 4, 2019
- May 2, 2019



# New Employee Outreach

Outreach has become the Capitol Section's number one goal.

Engaging people in a small group session seemed to work best using this simple meeting agenda: 1) a brief formal discussion about PECG's goals and services to its members, and 2) a personal perspective from one or two of our officers. This method has repeatedly encouraged an open discussion of questions and answers.

Keeping in mind the goals of presenting PECG benefits and personal testimonies, officers attended the following onsite new employee orientations:

- September 18, 2018, Department of Water Resources, Sacramento
- October 16, 2018, Department of Water Resources, Sacramento
- December 4, 2018, Department of Water Resources, Sacramento
- December 19, 2018, Department of Conservation, Sacramento
- January 15, 2019, Department of Water Resources, Sacramento
- February 6, 2019, Department of Conservation, Sacramento
- February 19, 2019, Department of Water Resources, Sacramento
- March 12, 2019, Department of Water Resources, Sacramento
- March 14, 2019, Department of General Services, West Sacramento
- April 2, 2019, Department of Water Resources, Sacramento
- April 10, 2019, Department of Conservation, Sacramento

On April 24, 2019, an informal outreach was conducted at the Joint Operations Center (JOC) in Sacramento, at which a large number of DWR staff work. Tables were set up, flyers and swag placed atop them, and PECG staff and officers interacted with people entering and leaving. Since it was lunchtime, many people were engaged in walk-by conversations, some seeming to be surprised at the presence of PECG. This is a notable point: people have to see us to know who we are.

On April 25, 2019, a joint section officer's meeting was held at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Sacramento. The Capitol, Fort Sutter, and River City Directors and Presidents discussed plans and logistics for an upcoming joint section meeting to be held at the Masonic Hall in Sacramento.

Director Harpreet K. Bhalla also suggested that Sacramento sections host a joint bi-annual "PECG visibility day" throughout different locations in Sacramento. This will be similar to the "tabling" event that Capitol section hosted on April 24, 2019, but on a larger scale to spread more awareness for non-members and easy approachability for members.



# Taking it to the JOC

Live from the JOC! Outreach! Outreach! Outreach!

Action photos of the Capitol Section's JOC outreach... starring Harpreet Bhalla, Deane Burk, Vincent Agusiegbe, and Jeff Parsons.



# Sponsorship

In the joint section officer's meeting, it was agreed that local sections would contribute \$200 as co-sponsors for the Hack the Park event to be held on June 1, 2019 in Sacramento. The event is put on by Square Root Academy, an organization whose mission is to "provide accessible, quality, hands-on STEM education to at-risk youth". [quote from Karmina Padgett, River City President]