



PECG CAPITOL SECTION

QUARTERLY REPORT

October 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 2019-2020 officers:

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

Officer's Meetings

This quarter's officer's meetings occurred on:

- June 20, 2019
- July 11, 2019
- Aug 1, 2019
- Sep 5, 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.

There has been some technical communication difficulty with some members not receiving planned raises and PECG emails as well as membership cancellation request letters given the recent court decision, so we need to do our duty to provide leadership within the ranks of our group and emphasize the benefits and opportunities PECG provides its members.

As representatives of disparate state agencies much smaller than CalTrans the Capitol Section has a need to develop outreach and coordination methods to properly provide liaison services between the PECG Corporate Office and represented staff and members.

The PECG Corporate Office has distributed lists of members and eligible nonmembers as well as talking points for represented staff engineers and senior and supervising members to assist this process.

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

- July 16, 2019, DWR Training Center, Sacramento
- August 6, 2019, DWR Training Center, Sacramento
- August 9, 2019, Capitol Section Officers went to PECG HQ for scholarship awards
- September 18, 2019, Department of Conservation in Sacramento
- September 26, 2019, DGS office in West Sacramento

On August 27, 2019, a Joint Section meeting was held at the Masonic Lodge in Sacramento with members and officers from the River City, Fort Sutter, and Capitol Sections in attendance. Mark Thompson of DWR, PECG, and Toastmasters spoke.



Director Harpreet K. Bhalla also suggested that Sacramento-area sections host a joint bi-annual “PECEG 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.

Sponsorship

At the joint section officer’s meeting, it was agreed that local sections would contribute \$200 as co-sponsors for the Hack the Park event that was held on June 1, 2019 in Sacramento. This event was 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]