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This Year's Nominees for PECG Corporate Office

Each year, PECG members elect Corporate Officers who are installed at the annual Board of Directors meeting in September. PECG members also elect Section Officers in each of PECG's 17 sections throughout the state.

Nominees for PECG's Corporate Office are selected by the Corporation Nominating Committee, consisting of PECG members selected by the elected Board of Directors.

The **Corporate President Elect** serves for one year, becomes President for one year, then Past President the following year. The nominees for PECG President Elect are **Margaret Shaeffer**, a Caltrans Senior Transportation Engineer in Fresno, and **Mark Sheahan**, a Caltrans Senior Transportation Surveyor in Sacramento.

There are three Vice Presidents. The nominees for **Vice President of Collective Bargaining**, who Chairs the Bargaining Team that negotiates the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Unit 9, are **Matt Hanson**, Caltrans Transportation Engineer/Civil, Range D in the Capitol Section; and **Terry Escarda**, a Hazardous Substances Engineer at the Department of Toxic Substances Control, also in the Capitol Section. The **Vice President Supervisory**,

who Chairs the Meet and Confer Team representing PECG Supervisory Members, will be **Alan Escarda**, a Caltrans Senior Transportation Engineer, from Eureka, or **Refugio Dominguez**, a Caltrans Senior Transportation Engineer in Los Angeles. The **Vice President at Large** represents members in departments other than Caltrans. Nominees this year are **Sutida Bergquist**, a Senior Sanitary Engineer at the Department of Public Health in Los Angeles, and **Michael Gjerde**, a Water Resources Control Board Engineering Geologist in the River City Section.

Nominees for **Secretary** are **Robert Lumahan**, a Caltrans Transportation Engineer/Civil, Range C in San Diego, and **Keith Mack**, a Caltrans Transportation Engineer/Civil, Range D in Marysville. The nominees for **Treasurer** are **Brian Simon**, a Caltrans Transportation Engineer/Civil, Range D in Eureka and **Cameron Knudson**, a Caltrans Transportation Engineer/Civil, Range D in Marysville.

Ballots will be mailed to all PECG members on July 11.



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PECG President **Cathrina Barros** delivers the opening remarks at the Conference.



In 1999, PECG and several likeminded organizations representing state transportation department employees throughout the nation cofounded the **National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU)**. With 38 affiliates in 20 states representing hundreds of thousands of workers, NASHTU's goals include seeking more funding for transportation and eliminating wasteful outsourcing. Each year's Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. provides an opportunity to exchange information and meet with and inform members of Congress in their D.C. offices.



PECG President **Cathrina Barros** chats with Congresswoman **Grace Napolitano** at the Reception.



American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Executive Director **Bud Wright** was introduced by PECG's **Bruce Blanning** (seated).



California Congressman **Mark Takano** meets with PECG representatives at the evening reception in the Capitol.



Congressman **Earl Blumenauer** of Oregon has authored legislation to increase the federal gas tax.

Caltrans Memorial Honors Fallen Highway Workers



The 24th Annual **Highway Workers Memorial**, held at the State Capitol, honors the 183 Caltrans employees who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Citing “enormous risks to the men and women serving all of us,” State Transportation Agency Secretary **Brian Kelly** said “the work demands respect, and drivers can best pay that respect by slowing down in the cone zone.”



Participating in the ceremony (pictured at left) were former Caltrans Directors **Jeff Morales**, **Tony Harris**, and **Will Kempton**, seated next to PEGC President **Cathrina Barros**.



“The Highway Workers Memorial is a somber reminder that highway workers put their lives in danger every day.” --*Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty*

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