PECG DELIVERS FOR MEMBERS!
Membership Recruitment Campaign Welcomes New Hires

In response to the hiring of hundreds of new engineers and related professionals throughout state government, PECG has launched a membership recruitment campaign to urge new hires to join PECG. The primary theme of the membership effort: PECG delivers!

Thanks to a strong and committed membership, PECG has delivered:

- **Salary increases of more than 61%** over the last 12 years.
- **Pension protection** from countless statewide ballot measures attacking our pensions.
- **Health care benefits that are the best in state service**, with 85% of premiums, and 80% of dependents premiums, picked up by the state.
- **Work is overwhelmingly performed by state staff** – public servants – and not outsourced.

These victories and countless more are only accomplished by leaders and members who know from years of experience that we are stronger when we work together.

As part of the campaign, PECG Headquarters is working with Section leaders to ensure that PECG is represented at all new employee orientations where state engineers and related professionals are hired into state service. PECG has also developed multiple tools – talking points, PowerPoint presentations, emails and letters, and new hire tracking logs – to help Sections and members in their recruitment activities. PECG branded merchandise is also available to Sections that would like to use these items to encourage new members to join PECG.

PECG has delivered unprecedented results for our members, but membership includes other valuable benefits:

- Members vote to approve or reject the Unit 9 MOU.
- Members vote to elect the volunteer Section leaders and the PECG Board of Directors.
- Members receive $5,000 in PECG-sponsored life insurance with the option to purchase more at low group premium rates.
- PECG offers scholarships ranging from $500 to $3,000 for members and their dependents.
- Members receive exclusive savings on Liberty Mutual auto and home owner insurance.
- Members receive substantial savings on theme parks, vacation activities, car rentals and consumer discounts.

The recruitment campaign also emphasizes the expert representation provided to members by labor relations consultants, lawyers, and lobbyists who are experienced in representing state engineers and related professionals on all of their work-related issues. If you ever have a problem at work or need expert help, PECG is there for you.

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PECG-endorsed candidates and ballot measures nearly swept the June 5 primary election. In 80 of the 81 statewide and legislative races in which PECG took a position, our candidate advanced to the November general election. The two PECG-supported ballot measures, Proposition 68 ($4 Billion in Water Bonds) and Proposition 69 (Prevents Diversion of Transportation Revenue), passed overwhelmingly.

Gavin Newsom, PECG’s endorsed candidate for Governor, faces Republican John Cox in the general election. For more details on all of PECG’s election results, please visit www.pecg.org.

The candidates for PECG Corporate Office for 2018-19 are listed below. Ballots will be mailed to all PECG members on July 11. The successful candidates will be installed at the Annual Board Meeting in September. Here are the nominees, with their classifications and PECG Sections:

**Vice President Elect**
- Joseph Arnold - Associate Landscape Engineer, Caltrans, San Luis Obispo Section
- Joseph Mello - Senior Engineering Geologist, State Water Resources Control Board, River City Section

**Vice President Collective Bargaining**
- Matt Hanson - Transportation Engineer, Civil, Caltrans, Capitol Section
- Joya Gibster-Nava - Transportation Engineer, Civil, Caltrans, Inland Empire Section

**Vice President Supervisory**
- Steve Lee - Senior Transportation Engineer, Caltrans, Sacramento Section
- Refugio Dominguez - Senior Transportation Engineer, Caltrans, Los Angeles Section

**Secretary**
- Diane Vermeulen - Transportation Engineer, Civil, Caltrans, San Diego Section
- Jane Pham - Transportation Engineer, Civil, Caltrans, Inland Empire Section

**Treasurer**
- Aaron Henkel - Senior Transportation Engineer, Caltrans, San Luis Obispo Section
- Brian Simon - Transportation Engineer, Civil, Caltrans, Eureka Section

The current President, Sutida Bergquist, a Senior Sanitary Engineer at the Water Resources Control Board in Los Angeles, will become Past President. The current President Elect, Cathrina Barros, a Senior Transportation Engineer at Caltrans in Sacramento, will become President.

Caltrans has launched a public education campaign on social media, countering arguments by opponents of revenue-raising Senate Bill 1 that the department doesn’t need or deserve the new law’s infrastructure funding.

Caltrans’ Facebook posts note that SB 1 funds are dedicated to transportation infrastructure only, that it has been more than 20 years since fuel taxes for roads, bridges and highways were increased; and fuel-efficient cars have squeezed tax revenue even more.

SB 1 opponents have turned in more than 940,000 signatures to put a repeal of the law before California voters in November. The ballot measure needs at least 585,407 valid signatures to qualify and is expected to do so.

PECG is part of a large coalition led by Governor Brown that will strongly oppose the repeal effort.

Our membership recruitment program now includes an online e-application that allows users to sign up for membership in minutes. Just go to www.pecg.org and click Join PECG. If you are a recruiter, PECG pays $50 per rank-and-file employee signup and $200 per supervisor/manager - just make sure your name is included as the recruiter on the application. If you would like to receive PECG’s membership recruitment materials or merchandise to use in your recruitment efforts, or want PECG’s help in organizing a Section recruitment event, please contact PECG Headquarters or your Section Leaders.

Please keep up the good work and keep recruiting new members into PECG!
Applying for PECG membership just got easier! Last week, PECG launched an online e-application that allows users to sign up for membership in minutes. The new e-application, which is desktop and mobile friendly, can be accessed at www.pecg.org/join/. Recruits can fill out the e-application online, press “Click to Sign,” and become PECG members immediately.

The e-application also contains a field for the recruiter’s name so that PECG can pay recruitment bonuses of $50 for qualifying rank-and-file sign ups and $200 for supervisors and managers.