

PECG LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2020

SPEND STATE INFRASTRUCTURE DOLLARS EFFICIENTLY

PECG strongly believes that state infrastructure (transportation, water, energy, health care, and education facilities) **funding must be spent efficiently and cost effectively**. To ensure that new and ongoing infrastructure dollars are spent wisely the state must:

Hire Engineers and Stop Outsourcing. To deliver the infrastructure projects taxpayers expect, state departments and agencies **should hire cost-effective state engineers and related professionals** instead of wasting money on outsourcing. Just as one example, Caltrans currently **wastes over \$100 million each year** by awarding no-bid contracts to outsource over 1,000 engineering positions to consultants at over twice the cost of using state engineers to perform the same work. In the current budget, a fully loaded Caltrans project delivery position costs \$110,756 a year, while a consultant performing the same work is budgeted at \$258,000 annually. **Other state departments and agencies also continue the wasteful practice of outsourcing** state engineering work at two and three times the cost of hiring state staff.

The State of California should continue to hire cost-effective state engineers and stop wasteful outsourcing.

Public-Private Partnerships(P3s) Should Protect Public Safety. If our state considers reauthorizing P3s, **common sense public interest protections must be built into** the legislation:

- Construction inspection and other key functions** must be performed by the responsible public agency to protect public safety.
- A **cost-benefit analysis** should be performed prior to awarding a P3 contract.
- Non-compete provisions** that prevent safety and other improvements to adjacent state highways must be forbidden.
- Existing **transportation revenues must not be used** to make availability or other payments to private concessionaires.

Recently, the Sacramento Bee reported that California's most recent P3, San Francisco's Presidio Parkway, "is more than two years late and \$208 million over budget."

These measures will **help to protect the interests** of Californians.

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

Support for Climate Resilience Bond. On the job, PECG members play an **important role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions** and in adapting state infrastructure to the damaging effects of climate change. That is why PECG **supports a climate resilience bond**. The Newsom Administration's budget proposes a **\$4.75 billion climate resilience bond** for the November 2020 ballot to support investments over the next five years to reduce specific climate risks through **short and long-term investments** in our water resources, environmental protection and infrastructure. The Administration dedicates the largest investment – over 60 percent of bond resources – to its Water Resilience Portfolio (WRP). The WRP proposes funding for **regional and interregional water projects, groundwater sustainability, safe drinking water, flood control, and ecosystem restoration**.

PECG urges legislative support for the Administration's bond, and any legislative climate resilience bond proposal, that seeks to appropriately prepare our state for climate change and its impacts.

MEETING PENSION COMMITMENTS

PECG Supports Expedited CalPERS Payment. **PECG has a proven record of working to stabilize the CalPERS system.** In recent years, PECG members agreed in bargaining to significantly increase their pension contributions and to equalize employee and employer contributions to bolster CalPERS funding.

PECG supports the Administration's budget proposal to provide \$500 million in the current budget year to boost the funded status of the CalPERS state employee plan. In last year's budget, that money was programmed to be delivered over the next three budget cycles. **Fastracking this expenditure will save the state tens of millions of dollars** in the future.

PECG will continue to work to **ensure the sustainability of the CalPERS system**. However, to protect the retirement security of PECG members and other employees, the state and other public **employers have an obligation to keep their pension promises**.

The state and all public employers in California must keep their pension promises.

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PECG members design and inspect California's infrastructure, improve air and water quality, and develop clean energy and green technology – for today and generations to come.

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