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Director's Quarterly Report

Dear Redding Section Members,

The PECG Corporate Quarterly Meeting was held on March 4-5, 2022 at the Holiday Inn in Sacramento where I was in attendance, along with our Section President, Kaylie Humbert. There were many topics discussed over the two days, but I wanted to highlight a few:

- **MOTION** - Ferdinand de la Cruz moved to approve the minutes of the December 3-4, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion **PASSED** without objection.
- Congratulations to Toks Omishakin on his appointment as Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency. PECG applauds his commitment to public service and looks forward to continuing working with him and Agency staff in the years ahead. Steven Keck is the Interim Department Director, effective March 1, 2022
- As mentioned last quarter, the State Budget is growing at historic rates. The proposed budget for the 22-23 fiscal year is \$286.4 billion (9% increase) with a projected surplus of \$45.7 billion. With this surplus the Gann limit may be initiated which could result in tax rebates or infrastructure/public education investments. The Governor will issue his revised budget in May.
- CalPERS Update: The return rate for the first half of the 2021-22 fiscal year (July 1 through December 31, 2021) was 5.9% and the total fund assets at the time were valued at \$500.7 billion. The 1-year average annual rate of return is 13.3%, and the 10-year return rate is 9.7%. The CalPERS system is estimated to be 81.8% funded.
- The bargaining survey was sent to all PECG rank-and-file members in a Weekly Update on January 28. The Bargaining Team encourages all PECG rank-and-file members to respond to the survey as soon as possible. All responses will be compiled and reviewed by the Bargaining Team before negotiations get underway.
- PECG's Supervisor and Manager Pay and Benefits Survey was emailed to PECG's supervisory and managerial members on February 17. The Meet and Confer Team, which is made up of fellow supervisors and managers from around the state, will use the survey results to establish its own pay and benefit objectives for Unit 9 supervisors and managers prior to meeting with the state.
- In early February, the State Legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed SB 114, which ensures that PECG members – and all state employees – will have access to up to 80 hours of COVID-19 paid sick leave through September 30, 2022. The leave may be used by employees who are unable to work due to illness, have been advised to quarantine, and those caring for COVID-impacted family members. The sick leave is retroactive to leave taken since January 1, 2022. Please stand by for guidance from your departments about how to access this leave.

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- **MOTION** - Keith Mack moved that the Board of Directors endorse seven incumbent constitutional officers running for reelection this year: Gavin Newsom (Governor), Rob Bonta (Attorney General), Fiona Ma (Treasurer), Shirley Weber (Secretary of State), Eleni Kounalakis (Lieutenant Governor), Ricardo Lara (Insurance Commissioner), and Tony Thurmond (Supt. Of Public Instruction). These candidates are long-time friends of PECG with a history of supporting our members. The motion **PASSED** without objection.
- The PECG Corporate Scholarship Program is scheduled to launch on March 11, and application packets will be due by April 29. PECG is proud to offer up to 20 scholarships as a member-only benefit for PECG members and their dependents who are currently enrolled in a college or university in a PECG-related field of study. The Scholarship Committee will review the submitted applications through May and into June. The 20 winners will be chosen in June, and scholarship awards will be distributed in July.

In closing, the Redding Section Officers met on Wednesday, February 16 via WebEx to follow up on action items from our previous meeting. The meeting minutes can be found on our Section's website <http://pecg.org/redding-section/>. As always, if you have any comments, questions or would like to get involved with PECG please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

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