

**2023-2024 Bay Area Section Election
Candidate Statement**

Vice President At Large: CONNIE YIP

Current Classification: Landscape Associate
Department of Agency: Caltrans
Years of State Service: 23 years

WORK EXPERIENCE:

I have been with Caltrans for 23 years this September. In my time here, I've had the privilege to collaborate with just about every discipline at Caltrans which has an amazing level of talent under one roof. I spent 18 years in Design and my most memorable projects were the ones that forced me to think outside the box, tapping into my creative side, and collaborating with other functional units to help mold projects that fit context sensitivity and contribute to our livable communities. 4 years ago, I transferred to Maintenance to become a subject matter expert in vegetation control and management, providing best management solutions towards maintaining a sustainable roadside.

PECG EXPERIENCE:

I began volunteering with the Bay Area PECG Board in 2019 to help promote the many benefits the union provides as well as build community and personal connections with peers. In 2020, I filled the vacated VP At Large position which granted me an official voice and voting privileges as a Board Member. I have continued with this role to date and have deliberated on some of the hottest topics affecting Unit 9 in the Bay Area, including the cost of living, geographic pay differentials, attracting new membership, climate change actions impacting design, and how to engage our Bay Area Section into becoming a stronger voice.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

As your VP At Large, representing the special classes outside of transportation engineers, I will work for all of us to secure class specific goals that may or may not be of concern to transportation engineers. I will continue to advocate for an increase to our climate change strategy to protect our natural resources and State assets.