# LA Section 2023 – 2024 Election Candidate Statement

# PRESIDENT ELECT CANDIDATE

Name: MERCEDES MERINO

Agency: Caltrans

Classification: Engineering Geologist

## **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

2019 – Present: Engineering Geologist with Caltrans, Division of Engineering Services, Office of Geotechnical Design. 2016 – 2019: Engineering Geologist with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Waste Discharge to Land Unit. 2006 – 2016: Engineering Geologist with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Groundwater Permitting and Land Disposal Unit.

### **PECG EXPERIENCE:**

2021 – 2022: Vice President Rank and File; 2019 – 2021: Delegate, Los Angles Section; 2014 – 2016: Delegate, Los Angeles Section

### **CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**

I'm seeking the President-Elect position because I would like to represent and advocate for all PECG members. I served as elected VP Rank and File in 2021-2022 and I was a PECG delegate for 6 years, both at the Regional Water Board and at Caltrans. My experience working for two different state agencies has given me the opportunity to hear from the many members of the State's diverse workforce which includes: engineers, geologists, land surveyors, architects, landscape architects, air pollution specialists, and related professionals. I have heard your priorities, such as: pay raises, geographical pay, health insurance premiums, and additional pay for certifications, and I'd like to work for you, for the priorities that we share.