PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT 2023 - 2024 SACRAMENTO SECTION ELECTION Candidate Statement

<u>Secretary:</u> Eduardo Ortega, Jr.

Classification: Transportation Engineer, Civil **Department:** California Department of Transportation **Years of State Service:** 24 Years

PECG Experience: None

Candidate Statement: I have been working for 24 years in



Bridge Design, in the Division of Engineering Services. I decided to run for office in my local PECG chapter because the great changes brought to us by the pandemic and telework is requiring us now to take a new approach to how we do our business. From Video Teleconference meetings that replaced our old school meetings in person where we ate lunch together, this new era requires new perspectives in how to conduct business and how we to maintain our members engagement.

My idea is to organize special outings to leisure activities on off work hours. Since PECG endorses 100% telework, some of my ideas are to get members together in person (voluntarily, of course) and would involve family friendly activities such as bowling night or mini golf Saturday. We could have door prizes awarded and also prizes to the top players. Or to have PECG BBQs in say, a local park on a Saturday where volleyball could be played in addition to enjoying a nice BBQ food.

Telework will define the future of our workforce and I firmly believe it is time, after the Pandemic is now a memory, we must promote in-person activities. And before I forget, I have been a PECG member since 1999 when I joined the State and began working at Bridge Design.

I appreciate your vote.

Thank you, Eduardo Ortega Jr, P.E. Transportation Engineer Civil