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# PECG Updates

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## PECG Corporate Office 2023-24

River City Section members Brad Shelton and Karmina Padgett-Gonzalez will be serving as Corporate President and Vice President At Large. Thank you to those who participated in the corporate election and congratulations to Brad and Karmina on our PECG Corporate Officer position.



## PECG River City Section Elections 2023-24

On the section level, our section's election closed on August 25, 2023. The results for the section election will be announced as soon as the electric ballots have been verified. Thank you to those who voted and those who are interested in volunteering their time to fill a River City Section Officer position.



## General Salary Increase

As you are aware, **PECG's 3% General Salary Increase (GSI) was to be provided to all Unit 9 members** – rank and file employees and supervisors and managers – effective **July 1, 2023**, and included in the pay warrant employees received on **August 1, 2023!**

Unfortunately, a number of PECG members have reported that their July pay warrants **did not include the 3% GSI** as expected. If you notice that your July pay warrant **did not include the 3% GSI**, please contact your personnel specialist immediately and ask that your department correct the error. Please also email [pecg@pecg.org](mailto:pecg@pecg.org) and staff will work with your department and the State Controller's Office (SCO) to ensure you receive the GSI as quickly as possible.

## Non-Industrial Disability Insurance – Family Care Leave (NDI-FCL)

Also, as of July 1, 2023, NDI-FCL began providing partial wage replacement for up to six weeks (42 days) to bond with a newly arrived child or to care for an ailing family member.

Please refer to the [August 2023 PECG Informer](#) for more information.

# What's Been Happening

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## Member Spotlight

**Brandon Roosenboom** joined the State Water Resources Control Board in 2018 as a Water Resources Control Engineer within the Industrial and Construction Stormwater Unit. Brandon is the lead staff for writing and implementing the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit that applies to 10,000+ projects statewide. Although he graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Biological Systems Engineering in 2016, Brandon is currently pursuing his Civil Professional Engineering license with an emphasis in water resources. In many ways, Brandon sees himself following in his parents' footsteps as both were committed public servants in greater Silicon Valley. In fact, Brandon was inspired to join and participate in PECG because his father was a vocal union representative at the San Jose Water Company. Brandon has since been elected as Vice President of Rank and File for our section and actively serves on the Philanthropy Committee to review academic scholarships and support the Sacramento County Academic Decathlon. Brandon is known for being a foodie and outdoorsman amongst his peers, spending most of free time cooking for friends, exploring the wilderness, fishing and hunting.



**Mohamed Salem** is a water resource control engineer with the State Water Resource Control Board Division of Financial Assistance. As a student, Mohamed was active with the Washington State University Middle Eastern Student Association and interned for the Washington State Governor's Office of International Relations and Protocol. His early passion for public service, water resources, and helping others has led him to join the State following graduation. His work has allowed him to work with many communities across California and to gain more knowledge on water quality issues.

Mohamed enjoys traveling, foreign languages, reading, and bicycling. He is fascinated with old maps and historic sites. One of the things has on his bucket list is to do a round trip from Istanbul to London. He is currently working on obtaining his PE license to further grow his career.

## River City Section and Corporate Scholarships

The River City Section is happy to award a total of four community and member scholarships to the following individuals: (1) Bibek Acharya, (2) Erik Bare, (3) Jason Huang, and (4) Massae Shoge. Also, the section is happy to acknowledge Conor Schott as a receipt of the Corporate Scholarship. Congrats to these individuals!