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PECG Updates

2024 PECG Calendars!

PECG's 2024 full-color wall calendar and the 2024 pocket calendar will soon be sent to print. To order your PECG 2024 wall and pocket calendars, please [click here](#) and complete the form indicating if you would like the wall calendar, the pocket calendar, or both. If you have already submitted your request, there is no need to do so again.

By providing calendars only to those who request them, PECG cuts our waste stream and saves resources that can be used to deliver other important services and benefits to members. The calendars will be mailed directly to all who request them in December, along with the 2024 PECG membership cards.

And remember, PECG also offers an electronic calendar in which you can place all the state holidays, key events, and PECG meetings that appear on our paper calendars onto your phone or computer. It can be found on the PECG webpage by [clicking here](#) and will be updated for 2024 before the end of the year.



Sacramento Kings Event

We're doing it again! Our Section Officers are organizing a River City Section Sacramento Kings Event on **March 25, 2024**. Stay tuned for more information! Mark your calendars for now!



Celebrating Milestones

Planning to retire in the near future or recently retired? Let us celebrate with you and send you PECG swag! If you have served at least 25 years, please fill out this form: [25 years or more](#).

Expecting a baby or your newborn is already here? We would love to celebrate with you by sending River City swag for your new addition. Sign up [HERE](#).

We look forward to celebrating with you!

What's Been Happening

Virtual River City Section Meeting

Our On October 11th, 2023 we had a Virtual Section meeting.

During the meeting we introduced this year's section officers and Corporate Officers Brad Shelton (President) and Karmina Padgett-Gonzales (VP At Large). Our special guest speaker was Jon Ortiz, the PECG Director of Media and Research. Jon Ortiz spoke about PECG's Image Advertisement that launched recently. Thank you to everyone who helped organize and participated in this event. We are looking forward to the upcoming year!

If you were not able to join the meeting, keep an eye out for the November PECG Informer. This informer shares more about the PECG's Image Advertisement.

Committee Development

We're always looking for like-minded individuals who are looking to be a part of something more. Below is a list of the committees that we want YOU to be a part of.

- Communications – newsletters, social media, outreach
- Members Support – new employee orientation, membership benefits
- Learning Resources – reference material, prep courses, study groups, tutors
- Philanthropy – scholarships, sponsorships, relief programs, volunteering opportunities



If you are interested in joining a committee or simply learning more, please contact John Murphy Leyba at John.Murphy@Waterboards.ca.gov

New Section Officers



Director

KhristinaRae Leyba is a Water Resource Control Engineer working for the Cleanup Fund at the State Water Resource Control Board. She received a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of California, San Diego. Prior to starting her state service in Sacramento, she began her career with Dudek as an engineer in San Diego. Khristina enjoys camping, stargazing, mentoring, and exploring the outdoors with her family.

President

John Murphy is a Senior Engineering Geologist (Supervisory) with the State Water Board's Division of Water Rights and a licensed Professional Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist. He holds a B.S. in Geology from St. Lawrence University (Canton, NY) and an M.S. in Geology from Binghamton University (Binghamton, NY). Before employment at the Water Board, John started his career in the petroleum industry as a Borehole Geologist with Schlumberger in Bakersfield, CA. John joined the Central Valley Water Board in 2016 as an Engineering Geologist and was later promoted to Senior Engineering Geologist with the Site Cleanup Program in 2020. John is also the current President of the Sacramento Chapter of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG).



President-Elect

Brandon Roosenboom is a Water Resource Control Engineer and lead permit writer for the California State Water Resources Control Board's Construction Stormwater Program. Before joining public service in 2018, Brandon was an environmental consultant in the Bay Area within the biomedical, healthcare, and technology sectors. He earned his B.S. in Biological Systems Engineering at the University of California, Davis in 2016. In his spare time, Brandon enjoys playing softball, fishing, and cooking for family and friends at get-togethers.

VP Supervisory

Lang Khang (he/him) has been working as an engineer in California government since his first position as a Water Resource Control Engineer (WRCE) in April 2016. Aside from the River City Section the VP Supervisory role, he also is the Chair to the Learning Resources Committee (LRC). Currently, Lang is a Senior WRCE within the Enforcement Section of the Division of Water Rights within the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). He enjoys discussions related to SWRCB work, GIS, PECG, benefits, wildlife, games, food, science, and technology. Lang encourages River City Section members to reach out to him if there are questions, comments, suggestions regarding the PE/PG process or would like to coordinate study sessions with others



Our River City Section

VP Rank and File



Kevin DeLano is a licensed Geologist in the State Water Board's Division of Water Rights and joined the State Water Board and PEGC in 2015. Since then, He has worked in the Instream Flow Unit on watershed modeling, public outreach, and long-term flow policy in the Ventura River watershed. He also helped develop and implement drought emergency regulations in the Scott and Shasta River watersheds, focusing on local cooperative solutions and outreach. Kevin has a M.S. in Geology from Central Washington University and a B.S. in Geology from UC Davis. As River City Section's Vice President of Collective Bargaining (Rank and File) for 2023-2024, He is excited to meet River City Section's diverse Rank and File staff. His goals are to understand staffs' concerns and help folks learn about their PEGC protections and benefits (e.g., annual salary increases, flexible paid leave and telework, and professional licensure support). He would like to learn how PEGC can support you.

VP at Large

Mohammad Biswas is an Assistant Telecommunications Engineer at the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services – Public Safety Communications. Before starting his career with the state, Mo worked as an Electronics Engineer for the Department of Defense. He earned his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of California, Davis in 2018. In his spare time, he enjoys playing pickleball court and watching football on Sundays.



Treasurer

Lydia Montgomery is a Water Resource Control Engineer at the California State Water Resources Control Board in the Division of Financial Assistance, Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Section. She began in 2019 working as a contract Junior Environmental Assistant for the State in the Division of Financial Assistance in the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund. Lydia received a B.S. in environmental resources engineering from Humboldt State University.



Secretary

Payman Alemi has been a PEGC member since I joined the Water Boards in March 2016 and am excited to help the River City Section as the incoming secretary. I work as a senior water resource control engineer specialist in the Division of Water Rights. Outside of work, my hobbies are playing and watching sports and learning new languages. I am also a lifelong Sacramento Kings fan!

