#### **December 2013 Newsletter**

Presented by the 2013-2014 San Diego Section Officers

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# **Have a Happy New Year**

# October 2013 PECG Board of Directors' Meeting



PECG President Cathrina Barros & Section President Mo Maher

San Diego Section officers attended the PECG's October 2013 Board of Directors meeting. We heard updates on PECG's activities and discussed the issues facing PECG with the Board, Committees, and Staff.

#### **Annual Focus on the Future**

PECG officers Roy Flores, Steve Lee and Matt Hanson attended the Self-Help Counties recently held annual Focus on the Future conference in downtown San Diego on November 18th and 19th 2013. Speakers included Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty and California Transportation Secretary Brian Kelly. The conference was centered on searching for solutions to increase transportation infrastructure funding. PECG was a sponsor of the conference and attendees generally have a positive attitude of PECG, in part because many agency and consulting employees have previous Caltrans experience.

### **Kearny Mesa Retrofit & Relocation**



San Diego Section President **Mo Maher** and other officers met with PECG Labor Relations Representative Steve Beck and SEIU representatives and PECG members affected by

the Kearny Mesa relocation and raised members' concerns to Caltrans in an effort to accommodate members' requests and needs.

#### **Members' General Meeting**



**PECG President Elect Roy Flores talked to members** 

San Diego Section members attended the general meeting with guest speakers Past PECG President Steve Lee, PECG President Elect Roy Flores and PECG Labor Relations Counsel Jesse Rodriguez and discussed a variety of subjects.



Lunch was provided for the members by the San Diego Section prepared by the D-11 Cafeteria



Left to right, Diane Vermeulen Section
Treasurer, Roy Flores PECG President Elect,
Azar Habibafshar Section VP Rank & File,
Lawrence Emerson (Section VP Supervisory,
Steve Lee PECG Past President, Lilia Bowman
Section VP At Large, Robert Lumahan Section
Director, Mo Maher Section President and Jesse
Rodriguez PECG Labor Relations Counsel.
Special thanks to Azar and Diane to set up the
program.



Jesse Rodriguez PECG Labor Relations Counsel answered member's questions

#### San Diego Science and Engineering Fair

The 60th Annual Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair will be held March 25 - 30, 2014 at the Balboa Park Activity Center (2145 Park Blvd.)

The San Diego Section will be heavily involved at the Fair. Members interested in helping as volunteer judges representing PECG, please contact Robert Lumahan, Science Fair Committee Chair at: <a href="mailto:robert\_lumahan@dot.ca.gov">robert\_lumahan@dot.ca.gov</a>



#### **Employee Recognition Day**



PECG and SEIU activists helped with the event

PECG officers and activists attended the D-11 Employee recognition and Section had a table set and in cooperation with SEIU provided water and sodas to attendees.

#### **President's Message**



Dear members, amongst many tasks that the Section would like to accomplish. the communication between the members and the officers is a priority, please feel free to call me or the Section officers with

questions or concerns that you have. I think it is important that we do not forget about Supervisors' pay as well as Rank and File. We want to get more involved in our communities and help the youth get more interested in Engineering and Science and we can play a better role in mentoring students and support projects such as habitat for humanity, MESA and other similar organizations and encourage our community youth to continue higher education. Section funds should also go to provide scholarships to the PECG family members and we should continue to support Corporate PECG's Scholarship program. Section has been and will continue to serve in DAC and we have officers serving Supervisor and Rank and File members with any work related conflicts. If you are in need of help to prepare for PE exam please contact me to see what we can do to help.

#### San Diego Democratic Party Event

Sunday December 15th Roy Flores, Azar Habibafshar, Robert Lumahan, Mo Maher and their spouses attended the San Diego Democratic Party event.



**Kevin Beiser and Mo Maher** 

## San Diego Section PECG sponsored D-11 Gymnasiom

Tired of feeling tired!? Come get fit at the District 11 Wellness Center! Now fully equipped for classes and support a variety of strength training machines that will help you get energized!! Only \$120 per year (now accepting 2 payment method - limited time).



Questions contact: Ben Guerrero Jr (619) 688-3199

#### **Special Thanks**

Special Thanks to our past President and our current Director Mr. Robert Lumahan for representing us at the PECG Annual Meeting and our Past Director and current Secretary Mr. Naser Ghaderi for years of serving on San Diego Science and Engineering Fair.

#### **Comments & Suggestions**

If you have any comments/suggestions regarding this newsletter, please contact:

Section President, Mo Maher Section Director, Robert Lumahan

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY



