



Inland Empire Section

Professional Engineers in California Government

June IE Section Meeting with John Chiang

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This year, the IE Section was honored to have California State Controller, John Chiang attend as Chief Speaker at the June Section meeting held at The Castaway Restaurant in San Bernardino. The Controller, Caltrans District 8 Director, as well as distinguished PECG Corporate Officers took turns to address members with their message. The attendance was exceptionally high with nearly 200 attendees.



In appreciation for his attendance and long time support of State employees, the State Controller was presented with a plaque showing our appreciation. At the end of the meeting, members had the chance to meet and greet the Controller and even had opportunities for pictures!

L-R: Aaron Brady, Cathrina Barros, Jane Pham, and CA State Controller John Chiang



June IE Section Meeting



L-R: The Section luncheon was highlighted with three key speakers. Starting with John Chiang, members were briefed about the decision making process the Controller had to make during the recent economic crisis.

PECG Corporate President, Cathrina Barros discussed the supervisory pay parity, the projected State transportation budget, and progress on the bargaining front. Caltrans District 8 Director, Basem Muellem, commended the District's hard work and was ecstatic about having the opportunity to sit down with PECG Leaders.

PECG Executive Director, Bruce Blanning, stood with his fellow Corporate officers and the IE Officers and Committee members.

L-R: Joya Gilster, Aaron Brady, Cathrina Barros, Steve Lee, Bruce Blanning, Tim Sharp, and Ferdinand de la Cruz





June IE Section Meeting



Above: Controller, John Chiang is greeted with a warm welcome by PECG Corporate Leaders and District Director.



Above: John Chiang offers a relaxed and interactive setting as he engages the audience for participation and feedback during his speech.



Left: Distinguished guests were seated in one table as they await coming up to the podium to present their message to the IE PECG members.

Attendees of nearly 200 PECG members filled the Hawaiian Conference Hall at The Castaway Restaurant at the June Section Luncheon. The eloquent setting and décor of the restaurant was well complimented with good food and a 180 degree view of the San Bernardino mountains. was well received for a event that brought with a nice lunch and a everyone what PECG us.



Praise from many very successful members together chance to remind has done for all of



Awards Luncheon-June 18, 2014 at the TMC in Fontana



The Inland Empire Section hosted a RIMS Awarded Luncheon on June 18, 2014 to recognize the winners of the three Scholarships for each Division of competition. Section Member Judges, as well as all who volunteered their time for Section activities and efforts were honored there and also deserve a big thank you! The families of all winners also invited to the event to show support for their children accomplishment.



Left: Scott Honhkhham, Statewide of Science Fair committee Chair , and Ferdinand DelaCruz, Corporate committee member gives the appreciation certificate to Past Corporate President Steve Lee for his support.
L-R: Ferdinand, Scott and Steve



Scott Hongkham and Ferdinand Dela Cruz presented the Scholarship to Senior Student Ezra Creighton and Junior Student Cade Pretorius for their achievement from 2014 Science Fair



Upper Right: Ferdinand, Cade and Scott
Lower Left: Ferdinand, Ezra, Scott.



Section At Large Meeting July 31st, 2014



The IE Section At Large Meeting was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Riverside as members from various organizations came together to meet and listen to briefings from PECG Corporate and Section Officers.

Below (L-R): Aaron, Sutida, Ferdinand, Joya, Steve, Jane, Reyna



In the picture above, Corporate Past President, Steve Lee and Corporate VP at Large, Sutida Berquist, took a moment to pose before the meeting.



Section At Large Meeting July 31st, 2014



Steve Lee and Sutida Bergquist were invited to attend this year's At-Large Meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant in Riverside. Topics of discussion included the highly anticipated Supervisor/manager pay parity status, supporting Betty Lee for Board of Equalization/ Drinking Water, joining the State Water Board as one organization, Bi-Lingual pay, and retirement contribution.

PECG Members from various public organizations got the opportunity to meet each other as well as their representative from PECG. Lunch was served in the conference room where members were addressed with informative updates and had their questions answered.





Meeting with John Laird August 11, 2014



On Monday August 11, 2014, Secretary Sybille Phillips, on behalf of the Inland Empire Section attended a reception for and presentation by the Honorable John Laird, California's Secretary of Natural Resources.

There are about 40 peoples attended the reception and about 100 peoples who attended his 1-hour presentation. The Secretary covered many topics – brief bio, then Water, Fire, and the many issues he and his departments are dealing with, then he answered written questions. The main group sponsoring the event, the Mountain Bears Democratic Club (Chair), allowed her to set up her TV/DVD and show PECG's documentary "We've Got the Power" on continuous play near the sign-in table. Sybille also placed flyers there showing PECG's documentary set."

Many thanks to Sybille for doing great job!!!



Upcoming Events Supervisory Meeting



This year's Supervisory Meeting will be held on August 21st, 2014 at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Riverside. Gerald James, PECC Legal Council, Alan Escada, Corporate VP Supervisory and Past Corporate President, Steve Lee, will be invited as our guest speakers.

The purpose of this meeting is to reinforce our Supervisory members of PECC's continued commitment to achieving parity pay for them. In addition, we will discuss retirement trailer bills and the PECC's goals for upcoming years. Our Section is committed to retaining the current members and will strive to convince new members to join PECC.