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Professional Engineers in California Government



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Quarterly Section Report **March 2017**



Jon Ortiz was our guest speaker at the first Section Meeting of the year. He spoke of his transition from the Sacramento Bee to serving as PECG's Director of Research and Strategy and also answered questions from our Members.



INLAND EMPIRE SECTION MEETING

Guest Speaker:

Jon Ortiz
PECG Director of
Media & Research



Jon Ortiz serves as the Director of Research and Strategy for PECG. Prior to that he spent 13 years as an award-winning journalist with the Sacramento Bee, where he launched the popular "State Worker Blog and Column".

Back by popular demand, PECG's Annual wall calendars are now available. The 2017 flip-up calendars include 15 full color images from some of California's most scenic landmarks.
(1 per member)



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Wednesday
January 25, 2017
11:30 AM
@The Feldheim Library
555 West 6th Street, San Bernardino

Deadline for RSVP is January 17, 2017



Section Meeting



Left:

Joya also spoke at the Section meeting and gave a quick update on Section matters and answered questions about the upcoming Bargaining sessions.

Right:

Members listening attentively to our speakers. After the meeting, they were treated to complimentary sandwiches.





Section Meeting



Above:

Jon Ortiz with some of our Section Officers:
Ruben Reza, Sybille Phillips, Joya Gilster, Jon,
Jane Pham, Ferdinand & Tim Sharp





Legislative Day



PECG LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2017

The Transportation Infrastructure Crisis

While California has done well to approve new funding for water and school projects in recent years, our transportation infrastructure crisis has not been effectively addressed. PECG strongly supports efforts this year to generate new, ongoing revenue to repair and maintain our crumbling state highways and bridges and local streets and roads.

Investment in our transportation infrastructure is long overdue. There is a \$59 billion backlog in needed repairs on the 50,000 lane miles in the state highway system. Over 25% of California's 12,000 bridges show significant deterioration and need to be repaired or replaced. If we don't repair our failing highway and bridge infrastructure now, it is estimated that it will cost 8 times more to rehabilitate or replace them later.

Simply, adequate transportation funding is needed now to protect the system, create thousands of good-paying jobs, reduce congestion, help preserve the environment and greatly improve the quality of life for every Californian.

Additional funding must be spent wisely. PECG has strongly opposed any effort to expand the outsourcing of engineering work at Caltrans and allow state highway projects to be constructed without on-site state inspectors. Such proposals have proven to waste millions of taxpayer dollars and threaten public safety.

PECG looks forward to working with the Legislature and the Administration to provide new, ongoing funding to maintain our essential state highway infrastructure without wasting taxpayer money on overpriced outsourcing.



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Spending Tax Dollars Efficiently and Effectively



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Stop Outsourcing State Engineering Jobs at Twice the Cost. Caltrans currently wastes \$100 million each year by awarding no-bid contracts to outsource nearly 1,000 engineering positions to consultants at twice the cost of using state engineers to perform the work. Other state departments and agencies also continue to reduce or limit state engineering positions while outsourcing. As a result, the state wastes millions of taxpayer dollars that would be better spent on improving highways, water facilities, schools, hospitals and other critical infrastructure.

Public Inspection Protects Public Safety. Construction inspection by public servants helps ensure the safety of California's critical infrastructure projects. PECG is committed to ensuring that inspection is performed by inspectors employed by and loyal to the public. On-site construction inspection ensures that construction and seismic standards are met, that projects meet safety requirements and that the materials used will stand the test of time.

Public-Private Partnerships (P3) Should Protect Public Safety and Interest. If our state is to consider reauthorizing P3s, common sense public interest protections must be built into the legislation. Construction inspection and other key functions must be performed by public agency employees to protect the public interest, a cost-benefit analysis should be performed prior to awarding a P3 contract, non-compete and similar clauses must be forbidden, and existing transportation revenues must not be used to make availability or other payments to private concessionaires. California cannot afford any more P3 disasters.



Legislative Day



Inland Empire Officers attended Legislative Day on February 7th at the State Capital in Sacramento. Above: Assemblymember Marc Levine poses with President-Elect Sutida Bergquist & Secretary Jane Pham.



Above:

Assemblymember Ed Chau, Tim Sharp, Treasurer John Chiang, Jane Pham, Ferdinand de la Cruz, Scott Hongkham and Aaron Brady



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Left:

Jane Pham, Ferdinand, Melanie Figueroa, Aaron Brady and Tim Sharp. Melanie is on the staff of Assemblymember Chad Mayes, who is the Assembly Republican leader.

Right:

Scott Hongkham, Jane Pham, Esha Mathew, Ferdinand and Tim Sharp. Esha is on the staff of Assemblymember Jose Medina, who serves on the Transportation Committee.





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Right:

Ferdinand, Jane Pham,
Aaron Brady, Joya
Gilster,
Assemblymember Phillip
Chen and Tim Sharp.
Mr. Chen also serves on
the Environmental
Safety and Toxic
Materials Committee.



Left:

Tim Sharp, Ferdinand,
Assemblymember
Eduardo Garcia, Joya
Gilster, Jane Pham, Kristi
Shelton and Aaron
Brady. Mr. Garcia also
serves on the
Appropriations
Committee.



Upcoming Events- Science & Engineering Fair



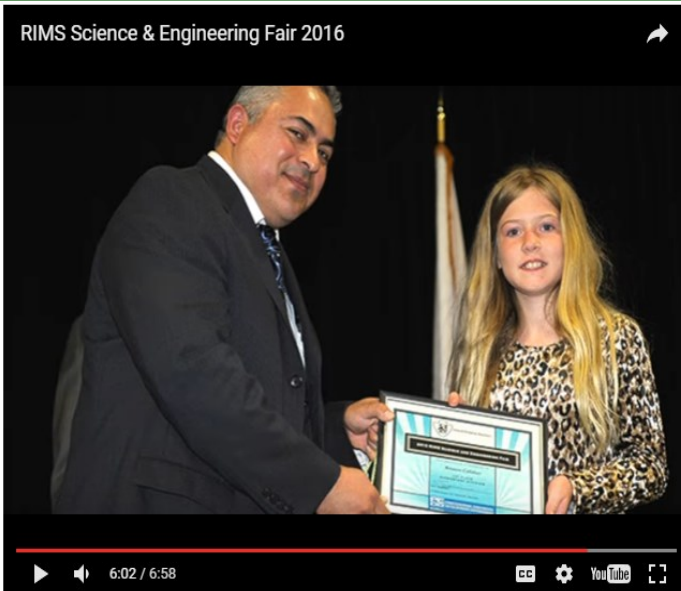
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Section Members serving as Judges at last year's Science Fair.

The Science and Engineering Fair is a competition of Science and Engineering projects designed, developed, and displayed by elementary and secondary students from schools in Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono Counties.

Participants share their creative abilities, knowledge, and interests with other students. Experienced judges, with background knowledge in specific areas of science and engineering, critique the projects for qualities including scientific method, content, clarity of presentation, and originality.

Upcoming Events- Science & Engineering Fair



Left:

Roy Flores was a presenter at last year's Award Ceremony.



This year the Science and Engineering Fairs for Riverside (RIV) and San Bernardino, Inyo & Mono (SIM) will be held on two separate days, March 28th and April 4th.



Inland Empire Section



Riverside County Science and Engineering Fair



***Please support Students by
Judging their projects.
Contact us to obtain a Judge/
Volunteer form by
March 21, 2017***

New Judging Location

March 28, 2017

7 a.m.— 5 p.m.

**At the
Riverside Convention Center
3637 Fifth Street**

**in
Riverside
“Breakfast and Lunch will
be Served”**

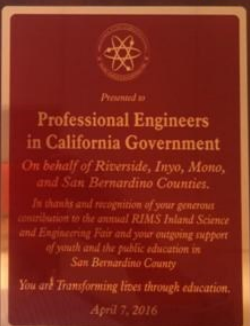
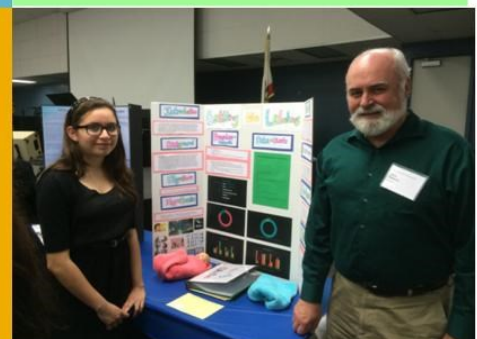
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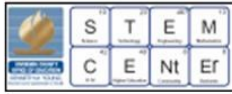
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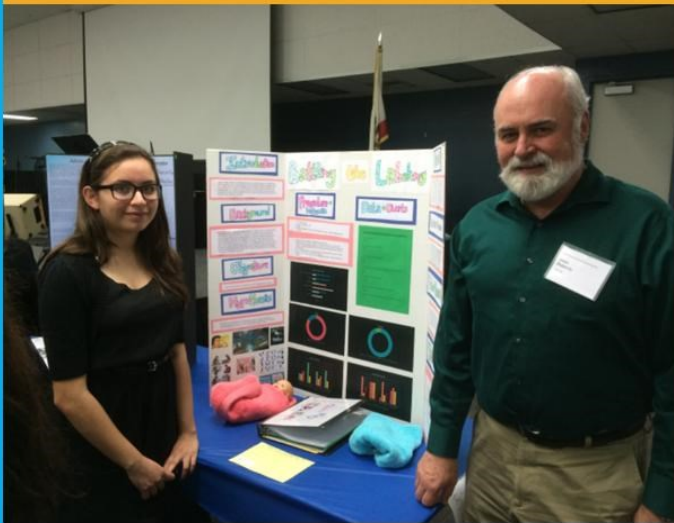


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San Bernardino Inyo Mono

Science and Engineering Fair



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New Judging Location

APRIL 4, 2017

9am-1:30pm

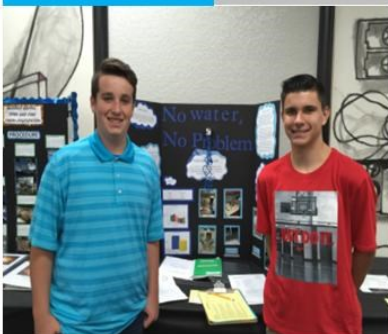
**At the
Auto Club Speedway**

9300 Cherry Avenue

in

Fontana

**“Breakfast and Lunch will
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Above:

Pat Hennessey, with over 38 years, retired in December and is shown with Joya, Jane, Tim, Ruben and Ferdinand.

PLEASE
INFORM A
PECC
OFFICER IF
YOU ARE
RETIRING
SOON

