



Inland Empire Section

Section Report-June 2018

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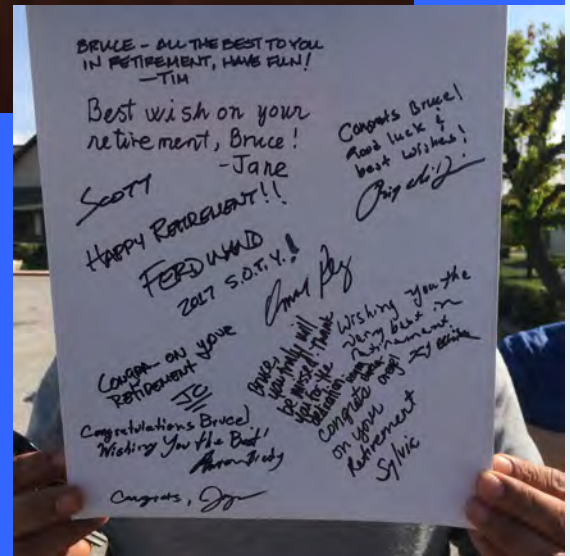
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Bruce Blanning




PECG SECTION MEETING

MARCH 8, 2018



Guest Speaker
Bruce Blanning



Executive Director of PECG and also the bargaining chief negotiator for us. Bruce has over 35 years of experience representing public employees. He will be retiring in March, so please join us to wish him a happy retirement!

When:
Thursday
March 8, 2018

Time:
11:30 AM

Where:
Norman Feldheim Public Library
555 W. 6th Street
San Bernardino

Panera sandwich lunch will be provided

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Obtain a Meal Ticket
(Steak, Turkey, Chicken Salad or Veggie) from:

Denise Craig	12th floor	(909) 383-4068
Aaron Brady	11th floor	(909) 388-7304
Joya Gilster-Nava	10th floor	(909) 383-1027
Jane Pham	7th floor	(909) 806-3961
Omar Perez	TMC/SRL	(909) 356-3734
Keith Elliott	Riverside	(951) 782-4925

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On March 8th, we held our Section meeting with Bruce Blanning, to give him thanks for the many years of leadership and to wish him a happy retirement!

The plaque that we presented to Bruce reads:
“In Appreciation and Recognition of Your Leadership and Dedicated Service to PECG”



Inland Empire Science Fairs Riverside County and SIM

The Inland Empire Section hosted both the Riverside County Science and Engineering Fair and San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono (SIM) County Science and Engineering Fairs. The Riverside County Science Fair was held on March 19th and the SIM Fair was held on April 3rd. Below are some of Section members that served as Judges.



RivCo Office of Ed @RCOE · Mar 19

Thank you to our #ScienceFair sponsor & judges @PECG. Looking for those future scientists & engineers among our #RivCo student population. #STEM



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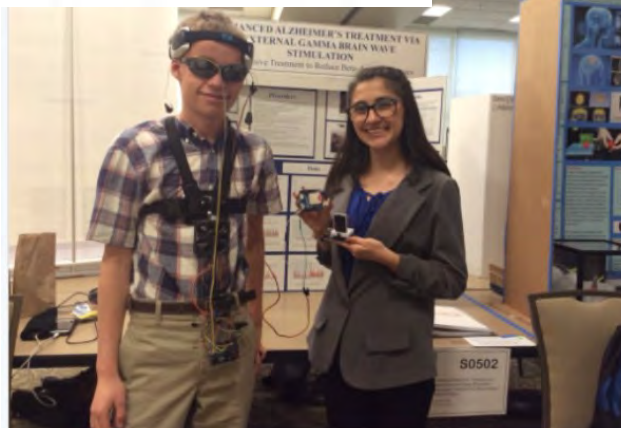
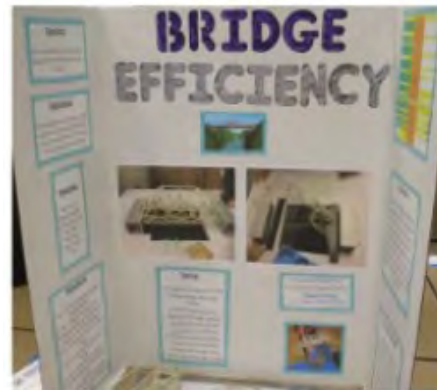
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Riverside County Science & Engineering Fair (Held at the Riverside Convention Center)



Left: IE Section Scholarship winner James Fagen discusses his project about Martian Research. **Below Right:** Students show off their projects concerning water, wind and solar power. **Below Left:** Western Academy Students demonstrate equipment for enhancing Alzheimer's treatment. **Below:** Students from Coachella Valley High School discuss the different types of replacement bridges for a collapsed bridge on I-10.



SIMS Science & Engineering Fair (Held at the California Speedway)



Above are the winning IE Section Scholarship projects. **Left-Top:** The Senior project showed an innovative method to remove lead from soil. **Left-Bottom:** One of the Elementary winners tested 3D printed bridge designs. **Above:** The other Elementary winner showed the effects of color on Solar Panels. **Right:** One of the Junior projects discusses Discrimination Against Women Going Into STEM and the other Junior project showed the effects Earthquakes on Skyscrapers.

Award Ceremonies Riverside

The Ceremonies were held at two locations, one in Fontana and one in Riverside, to accommodate all four Counties.



Left: Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Judy D. White with the IE Section Scholarship winners and VP At-Large Keith Elliot.



Left: James Fagen with his IE Section Certificate for his winning project .



Award Ceremonies San Bernardino



Above: IE Section Officers Reyna Baeza-Oregel, Omar Perez and Ferdinand de la Cruz participate in the SIMS award ceremony.

Outreach

Regional Mobility Dialogue Series



Inland Empire PECG @IEPCG · Mar 14
@IEPCG Member Tim Sharp and @IEPCG Staff Jesse Rodriguez on Feb 20th attend the #CSUSB Leonard Transportation Center @LTCenter for the Regional Mobility Dialogue Series, sponsored by @HNTB Corp in the Inland Empire. Topic, Opportunities and Trade-offs in Transportation.



CSUSB Leonard Transportation Center @LTCenter · Mar 20
THAT CONCLUDES THE END OF OUR 2ND EVENT! Thank you to those who attended & our speakers. Kome Ajise from SCAG, Baruch Feigenbaum from the Reason Foundation, & Mayor Rhodes "Dusty" Rigsby, M.D., City of Loma Linda for a great event. A big thanks to @HNTB Corp & to @jhbimpact.



CSUSB Leonard Transportation Center @LTCenter · Feb 20
THAT CONCLUDES OUR FIRST EVENT! A special thanks to all our speakers-attendees and our sponsor @HNTB for making this a great event! If you did not make it to our first @LTCenter dialogue event, be sure to attend our next one, next month, March 20th. #CSUSB #HNTB #Transportation

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO
LEONARD TRANSPORTATION CENTER
REGIONAL MOBILITY DIALOGUE SERIES

REGISTER NOW!

DIALOGUE TOPICS

FEBRUARY 20, 2018
Opportunities and Trade-offs in Transportation: Maintaining the Region's Competitiveness and Quality of Life

MARCH 20, 2018
Can Congestion Pricing Improve Mobility?

MAY 22, 2018
Mobility as a Service: Paving the Way. Reporting: From Delivery Can Technology Save It?

JULY 31, 2018
Autonomous and Connected Vehicles - Will They Make Things Better or Worse?

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
Transit and Rail - Are They the Answer?

NOVEMBER 13, 2018
The Future of Transportation Funding - Gas Tax, Pay-As-You-Drive and Other Ideas

Each dialogue will feature ideas and diverse opinions from well-known experts speaking on timely topics and an opportunity for you to engage with the experts and other participants. Topics will range from understanding the current mobility dilemma and its causes to ideas like congestion pricing our roadways; the impact of autonomous and connected vehicles; new ways of funding transportation infrastructure; and emerging technologies and solutions.

You can sign up to attend as many of the dialogues as you like. Your investment for this opportunity is \$30 per breakfast meeting or register for all six for \$150 and save \$30. Registration fees help support the Leonard Transportation Center.

Your voice is important! Please join your fellow community leaders as we discuss these important topics.

Participation will be limited to the first 50 people who register for each seminar.

Our Section participated in the Regional Mobility Dialogue Series held at the Leonard Transportation Center in San Bernardino. This series of three meetings was held to discuss Transportation topics that will affect the Inland Empire in the next few years. Jesse Rodriguez, from the Pasadena Office, together with Section Members Tim Sharp and Ray Desselle attended the meetings.

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO
LEONARD TRANSPORTATION CENTER
REGIONAL MOBILITY DIALOGUE SERIES

Six educational and interactive breakfast discussions addressing controversial transit transportation issues that are central to affect the quality of life in Inland Empire.

FEBRUARY 20, 2018
7:30 - 10:00 AM

DIALOGUE TOPIC #1:
Opportunities and Tradeoffs in Transportation: Maintaining the Region's Competitiveness and Quality of Life

HNTB

Outreach

Hemet Design Challenge



Hemet Unified School District's 3rd Annual **DESIGN CHALLENGE**



STUDENT TEAMS COMPETING ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE
INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING COURSES

Each team will have a new and creative design improvement on an everyday item. Teams will create sketches, assembly & parts drawings, and a final presentations.

DATE: Saturday, March 24, 2018

TIME: Participating Students only 7:30 am — 5:00 pm
(Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for participants)

Spectators are invited to view the student's design presentations beginning at 3:00 pm til 5:00 pm
LOCATION: 1791 W. Acacia Avenue, Hemet, CA
Professional Development Service Center,
Board Room

For information please contact: Khyrystal Martinez at kmartinez@hemetuasd.org



On March 24th our Section participated in the Hemet Design Challenge. Section members Alan Bisi, Xavier Quintanar, Wil Ochoa and Omar Perez served as Judges. Joya Gilster-Nava was at our booth to answer questions and give out information to the students. Thanks to these members for spending part of their Saturday to help students in Hemet!

Outreach

La Vern Heights Middle School

Career Day



Section Member Mary Padres spent a day at La Vern Heights Middle School for their Career Day. The Students were very happy to learn about her career at Caltrans and she gave out some PECG items such as sunglasses, fidget spinners, lanyards, etc to the future Engineers. Mary did such great job that she even received many thank you cards from the kids as seen above.

Outreach WTS



We're proud to sponsor the 2018
WTS Conference in San Diego!
Find us there from May 16th - 18th.
#WTSConference

Thanks to all the sponsors of the #WTSConference for helping make Day 1 great!
#DrivingTheWavesOfChange



Above: Section Members Jane Pham and Reyna Baeza-Oregel, together with other PECC members, were able to spend a couple days at the WTS Conference in San Diego. This Conference covered three days, where Transportation leaders met to exchange ideas and learn about the latest developments in the field.

Caltrans District 8 Employee Appreciation Day May 9th, 2018



As what has become a yearly event, we also participated in the District's **Employee Appreciation Day** on Thursday May 9th. We handed out over 500 drinks to Caltrans employees, who enjoyed them on this hot day.

Upcoming Events

Inland Empire Informational Meeting

Guest Speaker:
Matt Austin

Matt Austin is the PECG Staff Director of Representation from our San Francisco Office. He will discuss the benefits of PECG membership, representation and other PECG related issues.

Although this is meant for newer members, all are welcome!



When:

Thursday
May 24, 2018

Time:

11:30 AM

Where:

Basement Room
District Office

Pizza and Drinks
Provided

Seating is limited!

You must obtain a Meal Ticket from Juan Carlos Alvarez
before the meeting!

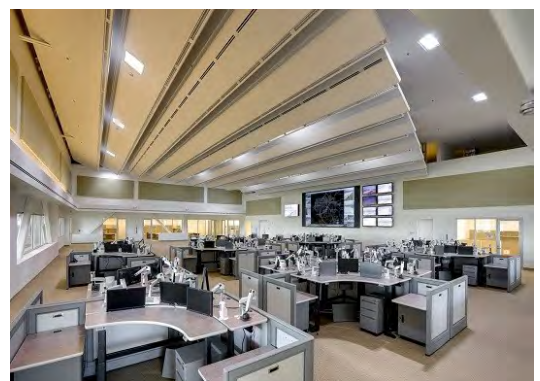


Please see him at:

JC Alvarez 11th floor (909) 383-4931

Upcoming Events

The Science Fair Banquet will be held on **June 20th** at the Inland Empire Transportation Management Center. Scholarship Recipients and their guests will receive a tour of the LEED Platinum Building, exposing them to various advanced Engineering Technologies. Winners will be honored and receive scholarship checks along with a great luncheon fare prepared by our very own IE 'Chef' Scott Hongkham. Also, invited are members that served as Judges, mentors and PECG volunteers as a "Thank you" for making a difference in our kids' lives.



Retirements



Sheilah Neff retired in May and was a great help to our Section recently as she represented us in SWE events and served as a Judge at the Science Fairs.

Shahram Mokhtari retired with over 20 years in Traffic Design



Renee Sasse retired with over 30 years of State Service in both District 7 & 8.



Tony Louka retired in April with over 30 years of State Service and also served as a PECG treasurer in the past.

