



Inland Empire Section

December 2018 Section Report

Ratification Meeting

THE SECTION

2018-2019

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PECG RATIFICATION MEETING
Tuesday, September 4th

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT**

PROPOSED UNIT 9
RATIFICATION INFORMATION

INLAND EMPIRE

All Unit 9 Members are authorized one hour of paid release time to attend a meeting to learn about the proposed new MOU and have your questions answered by a member of the PECG Bargaining Team.

**Tuesday, September 4
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**The Feldheym Library
555 West 6th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92410**

This is a no-cost event, but attendance is limited to Unit 9 Members and a ticket is required. Please follow the link to reserve your ticket:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inland-empire-section-proposed-unit-9-mou-ratification-informational-meeting-tickets-49494268690>

Non-Members may not attend the meeting unless they join PECG prior to or at the meeting. Please direct Non-Members to join @ PECG.ORG. Your one hour of state paid release time is in addition to your normal lunch break.

Lunch will be provided immediately after the meeting. Please email your choice of sandwich to: Alireza Behbahani <Alireza.Behbahani@dot.ca.gov>

Veggie or Turkey or Club Supreme (Roast beef, turkey, swiss and bacon)

Remember: A printed ticket is required for admission.

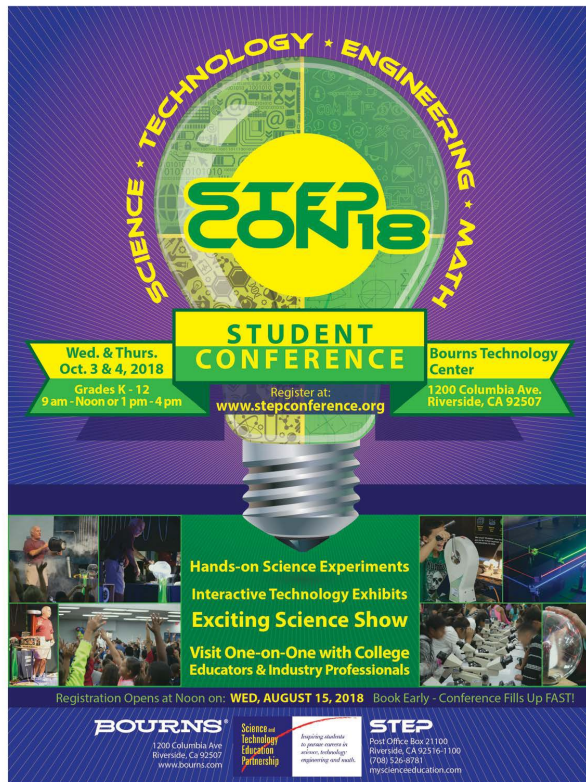


Above: Joya speaks to a full house about the new MOU provisions and also conducted a Q & A session. The members were also treated to sandwiches and drinks after the meeting.



Section Outreach

STEPCON 18



Above: Past Director Reyna Baeza-Oregel, with Student assistants, attended the first day of STEPCON 18 while JC and Elaheh attended the second day. They talked to teachers and students about PECG's involvement in STEM and PREP.





Section Outreach-Continued

STEPCON 18



Our booth was a popular stop with everyone during this multi-day exhibit. Below are some of the informational handouts that we gave out.

<h3>Partners</h3> <p>PECC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT</p> <p>Professional Engineers in California Government (PECC) represents 13,000 State-Employed Engineers and related Professionals who are responsible for designing and inspecting California's infrastructure, improving air and water quality and developing clean energy and green technology.</p> <p>American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is a non-profit, non-partisan Association representing Highway and Transportation departments in all five transportation modes across the 50 States, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Sacramento County Office of Education www.scoe.net</p>	<h3>GET INVOLVED</h3> <p>Your support makes a world of difference</p> <p>DONATE</p> <p>The PREP Foundation is in the process of establishing itself as a 501(c)(3) non-profit Organization. Your donations will help us expand our programs to the entire State and help the Foundation achieve the goal of providing quality learning materials and programs to bolster California's engineering and science professions with a high quality future workforce.</p> <p>PARTICIPATE</p> <p>If you are an Educator, Organization, Mentor, Student or Parent interested in TRAC, RIDES, Innovate for Impact, the Bridge-Build Competition or in any of our other Programs, please contact us for more information today!</p> <p>Our Office: 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 500 Sacramento, CA 95814 Hours: M-F, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (916) 446-0400 Email: contactus@prepfoundation.org</p> <p>Visit the Prep Foundation Website @ www.prepfoundation.org</p>	<h3>P R E P</h3> <h4>PROMOTING READINESS FOR ENGINEERING PROFESSIONS</h4> <p><i>Promoting Readiness to Engage the Future</i></p> <p>CHECK OUT OUR LATEST BLOG!</p> <p>PECC Promoting Readiness for Engineering Professions</p> <p>Visit the Prep Foundation Website @ www.prepfoundation.org</p>	<h3>Our Mission</h3> <p>The Promoting Readiness for Engineering Professions (PREP) Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan Foundation dedicated to providing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum and other educational resources to Students and Educators, as well as professional development opportunities for the existing and future engineering and related workforce.</p> <p>We provide students and teachers with targeted mentoring and support from Engineering and related Professionals and administer educational competitions, programs and events. Additionally, we engage in research, studies and polling to identify and measure program effectiveness as well as workforce training needs.</p> <p>STEM EDUCATION COALITION Science Technology Engineering Mathematics</p>	<h3>What We Do</h3> <p>AASHTO TRAC</p> <p>AASHTO RIDES</p> <p>The Next Frontier Documentary Curriculum</p>	<h3>Recent Events</h3> <p>California Bridge Building Competition January 26, 2017</p> <p>1st Annual California Bridge Building Competition On Saturday, January 26th, PREP conducted its first annual California Bridge Building Competition at California State University, Sacramento in partnership with PECC and the California State University, Sacramento College of Engineering and Sciences.</p> <p>Innovate for Impact Teacher Orientation October 14, 2016</p> <p>Last Friday, October 14th, we officially kicked off this year's Innovate for Impact Program in partnership with the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) with teacher orientation at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary.</p>
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Section Outreach-Continued

CALTRANS TOY DRIVE



Above: Scott and Section Treasurer Adriana Cardenas present a check to Emily Leinen of Caltrans for the Toy Drive. **Below:** The District 8 Toy Drive newsletter featured us after our donation.

CHIPS & Spark of Love

Help us Stuff a Truck with lots of toys!

All toys must be turned in by Nov 27
Cash donations by Nov 20
Employees are invited to BOTH events.

CHIPS for Kids on
Dec 7, 2018 @ Time:TBD
Riverside Metro Auto Group
4042, 8330 Indiana Ave
Riverside, CA 92504

ABC 7 Spark of Love Toy Drive on
Nov 30, 2018 @ 6:00 AM
Mathis Bros. Furniture
4105 Inland Empire Blvd
Ontario, CA 91764

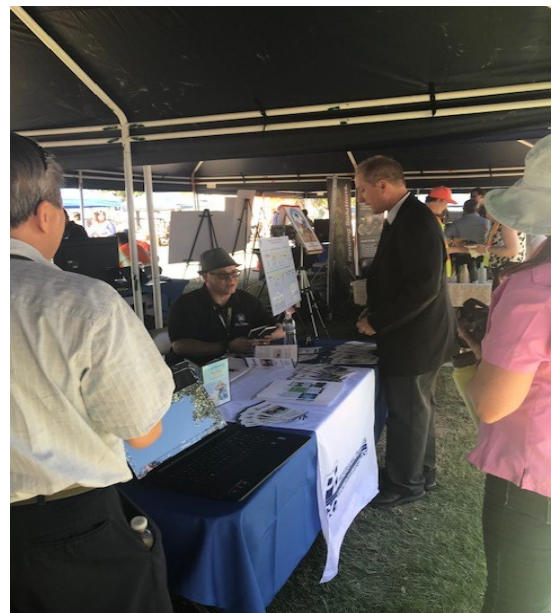
*employees must use their own time and make arrangements with supervisor

A Very Big
THANK YOU
to all that have donated!

There is still time!
Donate Toys & Teen items to
Public Affairs, 12th Fl, by
November 27th
Monetary items by
November 20th



Our Section participated again in the Caltrans District 8 Innovation Fair. We had a booth to inform members of the benefits of becoming and remaining a PECG member. Even former D8 Director John Bulinski stopped in to chat with Vince Curran and JC Alvarez.





Section Outreach-Continued

DIVERSITY DAY



2018 CULTURAL DIVERSITY CELEBRATION
November 15, 2018 – 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Rosa Parks State Building
464 W. 4th St, San Bernardino, CA 92401

"Join In The Fun"

(Caltrans, District 8 - Employee's Event)

Enjoy - Food, Fun, and Entertainment
Courtyard/Lawn Area

Contact: Stephanie A. Smith (909) 383-4269



Section Officers Tariq Jouzi, Joya, JC and Jane Pham helped to hand out nearly 900 bottles of water to District 8 employees, who had a great time enjoying the food, music and exhibits.





Section Outreach-Continued

PHONE BANKING



Below: Keith Elliott, Jane Pham and Adriana Cardenas spent a Saturday to help with phone banking for Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes, who represents northwestern Riverside County.





Section Outreach-Continued

Connie Leyva Fundraiser



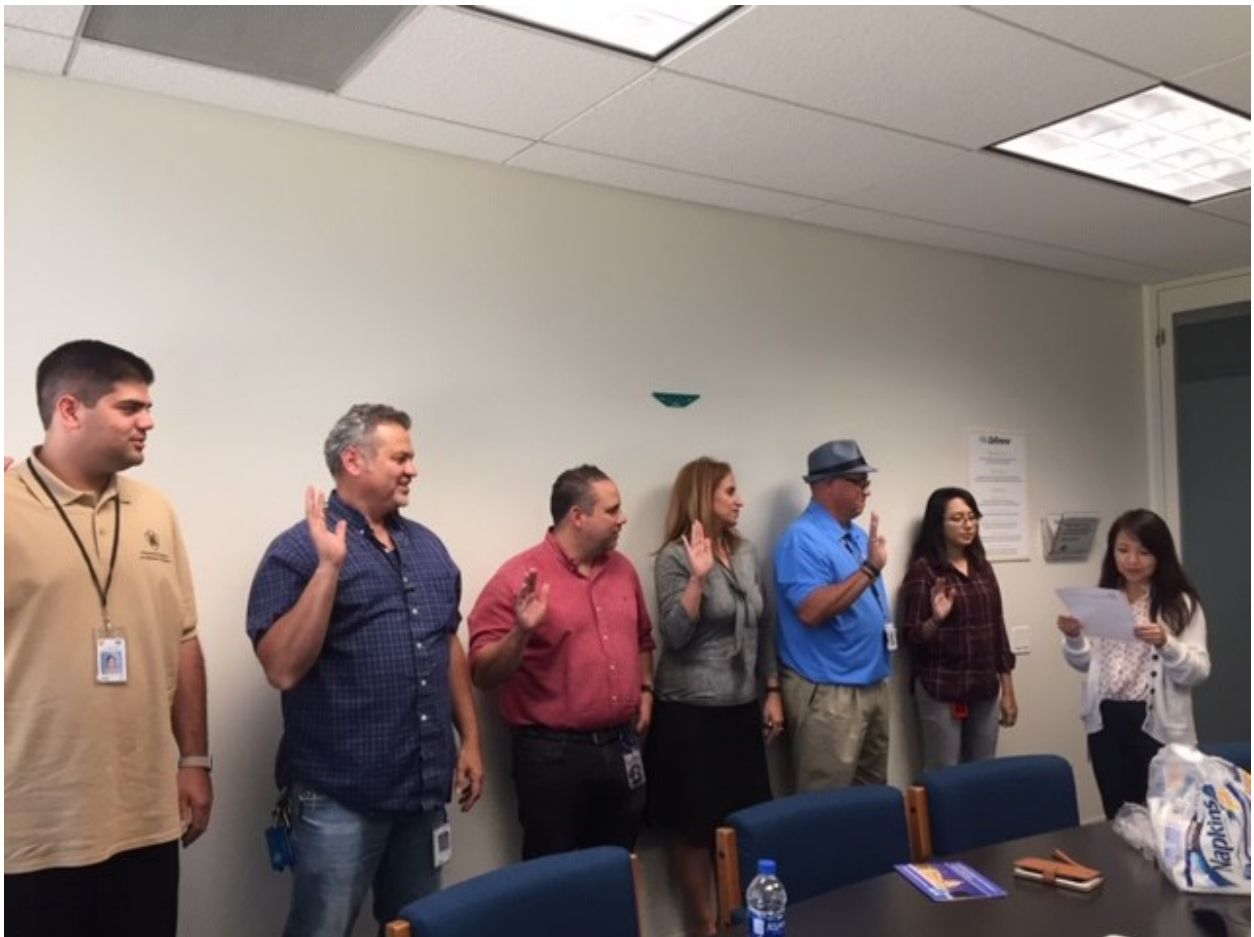
Above: Ferdinand, Vince and JC attended a fundraiser for Senator Connie Leyva, who represents the San Bernardino, Ontario and Chino areas.



2018-19 OFFICER INSTALLATION



Meet our 2018-2019 Section Officers pictured below, eager for Corporate Secretary to lead with the swearing in. Ready to begin a new year are **(Left to Right):** Alireza Behbahani (Secretary), Omar Perez (Director), Tariq Jouzi (VP-Rank & File), Elaheh Hadipour (President-Elect), JC Alvarez (President), Adriana Cardenas (Treasurer). Not pictured are Keith Elliott (VP At-Large) and Rose Bishop (VP Supervisory). Many Thanks to our 2017-18 Section leaders for a job well done during their term.





Retirements



Left: Roy King retired in July with over 20 years of State Service, mostly in the Hydraulics Branch. **Below:** Joe Meraz retired in November with 34 years of State Service, most recently as a Project Manager. During those years, he has also served our Section as Director and President.

