



2024 PECG Inland Empire Section

President Elect



NAME OF CANDIDATE: CLASSIFICATION: DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY: WORK LOCATION (CITY): YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: Leo Ortega III Capital Outlay Support Electrical Engineer California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Fontana

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WORK EXPERIENCE:

My engineering journey began at UC Riverside, where I served as Historian and Parts Manager for the IEEE student chapter, documenting events and managing electronic components for technical projects. After earning my B.S. in Electrical Engineering, I joined Caltrans, where I've worked for over five years. In Electrical Maintenance, I managed the network communication of field elements like CCTV, CMS, RMS, and ICC, ensuring their reliable connection to the TMC in Fontana. Currently, in TMS Operations Support, I represent Traffic Operations during construction project reviews, collaborating with Design, Construction, and Maintenance teams to ensure scopes meet operational needs. My combined experience in technical roles, cross-functional coordination, and professional involvement equips me to serve PECG and its members with integrity and purpose.

PECG EXPERIENCE:

I've been a proud member of PECG since I began my career at Caltrans. Over the past year, I've had the honor of serving on the Inland Empire PECG Board as Secretary, where I supported communication efforts and helped coordinate board activities. In addition to my official role, I've regularly assisted with organizing and setting up various Section events and functions. My involvement reflects my commitment to supporting PECG's mission and fostering a strong, engaged community for our members.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

I'm honored to be nominated for President-Elect of the Inland Empire Section of PECG. Since joining Caltrans in 2021, I've proudly served as a dedicated PECG member and currently work as a Transportation Electrical Engineer in Capital Outlay Support. I bring licensed PE experience, a strong work ethic, and a collaborative mindset to the table. Over the past year, I've served as Secretary on the IEPECG board, regularly participating in meetings, events, and initiatives that support our mission. I've seen firsthand how PECG protects our professional interests, promotes excellence in public service, and fosters a strong network of engineers and professionals. If elected, I will advocate for transparency, professional growth, and greater member engagement. I'm committed to listening, representing your interests, and building on the great work already being done to help our section thrive. Thank you for your support—I would be honored to serve as your President-Elect.