



**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT
RIVER CITY SECTION**



January – April Quarterly Report

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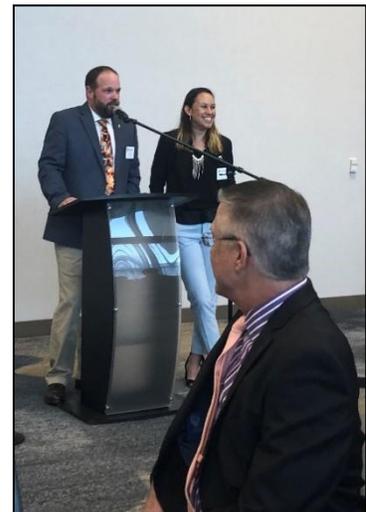
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Section Luncheon Report

Over 200 PECG River City members attended a Section Luncheon at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel in Downtown Sacramento on March 20th. The guest speaker was Laurel Firestone, newly appointed Board Member to the State Water Resources Control Board. Laurel gave a great summary of her priorities for this year, including a focus on the intersections between data and drinking water systems. River City Officers including Brad Shelton and Karmina Padgett, as well as Cathrina Barros, PECG Corporate President, Joe Mello, PECG Corporate President-Elect and Ted Toppin, PECG Executive Director were in attendance and gave brief updates on River City specific goals for 2019.



Laurel Firestone (left), Karmina Padgett (right)



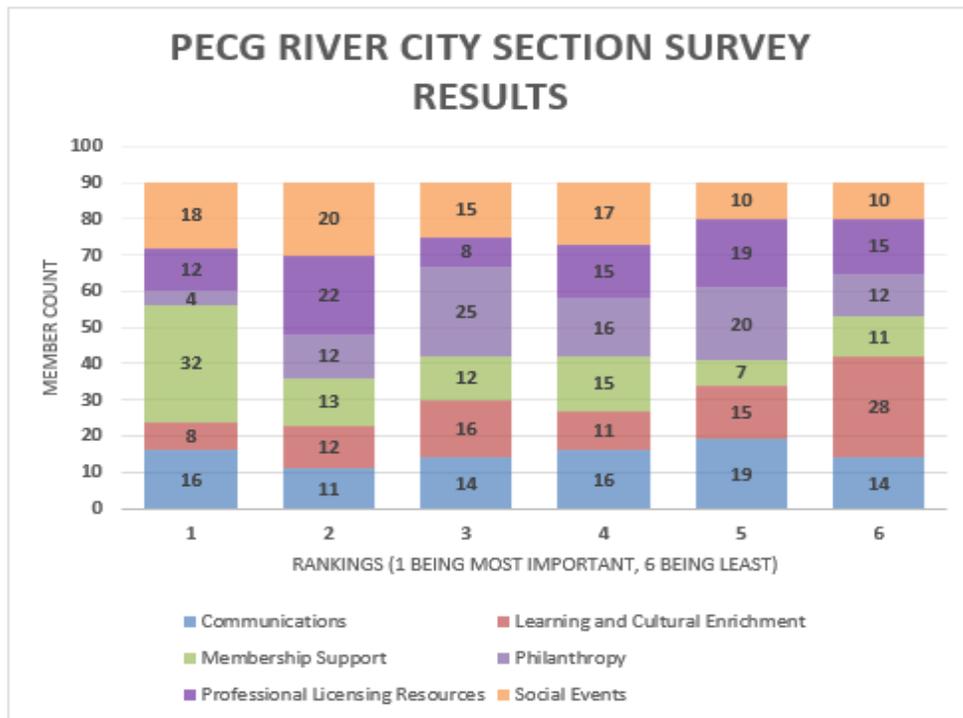
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Scholarships

As announced at the Section Luncheon, the River City Section is proud to offer one annual \$500 scholarship, as a member-only benefit for PECG River City members and their dependents who are currently a junior or senior in high school or enrolled in a college or university in a PECG-related field of study. Please [visit our section webpage](#) to download a copy of the application. **The due date to submit the application is April 30, 2019.** Please submit all completed application to Karmina Padgett at Karmina.padgett@waterboards.ca.gov.

Survey Results

A survey to gauge PECG River City member interests was distributed at the luncheon last month. Members were asked to rank six concepts for Special Interest Committees in order of importance to them. The following table includes the survey results, and will ultimately be used to guide the creation of committees by your officers. If you are interested in participating in committee efforts please contact any of your officers. The level of involvement is based on your schedule and priorities. Come help out when you can and however you can!



Legislative Day

On February 12, PECG officers and representatives, including your Director and President, spent the day at the Capitol meeting with State Legislators and their staff discussing PECG's priorities for 2019.

The priorities included:

- 1) Spending Transportation Dollars Efficiently**
- 2) Safe, Reliable and Cost-Effective Water Supply, and**
- 3) Meeting Pension Commitments**

Looking for Volunteers

PECG River City is proud to support local efforts to promote Engineering and Sciences. This year we will be supporting the following organizations through volunteer and monetary support. We are looking for volunteers to help out during the events. Please let one of your officers know if you are interested.

STEM for Girls:



[STEM for Girls](#) invites 10 – 12 year old girls from the Woodland and Sacramento areas to the University of California, Davis for a full day immersion into science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). This event is organized by the UC Davis Women’s Resource and Research Center (WRRRC). The WRRRC promotes social change toward gender equity by utilizing an intersectional feminist approach to empower communities. Volunteers are needed to help make this event happen!

Volunteers have the opportunity to help with registration, clean-up, set-up, and other logistics. Please contact Karmina Padgett at Karmina.padgett@waterboards.ca.gov if interested in volunteering for the event on May 11, 2019.

Hack the Park:



Come June 1st, North Laguna Creek Park will be h@cked and transformed into a Tech Wonderland with STEM-activities and experiences of all kinds as the H@ck The Park Festival makes its way back for a second round! Hack the Park was founded in 2016 by Square Root Academy, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting equitable STEM education for all, raising the next generation of great innovators. The Academy is comprised of a collective of STEM professionals, community advocates, and general friends of the sciences, creating an ecosystem designed to ensure scholar success and matriculation into the STEM field upon completing academia. Please contact Karmina Padgett at Karmina.padgett@waterboards.ca.gov if interested in volunteering for the event on June 1, 2019.

Did You Know?

Uncle Zeke (Retired PECG Member)

Joe asked me to write a column on mentoring leave and I reminded him I wrote one five years ago. He said he forgot all about it because the young ‘uns are running him into an early grave, so could I *please* reprise it to address their latest endeavors? Anything for you old man (Ha! Love that he is now one of the graybeards).

Nearing retirement, I realized that with my 30+ years of service I had a lot to offer our younger PECG professionals and soon-to-be PECG professionals, so I became more involved in mentoring. My last few years

included having high school students job shadow me, serving as a judge at several science fairs, and taking a recent hire under my wing. For the science fairs, my supervisor allowed me to use mentoring leave; PECG's MOU contains a provision that allows members to receive up to 40 hours of mentoring leave per calendar year as long as they use an equal number of hours of personal time, which may include an approved leave type during the work day or personal time during non-working hours. Habitat for Humanity projects, individual mentoring, and some engineering and science fairs are eligible for mentoring leave. I hear you can join the young 'uns as volunteers at [H@ck the Park](#), which is dedicated to educating underrepresented youth in STEM. If you are interested in this or other mentoring opportunities, request approval for mentoring leave through your supervisor and department.

Do you have something you'd like to see in a Newsletter? Let us know! Contact information for all River City Officers can be found on our web page: <http://pecg.org/sections/river-city-section/>