



**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
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RIVER CITY SECTION**



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Meet PECG President-Elect PECG, Joe Mello



Joe Mello,
PECG President-Elect

River City's very own Joe Mello is President-Elect for PECG's Corporate Board of Directors. Joe has long been an active, tireless, and valued PECG River City Officer, serving multiple times as Director, President, and other named and unnamed roles. Joe works as a Senior Engineering Geologist in the Water Boards' Rancho Cordova Office.

Now Joe is the President-Elect of all PECG members, Statewide. When asked for comment about his new appointment, Joe remarked "PECG is a great advocate for its members and I look forward to representing you as its President the next three years."

This is a valuable opportunity for the River City Section to have such an informed and respected voice as President to the Corporate Board. Joe's term began in September 2018 and ends in September 2021 (see Uncle Zeke's column for details).

Congratulations Joe!

Section Luncheons

The River City Section is large and diverse. While the majority of our members work in and around downtown Sacramento or Rancho Cordova (Water Board, Energy Commission, Department of General Services, OES, and others), some of our members work in South Lake Tahoe (Water Board) and Santa Rosa (Water Board). This fall, your officers arranged section meetings for members in South Lake Tahoe and Santa Rosa.

On November 9, 2018, Brad Shelton (PECG River City Director) and Joe Mello (PECG President Elect) met with members in South Lake Tahoe for a section lunch. Chris Codiroli gave a presentation to members. Issues of concern included reinstatement of the rural health care subsidy and pay parity for scientist colleagues.

On November 29, 2018, Brad Shelton (PECG River City Director), Joe Mello (PECG President Elect), Jarrod Ramsey-Lewis (PECG River City Vice, Rank and File), and Kevin Pfeiffer (PECG River City, Treasurer) met with members in Santa Rosa for a section lunch. PECG's Matt Austin gave a presentation to members summarizing MOU implementation issues. Other issues of concern included disaster recovery, mentoring, and sponsoring local STEM events. Officers also had an opportunity to meet Division of Drinking Water members based in Santa Rosa who were formerly with Department of Public Health. Special 'thank you' to Santa Rosa's Cherie Blatt for making all of the arrangements.

Annual River City Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Annual River City Section Meeting on **March 28, 2019**. Your officers are working hard to prepare a members-only meeting at the Sawyer in downtown Sacramento. Be on the lookout for an invitation in the coming weeks. Want to attend but not a member, yet? See below.

PECG's Response to the Janus Decision – Membership Campaign

- Membership has increased since the June 2018 Janus decision! Since June 2018, PECG membership has increased membership by over 3%.
- In 2018 PECG rolled out a comprehensive membership recruitment plan – the campaign includes section meetings, new employee orientations, work site visits, phone and email campaign.
- Please take a moment to a minute to encourage non-members to join. If you recruit someone to become a member you get a recruitment bonus! Becoming a member is as easy as going to the PECG website (PECG.org) and clicking Join! Make sure they put your name down as the recruiter!
- **If you are not a member, we urge you to become one today.**
- If you're interested in learning more about recruiting efforts, please contact any PECG River City Officers.

Upcoming Events

Fire Recovery and Debris Removal

Several PECG River City section members have volunteered to aid in debris removal efforts for the Camp and Woolsey fires. Volunteers have committed 2-month deployments in the fire zones.

STEM Fair

The Sacramento Regional STEM Fair will be held on March 10, 2019 at American River College. PECG River City supports this science fair every year through volunteer hours and donations. If you are interested in volunteering please contact any PECG River City Officer.

Did You Know? Uncle Zeke (Retired PEGC Member)

Most of you do not know PEGC's governance structure, so my buddy and your President-Elect Joe (I still cannot believe that!) has asked me to give you a primer. PEGC has seventeen geographic sections ranging in size from the Los Angeles section with over 2,000 PEGC employees to the Bishop section with only 53. River City is right in the middle size-wise with 745 employees. River City is one of four sections that are predominantly non-CalTrans. The thirteen other sections are a mix of CalTrans and non-CalTrans employees.

Each section has a representative on the Board of Directors (Brad Shelton is your rep) and there are eight corporate officers elected by the Statewide membership: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President At Large (Non-CalTrans), Vice President Bargaining, Vice President Supervisory, and the three Presidents (President Elect, President, and Past President). These twenty-five Board members meet quarterly and are responsible for setting PEGC's budget and setting its priorities. If you have any questions regarding the Board, you should talk to Brad or Joe; I know them both and they should be able to answer any questions you may have.

***Uncle Zeke should have also mentioned River City's President, Karmina Padgett, and its other Section officers if you have questions. ~Joe

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/>