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## Spring 2024 NEWSLETTER

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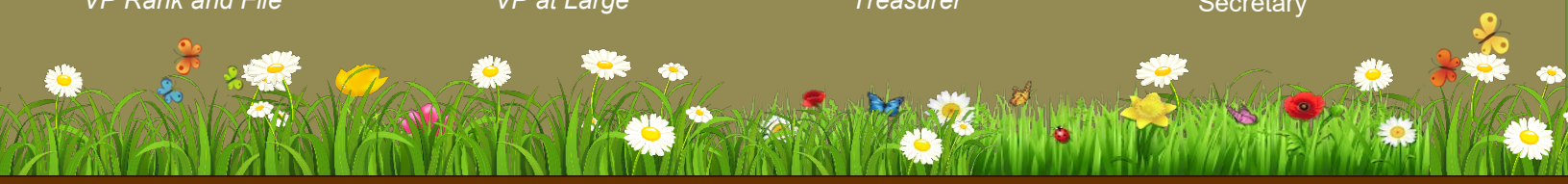
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# PECG Updates

## 2024 May Budget Revision

With the release of the May Budget Revision, Governor Newsom confirmed that the state budget deficit has grown to \$45 billion (up from \$38 billion in January) for the 2024-25 fiscal year that begins July 1, 2024. The result is a proposed \$288 billion (\$201 billion general fund) budget for next year, significantly lower than this year's \$311 billion budget.

After accounting for the \$17 billion in early action budget cuts approved in April, the Administration and Legislature now must come to agreement on an additional \$28 billion in cuts, shifts, deferrals, transfers, borrowing, and reserve spending to produce a balanced budget by the June 15, 2024, deadline.

As proposed, the budget does not include furloughs, personal leave days, layoffs, or any other cuts to the salaries of Unit 9 members or other state employees. The proposed budget continues to include funding for the 2% general salary increase effective July 1, 2024, for all Unit 9 employees, per the PECG Memorandum of Understanding.

Nevertheless, PECG members and all state employees are likely to feel the impact of the deficit and budget cuts in the months ahead. The May revise makes a new proposal to institute a 7.95% across-the-board cut to all state agency operations in the new fiscal year to save \$2.2 billion.



## PECG River City 2024 Scholarship

The PECG River City Section is proud to offer one \$1000 Scholarship for PECG River City members and their dependents currently enrolled as a junior or senior in high school, college, or university in a PECG-related field of study. Find out more about eligibility criteria and a link to the application [HERE](#). With the deadline extension, applications must now be received by 5:00 pm Wednesday, July 31, 2024.



# What's Been Happening

## River City Section Kings Event

On March 25, 2024, about 160 members and their guests enjoyed an evening watching a Kings basketball game at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento. The Kings played against the Philadelphia 76ers and won handily, 108-96. The River City Section offered subsidized Upper and Lower Bows tickets. Attendees also enjoyed multiple fan experiences, including courtside access to view pre-game warmups, greeting the Kings on the court (the "High Five Line"), and a post-game group photo opportunity on the court. Light the Beam!



## Member Spotlight

**Izaac Russo** is an Engineering Geologist at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, working in the Non-Point Source and Forestry Division. Izaac works on timber harvest activities in Mendocino and Humboldt counties, specifically focusing on pre- and post-wildfire-related activities. After a long stint as a software engineer, Izaac earned his B.S. in Geology from Sonoma State University in 2018. Like many in our organization, Izaac enjoys a range of outdoor activities from rock climbing to backpacking to bicycle touring, and has even completed a cross-country tour from Seattle to New York in 2012!

# What's Been Happening

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## Announcements

1. **Summer activity** for members of Young Minds for STEM.

We are gauging interest in providing STEM kits for members with children in the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade. If interested, please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/rdoNaK78xwMTMkCm8>.

2. **Summer Event**

We are excited to host a FREE Museum Day at the SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity on Saturday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m. This event is open to members and their families or one guest. Admission costs are covered by the section up to 150 guests (parking will be \$6 per vehicle). To secure the reservation and to ensure we do not overpay, you must RSVP to the event through the Microsoft Form below. Additional details are also included on the Microsoft Form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [pecg.rcmembers@gmail.com](mailto:pecg.rcmembers@gmail.com).

[SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity Microsoft Form](#)

We hope you can join us on August 3<sup>rd</sup>

3. **Helpful recruiting resources** for you can be found here: <https://pecg.org/join-pecg/> and here <https://pecg.org/about-pecg/>. Thank you, union strength comes from your membership.

# Our River City Section

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## PE/PG Reference Library

We have developed a PE/PG Reference Library for our members, which provides additional study material and references as they prepare to take their PE/PG exams. [Here](#) is a link to the spreadsheet.

## River City Sponsored PE and PG Stamps

The path toward professional licensing requires several years of qualifying experience and critical steps involving multiple agencies. The process is regularly updated, which compounds the level of complexity. The Learning Resources Committee aims to help by providing simplified charts, connecting members together, and providing incentives for obtaining your License. Visit our [Learning Resources Committee](#) page to find resources on how to apply, network with fellow test-takers via our Google Sheet, and take advantage of our Stamp Reimbursement Program.



The River City Section is now covering the cost of your professional stamp. You can find more information on our website or by contacting Lang Khang at [Lang.Khang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Lang.Khang@waterboards.ca.gov).

## Committee Development

We're always looking for enthusiastic individuals who are looking to be more involved within the Section. Below is a list of the committees that we would like YOU to join.

- Communications – *newsletters, social media, outreach*
- Members Support – *new employee orientation, membership benefits*
- Learning Resources – *reference material, prep courses, study groups, tutors*
- Learning and Cultural Enrichment – *museum tours, panels, trainings*
- Philanthropy – *scholarships, sponsorships, relief programs, volunteering opportunities*
- Social Events – *luncheons, sporting events, networking events*

If you are interested in joining a committee or simply learning more, please get in touch with Khristina Leyba at [khristinaae.leyba@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:khristinaae.leyba@waterboards.ca.gov)

