



# INFORMER

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Professional Engineers in California Government



## ELECTION FOR 2011-2012 PECG CORPORATION OFFICERS



This INFORMER provides background information submitted by each candidate for PECG statewide office. The accompanying ballot must be used for the 2012 Corporation Election of officers. The ballot contains complete instructions for voting. The candidates were nominated by PECG's Nominating Committee.

Unit 9 members will receive a different ballot than Supervisory members due to the separate offices of Vice President. Caltrans and members from other departments will also receive different ballots because only members from departments other than Caltrans can vote for Vice President, At Large. If you have received the wrong ballot, contact PECG Headquarters. Ballot envelopes must be postmarked by **September 9**.

The 2011 President Elect, John Roberts, automatically becomes the 2012 PECG Corporation President. Matt Hanson, this year's President, remains on the Board of Directors for 2012 as Past President.

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## President Elect

### STEVE LEE

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** 21 years

- 1990-1996 Caltrans, Bridge Design and Construction
- 1996-2002 Caltrans, Structures Contract Management
- 2002-present Caltrans, DES Project Management/Project Delivery

**PECG EXPERIENCE:** 12 years

- 1999-2005 Webmaster, Sacramento Section
- 2006-2007 President, Sacramento Section
- 2007-2008 Director, Sacramento Section
- 2007-present Science Fair Committee
- 2008-2009 Co-Chair, Outreach Committee
- 2008 Outreach Award
- 2009-2011 Corporate Treasurer

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior Transportation Engineer**DEPARTMENT:** California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Sacramento**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 21**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**

Dear Fellow PECG Member,

Thank you for taking the time to read my qualifications and candidate statement. As a long-time resident of California and a graduate of UC Davis, I have seen Californians as pioneers in science, technology, and other important concerns to humankind. That holds true for PECG. We have been leaders against outsourcing and wasteful contracting out while retaining the good benefits and fighting against furloughs and pay cuts.

I am truly honored to be nominated to run for Corporate President Elect. In these continuing challenging times, as President I will strive towards better salaries and benefits for us. However, these trying times can present opportunities that we will never see in our lifetime. Renewable energy has great potential and may create thousands of good jobs especially in engineering. The infrastructure of California very much needs to be updated. I am going to be part of this mass rebuilding. Thus, I have and will continue to promote PECG engineers, architects, geologists, and surveyors to perform state projects that concern infrastructure and energy, which would lead to safety, accountability, and the highest quality products.

As President, my priority will be to ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of our members and reach out to as many of us as possible. I believe that open and honest communication is the key to resolve many issues.

Let's keep PECG strong and the best way to do that is by membership. For many states, 50, 70, or even 100 percent of their engineering work is outsourced. Through your membership, we can stand strong against outsourcing and design-build. Together, we can bargain for better salaries, benefits, and keep our stable retirement. About 85% of 13,000 in Bargaining Unit 9 are PECG members but let's strive for 100% of us to be members. There's always room for improvement.

We will celebrate the 50th anniversary of PECG in 2012. I want to work with you to help shape the future of PECG, for the next 50 years and beyond.

Thank you for your vote.

Steve



### TERRY M. ESCARDA, P.E.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

US Navy, Operations Specialist  
Caltrans District 01, Construction Inspection  
Cal/EPA Hazardous Substances Engineer

**PECG EXPERIENCE:**

Vice President at Large, PECG Corporate  
Senior Member, Bargaining Team  
Member, Documentaries and Legislation Committees  
Chair, Specialty Engineers and Science & Engineering Fair Committees  
President/Director, Ft. Sutter Section  
President Capitol Section

**CLASSIFICATION:** Hazardous Substances Engineer**DEPARTMENT:** California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Sacramento**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 25**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**

Dear Colleague,

I'm extremely honored and excited to be nominated to run for President-Elect of PECG. I accepted the nomination because I trust the judgment of the Nomination Committee and believe this step is an appropriate use of the over 20 years of experience I have as a volunteer for PECG. I applaud Steve Lee for also agreeing to run. The Corporate Presidency is a big commitment and responsibility. Not a decision to make lightly. That said, I believe I am ready for the job. Here is why you should consider voting for me:

I am a strong supporter of the right of professionals to collectively organize and to elect leaders to represent them. That is a basic foundation of our representative democracy. I believe a professional labor organization provides a needed check and balance on behalf of employees against unfair practices by the employer. Would anyone want Arnold Schwarzenegger or Meg Whitman free to do whatever they wanted without the financial resources and experience of PECG, its volunteers, professional staff, or legislative advocates to hold them accountable?

We are painfully aware of the need to be strong, proactive, and willing to stand strong for our rights. I will do just that.

My PECG experience is listed above. What that doesn't tell you are the number of times I've assisted individuals with work-related concerns, met with management on behalf of employees, assisted classifications in getting additional compensation, lobbied legislators, volunteered in political campaigns, analyzed or helped sponsor legislation, traveled to section meetings, coordinated with other labor organizations, submitted depositions in litigation against illegal actions such as unilateral furloughs, fought unnecessary layoff plans, proposed alternatives to budget reductions, championed professional registration and training, wrote letters to editors and legislators, or researched issues and solutions to problems we face on the local, state, and national levels. Last but not least, I worked to resolve differences we have within our own organization. I am a very strong team player.

I am also a strong advocate of making use of any tool we have such as political action contributions, legislative advocacy, litigation when necessary, collective bargaining, the mass media, documentaries and most importantly, our membership. We owe our membership the best leadership possible. We are fortunate that our staff and lobbyists are widely acknowledged as some of the best and most respected in the business and I plan to work closely with them to exceed our membership's expectations.

As professionals, we need to be proud of our contributions to the public we serve. Let us continue to do great work and demand the respect from our employer we deserve. I appreciate your vote for President-Elect and I am excited for what we will accomplish together in the years ahead.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Terry Escarda, Professional Engineer



## Vice President - Collective Bargaining

### JOYA GILSTER-NAVA



**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Since 2001 I have worked in the Division of Design in San Bernardino. During my time in Design, I went on rotation where I worked in Construction in the high desert area of San Bernardino County. I also rotated through the Central Lab for Materials Testing, Surveys, and Planning. Currently I work in Utilities Location and Mapping, Division of Construction.

#### PECG EXPERIENCE:

- 2002-2003, Inland Empire Section Vice-President of Rank and File
- 2004-2005, Inland Empire Section President (SECTION OF THE YEAR)
- 2005-2007, Inland Empire Section Director
- 2005-2007, Member of the Nominating Committee, and Member of the Inland Empire Section Scholarship Committee
- 2006-2007, Co-Chair, Board of Registration Liaison
- 2007-2010, Corporate Secretary
- 2003-President, Member of the Collective Bargaining Team

**CLASSIFICATION:** Transportation Engineer, Range C

**DEPARTMENT:** California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans, District 8)

**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** San Bernardino

**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 9+

#### CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

It is an honor to receive a nomination for the Office of Vice President Collective Bargaining. I have gained valuable knowledge and experience as a proactive member of PECG's Collective Bargaining team for the past seven years.

I believe bargaining and representation should focus on serving the membership. The Vice-President of Collective Bargaining should be familiar with member's concerns/issues throughout all state agencies. Meeting with the sections has increased my understanding and ability to represent PECG's membership significantly. I hope to improve communication with the sections and membership to better represent their needs over the next year.

Contract negotiations with the State's current budget problem created a tenuous situation. One of our biggest battles was to get an MOU that would address the needs of the members without doing any future harm. Some of the issues at the bargaining table related to pensions and benefits. Protecting our pension and benefits is becoming our number one issue. In our battle against pension reform, I will support our Corporate officers, lobbyist, attorneys, labor representatives and other PECG personnel who are working on protecting our Pensions and ensuring job security. I will keep the sections and membership informed on the current issues.

I'd be honored to serve you this year, as Vice President of Collective Bargaining. Thank you for your time and consideration.

### D'ARCY MCLEOD



**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Caltrans: Maintenance Engineering, Design, Hydraulics, Surveys, Construction

#### PECG EXPERIENCE:

VP Rank & File

Chair of the Collective Bargaining Team

Chair of the IT Committee

Section President & Director

Political Action Committee

Chair and Co-Chair - California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

**CLASSIFICATION:** Transportation Engineer, Range C

**DEPARTMENT:** California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)

**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Marysville

**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 10+

#### CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

Dear PECG Colleagues,

I have been privileged to be your representative as Corporate Vice President of Rank & File over the past year. During this time it has been my goal to ensure that all of our members have a voice at the corporate level by representing the Rank and File members to the best of my abilities. As such, I would greatly appreciate the honor of continuing this roll for you.

PECG represents members in a vast array of classifications and geographical locations. This alone makes it a challenge in communicating and balancing the needs of our entire unit. However, I believe that I met that challenge.

Over the past year I listened to the vast majority of our membership that indicated they wanted the Bargaining Committee to challenge the Administration during the last contract negotiations. In the end, we fought until all options were exhausted. We were finally forced to choose between fighting further at the risk of significant harm to our members or coming to terms with a contract that was more in line with an Administration saddled with a \$27 Billion dollar deficit.

Moving forward it is imperative that the Vice President of Rank and File continues to communicate strongly and effectively, not only to the Administration but to our membership. We need to remind the Administration and those around us of the sacrifices that PECG members have made, that we are a critical component of this economy, that we are professionals that do an exceptional job.

By electing me, you will not only get that strong voice but you will get a person dedicated to representing the best interest of our members, whether it be within our own organization or to the Administration.

I appreciate your vote for Vice President of Rank & File and I look forward to serving you into the next year.

Sincerely  
D'Arcy McLeod

# Vice President - Supervisory

## CATHRINA B. BARROS



**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Current Position: Senior Transportation Engineer, Supervisory, Office of Roadway Materials Testing, Division of Engineering Services in Sacramento. I have worked in Caltrans in District 4 and Sacramento since 1987 and have been supervisor since 1998.

### PECG EXPERIENCE:

2010: Corporate VP Supervisory  
2007 to 2009: Meet and Confer Team member  
2000 to 2006: Corporate Officer, VP Supervisory  
1998 to 2000: Meet and Confer Team member  
1995 to 1998: Bargaining Team member  
1993 to 1995: Bay Area Section, President-Elect, President and Director

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior Transportation Engineer (Supervisor)

**DEPARTMENT :** California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)

**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Sacramento

**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 24

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

To all my fellow supervisors - I thank you for your continued support of PECG, especially during this frustrating time. The past years have been very challenging for the state supervisor. We work hard, and yet feel unrewarded for our efforts. This is wrong! We deserve to be compensated at the same level as our counterparts.

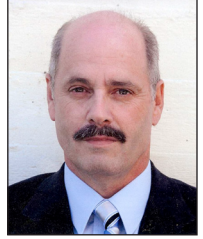
Your PECG Meet and Confer team, PECG Corporate Board and I continue to work diligently on our well deserved pay parity. We have had to deal with an uncooperative previous administration and unprecedented budget deficits but despite it all, we will continue to strive towards rectifying the inequity. We will not stop until the problem is solved!

The PECG Meet and Confer Team and Corporate officers continue to meet with DPA and department heads to keep this issue on the forefront. We will continue to fight for your rights and represent you.

In these trying times, I understand that member outreach is especially important. In the past three months, I have visited eight of the PECG sections in an effort to update our supervisory members. I will continue to meet with you, at the request of the section, to keep you abreast of our efforts. In addition, the team and I will keep you informed of our continuing efforts via e-mails and the SuperInformer.

Thank you for the past year. Despite its challenges, I thank you for the continued opportunity to represent you. I would be honored to continue to represent you as your Corporate VP Supervisory and appreciate your vote!

## JOSEPH F. PETERSON



**WORK EXPERIENCE:** I have been with Caltrans for 23 years. My experience includes design, maintenance field operations, maintenance engineering, and for the past 17 years I have been District 3's Materials Engineer.

**PECG EXPERIENCE:** For the past year I have had the pleasure of serving as a member of the Supervisory Meet and Confer Team.

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior Transportation Engineer (Supervisory)

**DEPARTMENT:** California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)

**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Marysville

**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 23

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

For too many years we have gone without the raises that our Rank and File Brethren have received. As your Vice President for Supervisory representative I want you to know that your concerns are real, and that they have a large impact on your lives. It will be my job to represent you in the meet and confer process and to make sure that your concerns are known, and that they understand that the impacts are real and affect more than just you. It will be my goal to make it understood that not only is it unfair, but it is wrong, and this wrong needs to be corrected now, not tomorrow, next week or next year, but now.

## Vice President At Large

### SUTIDA BERGQUIST, P.E.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Over 11 years employment with Calif. Dept. of Public Health -Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management in Glendale.

**PECG EXPERIENCE:**

PECG Corporate

- 2010/2011 - Board of Directors
- 2010/2011 - Fed PAC Trustee
- 2008/2009 - Co-Chair/Member Health & Safety Committee
- 2008/2011 - Co-Chair/Member Specialty Engineers and Classifications Committee

Los Angeles Section

- 2010/2011 - Director
- 2009/2010 - President (awarded PECG Section of the Year)
- 2008/2009 - President Elect
- 2007/2008 - Vice President At Large
- 2005 to 2011 - Delegate/Chair and Member for Various Committees (shown on lapecg.net)

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior Sanitary Engineer  
**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Health  
**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Glendale  
**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 11+

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**

Dear Fellow Colleagues,

I am humbled by your nomination as PECG Vice President-At Large and asking for your support to elect me as your PECG elected representative. These are still tumultuous times, full of challenges and opportunities. For these to be navigated successfully, we need a special kind of leadership: one that unites, energizes and executes in the service of our collective identity and legacy. In this context, I pledge to dedicate my time and energy to work closely with you, your departments, the Corporate officers, the Board of Directors, and the PECG staff to serve the interests of over 4,000 engineering and related professions working outside of the Department of Transportation throughout the state.

I have been employed by the State of California for more than 11 years, throughout which I have been an active member of PECG, serving in many capacities. Over the past few years, as President then Director of the Los Angeles Section (with over 2,000 dedicated members working across 15 departments and agencies) I have gained valuable experience regarding the institutional and political challenges we are facing.

For example, I had the opportunity to chair an Executive Committee with over 55 members consisting of Section Officers and Delegates meeting once a month to conduct the Section business, where I ensured that all departments were fairly represented. Over the years, I have gained deeper understanding of the membership profile in the section and spent many hours assembling a contact information database for the non-Caltrans members. As part of this broad outreach effort, we have greatly improved the representation of non-Caltrans members in our membership meetings across LA County. This success was attributed to the collaboration between the Section leadership from Caltrans and Non-Caltrans departments. As



### JONATHAN MULDER

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Began State service with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board in 1986. After one year, transferred to the State Water Resources Control Board in Sacramento. In 1999, started working for the Department of Water Resources, Northern Region, focusing on foundation studies for proposed dam locations, fluvial geomorphology, and habitat restoration. Prior to State service, worked for an environmental engineering firm and several oil & gas exploration companies.



**PECG EXPERIENCE:**

Secretary, River City Section	1994-1996
Vice President, River City	1996-1997
President, River City	1997-1998
Director, River City	1998-1999
Vice President, non-CalTrans, Redding Section	1999-2001
Vice President-At-Large, Corporate	2000-2002
Director, Redding Section	2006-2007
Vice President At Large, Corporate	2010-2011

In addition to serving various positions in the sections and on the corporate level, I have been a delegate for the California Democratic Party for seven years, which provides opportunities to informally meet with State and Federal elected officials and discuss issues critical to PECG members.

**CLASSIFICATION:** Engineering Geologist  
**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Water Resources  
**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Red Bluff  
**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 25

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**

A lot has changed in the past year:

- The door closed on Arnie's seven year reign of ineptitude.
- A governor with proven experience has regained the helm.
- The economy is out of the ditch and slowly revving up.

But some things have not changed:

- Furloughs continue.
- Supervisors still have not seen their final pay increase from several years ago.
- State budget worries exacerbate State agencies business policies.

And new issues continually crop up:

- Possible ballot initiatives on pension reform.
- Threats of layoffs if State revenues decrease.
- Semaphore classes for employees who turned in their cell phones.

PECG has been there for you, advocating for your rights in these hard times. Our long overdue contract was signed earlier this year. Our lobbyists have led the good fight, sheparding bills through the legislature that benefit PECG members and opposing those that could harm them.

The coming year will be critical for our members. In particular, the attacks on State employee pension benefits continue. Pension reform? Been there, done that! We now contribute 3% more to our retirement. What more do they want? Pensions account for only a small slice of the

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## Secretary

### TERI ANDERSON

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Caltrans Traffic Engineer

**PECG EXPERIENCE:**

Redding Section President  
Redding Section Director  
Corporate Secretary

**CLASSIFICATION:** Transportation Engineer, Range D

**DEPARTMENT:** California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)

**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Redding

**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 10

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**

As the current Corporate Secretary, I am honored to be a candidate again this year. I have gained much valuable knowledge and experience during this past year and hope to continue to grow in this position.

Even with concessions that we made for our new contract, there are groups that continue to attack public employees and public benefits. PECG will continue to inform the public, the media, and the decision makers that the work we do is necessary to ensure the safety of the public and to minimize the cost of doing engineering work on public facilities. I will continue to work with the PECG leadership to help determine our best course of action with these and other issues.

In addition to being an active participant in Board decisions, I have been responsible for documenting PECG meetings. I have worked to assure that motions and meeting minutes are accurately recorded in a timely manner.

I am always interested in member opinions and would encourage input. I would be honored to serve the membership again and appreciate your vote for me, Teri Anderson, as the Corporate Secretary.



### MARK C. SHEAHAN

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Calif. Dept. of Transportation, Feb. 03-Present  
Orange County Surveyors Office, Feb. 1991-Feb 1993  
Local 12 Operating Engineers, June 1988-Feb. 1991  
Brown & Root Power Divisions, July 1980-June 1988

**PECG EXPERIENCE:**

2010 Legislative Chairman  
2009 Past President/PAC Chairman  
2008 Corporate President  
2007 Corporate President Elect  
2006 Corporate Legislative Committee Chairman  
2005 Corporate Political Liaison Committee Chairman  
2004 Corporate Past President/PAC Chairman  
2003 Corporate President  
2002 Corporate President Elect  
2000 Marysville Director  
1998 Marysville President

**CLASSIFICATION:** Land Surveyor, Range D

**DEPARTMENT:** California Dept. of Transportation

**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Marysville

**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 19

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**

I have been nominated for the office of Secretary. I thank the Nominating Committee for this opportunity. As always, I'm honored to serve at the pleasure of the Professional Engineers in California Government.

As your former President, I and former President Art Duffy in 2002 launched a new program within PECG, a new Outreach Program to improve the public's education in the areas of transportation and infrastructure. We did this because we felt the public needed to know who PECG was. Our first public service announcement was created from this outreach program. And it was a success. The Outreach Program is still in effect today and after many successful science fairs, conferences, and documentaries the Professional Engineers in California Government have become a household name. In 2003 we crafted an MOU that has been the envy of all other state bargaining units. 2003-2008 MOU put into place a long sought after pay parity schedule. Members' pay would be increased up to 40% over the next 5 years. It is my belief that this was a major factor as our members struggled to weather the illegal Schwarzenegger furlough storm that would follow. During 2008-10 we successfully defeated an onslaught of Design Build and 3P legislation. This again was accomplished due to the knowledge of how the process works in Sacramento and the utilization of experienced executive staff.

In these areas and many more, I have never been content to do things the same old way and hope for a better outcome. I have worked hard to implement real change and reform, and it's working. As President, I have put into place policies and procedures that I believe have positively reshaped this organization's future. If elected Secretary I will continue to offer my expertise and enthusiasm to make this organization better tomorrow than it was today. I humbly ask for your support as Secretary of the Professional Engineers in California Government.

Thank You,  
Mark Sheahan LS



## Treasurer

### ROY FLORES

#### WORK EXPERIENCE:

1990 - B.S. Civil Engineering - Texas A&M University  
1991 to 1998 - San Bernardino Caltrans  
1998 to Present - San Diego Caltrans

#### PECG EXPERIENCE:

2004-2005 - Section Outreach Cmte, Chair  
2005-2006 - Section Secretary  
2006-2008 - Section Pres-Elect, President  
2008-2009 - Director  
2009- Present, PECG Membership Committee  
PECG & Section Outreach Committee  
Section Elections Committee, Chair  
Section PAC Committee, Member  
District's Disability Advisory Committee PECG Rep & Chair

**CLASSIFICATION:** Transportation (Civil) Engineer Range D  
**DEPARTMENT:** California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)  
**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** San Diego  
**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 20

#### CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

The Treasurer is one of eight Corporate Officers and one of 25 votes on the Board of Directors. The office holder is responsible for overseeing PECG finances and making sure everything is in order. But being Treasurer is much more. As a member of the Board, it also involves developing PECG's platform and ensuring that our goals and objectives are met. Experience, relationships with the general membership and knowledge of local and statewide issues are essential. This provides for valuable insight in the decision making process.

When I started out my professional career, it was the reputation of various state departments and their excellence that brought me to California. I learned of increased safety requirements being pushed by Cal OSHA, the development of improved building codes by the BSC, the successful efforts by CARB to reduce air pollution and the recognition of Caltrans as the best DOT in the country. These agencies and others set the bar for the rest of the world and improved the lives of not just Californians but of all Americans.

But something has happened in the last few years. State workers, the ones responsible for maintaining and improving the quality of life, are now being demonized by politicians and the media. We are now a tool that various organizations use to achieve their specific agenda. This cloud over state government has affected us to the point where many doubt our usefulness. Attacks on State workers make it more difficult to do our jobs and they severely impact morale. We need to realize the importance of what we do. Every state employee has a purpose and is a vital piece in this entity known as civilization. This comes through acknowledging the purpose of why you were hired and through educating others of what we do and how it impacts their lives. One of PECG's goals is "to promote the highest standards of professional practice". I also believe each of us can contribute much more to better our image as state workers and of our respective professions. This comes through mentoring students at all levels, getting involved in the political process, and obtaining and distributing reliable information related to our professions. It is never too early to set the stage for the next round of Bargaining. We are professionals determined to get the job done.

Thank you for reading my statement and I would appreciate your vote for Corporate Treasurer.



### CAMERON KNUDSON

#### WORK EXPERIENCE:

1998-2002 - District 3 Design  
2002-2008 - District 3 Hydraulics Branch  
2008-Present - District 3 Construction,  
Resident Engineer

#### PECG EXPERIENCE:

1999-2000 - Treasurer, Marysville Section  
2002-2003 - Vice President, Marysville Section  
2005-2006 - President Elect, Marysville Section  
2006-2007 - Persident, Marysville Section  
2007-2008 - Director, Marysville Section  
2008-2009 - Nominating Committee Member  
2009-2010 - Election Committee Member  
2010-2011 - Election Committee Chair

**CLASSIFICATION:** Transportation Engineer (Civil), Range D  
**DEPARTMENT:** California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)  
**WORK LOCATION (CITY):** Marysville  
**YEARS OF STATE SERVICE:** 13

#### CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

Dear Fellow PECG Members,

I am honored to be asked to run for the office of Corporate Treasurer. It is a privilege to be a part of an organization that cares for, one another and where the members work diligently to better the state's infrastructure as well as the lives of the members.

During the last few years we have had to suffer with furloughs, late budgets, and more demands on our time with less resources to accomplish our assigned tasks. As a union, we have led the fight against outsourcing and wasteful contracting out. We have fought against furloughs and other attacks against our pensions and health care. These fights are not over. With the difficult financial picture ahead for the state, they will continue to look for places to cut and people to blame as they try to "balance" the budget. As treasurer I will work with the rest of the Corporate Officers to continue in these battles.

As Corporate Treasurer, a priority for me is to ensure that financial decisions are made in the best interests of our members. It is also important that we remain strong in our membership. We need to continue to promote ourselves to the public and with our coworkers who don't understand the benefits of being members in our great organization.

I would appreciate your vote as the Corporate Treasurer.

Thanks,  
Cameron



## Vice President At Large

### **SUTIDA BERGQUIST, P.E.** continued from page 5

the Section Officer, I also worked very closely with local PEGC staff to address our members' needs on a daily basis.

I have also served as a PEGC officer in the planning committee for the LA County Board of Education-Science and Engineering Fair. I also participated in PAC as well as Fed PAC activities locally to advocate our organization with our legislative representatives.

I am very proud of my record as President and Director, and I value the many relationships I have struck along the way. It is this insight into our identity and this experience as a uniter I pledge to harness to deliver extremely concrete results. I pledge to work with PEGC, the DPA and the department heads to resolve the several issues in the MOUs for non-Caltrans members. I commit to fight tirelessly to protect benefits that we've fought for long and hard. And I commit to raise awareness within the organization, the department, our state legislative leaders, and with the public we serve of the values of public works and public services we have been providing to the people of California and that pay and benefits we received are earned and not given.

Thank you for your trust.

### **JONATHAN MULDER** continued from page 5

State budget. What's a bigger slice? Outsourcing of tasks that PEGC engineers, geologists, and surveyors routinely perform. More money could be saved through reduced contracting out than through pension reform. And this is just one of the messages that PEGC advances for you.

The Vice President At Large position covers a lot of territory, representing members in over 40 State agencies. And, with the exception of the Sacramento and Bay areas, those members are represented by predominantly Caltrans sections. During my participation in PEGC during the past seventeen years, I have fostered close relationships with the leaders of those Caltrans sections. As a result, I will be "shovel ready" to ensure that the interests of non-Caltrans employees are addressed in their local sections.

PEGC has been a powerful advocate for you! Vote for me to continue the achievements we've made so far!