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Walter Hughes Chosen as PECG's 2010 Legislative Staffer of the Year

SACRAMENTO – In acknowledgement of his professional excellence, the Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG) has named Walter Hughes as PECG's Legislative Staffer of the Year for 2010.

Hughes is the Chief of Staff for Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D. (D-West Covina). In 2010, he served in the same capacity for Dr. Hernandez in the Assembly.

Criteria for PECG's Legislative Staffer of the Year award include taking specific actions to represent the best interests of the people of California during the prior legislative session, maintaining the highest standards of integrity in public service, and taking actions based on solid public policy goals and principles.

Hughes was selected as PECG's Legislative Staffer of the Year for his tireless and steadfast efforts staffing Hernandez's legislation to create a continuous appropriation for state employees during the 2009-2010 legislative session. Such a measure would require payment of full salaries – not federal minimum wage – to state employees to ensure they can meet housing, healthcare, transportation and other financial obligations during budget impasses. Paying employees in-full and on-time is essential to California's economy and the least the state can do for its dedicated public servants.

ABOUT PECG

PECG represents the 13,000 state-employed engineers and related professionals responsible for designing and inspecting California's highways and bridges, ensuring that schools and hospitals are safe during earthquakes, and protecting our air, water and beaches from polluters.

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