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SUBJECT: Quarterly Report

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NOTES: Quarterly Report Winter 2008

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Inland Empire section report for this quarter highlights the following activities for the winter of 2008.

Keith Elliott
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- **At large Meeting**

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On February 7, 2008 Inland Empire section hosted a lunch meeting for its “At Large” members at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Riverside. Michael Gjerde, Corporate VP At large and Joya Gilster Nava, Corporate Secretary discussed multiple aspects of bargaining for the new MOU and how it may affect them. They also emphasized on the importance of being involved in PECG activities. Since at large members are located in different departments and sometimes it is hard to communicate with them Different ways of improving communications with them were discussed. Participating in this meeting were members from the Water Quality Control Board, Cal OSHA, and Cal Dept. of Public Health. After the meeting members expressed that this was a positive experience because they learned that PECG is addressing their issues. We wish to thank Michael Gjerde and Joya Gilster for attending our meeting and for addressing our members & their questions.



- **New Employee Orientation**

On February 13, 2008, Inland Empire section held a recruitment luncheon /PECG orientation meeting at Caltrans District 8 office in San Bernardino for new hires in Caltrans. Section Officers presented some general information regarding the Unit 9, PECG organization, and the benefits that come from being a member in comparison to remaining a fee payer. The meeting was quite a success! Every participant in attendance became PECG member. Each new member received the membership brochure, a PECG Pen and Lanyard.

Special thanks goes to our hard working officers Aaron Brady, Scot Hongkham, Mike Ristic, Savat Khamphou and the PECG Membership Committee for developing the brochure and power point presentation.



Congratulations to our new members:

Kea Needs
Karim Khondokar
William Petoskey
Helena Mekonnon
Po Chih yang
Ike Oza
Kham Pham
Minlung Ho

- **Showing the “MAZE” Documentary**

In the Inland Empire the new PECG documentary, “Amazing: the Rebuilding of the MacArthur Bridge”, was well promoted and shown several times to PECG members and non-members alike. On January 16, 2008, the documentary was shown during lunch break in the district office hosted by Caltrans District Director Mike Perovich and it was open to all employees. On February 19, 2008, Caltrans held an informational meeting for all Design and Engineering services employees. The Maze documentary was showed at this meeting. Also the documentary was shown at construction field locations during the safety stand down.



- **Inland Empire Section at Legislative day**

As usual, every year, the Inland Empire section actively participated on Legislative day, held in Sacramento on February 20, 2008. Joya Gilster Nava, the Corporate Secretary, Aaron Brady, the Section Director, Tim Sharp, Shabbir Ahmed and Elaheh Hadipour the Section President represented the Inland Empire Section and delivered PECG’s objectives on outsourcing, Design Build, Public Private Partnership and Schools & Hospitals Inspection to Inland Empire legislators.



- **Current Events**

1. Inland Empire Section is advertising to encourage members to volunteer to be judges for the annual RIMS, Engineering and Science Fair.
2. Inland Empire Section is also advertising a new PECG benefit to Inland Empire Section members. It's the low cost membership for the State-of-the-art Fitness, Sports, Recreation and Wellness Complex located at Loma Linda University campus. Thanks to Tim Sharp for negotiating this benefit for the section.

- **Up Coming Events:**

1. Inland Empire section is planning to have its Supervisory meeting on March 26, 2008. The goal of this meeting will be to encourage more supervisors to become a PECG member.
2. RIMS Engineering and Science Fair that will be held on April 15, 2008.