



2009 First Quarter Report

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Subject: Quarterly Section Report

The SLO Section's Director and President attended the PECG corporate meeting in Sacramento, CA the weekend of March 6 and 7, 2009. Information from that meeting was shared at the SLO Section members quarterly lunch meeting. It was held Thursday March 19, 2009 from 11:45 to 12:30 in the Manzanita Room at the Atoll Building, 1150 Laurel Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Agendized topics of discussion were:

Furlough Lawsuit Appeal - PECG has filed an appeal against the lower court ruling that allowed for the furlough of state employees. The judge made his determination stating that furloughs were not in conflict with existing MOUs, citing several as examples, but did not include PECGs.

Furlough Grievance Filing – In addition to the court appeal of the furlough directive, PECG has filed a grievance against the DPA citing violations of the PECG MOU with regard to “normal work hours” being 40 hours per week. PECGs MOU did not contain the passages that the judge used to justify his ruling.

Status of Supervisor Raises - Based on a presentation by Will Kempton in Sacramento, it is anticipated that supervisors pay raises should be resolved by the end of the fiscal year. Some retroactivity of pay may be involved but is not expected to cover the entire time.

Federal PAC Startup Fund - PECG has started a program to launce a federal political action campaign similar to the successful state model. All contributions would need to be voluntary and would be in addition to the regular PECG dues. Section directors and presidents were asked to provide seed money through their voluntary donations to get the program started. Full information will be available in the near future regarding PAC plan and its intended benefits.

Other Corporate Updates -

At Large members who received layoff notices were encouraged to submit a copy of their notice to PECG corporate HQ.

Formal Meet and Confer discussions had not yet begun but rather were taking the form of informal discussions with regard to the furloughs and potential alternative cost saving measures such

as less contracting out and the possibility of offering a Golden Handshake for those approaching retirement. SEIUs tentative agreement was not considered to be as effective in cost savings as those ideas brought up by PEGC. It was also noted that the Scientists union proposed the same tentative agreement and was rejected by the State.

On a lighter closing note, there was discussion regarding a change in menu for the next quarterly meeting from pizza to sub sandwiches.

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