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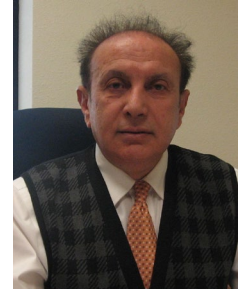
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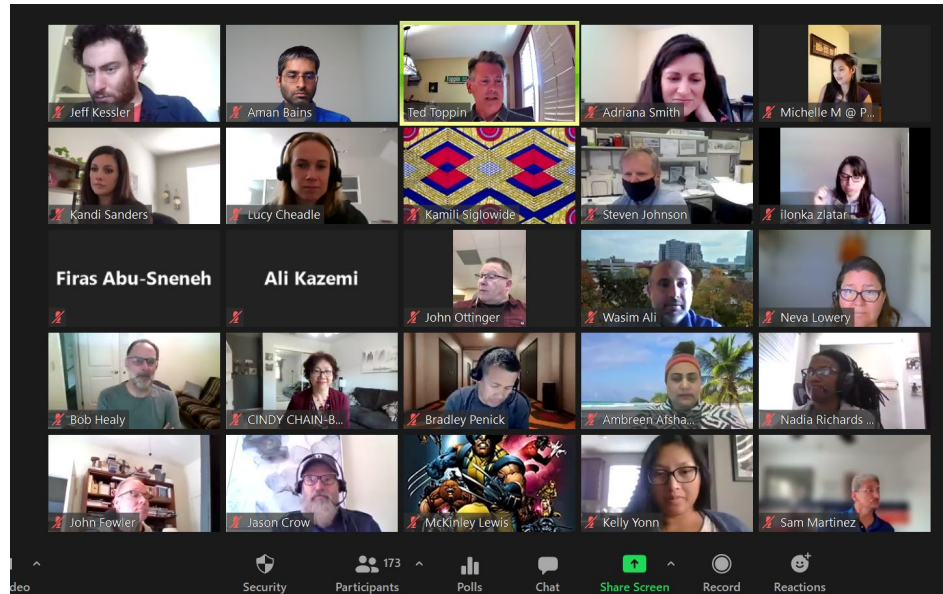
In the current COVID world that we all live in, the name of the game is virtual meetings. If you have the opportunity to attend a Fort Sutter virtual meeting, you may see some of the profile photos shown above.

Who We Represent

The Fort Sutter Section represents PECG members from 19 Boards, Offices, and Departments (BDO). Currently, among rank & file, supervisors, and managers we have about 896 members and 332 non-members. We expect to increase our membership through our upcoming recruitment meetings.

The Fort Sutter Section BDO's include the California Air Resources Board, California Highway Patrol, Department of Transportation, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Public Health, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of Developmental Services, Employment Development Department, Department of Industrial Relations, Department of Justice, Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of Security Environmental Project, Office of statewide Health Planning and Development, Department of Rehabilitation, State Compensation Insurance Fund, and Department of Toxic Substance Control.

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April 6, Informational Meeting: over 200 Fort Sutter members attended the Zoom meeting. Where Ted Toppin gave updates on current budget, status of furloughs, future telework statues, and upcoming bargaining. Members also had an opportunity to ask questions to Ted.

Few key points from the meeting:

- In the new budget, the governor tentatively proposed ending the PLP in July 2021. Since then, the state has taken in even more money, and more money is anticipated from a federal relief bill.
- Governor says he's going to wait until the May revise to make a decision about PLP. After that, we expect to go back to the bargaining table for a compressed negotiation.
- During the initial bargaining for the PLP 2020, PECG agreed to defer a pay raise for two years (July 1, 2022). PECG will be pushing to get that pay raise moved up.
- When the pandemic started, our bargaining unit was able to ensure that we received something better than a furlough, despite the challenges of the pandemic and budget concerns.
- Our state didn't end up having the budget deficit that was anticipated and actually did quite well.
- Telework and office space reductions:
 - In October 2020, PECG's bargaining team began discussions with CalHR about telework policies post COVID-19. PECG is seeking a telework stipend of some sort. For anyone who teleworks from home and has to endure additional costs such as higher speed internet, office equipment, ergonomic equipment, and anything else we potentially need to do our jobs from home.
 - The state is having a hard time with the stipend because they don't know who will be teleworking post-pandemic or how frequently folks will be teleworking.

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Membership Gift Card Reminder: For those who have not claimed their \$25 Tango gift card. This is a friendly reminder to claim your funds. Fort Sutter Section has also provided an option to allow members to divert a portion, or all of their refund to a local charity of their choice. If you haven't received it, please check your junk inbox. In three months, we will reclaim the funds for the gift card.

California reopening in June: With the majority of COVID-19 restrictions being removed on June 15. We look forward of having a get together for our section members.

Upcoming Event: Supervisor/Manager meeting is scheduled for June 7. Notice of meeting will be sent out in the following weeks. This will be an opportunity to ask Stefan Cajina Vice President of Supervisory, any questions you have regarding management issues.

PECG Informer Improvements: The hope is to provide a forum to share ideas across the membership of the sixteen sections that make up PECG. From membership growth & retention in the new COVID-world, to community outreach efforts. What works for one section may work for another. Aman Bains and Steven Johnson attended the virtual President's Forum on March 5th to discuss PECG Informer Improvements. The presentation was favorably received by PECG Corporate President Keith Mack. Unfortunately, the concept has been tabled in favor of the current system of highlighting PECG Section highlights as part of the current PECG Informer format.

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