

Legislative Fly-In – Region 9

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3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Region 9 Sacramento Legislative Fly-In
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	The purpose of the day was to train Region 9 members who had never participated before in a Region 9 Legislative Day Fly-In. The goal was to train members who were interested in the legislative process in a morning training session and provide them with an opportunity to meet with their State Senator and Assembly member or their staff. This experience will prepare them for the next legislative activity, the Region 9 Legislative day Drive-In to be held in the fall of 2015. It will also place members in the “pipeline” as potential members of the Government Relations Committee.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	The date of the event was May 15, 2015.
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	<p>Out of the 30 participants in the legislative day event, approximately 20 were new to the event. There were several members from the Sacramento Section (approximately 8 members) and their interest has the potential to involve them more in the Section’s activities.</p> <p>Three of the strongest attributes of our unit’s program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide a new event for those who have not previously attended a Government Relations Event 2) Place members in the pipeline for involvement in the Government Relations Committee. 3) Strengthen Region 9’s support of the Society’s Infrastructure Advocacy initiative.

9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Region 9 really appreciates that Maria Matthews, ASCE's Manager of State Government Relations, came to California from Washington to provide training for our event.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Next year would be a great opportunity to have another introductory training session and also have the experienced "veterans" from the previous year's training attend the event. This would provide an opportunity for the experienced members to visit with more legislators during most to the day, after short briefing on the current pending Senate and Assembly bills. The experienced members could also be teamed with the new participates for their afternoon legislator visits.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	ASCE staff and volunteer committees need to continue to support Region 9 by providing Government Relations staff for the morning training session. A dual session, the introductory training, and the experienced members' participation, next will allow this annual event to grow and reach more legislators.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	Region 9 now has 20 members that are potential members of the Government Relations Committee and participants in the Fall 2015 Legislative Drive-In to visit the State Senator and Assembly members in their local district office.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	The plan is to continue this event on an annual basis. (In 2014 it was dropped for budget reasons and the legislative drive-in was held instead. Region 9 plans to hold both events in the coming years.)
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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18. Additional Comments	