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Members:

Our monthly membership meeting is next Wednesday, August 1 from 12:00 – 1:00 in B-108. *Join us!*

On the agenda:

We are excited to review and discuss with you the *Draft Strategic Initiatives Action Plan* (attached). We want to get your input and ideas to incorporate into the Plan. I've also attached the draft Strategic Plan again, for your reference. We will put a call out for volunteers to staff the Election Committee for our officer elections this fall; and, we'll have a brief report on Proposition 32, the Special Exemptions Act. Proposition 32 is the latest version of historical "Paycheck Deception" efforts that have attempted to stop labor's ability to participate in California's political process in order to protect our members' rights, benefits and wages. We have defeated such efforts in the past and we will need to defeat Proposition 32 as well.

Our congratulations to:

Chris Cannard, promoted to Engineering Systems Analyst in the Information Technology Unit; **Marion Blair**, promoted to Engineering Technician in the Lower Pen/West/Guadalupe Watersheds Field Operations unit; and **Lisa Martinez**, promoted to Senior Maintenance Worker in the Vegetation Management Unit. And last but certainly not least, a special good-bye and good luck to **Bob Furtado** who is retiring after 24 years!

Have a great weekend!



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