

# Steam Plant Grads

**DWP trains another group of steam plant assistants.**

*Story and photo courtesy Joe Navarrete, Maintenance Trainer, DWP, Club Member*

Congratulations go to the Steam Plant Assistant Class 119: Julio Alfaro, Adil Faraz, Amir Jalil, Herman Go, Octavio Luna-Garcia, Maxx Skoulphong, and Daniel Rogers.

The graduation took place Dec. 16. Steam Plant Assistants (SPAs) are the corner-

stone of Steam Generation, from which all Generation personnel start their careers. They are the men and women in the stations who work with equipment that produces electricity for the citizens of the City of Los Angeles.

The SPAs are trainees for the three journey-level crafts in the stations. For Operations, they are the eyes, ears, and hands of the Steam Plant Operators. They maintain the equipment, per-

form daily checks and inspections, and perform the tagging and isolations of equipment for repair. For Instrumentation and Maintenance, they are assistants helping the Instrument Technician and Steam Plant Maintenance Mechanics with preventative maintenance, repairs, and overhauls.

Prior to an assignment at one of the four In-Basin Generating Stations, the SPAs are required

to pass the Steam Plant Assistant Candidate Evaluation Class. The nine-day intensive instruction covers boilers, gas and steam turbines, fuel systems, primary auxiliary, supplementary station mechanical systems, electrical theory, generator and electrical systems, with numerous examinations and technical drawings each day.

Congrats to the class!



From left: Octavio Luna-Garcia, Daniel Rogers, Adil Faraz, Julio Alfaro, Amir Jalil, Maxx Skoulphong, and Herman Go.

## NEWSBRIEF

### IT'S KEELY FOR LACERS:

On Jan. 19, Michael F. Keeley was nominated by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to serve on the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) Board of Administration was confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council on January 11.

Keeley was an adviser to Mayor Villaraigosa from 2007 to 2010. Prior to that he served as a Los Angeles Deputy Mayor in charge of the City's general fund budget during Mayor Richard Riordan's administration. After leaving City service he continued to work closely with Mayor Riordan on the Mayor's initiative to revise the Los Angeles City Charter, passed by the voters in April 1999.



Keeley began his legal career as a Fellow at the Center for Law in the Public Interest before joining Riordan & McKinzie. Upon leaving the City, Keeley established a private legal practice. For nearly a decade he has worked with Excellent Education Development (ExED), a Los Angeles-based non-profit where he managed ExED's New Markets Tax Credit program, which has invested more than \$100 million in charter school facilities in low-income Los Angeles County neighborhoods.

Keeley has volunteered for a number of local commissions, serving as Chair of the Los Angeles Redistricting Commission for LAUSD in 2001, and as commissioner for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Keeley graduated from the University of Notre Dame, and received his law degree from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the State Bar of California and the American and Los Angeles County Bar Associations.



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