



A California State Agency

The mission of the Council is to achieve the coequal goals as stated in the State Water Code §85054:

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

Legislative and Policy Advisor

POSITION: Full-Time/Exempt Status
SALARY RANGE: \$8,536 - \$9,511
FINAL FILING DATE: August 5, 2014

Duties:

Under the general direction of the Executive Officer including direction from the Council Chair, the Legislative and Policy Advisor:

Manages the legislative program and provides policy advice to the Executive Officer. Serves as a liaison between the Council and the Legislature and Congress. Responds, on behalf of the Council, to inquiries from State and Federal legislators and legislative staff regarding the Council and its activities. Represents the Council before legislative committees. Monitors, reviews and coordinates comments on proposed state or federal governance legislation. Summarizes and prepares reports on legislation. Assists in the tracking of and support for the Council's annual budget requests. Makes monthly presentations on legislation and related topics to the Council. Conducts analytical research; produces legislative bill analyses and summaries. Develops legislative proposals for consideration in the California State Legislature and in Congress. Makes recommendations to the Council and Executive Officer concerning legislative initiatives. Negotiates changes in policy positions on legislation, and refers proposed legislation to management as required.

Identifies key policy issues impacting Council decision-making. Assists the Executive Officer in the forming of policies related to implementation of Council actions. Reviews associated laws, regulations, scientific information, etc., and prepares comprehensive policy issue analyses, alternatives and recommended actions for the Council. Coordinates policy and program development with State and Federal partner agencies, and makes recommendations to the Legislature concerning programmatic and legislative initiatives. Assists the Executive Officer in the preparation of sensitive public policy position statements for release to the media.

Identifies, cultivates, and maintains legislative and stakeholder support for Council's policies and legislative proposals. Establishes effective working relationships with the highest levels of the state and federal governments and other stakeholders. Participates in outreach and information sharing as part of an effort to garner support for Delta Stewardship Council policies.

Oversees special policy initiatives to carry out the Council's mission. On behalf of the Executive Officer, works in coordination with Council staff, directs research, report writing, agency and stakeholder consultation, and communications in support of these special initiatives.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong communication skills - ability to speak and write clearly, and develop cooperating working relationships with representatives from all levels of government, the public, stakeholders, the Legislature, Congress, and the executive branches of the State and federal governments.
- Seasoned, mature judgment - ability to be as firm or flexible as the situation requires.
- Executive presence - ability to earn the confidence and respect of others, i. e., executives, legislators, stakeholders.
- Creative and innovative - applies new ways of thinking and problem solving approaches to develop policy and legislative alternatives.
- Consensus builder both internally and externally - can formulate strategic and tactical plans for bringing diverse perspectives together; can facilitate discussion and debate that leads to a defensible outcome or solution.
- Team oriented - ability to build, foster, manage, and lead successful team efforts at all levels within the agency.
- Ethical standards and conduct.
- Dependable and hardworking.
- Experience working on natural resource and water policy issues.
- Committed to the mission and goals of the Delta Stewardship Council.

WHO MAY APPLY: Current and Non-State applicants may apply since exempt positions are not subject to civil services requirements.

WHERE TO APPLY: Applicants must submit a State Application (Form STD 678), Cover Letter, Resume, and List of References (3 -5) to:

Delta Stewardship Council
Attention: Lynn Borja, Human Resources
980 9th Street, 15th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Applications must be postmarked by the final filing date.

IN ADDITION, YOU MUST SUBMIT AN ON-LINE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AT http://gov.ca.gov/m_appointments.php

QUESTIONS? Contact Lynn Borja at (916) 445-5616 or lynn.borja@deltacouncil.ca.gov

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