



Title: Chief Counsel

FLSA Status: EXEMPT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Under direction from the District’s Board of Directors, this position performs highly responsible professional and legal work as the legal advisor to the District. Organizes, coordinates and directs the activities of the Legal Services Division.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Note: This information is intended to be descriptive of the key responsibilities of the position. The list of essential functions below does not identify all duties performed by any single incumbent in this position. Additionally, please be aware of the legend below when referring to the physical demands of each essential function.

(S) Sedentary	(L) Light	(M) Medium	(H) Heavy	(V) Very Heavy
Exerting up to 10 lbs. occasionally or negligible weights frequently; sitting most of the time.	Exerting up to 20 lbs. occasionally; 10 lbs. frequently; or negligible amounts constantly; OR requires walking or standing to a significant degree.	Exerting 20-50 lbs. occasionally; 10-25 lbs. frequently; or up to 10 lbs. constantly.	Exerting 50-100 lbs. occasionally; 10-25 lbs. frequently; or up to 10-20 lbs. constantly.	Exerting over 100 lbs. occasionally; 50-100 lbs. frequently; or up to 20-50 lbs. constantly.

#	Code	Essential Functions	% of Time
1	S	This position is responsible for management of the District’s legal services. In addition, the incumbent, as senior legal officer of the District, is directly responsible for performing the District’s most sensitive and complex legal affairs. Serves as a member of the District’s leadership team, and participates in the creation, development and achievement of District strategy and policy. Acts as a key participant and gives advice on matters directly relating to the District’s corporate governance, business and public policy; serves as the District’s Chief Counsel, and is responsible for managing the public corporation’s legal matters and litigation. Advises the District’s Board of Directors, officers and employees on a wide range of legal, business, financial, and corporate issues affecting the District’s business and government affairs; serves as Counsel to the Board of Directors during meetings and deliberations of the Board. Makes presentations before committees and to the District Board of Directors and boards of other governmental agencies concerning District programs, requirements and policies; leads and manages the staff assigned to the Legal Services Division, including hiring, training, evaluating and counseling professional, administrative, paraprofessional and administrative staff; develops and implements strategies on a wide range of topics to assist in the resolution of legal, personnel and business issues to facilitate the accomplishment of District goals. Develops preventive law strategies and corporate policy and compliance programs to help minimize litigation, third party disputes and other potential project development and implementation problems. Maintains a	100%



comprehensive knowledge of pertinent federal and state laws, regulations, rulings, interpretations and court decisions as they affect the District. Performs other related duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

-Description of Minimum Job Requirements-	
Formal Education	Juris Doctor degree or equivalent from an accredited school of law. Substitution of experience for the required education is not accepted.
Experience	A minimum of twelve (12) years of broad and extensive experience as a practicing attorney, including progressively responsible management or supervisory and experience working with a public agency. Transit experience is preferred.
Supervision	Work requires managing and monitoring work performance of a division including evaluating program/work objectives and effectiveness, establishing broad organizational goals and realigning work and staffing assignments for the division.
Human Collaboration Skills	Final decisions regarding policy development and implementation are made and/or recommended. Interaction with others outside the organization requires exercising participative management skills that support team efforts and quality processes.
Freedom to Act	The employee normally performs the duty assignments within broad parameters defined by general organizational requirements and accepted practices. End results determine effectiveness of job performance.
Technical Skills	Work requires advanced skills and knowledge in approaches and systems, which affect the design and implementation of major programs and /or processes organization-wide. Independent judgment and decision making abilities are necessary to apply technical skills effectively.
Budget Responsibility	Position has district wide fiscal responsibility. Assures that appropriate linkages exist between district-wide budget, funding limitations and service levels, to meet specific departmental and organizational goals. Monitors progress towarded fiscal objectives and adjusts plans as necessary to reach them. Reviews agency financial statements and budget reports.
Reading	Advanced - Ability to read literature, books, reviews, scientific or technical journals, abstracts, financial reports, and/or legal documents. Ordinarily, such education is obtained in at the college level or above. However, it may be obtained from experience and self-study.
Math	Advanced - Ability to apply fundamental concepts of theories, work with advanced mathematical operations methods, and functions of real and complex variables. Ordinarily, such education is obtained at the college level or above. However, it may be obtained from experience and self-study.
Writing	Advanced - Ability to write editorials, journals, speeches, manuals, or critiques. Ordinarily, such education is obtained in at the college level or



	above. However, it may be obtained from experience and self-study.
Certification & Other Requirements	Active Membership in the California State Bar.

KNOWLEDGE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles and practices of civil, constitutional, contract, tort, property, employment, environmental, municipal, and administrative law • Litigation and arbitration procedures and rules of evidence pertaining to state and federal court • Principles, methods, and practices of legal research • Labor relations and negotiations • Policies, operations, procedures, and functions of the District • Principles, practices and methods of supervision

SKILLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced word processing, spreadsheet, presentation and database software • Specialized software related to functional area

ABILITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign, coordinate, and supervise the work of subordinate staff • Research, analyze, and apply legal principles, facts, and precedents to legal issues • Advise and counsel District staff • Draft legal documents such as ordinances, resolutions, statutes, and contracts • Prepare and present cogent legal arguments at trials and hearings • State facts, law, and legal arguments clearly and logically in written and oral form • Effectively use and provide training in legal research methods • Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with District staff, representatives of other governmental agencies, union officials, and the general public



OVERALL PHYSICAL STRENGTH DEMANDS:

-Physical strength for this position is indicated below with “X”-

Sedentary X	Light	Medium	Heavy	Very Heavy
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PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

C Continuously 2/3 or more of the time.	F Frequently From 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.	O Occasionally Up to 1/3 of the time.	R Rarely Less than 1 hour per week.	N Never Never occurs.
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Note: This is intended as a description of the way the job is currently performed. It does not address the potential for accommodation.

-Physical Demand-	-Frequency-	-Brief Description-
Standing	F	Making presentation; Observing work site; Communicating with co-workers
Sitting	C	Desk work; Meetings
Walking	F	To other departments/offices; Around work site
Lifting	O	Supplies; Files
Carrying	O	Supplies; Files
Pushing/Pulling	O	File drawers
Reaching	F	For supplies; For files
Handling	F	Paperwork
Fine Dexterity	F	Computer keyboard; Telephone keypad; Calculator
Kneeling	O	Filing in lower drawers
Crouching	O	Filing in lower drawers; Retrieving items from lower shelves/ground
Crawling	N	
Bending	O	Filing in lower drawers; Retrieving items from lower shelves/ground
Twisting	O	From computer to telephone; Getting inside vehicle
Climbing	R	Stairs
Balancing	R	On step stools
Vision	C	Reading; Computer screens; Driving; Observing work site
Hearing	C	Communicating via telephone/radio to co-workers/public
Talking	C	Communicating via telephone/radio to co-workers/public
Foot Controls	O	Driving
Other (specified if applicable)		None

MACHINES, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND HARDWARE:

Telephone, fax machine, copier, vehicle, calculator, computer and associated hardware and software



ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

C Continuously	F Frequently	O Occasionally	R Rarely	N Never
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D Daily	W Several Times Per Week	M Several Times Per Month	S Seasonally	N Never
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-Health and Safety Factors-	
Mechanical Hazards	R
Chemical Hazards	R
Electrical Hazards	R
Fire Hazards	R
Explosives	N
Communicable Diseases	R
Physical Danger or Abuse	R
Other (see 1 below)	

-Environmental Factors-	
Respiratory Hazards	N
Extreme Temperatures	N
Noise and Vibration	N
Wetness/Humidity	N
Physical Hazards	N

(1) N/A

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: None

NON-PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

F Frequently From 1/3 to 2/3 of the time	O Occasionally Up to 1/3 of the time	R Rarely Less than 1 hour per week	N Never Never occurs
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-Description of Non-Physical Demands-	-Frequency-
Time Pressure	F
Emergency Situation	O
Frequent Change of Tasks	F
Irregular Work Schedule/Overtime	O
Performing Multiple Tasks Simultaneously	F
Working Closely with Others as Part of a Team	F
Tedious or Exacting Work	O
Noisy/Distracting Environment	O
Other (see 2 below)	

(2) N/A

PRIMARY WORK LOCATION:

Office Environment	X	Vehicle	
Warehouse		Outdoors	
Shop		Other (see 3 below)	
Recreation/Neighborhood Center			

(3) N/A

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by individuals assigned to this position. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required. This description is subject to modification as the needs and requirements of the position change.