



WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
is seeking qualified candidates for the following career opportunity:

SENIOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

SALARY RANGE 22: \$107,335.78 - \$157,229.82 ANNUALLY

DEADLINE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED FIRST REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS: OCTOBER 4, 2019

Under direction of the Manager of External Affairs, plans, performs legislative advocacy for the District; reviews, analyzes, monitors and comments on proposed federal, state and local legislation that may impact the District; provides detailed analyses and recommendations on a variety of legislative, intergovernmental affairs and regulatory issues that impact District operations and policies; identifies and recommends revisions to legislation to eliminate adverse consequences to the District; and performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Senior Government Affairs Representative is an advanced journey-level class in the professional external affairs job family. An incumbent independently performs highly responsible, sensitive and complex analysis, representation and advocacy in support of the District's legislative, intergovernmental affairs and regulatory analysis programs and activities. An incumbent must exercise sound independent judgment and seasoned political acumen in developing legislative and intergovernmental affairs strategies, proposals, sound recommendations and implementation plans based on analyses.

Senior Government Affairs Representative is distinguished from Senior Public Affairs Representative in that an incumbent in the former class is responsible for providing intergovernmental and legislative strategy, analysis and advocacy on matters of significant impact on District programs, operations and policies.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Reviews, tracks, monitors, analyzes and interprets proposed legislation and administrative actions on matters related to District programs, operations, policies, financing and other relevant issues, including water supply availability and water quality, which may have an impact on District strategic water policy goals and objectives; analyzes and recommends District positions on proposed legislation and regulations and recommends revisions to legislative policy guidelines; develops and recommends District policy positions on legislation to achieve desired legislative results and that will lead to achievement of District goals and objectives; drafts legislative summaries, reports and position papers articulating potential impacts of legislation on the District, stakeholders and other entities for management and Board review; proposes revisions to legislation consistent with District interests; develops strategies to influence legislation impacting the District; facilitates and coordinates communication between District staff and advocates at the state and federal level to ensure consistency in approaches and strategies; coordinates and directs activities for the dissemination of information and materials pertaining to new and/or revised water-related legislation; administers the District's lobbyist and government affairs advocacy contracts.
- Coordinates and implements District Governmental Affairs programs; oversees and participates in District government relations activities and takes proactive steps to build positive and mutually beneficial working relationships with key business, civic and community leaders to increase understanding of District projects and programs; develops contacts and maintains liaison with key staff of elected officials and business and civic leaders to establish mutually beneficial working relationships; briefs legislators and officials on key District programs and projects; coordinates and provides presentations and briefing tours for elected officials; develops statements and talking points for management and staff appearing before legislative of elected Boards; responds to requests for information; ensures the District's position on proposed legislation is communicated to key opinion leaders in a timely and effective manner; serves as on-going liaison and represents the District with designated governmental agencies, industry groups, professionals and community groups and other organizations as assigned; works with District management in the development of programs, plans, strategies and solutions to resolve government relations issues and problems ensure effective planning for accomplishment of organizational objectives and ensure compliance with all applicable policies, rules, regulations and laws.
- Attends and represents the District at various meetings and other events; answers questions and provides information on District programs and projects; speaks before meetings of professionals and community organizations, government agencies, chambers, City Councils and service organizations regarding water-related legislation, issues and programs to enhance District standing in the community and acceptance of District positions on water-related matters; monitors City Council agendas for relevant items and attends meetings as necessary; develops and maintains relationships with the business community to increase awareness of groundwater benefits and issues.
- Works with staff to formulate methods and approaches for addressing community and public agency concerns and ensures concerns, needs and requests are responded to and resolved if possible.
- Provides support to the Technical Group in the areas of construction mitigation and public outreach and notification during District capital improvement construction; notifies community residents, businesses, elected officials and other stakeholders of construction activities; participates in the development of mitigation activities and collateral specific to affected communities.
- Plans, coordinates and implements District events; organizes annual federal and state legislative seminars; prepares materials, documents and key messages and talking points; provides support and staffing for District-designated chamber events.
- Participates on a variety of professional and industry committees involved in legislative and intergovernmental affairs; attends meetings and conferences to stay abreast of all proposed and anticipated rules and regulations regarding water-related issues.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS TO APPLY: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a major in public or business administration, political science, public policy of a closely related field; and six years of progressively responsible experience in legislative analysis or intergovernmental affairs; or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Experience in a public water utility is highly desirable.

LICENSES; CERTIFICATES; SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: A valid California driver's license and the ability to maintain insurability under the District's vehicle insurance policy.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS: The first review of applications will be October 4, 2019. To be considered for this opportunity please submit a (1) District application (available at www.wrd.org), (2) cover letter highlighting your applicable experience and (3) resume to tburke@wrd.org by the first review date. The District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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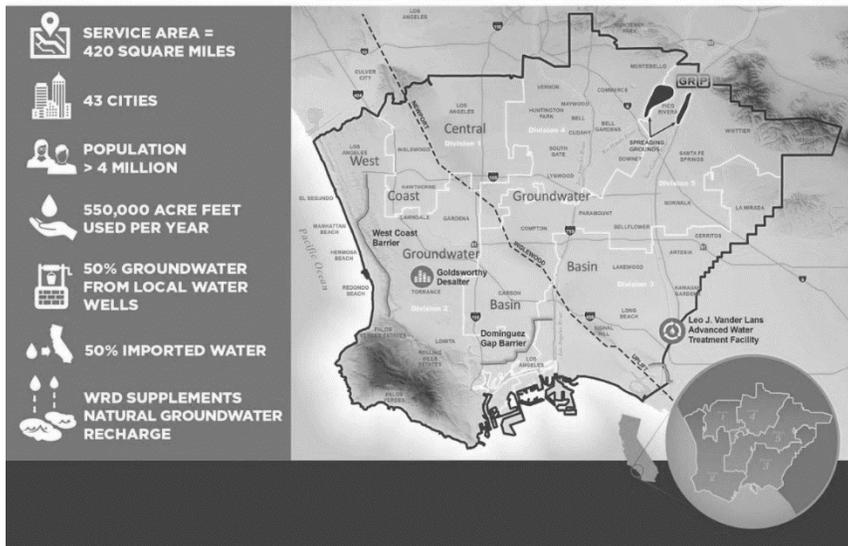
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The Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) is the largest groundwater agency in the State of California, managing and protecting local groundwater resources for four million residents. WRD's service area covers a 420-square-mile region of southern Los Angeles County, the most populated county in the United States. The 43 cities in the service area, including a portion of the City of Los Angeles, uses about 250,000 acre-feet (82 billion gallons) of groundwater annually which accounts for approximately half of the region's water supply.

WRD ensures that a reliable supply of high-quality groundwater is available using recycled water and storm water capture. WRD is responsible for monitoring and testing groundwater throughout the region using effective management principles.



WRD SERVICE AREA IN SOUTHERN LA COUNTY



The Mission of WRD is "To provide, protect and preserve high-quality groundwater through innovative, cost-effective and environmentally sensitive basin management practices for the benefit of residents and businesses of the Central and West Coast Basins."

WRD was formed by a vote of the people in 1959 to protect the groundwater resources of the Central and West Coast Groundwater Basins. Prior to the formation of the District in 1959, unregulated and unmanaged over-pumping caused many water wells to go dry. Along the coastline, groundwater levels dropped below sea level, allowing the salty ocean water to seep into and contaminate the freshwater aquifers. Today, WRD protects the basins through artificial groundwater replenishment, ensuring that aquifers maintain healthy levels. WRD further protects the basins from seawater intrusion by injecting water into wells along the coastline to keep the ocean from further contaminating the fresh groundwater.

The major challenge to the District in more recent years has been the availability and cost of imported water for replenishment. Relatively low-cost imported water in the form of seasonal supply was a principal source of

replenishment for 47 years. That water has not been readily available for the last eight years and its future availability is in doubt. The cost of uninterrupted imported supply continues to rise precipitously, making that alternative financially unattractive. As a result, WRD has revised its strategic approach to its mission in a major way. The District has adopted what is called the **Water Independence Now (WIN)** Program, whose purpose is to eliminate the use of imported water for replenishment and barrier injection. WIN is a suite of projects and programs designed to develop local supply alternatives in the form of increased recycled water and storm water capture to meet replenishment and barrier injection needs well into the future. The District anticipates completing WIN within the next five years.

The **Albert Robles Center (ARC-AWTF)** is the cornerstone of WRD's WIN Program. The ARC project will include installation of additional turnout structures to enhance operational and maintenance flexibility, which will increase recharge capacity significantly at the spreading grounds; as well as construction of a 10-MGD advanced water treatment plant. Upon completion, ARC will offset nearly seven billion gallons (21,000 acre-feet) of imported water, currently used to replenish the groundwater basin in the Montebello Forebay Spreading Grounds, with locally available recycled water (a combination of tertiary and advanced treated recycled water). The District is presently completing the environmental document and 30% design for ARC: final design and construction are scheduled to follow thereafter.

The District undertakes Clean Water projects to assist pumpers to treat and make productive use of contaminated water. Additionally, in 2001 the District built a significant groundwater desalter (known as "Goldsworthy Desalter") in Torrance to treat a portion of the saltwater plume that migrated inland before the seawater barriers were completed. The District is presently working with the City of Torrance to expand the Desalter's treatment capacity from 2.5 MGD to 5.0 MGD. Recent studies indicate that the saline plume is approximately 650,000 acre-feet in volume, presenting a significant water quality challenge and supply opportunity. Late last year, the court approved the third amended judgment for the Central Basin Groundwater Basin, setting forth a legal framework to store 330,000 acre-feet of water underneath southeast Los Angeles County - the densest urban area. Fully utilized, the storage capacity is enough to supply the water needs of 2.6 million people for an entire year. The District is currently working with the affected parties to transition the different Watermaster functions and responsibilities from the California Department of Water Resources to local management pursuant to the amended judgment.