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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Date

09/09/2016

2. Department

California Energy Commission

3. Organizational Placement (Division/Branch/Office Name)

Executive Office

4. CEA Position Title

Renewables, Efficiency and Transmission Project Manager

5. Summary of proposed position description and how it relates to the program's mission or purpose. (2-3 sentences)

The Assistant Executive Director (CEA A) serves as an Assistant Executive Director for renewables pertaining to SB350 and AB 802 and is responsible for planning, organizing and directing a comprehensive, mission critical, independent, and objective program to establish targets to increase retail sales of renewable electric and to increase the energy efficiency saving in electricity and natural gas end uses.

6. Reports to: (Class Title/Level)

Executive Directorate (Executive Director and Chief Deputy Director)

7. Relationship with Department Director (Select one)

- Member of department's Executive Management Team, and has frequent contact with director on a wide range of department-wide issues.
- Not a member of department's Executive Management Team but has frequent contact with the Executive Management Team on policy issues.

(Explain):

8. Organizational Level (Select one)

- 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th (mega departments only - 17,001+ allocated positions)

B. SUMMARY OF REQUEST

9. What are the duties and responsibilities of the CEA position? Be specific and provide examples.

Provide oversight for policy development and program efforts to establish a publicly available tracking system to provide up-to-date information on progress toward meeting the clean energy and pollution reduction goals mandated by SB 350 (the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015) and AB 802, both of which were signed by Governor Brown in October 2015.

Establish an advisory group consisting of representatives from disadvantaged communities to review and advise on programs proposed to achieve clean energy and pollution reduction in those communities.

Oversee the Energy Commission's review of the integrated resource plans mandated by SB 350.

Propose methods to improve the integration of renewable energy resources onto California's energy grid. Those methods shall include grid regionalization. Work closely with the California Independent System Operator, Public Utilities Commission (PUC), and Air Resources Board on these and related issues.

Develop policies to increase the use of large- and small-scale energy storage with a variety of technologies, targeted energy efficiency, demand response and renewable energy resources to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, criteria pollutants, and toxic air contaminants and to protect system reliability.

Oversee the review of technology incentive, research, development, deployment, and market facilitation programs overseen by the Energy Commission and make recommendations to advance state clean energy and pollution reduction objectives and provide benefits to disadvantaged communities as identified pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code.

Establish a publicly available tracking system to provide up-to-date information on progress toward meeting the clean energy and pollution reduction goals of SB 350.

Represent the Energy Commission at public hearings, meetings and conferences with stakeholders, policy makers and the general public.

B. SUMMARY OF REQUEST (continued)

10. How critical is the program's mission or purpose to the department's mission as a whole? Include a description of the degree to which the program is critical to the department's mission.

- Program is directly related to department's primary mission and is critical to achieving the department's goals.
- Program is indirectly related to department's primary mission.
- Program plays a supporting role in achieving department's mission (i.e., budget, personnel, other admin functions).

Description: The California Energy Commission is the state's primary energy policy and planning agency. The agency was established by the Warren-Alquist Act in 1974 in response to the energy crisis of the early 1970s and the state's unsustainable growing demand for energy resources.

This position is critical to meeting the department's goals of reducing energy costs and environmental impacts of energy use – such as greenhouse gas emissions – while ensuring a safe, resilient, and reliable supply of energy.

B. SUMMARY OF REQUEST (continued)

11. Describe what has changed that makes this request necessary. Explain how the change justifies the current request. Be specific and provide examples.

With the signing in October 2015 of AB 802 and SB 350, Governor Brown directed the California Energy Commission to undertake a substantial number of new tasks. Governor Brown also approved a significant staffing increase to perform this work. The Energy Commission needs a CEA to oversee the multi-disciplinary work that is required under these two important new laws, and to assist the Energy Commission on renewables integration, grid regionalization and related electricity transmission issues.

SB 350 requires the Energy Commission to establish annual targets for statewide energy efficiency savings and demand reduction that will achieve a cumulative doubling of statewide energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas final end uses of retail customers by January 1, 2030. A CEA-level position is critical to oversee these complicated, inter-disciplinary efforts.

The bill also requires the PUC to establish efficiency targets for electrical and gas corporations consistent with this goal. The bill would require local publicly owned electric utilities to establish annual targets for energy efficiency savings and demand reduction consistent with this goal. Again, a CEA-level position is necessary to host and manage high-level interactions amongst agencies and distill large volumes of information down to those essentials that can form the basis for policy decisions.

AB 802 would require the Energy Commission, in consultation with the PUC, to make all reasonable adjustments to its energy demand forecasts to account for its findings of market conditions and existing baselines. The bill also requires a major inter-agency effort to acquire energy consumption data from end users and analyze this data to help inform policymaking.

C. ROLE IN POLICY INFLUENCE

12. Provide 3-5 specific examples of policy areas over which the CEA position will be the principle policy maker. Each example should cite a policy that would have an identifiable impact. Include a description of the statewide impact of the assigned program.

The CEA directs and leads efforts to conceptualize and develop the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 which will be the cornerstone of the CEC's ability to achieve its strategic goal of promoting energy efficiency and conservation.

1. Renewable Portfolio Standard increase from 33% to 50% by 2030.
2. Doubling of Energy Efficiency savings by 2030.
3. Analysis of customer-level energy usage data to inform how best to structure policies.
4. Integrated Resource Plans for 44 publicly owned utilities.
5. Regional

C. ROLE IN POLICY INFLUENCE (continued)

13. What is the CEA position's scope and nature of decision-making authority?

The CEA's decisions will be made in close collaboration with Executive Management. The CEA is expected to formulate policies and decisions specific to SB 350 and AB 802 and related issues such as grid regionalization and the attendant transmission issues. The CEA will have broad decision making authority over a wide range of policy issues, in consultation with Executive Management. The CEA will represent the Energy Commission at hearings, the Governor's Office, the Legislature, the public, and other interested parties.

14. Will the CEA position be developing and implementing new policy, or interpreting and implementing existing policy? How?

Yes. This CEA will be recommending, developing and implementing new policies, as well as interpreting and implementing existing policy as illustrated through the incumbent's policy making role. The CEA will also expand, update, and address current programs and priorities. The CEA will make innumerable minor policy decisions and will bring the major ones to Executive Management for discussion and disposition.