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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Date

6/9/2022

2. Department

Department of Water Resources

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

Executive Division

4. CEA Position Title

Deputy Director, Statewide Water and Energy

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

The Deputy Director for Statewide Water and Energy at the Department of Water Resources (DWR) provides Executive-level oversight and guidance for the implementation statewide energy-related management policies and plans where there is a nexus with water management policies. The CEA develops and implements policies and programs related to statewide water and energy management. This position implements elements of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio, including development of policies and programs to procure and integrate water and energy projects to meet the State's renewable energy and climate resiliency goals. The CEA oversees implementation of the Governor's water-energy initiatives to support the State's electric grid and renewable energy goals and oversees the Strategic Electricity Reliability Reserve.

6. Reports to: (Class Title/Level)

Director, DWR / Exempt

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.

The Deputy Director, Statewide Water and Energy CEA will report to the Director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and will be responsible for providing Executive-level oversight and guidance for the implementation statewide energy-related management policies and plans where there is a nexus with water management policies. This position will be a member of DWR's Executive team and will advise the Director, Lead Deputy Director, other Executive staff, and DWR leadership on major water and energy policy matters affecting the State of California. The position will be responsible for developing and implementing policies and programs related to statewide water and energy management. The position will also be responsible for implementing elements of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio, including development of policies and programs to procure and integrate water and energy projects to meet the State's renewable energy and climate resiliency goals. The position will oversee implementation of the Governor's water-energy initiatives to support the State's electric grid and renewable energy goals and oversee the Strategic Electricity Reliability Reserve. The position will integrate DWR program capabilities into strategies to further support California's energy policies. The position will be responsible for communicating the new policies both externally and internally to DWR Executive management, the Office of the General Counsel, and DWR staff. The position will also work with water agencies throughout the State and energy utilities and regulators such as the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utility Commission (CPUC), California Independent System Operator (CAISO), and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to develop and integrate state water and energy policy.

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 Department of Water Resources is responsible for sustainably managing and protecting California's water resources and works with others to benefit the State's people and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments. This position will perform a critical leadership role for developing and implementing policies and programs related to statewide water and energy management. The position will also implement elements of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio, including development of policies and programs to procure and integrate water and energy projects to meet the State's renewable energy and climate resiliency goals. The distribution of water uses a significant amount of California's energy supply and it is essential DWR develop policies and plans to be more efficient with both resources in an integrated way. This position will have a critical role in leading and overseeing implementation of the Governor's water-energy initiatives to support the State's electric grid and renewable energy goals and oversee the Strategic Electricity Reliability Reserve. Integrate DWR program capabilities into strategies to further support California's energy policies.

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.

This position is necessary to address a new workload associated with the increasing intersection of State water policy and energy policy as it relates to Statewide water planning. This position will implement elements of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio, including development of policies and programs to procure and integrate water and energy projects. The position will also lead and oversee procurement, development, and implementation of the Governor's water-energy initiatives critical to meeting the State's renewable energy and climate resiliency goals. This role needs to be delegated to a high level, dedicated Executive position to integrate DWR program capabilities into strategies to further support California's energy policies. This position will require sustained outreach and coordination with DWR Executive management, the Office of the General Counsel, and DWR staff, as well as water agencies throughout the State and energy utilities and regulators such as the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) California Independent System Operator (CAISO), and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to develop and integrate state water and energy policy. This position must also be a high-level Department Executive who can make decisions and delegate responsibility on behalf of the DWR Director.

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.

This position will utilize strong technical knowledge and skills to provide policy direction and oversee Statewide water planning and management, including integration with the State's renewable energy and climate resiliency goals. The position will be responsible for statewide energy-related management policies and plans where there is a nexus with water management policies. Additionally, the position will develop policies for the procurement, development, and implementation of the Governor's water-energy initiatives critical to meeting the State's renewable energy and climate resiliency goals. The position will require sustained outreach and coordination with DWR Executive management, the Office of the General Counsel, and DWR staff, as well as water agencies throughout the State and energy utilities and regulators such as the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utility Commission (CPUC), California Independent System Operator (CAISO), and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to develop and integrate state water and energy policy. The overall impact of these policy areas are of statewide significance since the actions are intended to benefit both the water and energy users in California.

C. ROLE IN POLICY INFLUENCE (continued)

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

The position will be the DWR Executive with broad authority and responsibility for sustained outreach and coordination with DWR Executive management, the Office of General Counsel, and DWR staff, as well as water agencies throughout the State and energy utilities and regulators such as the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) California Independent System Operator (CAISO), and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to develop and integrate state water and energy policy. The scope of authority will include decision-making related to items such as the selection of major initiatives, programs, and projects undertaken by DWR to procure, develop, and implement the Governor's water-energy initiatives critical to meeting the State's renewable energy and climate resiliency goals. The position will develop DWR's position on key water issues to implement the Governor's water-energy initiatives to support the State's electric grid. The position will have regular interaction with DWR's Director and Executive team and interact as decision-maker with leadership from State, federal, and local water and energy agencies and utilities.

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

The position will focus on providing Executive-level oversight and guidance for the implementation of statewide energy-related management policies and plans where there is a nexus with water management policies.