



## **MANAGER OF STRATEGIC AFFAIRS**

Regional Water Authority (RWA)

Citrus Heights and Sacramento, CA

The Regional Water Authority (RWA) is seeking a knowledgeable and highly motivated individual to become a key member of our small but effective team, serving the interests of municipal water suppliers in the Sacramento Region. RWA is seeking a Manager of Strategic Affairs with exceptional organizational and interpersonal skills to provide policy support to the executive director and Board, manage programs relating to the regulation of water resources, integrated water resources management programs, federal affairs, coordinate activities with member agencies, develop and maintain strong relationships with local, state, and federal staff and elected officials.



## **The Authority**

The Regional Water Authority is a joint powers agency that includes 20 municipal water suppliers serving two million people in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Yolo, and Sutter Counties. RWA's mission is to serve, represent and align the interests of regional water providers and stakeholders for the purpose of improving water supply reliability, availability, quality, and affordability.

## **The Position**

The principal responsibility of the Manager of Strategic Affairs will be leadership of RWA's Water Resource Management Regulatory Affairs Program and Water Resilience Program, which includes,

- Manages the region's efforts in updates to Water Quality Control Plans, voluntary agreements and other significant state and federal water project regulatory efforts.
- Tracking and analyzing federal legislation and regulatory proceedings. Preparing position letters and other congressional correspondence. Educating federal officials, member of Congress and their staff on needs of the region.
- Developing and implementing regulatory advocacy strategies relating to the management of water.
- Building a coalition of local support for RWA's interests and working closely with allied agencies and organizations on issues of common interest.
- Positions the region for grant funding, assist in the development of grants and the administration of grant funds, and help build resilience in the RWA member's water supply systems.
- Plans for and procures consulting services; plans, develops, and oversees the work of staff and consultants.
- Coordination of RWA activities with the Sacramento Area Water Forum.

RWA's office is in Citrus Heights, about 15 miles from downtown Sacramento. The incumbent will also spend considerable time working in and around the Capitol. Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience. RWA offers PERS retirement and other comprehensive benefits.

## **Qualifications**

Eight years' experience in water or natural resources management, public policy development, public administration, law, or a related field. Bachelor's or higher degree(s) in a resources or public policy related field required. Excellent writing and verbal communication skills are a must. Knowledge of California water resources and regulatory processes is a must. An existing network of contacts in the water resources community is highly desired.

## **To Apply**

Submit cover letter and resume to Josette Reina-Luken at [Josette@rwah2o.org](mailto:Josette@rwah2o.org). Open until filled. Applications received on or before January 8, 2021 will be given first consideration. For questions, please contact Josette Reina-Luken at (916) 967-7692 or go to [rwah2o.org](http://rwah2o.org).