STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DUTY STATEMENT
CEC-004 (Revised 7/2021)

Classification(s): Attorney
Position Number: 1400-5778-049
Division/Office: Chief Counsel’s Office
Collective Bargaining Identifier (CBID): R02
Work Week Group (WWG): SE
Effective Date: October 25, 2021

Conflict of Interest (COI): ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, this position is responsible for making or participating in the making of governmental decisions that may potentially have a material effect on personal financial interests. The appointee is required to complete Form 700 within 30 days of appointment, which identifies pertinent personal financial information.

Job Description

Under the supervision of an Assistant Chief Counsel, the incumbent regularly performs a variety of legal services, including representing the Commission’s technical staff in power plant licensing cases, representing the Commission in proceedings before other state and federal agencies, and performing other legal duties as needed.

Essential Duties

40% Represents the Commission technical staff in power plant licensing and amendment proceedings, investigations, compliance, and enforcement matters. Duties include providing legal advice to technical staff on environmental, public health and safety issues, reviewing environmental and investigative documents, preparing staff witnesses for hearings, and conducting direct and cross-examination during hearings, and working on settlements with power plant owners.

25% Drafts Commission legal documents, including briefs, regulations, and contracts. Duties include assisting in drafting legislation, drafting post-hearing briefs, and drafting and reviewing regulations.

20% Advises the Commission and its staff on rulemaking proceedings and Commission programs, including data management, power plant licensing, and policy reports. Duties include responding to public requests for documents, preparing responses to requests for confidentiality, and drafting non-disclosure agreements.
10% Advises the Commissioners and staff on all aspects of Commission business.

**Marginal Duties**

5% Performs other duties as required that are consistent with the specifications of this class.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

There are distinct increases in the complexity of knowledge and abilities, and the scope of work and effect on programs and services provided and performed as incumbents proceed through this classification series. Incumbents are expected to use the increasing knowledge, abilities, and experiences to perform increasingly difficult and complex legal duties effectively.

Knowledge of: Legal research methods and performing research; legal principles and their application; scope and character of California statutory law and of the provisions of the California Constitution; principles of administrative and constitutional law; trial and hearing procedure; and rules of evidence; court procedures; administrative law and the conduct of proceedings before administrative bodies; legal terms and forms in common use; statutory and case law literature and authorities; and provisions of laws and Government Code sections administered or enforced.

Ability to: Research; analyze, appraise, and apply legal principles, facts, and precedents to legal problems; analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action; prepare and present statements of fact, law, and argument clearly and logically in written and oral form; prepare correspondence involving the explanation of legal matters; draft opinions, pleadings, rulings, regulations, and legislation; negotiate effectively and conduct crucial litigation; work cooperatively with a variety of individuals, organizations and maintain the confidence and respect of others; and work effectively under pressure.

**Working Conditions**

This position is Remote-Centric or Office-Centric. The position will be designated as Remote-Centric if the employee works on average three or more days per week from an alternate, non-State owned or operated work location, or Office-Centric if the employee works on average three days per week or more from the office.

**Diversity and Inclusion Statement**

As a State agency serving all Californians, the California Energy Commission is committed to being an organization that embodies diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Energy Commission plays an active and meaningful role in creating an environment that enables each employee to thrive.

**Employee’s Acknowledgement:** I certify that I am able to perform, with or without the assistance of a reasonable accommodation, the essential duties of this position.

**Employee’s Name (Print):** ____________________________

**Employee’s Signature:** ____________________________ **Date:** ______________
Supervisor’s Acknowledgment: I certify this duty statement represents a current and accurate description of the essential functions of this position. I have discussed the duties of this position with and provided the above-named employee a copy of this duty statement.

Supervisor’s Name (Print): ____________________________

Supervisor’s Signature: ____________________________    Date: _____________