

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Cachuma Conservation Release Board

(Santa Barbara, CA)





THE COMMUNITY

Known as America's Riviera, Santa Barbara County is one of the most desirable places in the world to live and work. With a spectacular natural setting that includes 50 miles of scenic coastline, beautiful valleys and rugged peaks, Santa Barbara County is a world-renowned tourist destination.

The County boasts a diversified economic base with large education, tourist, technology, service sectors, and agriculture which includes a vineyard industry that produces some of the world's finest wines. Santa Barbara is located 92 miles northwest of Los Angeles and 332 miles south of San Francisco. The County's 1.6 million acres include a national forest; Vandenberg Air Force Base; the cities of Lompoc, Santa Maria, Buellton, Guadalupe, Scandinavian influenced Solvang in the Santa Ynez Valley, Goleta and Carpinteria, in addition to the cosmopolitan city of Santa Barbara and its adjacent communities of Montecito and Summerland. Within driving distance of their work sites, residents can enjoy the rural or urban lifestyle of their choice.

Santa Barbara County provides a wide variety of colleges, universities and professional schools, including the University of California, Santa Barbara; Antioch University; Westmont College; Allan Hancock College; Santa Barbara City College; the Fielding Institute; Pacifica Graduate Institute; and the Music Academy of the West. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and UCLA are each less than 100 miles away. Students at Santa Barbara's public primary schools consistently score above the state average on standardized tests. The County is also home to a variety of private elementary schools, middle and high schools.

Known for its quality of life and variety of communities, Santa Barbara County offers museums, galleries, theater, music, opera, ethnic and film festivals, botanical gardens and parks. Thanks to clean air and a mild coastal climate, residents enjoy year round hiking, surfing, boating, golfing, horseback riding, beach-combing, fishing, mountain biking, and other outdoor activities centered around local beaches, mountains, lakes and valleys. Residents also enjoy a modern zoo, wineries, casinos and sites of historical interest such as California missions. The County boasts a wide variety of booksellers, antique stores and retail shops, from exclusive boutiques to factory outlets.

ABOUT CCRB

The Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) is a joint powers agency formed in January 1973 by Carpinteria Valley Water District, the City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District, and the Montecito Water District. However, in January 2011, Carpinteria withdrew its membership. CCRB was established to represent its members in protecting their Cachuma Project water rights and other related interests. CCRB's activities are funded by its Members who, in turn, are funded by their water rate payers. CCRB's annual budget of approximately \$800,000 provides funding for administrative activities and consultant support.

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The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, on behalf of the Cachuma Project Member Units, holds the Cachuma Project water right permits. CCRB is the agency responsible for the actions and decisions relative to the terms and conditions of those permits for its Member Units, including issues related to downstream releases of water from Cachuma Reservoir for the benefit and protection of steelhead/rainbow trout and their habitats and protection of the Cachuma Project water supply. CCRB participated in water rights hearings before the State Water Resources Control Board to establish the Cachuma Project operating parameters necessary to conform to the various parties' water rights.

For more information, visit <http://www.ccrb-board.org>.

THE POSITION

Under direction of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director serves as the chief executive of the agency, implementing Board policy. Working with the Board of Directors, member agency staff, and legal counsel, the Executive Director is responsible for protecting the member agencies' Cachuma Project water rights. To be effective, this individual must navigate a complex policy and regulatory environment which includes federal endangered species act issues, water rights permits, and various agreements.

The Executive Director manages CCRB's financial administration and budgeting; prepares agendas and staff reports for Board meetings; oversees various consultants for legal and technical work related to water right strategies; and advocates before local, state and federal governmental agencies and executive and legislative leaders. He/She also manages consultants. This is a contract position; the Executive Director is not an agency employee.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE

The ideal candidate will be a water rights expert with a highly developed political acumen, excellent communication skills and a strong commitment to helping CCRB achieve its mission. This individual will have extensive experience as an advocate before local, state and federal bodies. In addition, he/she will be a trust builder with a proven track record in gaining the respect of people with widely divergent and, at times, conflicting views and objectives in a complex regulatory environment. To be effective in representing CCRB, the Executive Director must be intimately familiar with the principles of California water law, the Endangered Species Act, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

CCRB's next Executive Director will be a skilled government administrator who is comfortable working on multiple policy and technical issues at once. This person will also be diligent about keeping CCRB Board of Directors well-informed. Finally, the Executive Director will be a diplomat who develops and maintains positive working relationships with external agencies with which CCRB interacts, including: the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish & Wildlife Service, State Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, and others.

Education and Experience

Any combination of equivalent education and experience that has led to the acquisition of the knowledge required by the position. A typical way of acquiring the knowledge would be:

- Equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university with major work in public administration, business administration, civil engineering, natural resource policy, or a closely related field. An advanced degree from an accredited institution in one of the above areas is highly desirable; and
- Five (5) years senior-level managerial experience with at least three (3) years of experience as the executive director or department head of a government agency, special district, or enterprise focused on natural resource preservation.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Principles of modern administration, operation, and management practices applicable to state water districts and utilities.
- Principles and practices of financial planning, budgeting, expenditure control, and reporting.
- General understanding of California water laws and regulations.
- Basic knowledge of hydrologic and biologic principles sufficient to understand recommendations and guidance from agency consultants.
- Negotiation strategy and skill.
- General terms and conditions of water service contracts.
- General terms, conditions, and processes pertaining to water rights and permits.
- Brown Act and open government laws.
- Public, media, and Board relations.
- Effective communication in written or oral form with management, member agency staff, contractors, and other agencies and the public.
- Political tact and acumen.
- Word processing, spreadsheet, and database software applications.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

The anticipated annual salary range for this position is \$150,000 to \$200,000. Placement within this range will be dependent on qualifications and experience. No additional benefits are provided.

HOW TO APPLY

Please **apply on-line** at www.alliancerc.com. Resume review will begin on **November 3, 2017**. For questions and inquiries, please contact:

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