

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Los Vaqueros Reservoir JPA

Contra Costa County, San Francisco Bay Area and Central Valley, CA





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The Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was formed in October 2021 to govern the Phase 2 Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project (Project). The eight agencies which make up the JPA include: Alameda County Water District, Contra Costa Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Grassland Water District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Santa Clara Valley Water District, and Zone 7 Water Agency.

THE PROJECT

The Project will increase Bay Area and Central Valley water supply reliability, develop water supplies for wildlife refuges, and improve water quality while protecting Delta fisheries and providing additional Delta ecosystem benefits. When completed, it will increase the Los Vaqueros Reservoir's capacity from 160,000 acre-feet to 275,000 acre-feet and add new and modified conveyance facilities to provide environmental, water supply reliability, operational flexibility, water quality, and recreational benefits. Activities currently underway include permitting, project design, and agreement development, while also pursuing additional funding for the Project. The Project has been approved for \$477 million from the state and recently earned an additional \$50 million in federal appropriations. The remainder of the project costs will be covered by additional federal funding and JPA Member contributions. Construction is slated to begin in 2023, pending necessary reviews and approvals, and is anticipated to continue through 2030.

Additional information is available at <https://losvaquerosjpa.com/>.

THE POSITION

Under direction of the Board of Directors, the JPA's Executive Director will serve as the chief executive of the JPA, implementing Board policy. While working with the Board of Directors and Member agency staff, the Executive Director executes administrative policies and is responsible and accountable for technical, administrative, and policy level tasks in the furtherance of the Project. The Executive Director will be a contractor to the JPA, not a staff member or employee. As such, the Executive Director will operate under an independent legal entity and will need to carry their own liability and errors and omissions insurance. The ideal tenure for the person selected is five to seven years — the time it will take to shepherd the Project to the beginning of its operational phase.

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The Executive Director is responsible for navigating a complex policy and regulatory environment related to completion of the Project. The successful candidate will handle multiple functions, with appropriate Board oversight, including financial administration, budgeting, drafting agendas and staff reports for Board meetings, running committee meetings, overseeing various consultants for legal and technical work, and advocating before local, state, and federal governmental agencies and executive and legislative leaders. The position requires familiarity with principles of California water law, CEQA, NEPA, and existing local, state, and federal water supply projects.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE

The ideal candidate is a highly organized, task-oriented leader with excellent communication skills and a knack for problem solving. They have extensive experience with managing large, multi-faceted projects and a successful track record of working with multiple agencies to obtain a successful outcome in a complex regulatory environment. They are self-driven, collaborative and politically savvy. They pursue their work with a sense of urgency yet maintain the flexibility and patience needed to effectively support a group of individuals with diverse personalities and differing perspectives in reaching their common goal — completion of the Project and mutually beneficial operation of the Project among the JPA's Members.

Qualifying Education and Experience

Any combination of education and/or experience that has provided the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for successful job performance is acceptable. Example combinations includes graduation from an accredited college or university with major work in public administration, business administration, civil engineering, public policy, law, or a closely related field AND at least five (5) of years senior-level managerial experience, three years of which must include organizational leadership, project management, interagency coordination, and working with elected officials.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- In-depth experience with organizational and financial administration, budgeting, operation, and management
- Knowledge of planning, permitting, environmental analysis, design, cost estimating, public works contracting and construction processes sufficient to oversee the work of contractors and consultants
- Ability to collaborate in preparing for and managing all aspects of public meetings; familiarity with the Brown Act, open government laws and other applicable California laws governing public agency operations
- Proficiency in conducting research, performing analysis, and preparing reports
- Ability to communicate complex information to a wide variety of audiences in clear, understandable terms, including to members of the media and the general public
- Ability to lead negotiations, build consensus, and develop agreements with diverse groups of stakeholders

Licenses and Certificates

A valid California Class “C” driver’s license or equivalent at time of contract execution. All required licenses and certificates must be maintained throughout the term of engagement with the JPA.

COMPENSATION

A competitive hourly rate, which takes into consideration the operational expenses of an independent contractor, will be offered to the successful candidate.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply on-line at www.alliancerc.com by 5:00 p.m. PST on **June 17, 2022**. For questions and inquiries, please contact Cindy Krebs at ckrebs@alliancerc.com or 562-901-0769 x 336.

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