Senior Planner

Environmental Coordination Services

Auburn, CA

\$44.91 - \$56.09/hour, \$93,412.80 - \$116,667.20/year

4.0% general wage increase July 2024 Click here for benefits package information

THE POSITION

This position is responsible for assisting the Environmental Coordinator with environmental review, technical advisory responsibilities, and streamlining initiatives. Examples of duties include:

- Facilitating pre-development (i.e., pre-application) meetings to ensure applicants are aware of what they will need to provide in support of their application's environmental review and entitlement process.
- Reviewing and approving (at the department level) Negative Declarations and Mitigated Negative Declarations prepared by staff to ensure internal consistency, adequacy, and defensibility, and reviewing errata and addenda prepared in support of ElRs and Neg Decs.
- Monitoring/tracking CEQA case law to ensure CDRA's CEQA documents are current and compliant.
- Refining the Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP), particularly relative to identifying appropriate data management platforms such as Accela, and managing the MMRP to ensure all development projects fulfill their mitigation obligations.
- Various other streamlining initiatives such as:
 - Preparation of an internally searchable CEQA standardized Mitigation Measure document to assist staff with choosing/applying appropriate mitigation measures.
 - Preparation of an AB 52 Fact Sheet that explains the County's obligations and includes standardized mitigation measures applicants may see on their projects.
 - Preparation of guidance for successful utilization of infrequently used but potentially applicable CEQA exemptions for affordable housing projects.

THE TEAM

Environmental Coordination Services (ECS) is a work group within the Community Development Services Division of CDRA. ECS is responsible for coordinating environmental review – a complex and technical process driven by statutory requirements and deadlines that significantly influence the efficiency and ultimate success of a project's entitlement process. Adherence to the procedures, timelines, and technical requirements in the CEQA Statute and Guidelines is critical for a successful project.

Currently, all administrative/coordination tasks handled by the unit are assigned to CDRA Technicians, and all environmental review and technical advisory responsibilities are assigned to the Environmental Coordinator (Principal Planner). This Senior Planner would report to the ECS Environmental Coordinator.

ECS Team Deputy Director Principal Planner Senior Planner CDRA Technician (x2)



Minimum Qualifications:

- 3 years of increasingly responsible planning experience performing duties similar to Placer County's <u>Associate Planner</u>.
- Equivalent to a bachelor's degree with major course work in urban planning, regional planning, environmental planning, or a closely related field.



EMPLOYER OF CHOICE & QUALITY OF LIFE

Placer County is an extraordinary community consistently ranked first for its quality of life. Placer is characterized by a healthy and diverse economy, attractive business environment, and residents who benefit from high quality safety, educational, and healthcare infrastructure. Placer is home to a wide variety of and outstanding recreational opportunities scenic open spaces, including nature's crown jewel of the Sierra, Lake Tahoe. From hiking and biking to horseback riding, rafting on rivers, snowshoeing, skiing, and visiting the Wine and Ale Trail, Placer County offers something for everyone to enjoy.