

Western States Water Council / Western States Federal Agency Support Team Liaison Officer

The [WestFAST](#) and the [WSWC](#) are looking for an existing Federal employee who is interested in learning more and helping with coordination of environmental science and especially water issues in the Western United States. The WSWC states are the Dakotas south the Texas and westward to the Pacific with some work in Alaska and Hawaii. The WestFAST agencies have a wide range of mission from the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation with hydro power, water supply and recreational water facilities to Bureau of Land Management, Park Service, and Forest Service with land management and water rights issues, to snow measurement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's work in habitat restoration, all kinds of environmental data collection, climate work, to weather forecasting from hours out to over a year into the future.

All of these great [environmental agencies, plus 5](#) more, have great missions with a wide variety of needs and impacts on water rulings and water use decisions that will often time have to be coordinated with and implemented by state and local organizations. The WestFAST and WSWC doesn't expect an expert at all these scientific areas, but someone who is excited about environmental science, ready to learn a lot, and know their home agencies mission such that they can help support their home agency and make it better known to the other WestFAST agencies and WSWC.

Overview

Currently looking for federal applicants through May 31, 2018

Job Series: can be agency dependent

Pay scale & grade

GS 13, but preferably GS 14 – 15

Location:

1 vacancy in the following location: Salt Lake City, Utah Metro Area (Murray, Utah)

Relocation expenses reimbursed:

No, however, the incumbent will be entitled to 55% reduced per diem rate in effect for Salt Lake City (Murray), Utah for long-term temporary duty assignments (TDE) as determined by your home agency. No relocation expenses will be paid while on temporary assignment. Travel and per diem expenses will be considered part of the incumbent's gross taxable income.

This position is assigned, and will report to, the individual agency home office, depending on the internal structure of the agency hierarchy, but will be duty stationed to the Western States Water Council in Salt Lake City (Murray), Utah. Upon completion of the temporary assignment, the incumbent will be returned to his/her grade of record in the office from which selected. This is also negotiable with the individual agency needs and employee position.

This will be a temporary reassignment of an existing federal employee not to exceed 2 years.

Duties

Summary

This is a national, senior level federal position which exercises discretion and judgment in acting as an advisor to the Executive Director of the Western States Water Council (WSWC) in the development, planning, and coordination of activities with other Federal, state, and local programs, studies, and activities. You will serve as the intergovernmental program coordinator for the Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST) to assist the Director in the formulation and implementation of council policies, practices and agreements, and contracts. You will provide consultation, make recommendations and facilitate collaborative efforts between WSWC and WestFAST. You will work with the Executive Director and Federal, state and local agencies to implement recommendations in the Western Governors' Associations (WGA) Water Needs and Strategies for a Sustainable Future reports and further WGA/WSWC reports.

The WSWC is the primary water resource advisory body of the WGA. The Council members are appointed by their respective Governor and focus on the water issues of the West. The position will function as a conduit for collaboration among the Federal agencies and between the Federal agencies and the WSWC.

Responsibilities

- Serves as an advisor to the Executive Director of the Western States Water Council (WSWC) in the development, planning, and coordination of Council activities with other Federal, state and local programs, studies, plans and activities.

- Works closely with the Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST), comprised of key representatives from 12 federal agencies, in collaboration with the WSWC to carry out joint initiatives.

- Participates in the planning of meetings, conferences, workshops and other communications relating to Western States water issues of considerable region or national importance.

- Assists in planning and developing intergovernmental public education/outreach programs pertaining to significant water resources development and utilization issues as well as other educational activities and efforts.

- Responds to inquiries and requests made by agencies, legislators, committees, or subcommittees and represents the Council and WestFAST at community meetings or with other agencies and tracks local, state and federal policies and programs that may impact the Council and/or its interests.

Work schedule:

Full-Time – with core hours between 9 am and 3 pm. Reassignment/temporary duty not to exceed 2-years

Appointment type

Agency Employees Only - Full-Time

Travel Required

Occasional travel - Occasional travel will be required.

Supervisory status

No

Who May Apply

This job is open to...

Current Federal employees serving under competitive service career or career-conditional appointments.

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