

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION POSITION ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS DUTIES STATEMENT PO-199 (06/16)		Working Title of Position Environmental Specialist	
		Division and/or Subdivision Southern Region / San Diego Unit	
INSTRUCTIONS: The Director is required by Government Code Section 19818.12 to report (or to record) "...material changes in the duties of any position in his or her jurisdiction". The Position Essential Functions Duties Statement is used for this purpose. Enter identifying information and effective date at the right. Enter brief description of each of the important duties and responsibilities of the position below. Group related duties in numbered paragraphs and indicate the percentage of total time occupied. Indicate the "essential functions" of the position by placing an asterisk (*) in front of those individual duties you determine to be essential to the job. Discuss the duties with the employee assigned to the position. Both the employee and supervisor sign the document where indicated. The supervisor retains the original document and provides a copy to the employee.		Location of Headquarters San Diego Unit / County Operations Center (COC)	
		Class Title of Position Environmental Scientist	
		Position Number 541-314-0762-001	
		Effective Date 09/21/2026	
Percentage of Time Required	Effective on the date indicated, the employee assigned to the position identified above performs the following duties and responsibilities.		
40%	Working in the Community Risk Reduction Program and under the direction and supervision of the Unit Forester - Forester II (Supervisory), the Unit Environmental Specialist (Environmental Scientist) will perform a variety of responsible professional scientific office and field work related to the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Fire Prevention Grant Program, fuel reduction projects, technical service projects and prescribed fire projects. The Environmental Scientist will perform the following duties: *The Unit Environmental Specialist will perform assigned natural resource management analysis, research, surveys, investigations, and studies involving fuel reduction projects, forest health concerns, prescribed fire projects, technical service projects and other requests; *analyze potential project impacts to resources; *use professional judgment in the level of environmental review compliance needed on project by project basis; *prepare regulatory and compliance documents; *remain current on pertinent environmental laws and regulations; prepare non-routine correspondence and answer non-routine questions from Unit staff, grantees, stakeholders, agencies/Departments, and the public; and do other related resource management work. *Review projects and assess potential environmental impacts from proposed projects, *complete Initial Studies and required documentation (including but not limited to verification under emergency proclamation, exemptions, negative declaration, and/or Environmental Impact Report). *Review Grantee documentation, Grantee's assessment of potential project impacts, and provide professional guidance to Grant Project Coordinators.		
25%	*Communicate and work directly with cooperators and Unit staff in the development of projects and environmental review documentation, *attend public and stakeholder meetings and make presentations on relevant subject matter to various groups.		
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Job qualifications and/or conditions of employment: Must pass medical clearance prior to appointment. Overnight travel throughout the Region and state is required. Work on nights, weekends and holidays is required.			
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Employee Signature _____		Supervisor Signature _____	
Date _____		Date _____	
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Working Title of Position
Environmental Scientist

Percentage of Time
Required

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15%

*Conduct surveys for flora and fauna; *travel over uneven terrain, up and down steep terrain, long distances by foot in wet and cold weather to hot and dry weather to layout project areas, flag protection zones, prepare maps, validate maps and conduct surveys to collect data.

10%

*Research information databases for habitats and species, prepare maps of projects, resource protection maps, assessment area maps and other maps utilizing eGIS. *Assist the Pre-Fire Engineer with mapping needs; *assist with the preparation of special reports and the Unit Fire Plan.

5%

*Attend assigned training. *Obtain ICS qualifications in non-fire line ICS positions and participate in non-fire line ICS positions on incidents. *Maintains proficiency, qualifications, and experience in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and Department Policy.

5%

Other duties as assigned.

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