



DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, medical condition or pregnancy. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing Civil Service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

DEPARTMENT:	DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION	RELEASE DATE:	Wednesday, September 25, 2013
POSITION TITLE:	REGION CHIEF (STATEWIDE)	FINAL FILING DATE:	Tuesday, October 8, 2013
CEA LEVEL:	CEA B	EXTENDED FINAL FILING DATE:	
SALARY RANGE:	\$11,842.00 - \$11,842.00 / Month	BULLETIN ID:	09242013_1

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under the direction of the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), the Region Chief manages one of the two geographic areas in the State of California, known as the Northern and Southern Regions. The Region Chief is responsible for the formulation, administration, and continuing evaluation of Departmental programs and statewide policies relating to fire protection, forest, range, watershed, and other CAL FIRE programs in their regional area. The incumbent reports to and serves as a principal advisor to the Director; provides management guidance and oversight to Unit Chiefs under his/her purview; provides significant input toward the development of statewide policies as they relate to the needs of the regional area; and provides high-level guidance and support involving extreme sensitivity with executive levels of local, state, and federal officials, members of the general public, special interest groups, and the media. The incumbent ensures open lines of communication are maintained between Headquarters executive management and the reporting Units.

This position qualifies for a recruitment and retention bonus of \$1,350.00 per month to competitors who currently receive this bonus.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

Either I

Must be a current State civil service employee with permanent civil service status, as defined in Government Code Section 18546.

Or II

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature, who resigned or was released from service within the last 12 months, and with two or more consecutive years of service as defined in Government Code Section 18990.

Or III

Must be a current or former nonelected exempt employee of the Executive Branch of **government** who resigned or was released from service within the last 12 months, and with two or more consecutive years of service (excluding those positions for which the salaries are set by statute) as defined by Government Code Section 18992.

Or IV

Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code Section 18991.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform high administrative and policy – influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of most of the following more specific knowledge and abilities:

(1) Knowledge of the organization and functions of California State Government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch; principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management; techniques of organizing and motivating groups; program development and evaluation; methods of administrative problem solving; principles and practices of policy formulation and development; and personnel management techniques; the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives; and a manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

(2) Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff; analyze administrative policies, organization, procedures and practices; integrate the activities of a diverse program to attain common goals; gain the confidence and support of top level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters; develop cooperative working relationships with representatives of all levels of government, the public, and the Legislature and Executive branches; analyze complex problems and recommend effective courses of action; and prepare and review reports; and effectively contribute to the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from the following kinds of experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation and/or evaluation of program policies (experience may have been paid or volunteer; in State service, other government settings, or in a private organization):

CEA Level A Responsible for broad administrative and program activities, including the execution and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Level B Responsible for extensive managerial and program administration or

broad program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Level C Responsible for extensive highly professional influence and contributes to program, policy, and the methods to provide professional services needed to set policies, to meet the mission of the State department and often exercising technical and or professional skills that are required at this level.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION(S)

In addition to evaluating each candidate's relative ability, as demonstrated by the quality of breadth of experience, the following factors will be emphasized in competitively evaluating each candidate:

*Demonstrated experience which has included broad administrative or program manager capabilities, with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.

*Demonstrated in-depth administrative experience in areas related to fire protection, forest, range, watershed, and forest resource management programs. (Qualifying experience in CAL FIRE is the type of administrative and program experience typically acquired at the Assistant Chief level or above.)

*Demonstrated experience in the negotiation and implementation of cooperative and contractual agreements.

*Demonstrated ability in coordinating fire control, non-fire emergencies, and forest management operations with other agencies (local, State, and Federal), boards of supervisors and boards of fire commissioners.

*Demonstrated ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff, and the ability to create a positive-working atmosphere.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

A minimum rating of 70% must be attained to obtain list eligibility. Hiring interviews may be conducted with the most qualified candidates. All candidates will receive written notification of their examination results. The result of this examination will be used only to fill the position of **REGION CHIEF (STATEWIDE)**, with the **DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**. Applications will be retained for twelve months.

The Results of this examination will be used only to fill this position and may be used to fill subsequent vacancies for this position for a period of up to twelve months.

The examination process will consist of an application, resume, and Statement of Qualifications screening committee. All interested applicants must file an "Examination and/or Employment Application" (Std. 678), a resume, and a Statement of Qualifications. All applications/resumes must include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year). The screening committee will compare each applicant's qualifications for the position against specific job-related evaluation criteria developed from the knowledge and abilities and the desirable qualifications. Based on the competitiveness of the group, the most qualified candidates may be scheduled for an interview as part of the examination process. Hiring interviews may be held for the top candidates as determined via this examination process.

Your signature on your application signifies that the information provided in your application,

resume, and Statement of Qualifications is true and factual, and that any false, incomplete, or inaccurate statements may result in disqualification from the examination process.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Interested applicants are required to submit:

*An "Examination and/or Employment Application" (Std. 678) that clearly addresses your experience and job titles, names and addresses of employers, and periods of employment relevant to the Minimum Qualifications identified in this bulletin. Applications are available on the internet at: www.spb.ca.gov.

*A resume outlining your most recent experience during the last ten (10) years working in CAL FIRE's major program areas or within similar local, State, or Federal program areas (e.g., Fire Protection, Resource Management, Office of the State Fire Marshal, etc.). Please be specific and provide the date(s) you worked in each program and the duties performed.

*A "Statement of Qualifications" that responds to the following items of how your background meets the knowledge, abilities, and the desirable qualifications cited in the examination bulletin. It is imperative that you refer to the Desirable Qualifications when preparing your Statement of Qualifications.

1. Please succinctly describe your experience which has included broad administrative and/or program manager capabilities, with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.
2. Please describe your in-depth administrative experience in areas related to fire protection, forest, range, watershed, and forest resource management programs.
3. Please describe your experience in the negotiation and implementation of cooperative and contractual agreements.
4. Please provide examples of how you coordinated fire control, non-fire emergencies, and forest management operations with other agencies (local, State, and Federal) boards of supervisors and boards of fire commissioners.
5. Please provide examples that demonstrates your skill to organize and motivate employees, direct the work of multidisciplinary staff, and your ability to create a positive-working atmosphere that contributes to the overall goals and objectives for the departments you have worked.

When preparing your Statement of Qualifications, please follow these guidelines:

*The information you provide must be complete and presented in a clear and concise manner.

*Your Statement of Qualifications must be typewritten with a font size no smaller than 10 pitch.

*Limit your responses to no more than a total of four (4) typewritten pages.

*Answer each numbered item separately and indicate the corresponding item number for each response. You may include multiple responses on a single page.

*Within each response for items one (1) through three (3), you must include your state civil service classification or position title (private sector) held, the number of years performing the duties/tasks described, the department at which it was performed, and the size of staff managed and/or directly supervised.

*When responding to items four (4) and five (5), provide examples of the strengths you possess to communicate effectively, either in oral or written form, and how you have applied them in past experiences. In your response, include the purpose, who was the targeted audience, and what was the overall consensus/feedback from the audience? Please include your State civil service classification(s) or position title(s) and the organization(s) for the examples provided.

Applicants must file their application, resume, and Statement of Qualifications with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) either in person at 1300 "U" Street, Sacramento, California, or mail to P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, California 94244-2460, Attention: LaWren Morrow, Examination Unit.

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE HAND DELIVERED TO OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE FINAL FILING DATE OF OCTOBER 8, 2013 OR POSTMARKED BY THE FINAL FILING DATE OF OCTOBER 8, 2013 TO BE CONSIDERED. APPLICATION MATERIALS HAND DELIVERED OR POSTMARKED AFTER THE FINAL FILING DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. APPLICATION MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY INTEROFFICE MAIL, ELECTRONIC MAIL (EMAIL), OR FACSIMILE. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED RESUME AND STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

If you are a U.S. military veteran, attach a legible copy of your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214) or other official discharge documents, showing your enlistment and discharge dates, branch of service, and character of service (i.e., Type of Discharge).

Interested applicants must submit:

- A completed Standard State Application (Form 678).
- A "Statement of Qualifications". The Statement is a narrative discussion of how the candidate's education, training, experience, and skills meet the minimum and desirable qualifications and qualify them for the position. The Statement of Qualifications serves as a documentation of each candidate's ability to present information clearly and concisely in writing and should be typed and no more than four (4) pages in length and the font should not be smaller than 10 pitch.
- Resumes do not take the place of the Statement of Qualifications.

Applications must be submitted by the final filing date to:

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION, Human Resources - Exam Unit
P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
LaWren Morrow | (916) 445-0500 | lawren.morrow@fire.ca.gov

SPECIAL TESTING

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to

their scores.

The DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

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