





JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Staff Attorney Southern California

Orange County Coastkeeper and its associated programs, including Inland Empire Waterkeeper and Coachella Valley Waterkeeper, is seeking a staff attorney to join its legal team. Coastkeeper's legal team works to protect water resources to ensure they are drinkable, fishable, and swimmable for present and future generations though advocacy and environmental litigation. The new attorney will focus on environmental issues affecting the **Coachella Valley region** and assist in litigation and advocacy matters in Orange County and the Inland Empire. This is a full-time, exempt position reporting to the Senior Staff Attorney.

Responsibilities

- Combination environmental policy and litigation work.
- Draft comment letters on permits, policies, and regulations related to water quality and water supply issues.
- Represent Waterkeeper organizations at administrative agency hearings.
- Assist in litigation from investigation through trial, including drafting pleadings, discovery, motion practice, etc.
- Research and write grants to fund environmental advocacy.
- Manage relationships with co-counsel, clients, and coalition partners.
- General counsel duties for Orange County Coastkeeper and associated programs, including Inland Empire Waterkeeper and Coachella Valley Waterkeeper, including review of contracts.

Qualifications

- Applicants must be admitted to the California Bar.
- Spanish language skills.
- Familiarity with Coachella Valley region and environmental issues.
- Working knowledge of California regulatory agencies.
- Confident oral advocacy skills.
- Grant-writing experience.
- Minimum 1 year experience practicing law.
- Experience with groundwater issues, CWA, SDWA, RCRA, and/or tribal law a plus.
- A commitment to public interest work and a passion for Coastkeeper's mission.
- Ability to work both independently and in collaboration with others.
- Knowledge of the Clean Water Act is preferred.
- Reside in or willing to travel to Coachella Valley.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Coastkeeper is an equal opportunity employer, highly values diversity, and provides advancement opportunities to everyone. Employment decisions are based on merit, qualifications and ability. Compensation commensurate with experience.

Applications

If you are interested in and qualified for this position, please send your résumé and a cover letter to Sarah@coastkeeper.org, subject line "YOUR LAST NAME, Staff Attorney." If your materials indicate a potential match for our requirements, we will contact you. Please, no phone calls or emails to the office regarding this opening. Position open until filled.