



San Juan Water District  
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## Position Description

### Senior Accountant

**Status:** Non-Exempt, Confidential In Nature and Non-Safety Sensitive  
**Supervisor:** Director of Finance  
**Effective Date:** January 17, 2023

#### **Supervision Received and Exercised**

Receives direction from the Director of Finance and provides technical and functional supervision to various personnel.

#### **Primary Function**

To plan, administer, and perform a wide variety of complex professional accounting, fiscal, budgetary and administrative functions; to review, record and report financial transactions of the District in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This position performs the most difficult and responsible types of duties assigned to classes within this series.

#### **Essential Duties** - *Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:*

- Maintain and reconcile a variety of ledgers and accounts; research and analyze accounting transactions to ensure accuracy and correct financial records as necessary; post, balance and reconcile the general ledger and subsidiary accounts; prepare accruals and related journal entries for review and approval.
- Plan, prioritize and review the work of staff assigned to a variety of technical and clerical accounting duties.
- Prepare and/or review a variety of bank reconciliations, claims, reports and schedules for accuracy and completion.
- Assist with annual budget development and implementation including personnel budget; monitor budgets for divisions and/or departments; research and analyze transactions to resolve coding problems.
- Prepare and/or review a variety of complex financial reports in conformance with internal and external reporting requirements.
- Coordinate and lead the accounting for the District's capital assets ensuring compliance with District policy and government reporting requirements; analyze projects for construction in progress and capitalize additions once placed in service; work with departments to identify additions and retirements; reconcile capital assets and accumulated depreciation to general ledger to ensure records are balanced properly.
- Coordinate grants and related audits by monitoring, reporting and maintaining grant budgets, activities and expenditures, grant compliance documents and records; assist with financial compliance issues.
- Research and implement new government accounting and financial reporting requirements and make recommendations for changes in policies and procedures to ensure compliance.

- Under the direction of the Director of Finance, lead the design, testing and implementation of new technology systems and processes.
- Coordinate debt, debt activities, and debt schedules for the District; participate in debt issuance and financing's, track debt related activities to ensure compliance with debt requirements and debt reporting requirements. Work with other staff and consultants on debt related matters.
- Maintain employee database in payroll system.
- Review payroll and human resource reporting for accuracy (including payroll taxes, benefits and pension).
- Prepare quarterly wholesale water billings and monitor for payments.
- Lead project accounting and billing for cost recoverable work such as accident billings and development projects.
- Under the direction of the Director of Finance, lead the coordination of the annual audit and the preparation of the annual financial reports including, but not limited to, the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the State Controller's Financial Transactions Report. Review, reconcile, and prepare notes to the financial statements, supporting work papers, and other reports; respond to audit inquiries from external auditors and other governmental agencies. Recommend changes in accounting systems and procedures to the Director of Finance, and design and implement as directed.
- Serve as a resource to District departments; perform a variety of financial analyses.
- Work with Information Technology Department to ensure Accounting Software updates are timely installed.
- Provide support to other Finance & Administrative positions when required.
- Establish and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers, other District employees and the public using principles of good customer service.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

#### *Knowledge of:*

- Generally accepted accounting principles; governmental accounting standards/practices and principles of financial administration including budgeting and reporting.
- Techniques of financial research and report preparation.
- Payroll and human resources laws and regulations.
- CalPERS, or other pension system, program administration.
- Automated financial management systems, spreadsheet applications and related software.
- Pertinent local, State and Federal laws.
- Applicable safety precautions and procedures.

#### *Ability to:*

- Apply generally accepted accounting principles in the maintenance of financial, accounting and payroll transactions.
- Perform budget projections; analyze and interpret financial documents and reports.
- Prepare a variety of financial statements, reports and analysis.
- Perform and review human resource functions including: payroll and benefit administration; transmission of payments; audit and internal control of payroll and benefit input.

- Coordinate and monitor employee training.
- On a continuous basis, know and understand all aspects of the job; intermittently analyze work papers, reports and special projects; identify and interpret technical and numerical information; observe and problem solve operational and technical policy and procedures.
- On a continuous basis, sit at desk for long periods of time; intermittently twist to reach equipment surrounding desk; perform simple grasping and fine manipulation; use telephone, and write or use a keyboard to communicate through written means.
- Research, analyze and make recommendations on accounting processes and procedures.
- Apply District, State and Federal policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
- Train and direct less experienced accounting staff.
- Effectively operate computers and applicable software.
- Initiate and maintain effective safety practices.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, orally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

**Education and Experience:**

Any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Education:

Equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in accounting, business administration or closely related field.

Experience:

Three years of increasingly responsible experience performing professional level accounting, payroll, financial reporting, cash management duties and utility billing.

**License or Certificate:**

Possession of, or the ability to obtain and maintain, a California Driver's License with a satisfactory driving record. Individuals who do not meet this requirement due to a physical disability will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Physical Capabilities**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform functions.

<i>Physical Requirements</i>	<i>Rarely (0-12%)</i>	<i>Occasionally (12-33%)</i>	<i>Frequently (34-66%)</i>	<i>Regularly (67-100%)</i>
Seeing				✓
Hearing				✓
Standing/Walking		✓		
Climbing/Stooping/Kneeling		✓		
Lifting/Pulling/Pushing		✓		
Approximate Maximum Weight to Lift		50 Pounds		
Fingering/Grasping/Feeling				✓
Describe Working Conditions	100 Percent Indoors			