

POSITION DUTY STATEMENT

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CLASSIFICATION TITLE SENIOR RIGHT OF WAY	OFFICE/BRANCH/SECTION LA Office Of Right Of Way (R/W) and R/W Engineering	
WORKING TITLE SENIOR RIGHT OF WAY AGENT: Acquisitions	POSITION NUMBER 907-400-4962-xxx	EFFECTIVE DATE

As a valued member of the Caltrans team, you make it possible for the Department to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Caltrans is a performance-driven, transparent, and accountable organization that values its people, resources and partners, and meets new challenges through leadership, innovation and teamwork.

GENERAL STATEMENT:

Under the general direction of the Supervising Right of Way Agent, the Senior Right of Way Agent (Sr R/W Agent) is responsible for directing and supervising staff engaged in Right of Way Acquisitions. The Sr R/W Agent assigns, supervises, reviews and approves the work of subordinates; consults with, and advises, district management and may act as their direct representative in major program areas at either private or public meetings. As travel may be required in this position, a valid Driver's License is highly desirable.

TYPICAL DUTIES:

Percentage		Job Description
35%	E	Provides guidance to Associate Right of Way Agents and direction to Right of Way Agents for activities regarding the negotiations to acquire properties vested in individuals, corporations, partnerships, and governmental entities. Supervises staff engaged in the acquisition of Right of Way for transportation related projects for local agencies, obtaining material and disposal agreements.
30%	E	Provides guidance in all settlement negotiations during the acquisition process. Delegates preparation and approves Right of Way contracts, memorandums of settlements, rights of entries, special agreements with individuals, private organizations / public agencies, deeds, re-conveyance agreements. Reviews Acquisition activities and makes sure they comply with legal/procedural requirements outlines by Caltrans Right of Way procedures. FHWA, and state/federal laws.
25%	E	Monitors and reviews all Memoranda of Settlements, requests for condemnation activities, Resolutions of Necessity, the filing of lawsuits, and motions for Order of Possession actions with the court for eminent domain actions to ensure actions and documentation are accurate and complete. Provides direction and guidance to subordinates on complex negotiations. Provides assistance as required to include processing payments of Court awards. Responsible for approval, or recommendation of approval, work products within delegated authority.
10%	M	Represents the District's Right of Way Division at meetings with the general public, businesses, local cities, local counties, and local organizations. Conducts public meetings that summarize the project and how it impacts local businesses and residents. Informs the public about project time lines, milestones, and how they connect to relocation dates. Attends Project Development Team meetings.

¹ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS are the core duties of the position that cannot be reassigned.

MARGINAL FUNCTIONS are the minor tasks of the position that can be assigned to others.

SUPERVISION OR GUIDANCE EXERCISED OVER OTHERS

This position directly supervises a unit of Associate R/W Agents, R/W Agents and support staff.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS**ADA Notice**

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The ability to reason logically and creatively and use a variety of techniques to productively resolve problems relating to functions supervised; present ideas and information effectively; write/review, edit complex written reports; establish project priorities, and maintains schedules.

Requires a thorough knowledge of State and Federal laws, rules and regulations, real estate laws and principles, real estate financing and escrow procedures. The ability to resolve complex real estate title or easement problems. The ability to develop and conduct an indoctrination and training program for agents who are being rotated into the unit.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF ERROR

Errors in judgment and decisions regarding approving or recommendations for approval of acquisition of real property through negotiated contracts or condemnation could adversely affect program performance. Error in judgment with regard to the maintenance of project scheduling which assures the receipt of Federal reimbursement could affect future funding. The success of the acquisition function is dependent upon the research, knowledge, decisions and recommendations of the Senior R/W Agent. Incorrect or faulty decisions can adversely affect the delivery of a sufficient number of parcels.

The Senior Right of Way Agent is responsible for advising management on issues that are sensitive in nature. Failure to provide proper advice to management may result in inappropriate action(s) being taken against an employee, the division, financial liability, and/or discredit to the department.

The incumbent is responsible for complying with the Information Practices Act (IPA) by protecting departmental employees' confidential information, including, but not limited to, social security numbers, medical or employment history, education, financial transactions, or similar information. Failure to protect departmental employees' confidential information may damage the Division of Right of Way's reputation as a confidential organization, may result in employee grievances or lawsuits, and, pursuant to California Civil Code section 1798.55, could result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

PUBLIC AND INTERNAL CONTACTS

This position requires regular contact with Headquarters functional area reviewers, District Right of Way functional area personnel, Division of R/W, local government entities, County and City officials, Federal Highway Administration and other public agencies. These contacts will be verbal or written, as needed, to perform assignments. Frequent contacts and close liaison is needed to assure program requirements are being met at all levels.

PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The employee may be required to sit for long periods of time using a keyboard and video display terminal. Possess the ability to move up to 35lbs. (Files, boxes, laptops, projectors and cumbersome plans).

The employee must have the ability to conduct on-site reviews: i.e., measuring structures and evaluating property. Must be able to drive to remote locations in single duration. Must be able to evaluate properties for R/W functional purposes including appraising, real estate negotiations, etc.

The employee must have the ability to sustain the mental activity needed for report writing, auditing, problem solving, analysis and reasoning. Possess the ability to focus on single tasks, as well as multi-tasks when necessary.

Must be able to give oral presentations to gathering of various sizes and at various levels of the Department. Must be composed and articulate in meetings and in telephone conversations. Must be able to respond to changing work priorities.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

While at their base of their operation, employees will work in a climate-controlled office under artificial lighting. They will use a keyboard and video monitor for long periods of time as well as a telephone. Employees may also be required to travel and work outdoors and may be exposed to dirt, noise, uneven surfaces and/or extremes in heat or cold.

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I have read, understand and can perform the duties listed above. (If you believe you may require reasonable accommodation, please discuss this with your hiring supervisor. If you are unsure whether you require reasonable accommodation, inform the hiring supervisor who will discuss your concerns with the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator.)

EMPLOYEE (Print)

EMPLOYEE (Signature)

DATE

I have discussed the duties with, and provided a copy of this duty statement to the employee named above.

SUPERVISOR (Print)

SUPERVISOR (Signature)

DATE