



## Southern California Public Power Authority, Director of Government Affairs | Sacramento Office

The Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) is a joint powers agency and an independent public entity created in 1980 pursuant to the California Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Cal. Government Code §6500 *et seq.*) for the purpose of jointly planning, financing, developing, constructing, operating and maintaining projects for the generation or transmission of electric energy. SCPPA's Members consist of 11 cities and one irrigation district: Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Burbank, Cerritos, Colton, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside, Vernon, and the Imperial Irrigation District. Each Member owns and operates an electric utility serving retail customers within its territorial boundaries. The Members use SCPPA to procure generation, transmission, and fuel resources from projects across several Western States. Collectively, Members serve a population exceeding five million people in five Southern California counties. Click [here](#) for overview of SCPPA.

- The Director of Government Affairs will work in the SCPPA Sacramento office; however, periodic travel to the Glendora, California SCPPA headquarters office will be required as well as visits to SCPPA Member agencies, and Washington D.C. This position will direct the state and federal legislative and regulatory program for SCPPA on behalf of its Members to influence proposed laws or proposed and existing regulations. The Director will develop, coordinate, and advance regulatory and legislative policy goals at the regional, state, and federal levels before the California State Legislature, Governor's Office, U.S. Congress, California Air Resources Board (CARB), California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Independent System Operator (CAISO), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The position will direct the analysis of legislative and regulatory policy matters and make recommendations to the SCPPA Board and Member staff. The successful candidate will work effectively with SCPPA Member agencies to build consensus on legislative and regulatory policy strategies. The position is responsible for securing and managing outside consulting and lobbyist support. The Director of Government Affairs is an "at will" senior level management position that reports directly to the Executive Director and is responsible for supervising up to two staff positions.

Some of the current policy matters include.

- Climate change, wildfire impacts, renewable energy, energy storage, energy efficiency, demand management, energy markets, transportation and building electrification, COVID19 impacts on electric utilities, and other related initiatives.
- CARB rulemakings regarding implementation of the Cap-and-Trade Program; the Scoping Plan, including greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets; the Low Carbon Fuel Standard; and other matters affecting publicly owned utilities.
- CEC activities regarding implementation of California's Renewables Portfolio Standard; Integrated Resource Plans, including greenhouse gas emissions reduction initiatives; the Integrated Energy Policy Report; and energy storage, electrification, transmission, and other matters affecting California's electric utilities.
- Matters before the U.S. Congress such as advanced refunding of municipal bonds, 6 GHz telecommunications bandwidth, and potential relief due to COVID related load reduction and utility shutoff suspensions.

This position requires an ability to communicate clearly and effectively – both orally and in writing; the ability to quickly assess competing priorities and respond accordingly; general knowledge of the operations of an electric utility and local governments; the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with individual SCPPA Members and state legislative and regulatory staff (including policy staff in the Governor's Office); the ability to develop and maintain a general working knowledge of SCPPA Member needs to quickly identify the Members affected by each issue; the ability to effectively contribute to discussions across SCPPA working groups and with other utility trade associations and stakeholders towards developing consensus positions; the ability to become a point of contact for stakeholders regarding the technical impacts of proposed changes to SCPPA Members; the ability to draft persuasive position papers based upon Member input and built around consensus; the ability to participate in stakeholder processes to promote SCPPA positions; and the ability to be a self-starter when needs are identified.

Applicants must have a four-year college degree in a policy-related field and preferably ten years of pertinent professional policy experience and four years of management experience. . Demonstrably strong writing and speaking skills. Ideally, the candidate will have had direct experience interfacing with the California State Legislature or energy regulatory agencies, and demonstrable experience reaching consensus positions amongst competing stakeholders. An advanced policy-related degree and/or additional years of relevant experience is a plus. The current annual salary range is \$160,772 to \$217,058 dependent upon experience and qualifications, plus benefits. SCPPA provides retirement benefits through a contract with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS).

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, three references, and a *brief* writing sample – combined into one .pdf file – to SCPPA's Administrative Services Manager, Salpi Ortiz, at [sortiz@scppa.org](mailto:sortiz@scppa.org). Interviews will be held in early October.