Coastal Program Analyst I
Open Examination
Continuous Filing

The California Coastal Commission (Coastal Commission) is a government agency of the State of California that is charged with protecting coastal resources and managing coastal development in California. The mission of the Coastal Commission is to provide for the balanced use of the coastal zone and to protect, restore, and enhance coastal and marine resources for the continuing benefit of current and future generations. Employees at the Commission enjoy working on a broad range of issues to plan for and manage coastal land uses while protecting important coastal resources including wetlands, habitats that support rare and endangered species, scenic landscapes and views to the sea, public shoreline access and recreation opportunities. Staff includes dedicated planners, scientists, attorneys and administrative professionals.

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) is a State of California government agency with regulatory and planning responsibilities over San Francisco Bay, the Suisun Marsh, salt ponds, and along the Bay Area's nine-county shoreline. BCDC is guided in its actions by state and federal laws, policies, and regulations including: the McAteer-Petris Act, Suisun Marsh Preservation Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, San Francisco Bay Plan, Suisun Marsh Protection Plan and various special area plans around the Bay. Our 50+ staff takes pride in our high level of professionalism. Staff includes environmental planners, scientists, engineers, attorneys, administrative and information technology professionals.

The Coastal Commission and BCDC value diversity at all levels of the organization and is committed to fostering an environment in which employees from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, and personal experiences are welcomed and can thrive. We believe the diversity of our employees and their unique ideas inspire innovative solutions to further our mission of protecting and enhancing California’s coast and ocean for present and future generations.

THE POSITION

The Coastal Program Analyst I classification is the recruiting, training and first working level of the series. Under supervision, incumbents perform the less complex analytical work involving planning and regulating present and future development of the coast and the conservation of the State's ocean, coastal and San Francisco Bay resources. Positions may be permanently allocated to this class when the major portion of tasks performed do not include the more responsible, varied and difficult assignments found at the journeyperson level.
The Coastal Program Analyst series describes professional work concerned with the conservation, enhancement and development of coastal and ocean resources and regulating the uses of land or water in California's coastal zone. This work is accomplished by planning, regulating and managing uses of coastal resources in the coastal zone.

Work assignments involve planning, regulating, monitoring, and managing uses of California's ocean and coast and San Francisco Bay and its shoreline; advising permit applicants on the planning, technical and legal aspects of their proposed projects; reviewing and commenting on California Environmental Quality Act documents; consulting with local, regional, State, and Federal officials and with the public to coordinate and integrate regulatory and planning activities; determining the conformity of proposed coastal uses with the applicable standards of local, State and Federal law and adopted Commission policies and regulations; assisting local governments in the preparation of local coastal programs; reviewing local coastal programs to determine whether they have been developed and are being carried out in accordance with State and Federal laws; and preparing recommendations to the California Coastal Commission or the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to guide the Commissions in their formal actions on development permits, appeals, Federal consistency reviews, energy and ocean programs, enforcement matters, local coastal programs and other coastal planning and management work.

Positions exist statewide in Arcata, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Ventura, Long Beach and San Diego with the California Coastal Commission and in San Francisco with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

**SALARY**

Range A - $3,635 - $4,130 per month  
Range B - $3,750 - $4,469 per month  
Range C - $4,496 - $5,629 per month

Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, State employees are subject to a 9.23% salary reduction in exchange for up to 16 hours of the Personal Leave Program 2020 (PLP 2020) per month.

**THE EXAMINATION**

The Coastal Program Analyst I examination is held via teleconference through Zoom Cloud Meeting (https://www.zoom.us/). A desktop computer, laptop computer, tablet or smartphone with video and audio settings is required for participation.

**FILING INFORMATION**

The Coastal Program Analyst II examination will be given the same day as the Coastal Program Analyst I examination. If you meet the admittance requirements and wish to compete in both examinations, you may file one application noting each examination title in the appropriate space.

Applications may be filed by fax to (415) 904-5482, by email at HumanResources@coastal.ca.gov, or in person or by mail at the following address:  

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EXAMINATION DATES

Applications for the Coastal Program Analyst I and Coastal Program Analyst II examinations are accepted on a continuous basis. The exams are given concurrently one or two days a month depending on the number of applicants. Applicants are scheduled based on the date the application was received. Once your application has been reviewed and you have been accepted into the examination, you will be scheduled and notified of your examination date.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

Applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for the examination by the date of their interviews.

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the requirement.

Either I
Equivalent to graduation from college with a major or eight semester units of upper division course work in urban, regional or environmental planning, ecology, marine biology, geology, geography, coastal management, environmental science, natural resource management, public policy or a related field.* Registration as a Senior will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of graduation before they can be considered eligible for appointment. (Experience in planning or regulating uses of land or water, or analyzing the environmental impacts of development may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.)

Or II
Graduation from college in any major and one year of professional experience in planning, managing or regulating uses of land or water or analyzing environmental impacts of development.

Or III
Six months of intern experience (either in or out of state service) as a college student or recent graduate undergoing supervised practical training comparable to Student Assistant, Graduate Student Assistant, or Environmental Services Intern in any California state agency using the Coastal Program Analyst series or comparable class, in a work assignment of planning, managing, or regulating uses of land or water or analyzing the environmental impacts of development; and graduation from college with any major. (Registration as a Senior will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of graduation before they can be considered for appointment.)

Or IV
Six months of experience in California state service as a Management Services Technician, Range B, working in the area of planning or regulating land or water uses.

*Specific course work in these fields should be shown on application or a copy of transcript can be attached to application.

In appraising the relative qualifications of candidates at all levels, consideration will be given to the extent and type of pertinent education and/or experience beyond that required under "Minimum Qualifications". Experience and/or college level courses in coastal or ocean resource management, coastal or ocean resources, wetlands studies, planning and zoning law in California or similar fields are particularly pertinent.

**QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL INTERVIEW EXAMINATION**

This examination will consist of a qualifications appraisal interview only. Examination interviews will be conducted using web-based video conferencing. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70.00% must be attained in the interview. Competitors who do not appear for the examination will be disqualified.

**Qualifications Appraisal - Weighted 100.00%**

Scope of interview, general competitive factors:

Knowledge of:
1. Principles, practices, terms and concepts of urban, economic, resources, social, legal, and regional planning.
2. Public policy development.
4. Administrative, land use and environmental law.
5. Permit review and zoning procedures.

Ability to:
1. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
2. Effectively and convincingly communicate in written and verbal form complex and controversial matters to individuals and groups.
3. Analyze and evaluate written, graphic and verbal data and prepare complete and comprehensive reports.
4. Inspire confidence and trust.
5. Establish and maintain effective and cooperative relations with those contacted in the course of work.
6. Exercise common sense and good judgment.
ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

The names of successful competitors will be merged into the existing eligible list for Coastal Program Analyst I. A candidate may not compete more than once in a 12-month testing period for this examination. The merged eligible list will be used to fill positions with the California Coastal Commission and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. Candidate’s list eligibility will expire 24 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the merged list warrant a change in this period.

Career Credits will not be applied to this examination.

Veterans’ Preference approved by the California Department of Human Resources will be applied to this examination. For more information and to apply for Veterans’ Preference, go to https://www.jobs.ca.gov/CalHRPublic/Landing/Jobs/VeteransInformation.aspx.
GENERAL INFORMATION

The State of California Application (std 678) is available at the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR), local offices of the Employment Development Department (EDD) and online at www.jobs.ca.gov.

If you meet the requirements stated on this examination bulletin, you may take this competitive examination. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described in this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all applicants who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The California Coastal Commission and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission 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 laws and rules, and all applicants will be notified.

Applicants must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, the ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class.

Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the exam bulletin.

Contact Information

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Human Resources office of the California Coastal Commission at (415) 904-5430 or toll-free at (866) 831-2540 or via email at HumanResources@coastal.ca.gov one to two weeks after the final filing date if she/he has not received notification (either a phone call or written notice) of the qualifications appraisal interview.

If a candidate's notice of examination interview fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, she/he will be rescheduled upon written request. Applications are available at the Cal Careers website at: www.jobs.ca.gov.

California Relay Service: 7-1-1 (TTY and voice)

TTY is a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.
Equal Employment Opportunity

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right of family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.

Drug-free Workplace

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free State workplace. 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.