



DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Overview: The Department of Water Resources is responsible for a flood, water storage and water delivery system of levees, reservoirs, aqueducts, power plants and pumping stations. Its mission is to manage the water resources in collaboration with others to benefit the State's people, and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environment. In achieving this mission, the highest profile Department activities relate to securing a reliable water supply for California, i.e., divert and store surplus water during wet periods and distribute it to 29 regional water agencies throughout California. The Department is also involved in flood control, water related recreation, power, endangered species issues, clean water matters, financial grants and long-term planning and policy. The Office of Chief Counsel provides the Department traditional in-house legal services. Practice areas beyond those connected with the activities described above include personnel issues, real estate law, construction law, legislative analysis and drafting, administrative law, preparing regulations, and defending against civil liability claims.

Position Description: Assist attorneys and staff with managing the water resources of California. Work in a collegial environment where the attorneys maintain an open-door policy with the legal interns, believing that doing so enhances the learning experience. Focus on research and writing assignments, with an opportunity to accompany Department attorneys to public meetings and hearings. Attend internal meetings that provide exposure to a wide range of topics and a basis for building professional connections.

Relevant Additional Details: Internships generally last the length of the summer break, beginning in mid to late May and ending in August. Internship positions are unpaid.

Applicants must be actively enrolled in a J.D. or LL.M. program and should submit to the Department a resume, cover letter, unofficial transcript, writing sample (5 pages or under) to DWRExternship@water.ca.gov by January 25, 2021.