

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

This class specification indicates, in general terms, the type and level of work performed as well as the responsibilities of employees in this classification. The job functions described are not to be interpreted as being all-inclusive to any specific employee.

DEFINITION

Under administrative direction, plans, directs, manages, and oversees the activities of the Financial Management Department including finance, information technology services, contracts, purchasing, materials management, and real estate assets; coordinates assigned activities with other departments and outside agencies; provides highly responsible and complex administrative support to the Assistant General Manager, General Manager, and Board of Directors; and performs duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives administrative direction from the Assistant General Manager. Exercises direct supervision over supervisory, professional, technical, and administrative support staff through subordinate levels of supervision.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is a department head classification that oversees, leads, and participates in all activities of the Financial Management Department including short- and long-term planning as well as development and administration of departmental policies, procedures, and services. This class provides assistance to the Assistant General Manager and General Manager in a variety of administrative, coordinative, analytical, and liaison capacities. Successful performance of the work requires knowledge of public policy, OC San functions and activities, including the role of the Board of Directors, and the ability to develop, oversee, and implement interdisciplinary projects and programs. Responsibilities include coordinating the activities of the department with those of other departments and outside agencies and managing and overseeing the complex and varied functions of the department. The position is accountable for accomplishing departmental planning and operational goals and objectives and serves as an advisor and contributor to executive management and Board of Directors on policies, procedures, and major OC San initiatives.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)

The following essential job functions are typical for this classification. Incumbents may not perform all of the listed job functions and/or may be required to perform additional or different job functions from those set forth below to address business needs and changing business practices.

- Assumes full management responsibility for all Financial Management Department assigned programs, services, and activities including finance, information technology services, contracts, purchasing, materials management, and real estate assets.
- Develops, directs, and coordinates the implementation of goals, objectives, policies, procedures, and work standards for the department; establishes, within OC San policy, appropriate budget, service, and staffing levels.
- Selects, trains, motivates, and directs department personnel; evaluates and reviews work for acceptability and conformance with department goals, priorities, and performance metrics; works with

employees on performance issues, training, and development, and implements discipline and termination procedures.

- Contributes to the overall quality of the department's service by developing, reviewing, and implementing policies and procedures to meet legal requirements and OC San needs; continuously monitors and evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and procedures; optimizes organizational structure and staffing levels by monitoring effectiveness of work performed and establishing and evaluating business practices and performance metrics; identifies opportunities for improvement and implements change management strategies.
- Actively engages in succession management, to include leading the department's workforce planning efforts and encouraging staff development through appropriate development activities.
- Participates on an ongoing basis in leadership and management programs to provide positive, constructive leadership and management direction to staff and all levels of the organization.
- Oversees and participates in the development and administration of the department budget; approves the forecast of funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials, and supplies; approves expenditures and implements budgetary adjustments as appropriate and necessary.
- Provides highly responsible and complex administrative support to the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, and Board of Directors in the areas of finance and administrative services; prepares and presents staff reports and other necessary correspondence.
- Manages strategic financial activities related to accounting, financial reporting, debt issuance strategies, budget administration, financial analysis, insurance, treasury and portfolio management, and developing and managing OC San's financial system.
- Manages strategic information technology activities related to hardware, software, geographic information system (GIS), and telecommunications systems.
- Manages strategic contracts and purchasing activities related to contract administration, procuring supplies, equipment, services, materials management, and warehousing operations.
- Oversees the strategic management of OC San's real estate assets including leasing, permitting, right of way, and easements.
- Oversees and participates in the development of OC San's annual operating and capital improvement budgets; interfaces with other departments, executive management, and elected officials; creates and publishes extensive and complex budget documents for approval by the Board of Directors.
- Participates, in support of the General Manager, in policy direction on labor relations issues and in labor negotiations with employee represented groups.
- Evaluates OC San's financial position and oversees the issuance of periodic financial and operating reports including the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR); confers with elected officials, executive management, and staff to develop and establish financial planning, annual budget, and expense control programs to ensure compliance with state and federal financial reporting requirements including Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) compliance.
- Directs OC San's treasury functions including the custody and transfer of funds, management of investment programs, and issuance and management of long-term debt financing.
- Represents the Financial Management Department to other departments, elected officials, and outside agencies; coordinates assigned activities with those of other departments and outside agencies and organizations.
- Attends and participates in professional group meetings; stays abreast of new trends and innovations in the fields of business and public administration and issues related to the ongoing operation of a wastewater district.
- Responds to inquiries in a courteous manner; provides information within the area of assignment; and resolves complaints in an efficient and timely manner.
- Ensures OC San's safety and health programs are implemented and carried out in the assigned department(s).
- Performs duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Organization and management practices as applied to the development, analysis, and evaluation of programs, policies, and operational needs of assigned area of responsibility.
- Principles and practices of employee supervision, including work planning, assignment review and evaluation, discipline, and the training of staff in work procedures.
- Principles and practices of leadership.
- Administrative principles, practices, and methods including goal setting, program development, implementation and evaluation, policy and procedure development, quality control, and work standards.
- Advanced principles and practices of public administration including the organization, functions, and financial management of special districts.
- Business operations, services, and activities of comprehensive financial management and administrative services programs.
- Principles and practices of financial management and budget and contract preparation and administration.
- Generally accepted governmental accounting principles.
- Functions, authority, responsibilities, and limitations of an appointed Board of Directors.
- Technical, legal, financial, and public relations problems and risks associated with the management of finance and administrative services programs.
- Applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, and ordinances relevant to area(s) of responsibility.
- Methods and techniques of research, statistical analysis, and report preparation and presentation.
- Techniques for effectively representing OC San in contacts with governmental agencies, community groups, and various business, professional, educational, regulatory, and legislative organizations.
- Principles and techniques for working with groups and fostering effective team interaction to ensure teamwork is conducted smoothly.
- The structure and content of the English language, including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
- Current equipment and communication tools used for business functions and program, project, and task coordination, including computers and software programs relevant to work performed.

Ability to:

- Develop and implement goals, objectives, practices, policies, procedures, and work standards.
- Provide administrative, management, and professional leadership for the Financial Management Department.
- Prepare and administer large and complex budgets; allocate resources in a cost-effective manner.
- Understand, interpret, and apply all pertinent laws, codes, regulations, policies and procedures, and standards relevant to work performed.
- Plan, organize, direct, and coordinate the work of management, supervisory, professional, technical, and/or administrative support personnel; delegate authority and responsibility.
- Select and supervise staff, provide training and development opportunities, ensure work is performed effectively, and evaluate performance in an objective and positive manner.
- Understand and explain complex financial transactions and records and analyze and interpret financial data and requests for information in order to prepare official financial statements, reports, and budgets.
- Respond to and investigate inquiries and complaints and prepare an appropriate response; effectively negotiate and resolve conflict and complex issues within assigned area of responsibility.
- Identify and respond to sensitive community and organizational issues, concerns, and needs.
- Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions, and implement recommendations in support of OC San and department goals and objectives.

- Effectively represent the department and OC San in meetings with governmental agencies, community groups, various business, professional, legal, and regulatory organizations, and in meetings with individuals.
- Prepare or direct the preparation of clear and concise financial reports and other written materials.
- Independently organize and prioritize a variety of projects and multiple tasks in an effective and timely manner; organize own work, set priorities, and meet critical time deadlines.
- Use tact, initiative, prudence, and independent judgment within general policy, legal, and procedural guidelines.
- Comply with safe work practices and procedures in the workplace.
- Provide a high level of customer service by effectively dealing with the public, vendors, contractors, and OC San staff.
- Effectively use computer systems, software applications relevant to work performed, and modern business equipment to perform a variety of work tasks.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, using appropriate English grammar and syntax.
- Establish, maintain, and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Employment Standards:

Any combination of education and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities may be qualifying as determined by OC San.

1. Bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by the U.S. Department of Education, with major coursework in finance, accounting, business or public administration, or a related field.
2. Ten (10) years of progressively responsible finance or accounting experience within a governmental accounting/finance function including three (3) years of management and administrative responsibility.

Licenses and/or Certifications:

None.

Disaster Service Workers:

All Orange County Sanitation District employees are designated Disaster Service Workers through state law (California Government Code Section 3100-3109). Employment with the Orange County Sanitation District requires the affirmation of a loyalty oath to this effect. Employees are required to complete all related training as assigned, and to return to work as ordered in the event of an emergency.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Mobility to work in a standard office setting and use standard office equipment, including a computer; this is primarily a sedentary office classification although standing in work areas and walking between work areas may be required; occasionally bend, stoop, kneel, reach, push, and pull drawers open and closed to retrieve and file information; ability to lift, carry, push, and pull materials and objects up to 35 pounds.
- Vision to read printed materials and a computer screen.
- Hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone.
- Finger dexterity to access, enter, and retrieve data using a computer keyboard or calculator and to operate standard office equipment.

ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

- Office environment with moderate noise levels, controlled temperature conditions, and no direct exposure to hazardous physical substances.

- Employees may interact with upset staff and/or public and private representatives in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- **At-Will Employment:** This is an “at-will” classification that serves at the pleasure of the General Manager. Employees who serve “at-will” do not serve a probationary period and may be released from employment at any time without cause or recourse to any appeal or grievance procedures.
- **Pre-Employment:** All employment offers are contingent upon successful completion of OC San’s pre-employment process, which includes a background investigation, a physical examination, and a drug screen.
- **Work Location Assignment:** Employees will be assigned to a work location based on business needs which may be located at any/all of OC San locations; this work location may be changed at any time.