



Environmental Planner/Visual Resources Specialist

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About the opportunity

What you will accomplish

- Serve as an environmental planner and visual resource specialist assisting in the inventory and analysis of visual resources and impacts associated with proposed projects following local, state, and federal guidance.
- Prepare and produce visual impact assessment technical reports and visual sections of permit documents and permit applications for federal, state, local agencies, and jurisdictions.
- Work with visualization specialists to develop photographic simulations, visualization graphics and 3D visualizations to support visual resource assessment for permitting documents and public outreach materials.
- Travel to project locations to conduct visual resource inventories and assessments.
- Ensure project quality, schedule, and budget objectives.
- Take initiative, resolve problems, and identify improved procedures to assure client needs are met effectively.
- Work closely with resource teams, project managers, and senior leadership throughout the company to promote SWCA's business interests in adherence to its mission, vision, and values.
- Willingness to learn, have fun, and grow into increased management responsibilities.

Experience and qualifications for success

- Bachelor's degree in environmental planning, environmental science, landscape architecture, or other related field applicable to visual impact assessment.
- A minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible and applicable experience in environmental planning; landscape architecture or planning with emphasis on visual impact assessments of large-scale infrastructure projects such as solar, wind (onshore and offshore) and transmission lines.
- Demonstrated experience in technical writing to support the development of environmental permitting documents for NEPA and state and local permitting.
- Practiced understanding of environmental permitting regulations and requirements including National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other state and local siting/permitting regulations.
- Prior applicable experience preparing NEPA documents.

- Team oriented with a “can-do” spirit that is adaptable to learning new topics and supporting a multi-faceted team.
- Proficiency in orienteering skills using a compass and GPS equipment; reading and interpreting aerial imagery, topographical maps, and design drawings to interpret spatial relationships.
- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills, with the ability to take a logical approach to tasks.
- Excellent communication skills including written, verbal, and graphic.
- Clean driving record required.
- Ability to travel as needed for projects throughout the western U.S.

Preferred qualifications:

- Training and experience applying Bureau of Land Management Visual Resource Management techniques or other applicable methodologies to projects on federal and private lands.
- Bureau of Land Management Visual Resource Management 5-Day Training Course completion
- Experience working with local, state, and federal agencies; understanding of federal agency visual resource programs and manuals.
- Experience conducting visual impact assessments for renewable energy, transmission, mining, and transportation projects.
- Experience interpreting and evaluating visual simulations

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