



Transmission Agency of Northern California  
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## **GENERAL COUNSEL POSITION NOW OPEN**

### **TRANSMISSION AGENCY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM QUALIFIED CALIFORNIA LAWYERS**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION ARE MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING IN THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA AND EXPERIENCE IN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LAW. A BACKGROUND IN PUBLIC UTILITY LAW AND REGULATION, AS WELL AS THE SUPERVISION OF LITIGATION IS ADVANTAGEOUS BUT NOT ESSENTIAL.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO INCLUDE A SAMPLE OF YOUR TYPICAL ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND A SCHEDULE OF YOUR HOURLY RATES AND/OR PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE.

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL A COVER LETTER EXPRESSING YOUR INTEREST AS WELL AS YOUR RESUME(S) TO:

TRANSMISSION AGENCY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
P.O. BOX 15129, SACRAMENTO, CA 95851  
ATTENTION: GENERAL MANAGER

OR

INFO@TANC.US

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS JUNE 27, 2019.**

#### **Background**

The General Counsel of the Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) has recently announced his intention to retire. The incumbent has served in this position since 1985. TANC is currently soliciting for a new General Counsel. After the June 27, 2019 deadline for submission of an expression of interest, responsive lawyers or firms will be invited for interviews with TANC management.

TANC is a joint powers agency created in 1984. It is governed by a commission consisting of representatives of each TANC Member. Members of TANC include the Cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara and Ukiah; the Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts; the Sacramento Municipal Utility District; and the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative. Each Member appoints its Commissioner and

Alternates which serve on the TANC Commission. TANC's primary purpose is to provide electric transmission or other facilities, including real property and rights-of-way for use by its publicly-owned utility Members.

The scope of TANC's mission now consists primarily in maintaining, managing and operating the California-Oregon Transmission Project and related South of Tesla Principles transmission rights. TANC's mission also includes assistance to the Members in their efforts to access cost-effective energy supplies for their customers through long term ownership of, or contracts for service over, essential high-voltage transmission lines within California and the western United States. TANC Members review TANC's priorities and key activities as part of their annual budget process to assess the relative costs and benefits to each TANC Member.

TANC has no employees. Its General Manager and Assistant General Manager are independent contractors. TANC has engaged a Special Counsel to represent it in matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. TANC has also retained specialized lawyers for certain environmental and financial matters. Staff and specialized expert support are provided to TANC by consultants employed by Navigant Inc.

TANC, as shown in Figure 1 - TANC Organization Chart, is organized to provide for the governance, management, and conduct of activities. All decisions are made by the TANC Commission except for those specifically delegated to the TANC Commission Chair, TANC General Manager, TANC Assistant General Manager, TANC Committees, or other officers.

All member Commissioner and Alternates of TANC are appointed by their respective governing bodies to represent their respective agencies at Commission meetings. Policy direction is provided by the Commission. Litigation and most legislative initiatives require approval by the Commission. Commission meetings are conducted by the Chair. The Vice Chair and Secretary serves as Acting Chair during any absence of the Chair. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, are elected to serve two one-year terms, with the identified Vice Chair and Secretary identified to serve as the next Chair when his/her current term expires.

The position solicited for in this expression of interest generally involves two to three meetings a month which are held at TANC's offices in Folsom, California. The meetings seldom exceed four hours in duration. On occasion, there are contracts that require drafting or review. Litigation is very infrequent and environmental issues arise occasionally. The General Counsel attends all TANC Commission meetings, as well as meetings of the Contracts Committee and Open Access Transmission Tariff Committee. As necessary, the General Counsel will also attend the Engineering and Operations Committee, Audit/Budget Committee, and Finance Committee meetings.

Figure 1 - TANC Organization Chart

