EXAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right to 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.

SENIOR ACCOUNTING OFFICER (SPECIALIST)

PROMOTIONAL

HOW TO APPLY
Applications are available may be filed in person or by mail with:

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
HUMAN RESOURCES BRANCH – EXAMS UNIT
1001 "I" STREET, 18TH FLOOR
SACRAMENTO, CA  95814

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

NO WRITTEN TEST REQUIRED
The entire examination will consist of an interview.

FINAL FILING DATE
March 2, 2015
If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the “Application for Examination.” You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

Applications (Form 678) must be POSTMARKED no later than the final filing date. Applications postmarked or personally delivered after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason. The use of metered mail, including interoffice mail, and faxed applications are prohibited.

NOTE: Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to the examination.

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL INTERVIEW
It is anticipated that interviews will be held during March/April 2015. Ordinarily, these are scheduled in Sacramento. However, location of interviews may be changed as conditions warrant.

SALARY RANGE
$4,488.00 - $5,618.00

WHO SHOULD APPLY
1. Applicants must have permanent civil service status with the State Water Resources Control Board as of final filing date, in order to participate in this examination; or
2. Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature, with two or more consecutive years as defined in Government § Code 18990; or
3. Must be current a former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch with two or more consecutive years (excluding those positions for which salaries are set by statute) as defined in Government Code § 18992; or
4. Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code § 18991.

APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF DD FORM 214, CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY.
For applicants under items 2, 3, or 4, if promotional examinations are given by more than one department for the same classification, the applicant must select one department in which to compete.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION
NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by March 2, 2015 the final filing date.
Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportional basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as “Either” I, “or” II, “or” III, etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting 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 overall experience requirement.
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Either I

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a professional accounting class equivalent in level to Accounting Officer (Specialist) or Accounting Officer (Supervisor).

Or II

Experience: Three years of increasingly responsible professional accounting or auditing experience in a governmental or private setting. For at least one year, this responsibility must have included the reporting and analyses of accounts, records, funds and financial operations of the entity. [Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must include at least one year performing the duties of a class at a level of responsibility not less than that of Accounting Officer (Specialist) or Accounting Officer (Supervisor).] AND

Education: Either I Equivalent to graduation from college, with specialization in accounting. (Registration as a Senior Student in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.)

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Ability to qualify for a fidelity bond.

THE POSITION

This is the second journeyperson level in the series. Incumbents, under general direction of an Accounting Administrator, independently perform the more difficult accounting duties which require an understanding of the entire accounting process, such as coordinate implementation of accounting for new programs/functions; review proposals to change accounting procedures; prepare cash analysis reports for management; coordinate completion of year-end reports. Assignments at this level may involve responsibilities which impact the entire accounting operation and may be given broad discretion in the solution of problems.

Incumbents may have considerable contact with the accounting administrators or the chief accounting officer for the department, departmental management, budget section, State control agencies.

Incumbents in this class have no supervisory responsibilities, but may serve as a lead for lower level accounting personnel.

Positions exist in Sacramento.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will consist of a qualifications appraisal interview. The interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70.00% must be attained in the interview.

Qualifications Appraisal - Weighted 100.00%

SCOPE:

In addition to evaluating the competitor's relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis in the examining interview will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each competitor's:

Knowledge of:

A. Knowledge of:

1. Accounting principles and procedures.
2. Governmental accounting and budgeting.
3. The uniform accounting system and financial organization and procedures of the State of California and related laws, rules, and regulations.
4. Principles of business management, including office methods and procedures.

Ability to:

B. Ability to:

1. Apply accounting principles and procedures.
2. Analyze data and draw sound conclusions.
3. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
4. Prepare clear, complete, and concise reports.
5. Make sound decisions and recommendations in regard to the professional accounting problems in maintaining control of a departmental budget.
6. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work.
7. Speak and write effectively.
ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental promotional eligible list will be established for the State Water Resources Control Board. The list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs for the service and condition of the list warrant a change in this period.

VETERANS PREFERENCE CREDITS

Will not be granted in this examination.

CAREER CREDITS

Will not be granted in this examination.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination with an oral interview feature it is the candidate’s responsibility to contact the Human Resources Branch at (916) 341-5127 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

For an examination with a written test feature, it is the candidate’s responsibility to contact the State Water Resources Control Board three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received a notice.

If a candidate’s notice of oral interview or written test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview or test due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications are available at the California Department of Human Resources website at http://jobs.ca.gov/Profiles/StateApplication, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the State Water Resources Control Board.

If you meet the civil service requirements for admittance to the examination, which are stated on the reverse, you will be scheduled for the examination. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. The examination is competitive and your performance in the examination will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test. All candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The State Water Resources Control Board 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 law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists are established by competitive examination; and 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, 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.

Promotional Examinations Only: Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment. Under certain circumstances other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rule 234,235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2 and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices or the Information Counter of the California Department of Human Resources offices.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required.

Interview Scope: In addition to the scope described on the other side of this bulletin, the panel will consider your education and experience, your personal development, your presentation to the panel, and your overall competitiveness in relation to the entire candidate group. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate’s ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities, than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of the candidate’s personal development will include consideration of his/her training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

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