

SENIOR POWER RESOURCES SPECIALIST



Live, Work, Empower San Jose.



THE COMMUNITY ENERGY DEPARTMENT

San José Clean Energy, or SJCE, is San José's local, not-for-profit electricity supplier operated by the City of San José's Community Energy Department. Since 2019, our dedicated and motivated team has provided clean energy for residents and businesses at competitive rates, while also offering community programs, local benefits, and increased transparency and accessibility.

San José Clean Energy serves more than 350,000 customers and has a peak load of almost 1 GW. SJCE is responsible for purchasing over 4,500 GWh of electricity annually and has an annual operating budget of over \$300 million. Serving our community with respect and integrity is at the core of what we do. Joining our team means that you will be making a big impact and in the forefront in the fight against climate change. SJCE plays an important role in meeting San José's ambitious goal to be carbon neutral by 2030 and in implementing Climate Smart San José, the City's climate action plan.

SJCE centers equity in its drive to provide clean, renewable energy at competitive rates and provide local benefits. Since inception, SJCE has sprinted ahead to now provide 60% renewable and 95% carbon-free energy in our base product and has invested \$1 billion to add nearly 550 MW of new solar, wind, and battery storage to the grid. SJCE's low carbon energy supply is foundational as we work to meet the electrification goals outlined in Climate Smart San José. For more information about San José Clean Energy, please visit: www.sanjosecleanenergy.org.

THE POSITION

The **Senior Power Resources Specialist** position reports to a Principal Power Resources Specialist in the Power Resources Division. This position is part of an exciting, fast-paced team responsible for procuring hundreds of megawatts of renewable energy projects.

The selected candidate will have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Prepare, issue, and evaluate solicitations for long term renewable energy, energy storage services, and other power products.
- Manage, analyze, and enforce power contracts, including long term renewable energy contracts through development, construction, and operation.
- Explore, and, if appropriate, pursue opportunities for the City to develop City-owned power assets.
- Complete analysis and prepare procurement plans, including managing consultants, developing procurement strategies
- Collaborate with the regulatory team in drafting required regulatory filings such as integrated resources plans and renewable procurement plans.
- Collaborate with the account management team to develop new products desired by customers, such as direct renewables and feed-in-tariffs.
- Participate in joint procurement with other Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) and CA Community Power.
- Develop and maintain relationships with power suppliers and consultants.
- Assure compliance with Federal, State, and local requirements.



THE IDEAL CANDIDATE

The ideal candidate will have a knowledge of California energy markets and experience working with a variety of market participants, including: renewable energy and storage developers, large energy trading firms, independent power producers, investor owned and municipal utilities, and CCAs. The ideal candidate should have strong analytical and negotiation skills, experience in power trading and origination, or renewable energy development and contract management.

The ideal candidate will possess:

- Knowledge of energy markets, pricing trends, seasonal market dynamics, and experience lowering costs and improving portfolio performance.
- Experience in contract negotiations with large energy trading firms, utilities, and renewable developers.
- Experience with typical power contracts and agreements including: the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) agreement, the Western Systems Power Pool (WSSP) agreement, tolling agreements, and long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) for renewable projects.
- Experience in participating in or managing power bids and requests for proposals.
- Strong analytical skills, experience implementing data driven strategies, to lower costs and improve portfolio performance.
- Knowledge related to power generation technologies, major asset owners and sellers, risks and benefits of various power sources and contract structures.
- Experience with California Independent System Operator (CAISO) markets, other RTOs, power scheduling and settlement functions to ensure compliance and reduce market risks and costs.
- Knowledge of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regulatory requirements.
- Experience developing long & short-term resource plans; including integrated resource planning to develop an electric utility's resource needs to cost effectively meet electricity demand over the planning horizon.

The ideal candidate will possess the following competencies:

- **Job Expertise** – Demonstrates knowledge of and experience with applicable professional/technical principles, practices, Citywide and departmental procedures, policies, federal, state rules and regulations.
- **Leadership** - Leads by example; demonstrates high ethical standards; remains visible & approachable, interacts on a regular basis; promoting a cooperative work environment, allowing others to learn from mistakes; provides motivational supports and direction.
- **Collaboration** – Develops networks and builds relationships; engages in cross-functional activities.
- **Problem Solving** – Approaches situations or problems by defining the issue; determines the significance & priority, collects information from various sources; uses logic & intuition to make decisions and solution sets & outcomes.
- **Fiscal Management** – Understands the relationship of the budget and resources to the strategic plan; complies with administrative controls over funds, contracts, and procurements.
- **Planning** - Acts to align own unit's goals with the strategic direction of the organization; defines tasks and milestones to achieve objectives, while ensuring the optimal use of resources to meet those objectives.
- **Analytical Thinking** – Approaches problems or situations using a logical, systematic, sequential approach.
- **Project Management** - Ensures support for and drives projects, implements goals towards strategic objectives.
- **Communication Skills** – Effectively conveys information, expresses thoughts and facts clearly, orally and in writing; demonstrates effective use of listening skills, displays openness to other's ideas and thoughts.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE



Education: A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in Business, Economics, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Law, Natural Resources, Statistics, or related field to utility business.

Experience: Three (3) years of experience in energy resources operations, planning, purchasing, scheduling, or contract negotiations.

Licenses: Possession of a valid State of California driver's license may be required.

Employment Eligibility: Federal law requires employees to provide verification of their eligibility to work in the US. Please be informed the City of San José will NOT sponsor, represent or sign any documents related to visa applications/ transfers for H1-B or any other type of visa which requires an employer application.

THE CITY OF SAN JOSE

Known as the “Capital of Silicon Valley,” the City of San José plays a vital economic and cultural role anchoring the world’s leading region of innovation. Encompassing 178 square miles at the southern tip of the San Francisco Bay, San José is Northern California’s largest city and the 10th largest city in the nation. With more than one million residents, San José is one of the most diverse large cities in the US. San José’s transformation into a global innovation center has resulted in one of the largest concentrations of technology companies and expertise in the world, including major tech headquarters like Cisco, Adobe, Samsung, and eBay as well as startups and advanced manufacturing. San José’s quality of life is unsurpassed. Surrounded by the Diablo and Santa Cruz mountain ranges and enjoying an average of 300 days of sunshine a year, residents have easy access to the beaches along the coast including Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Carmel-by-the-Sea; Yosemite and Lake Tahoe in the Sierra Nevada; local and Napa Valley wine country, and the rich cultural and recreational life of the entire Bay region. San José has received accolades for its vibrant neighborhoods, healthy lifestyle, and diverse attractions from national media including Business Week and Money magazines.

The downtown area is home to high-rise residential projects, theaters, museums, and diverse entertainment attractions such as live music, live theater, cafes, restaurants, and nightclubs. Inquiring minds are served by the Tech Museum of Innovation, the San José Museum of Art, and many local galleries and venues. Nineteen public school districts and over 300 private and parochial schools provide residents with a range of educational choices. Universities in and near the city include San José State University, Santa Clara University, Stanford University, and three University of California campuses.

In 2011, the City adopted Envision San José 2040, a long-term growth plan that sets forth a vision and a comprehensive road map to guide the City’s anticipated growth through the year 2040. The Plan proactively directs significant anticipated growth in new homes and workplaces into transit-accessible, infill growth areas and supports evolution toward a more urban lifestyle. The San José area is powered by one of the most highly educated and productive populations in America. More than 40% of the workforce has a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared with 25% nationally. Forty percent of San José residents are foreign born, and 50% speak a language other than English at home. San José is proud of its rich cultural diversity and global connections, and the essential role the City plays in connecting residents and businesses to the nation and the world.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT

The City of San José is a full-service Charter City and operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The City Council consists of 10 council members elected by district and a mayor elected at large. The City Manager, who reports to the Council, and the executive team provide strategic leadership that supports the policymaking role of the Mayor and the City Council and motivates and challenges the organization to deliver high quality services that meet the community’s needs. The City actively engages with the community through Council appointed boards and commissions. In addition to providing a full range of municipal services including police and fire, San José operates an airport, municipal water system, a regional wastewater treatment facility, over 209 neighborhood and regional parks, an accredited zoo, and a library system with 24 branches.

The City oversees convention, cultural, hospitality facilities that include the San José McEnery Convention Center, Center for the Performing Arts,

California Theater, Mexican Heritage Plaza, and the SAP Center San José – home of the National Hockey League’s San José Sharks. City operations are supported by 6,592 positions and a total budget of \$4.5 billion for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. San José is dedicated to maintaining the highest fiscal integrity and earning high credit ratings to ensure the consistent delivery of quality services to the community. Extensive information regarding San José can be found on the City’s website at www.sanjoseca.gov.



BENEFITS & COMPENSATION

The City provides an array of benefits to its employees, including:

- **Retirement** – Competitive defined benefit retirement plan with full reciprocity with CalPERS; defined contribution plan available as an option
- **Health Insurance** – The City contributes 85% towards the premium of the lowest cost nondeductible HMO plan; there are several options
- **Dental Insurance** – The City contributes 100% of the premium of the lowest priced plan for dental coverage
- **Personal Time** – Vacation is accrued initially at the rate of three weeks per year with amounts increasing up to five weeks after 15 years of service; Executive Leave of 40 hours is granted annually; Sick Leave is accrued at the rate of 8 hours per month
- **Holidays** – The City observes 15 paid holidays annually
- **Deferred Compensation** – the City offers an optional 457 Plan
- **Flexible Spending Accounts** – The City participates in Dependent Care Assistance and Medical Reimbursement Programs
- **Insurance** – The City provides a term life policy equal to two times annual salary. Long-term disability and AD&D plans are optional
- **Employee Assistance Program** – The City provides a comprehensive range of services through the EAP
- **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)** – Work at the City qualifies under the federal [PSLF program](#).

Visit the [City's benefits website](#) for more info.

SALARY INFORMATION: The approved annual salary range for this position is \$121,482.50 - \$148,826.39. The actual salary shall be determined by the final candidate's qualifications and experience. In addition to the starting salary, employees in the Senior Power Resources Specialist classification shall receive an approximate five percent (5%) ongoing non-pensionable compensation pay. For the Senior Power Resources Specialist position, the approximate salary including the 5% non-pensionable pay will be **\$127,556-\$156,267**.

Per the City's [COVID19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy](#), the City requires all employees starting on or after February 11, 2022, to provide proof of vaccination as a condition of employment absent a documented medical and/or religious exemption. Proof of vaccination means that employees are required to be "up-to-date" with regards to the COVID-19 vaccine. Consistent with the Santa Clara County Public Health Order issued on December 28, 2021, "up-to-date" means that an employee is not only "fully vaccinated," but has also obtained any booster doses of a COVID-19 vaccination for which they are eligible, within 15 days of first becoming eligible.



APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this outstanding opportunity, please submit a cover letter with current organization chart, resume (with months/years of employment and size of staff and budgets managed) via e-mail to:

Zoë McChesney
Community Energy Department
City of San Jose
Email: zoe.mcchesney@sanjoseca.gov

Resumes will be screened in relation to the criteria outlined in the brochure and candidates with the most relevant qualifications will be invited to preliminary screening interviews for further consideration. Candidates will be advised of their status of the recruitment following the selection of the Senior Power Resources Specialist. If you have any questions regarding this exciting opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact Zoë McChesney at zoe.mcchesney@sanjoseca.gov. Successful completion of a thorough background investigation prior to employment is required. The City of San José is an equal opportunity employer encouraging workforce diversity.