

Compensation and Benefits

The City of Encinitas offers a competitive compensation package. The salary range for this position is \$7,906 - \$11,680 per month, dependent on qualifications. In addition to salary, the City offers an excellent benefits package including:

- ◆ **Retirement** – The City participates in the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). Classic PERS members have a 2% @ 60 formula and new members have a 2% @ 62 formula. The City does not participate in Social Security.
- ◆ **Health Benefits** – The City provides a cafeteria benefit plan allowing the purchase of medical, dental and vision. The City currently allocates \$13,300 annually for this plan. The City pays life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance and long term disability. Reimbursement for health care and dependent care expenses through a flexible spending account is also available. Unused contributions (up to an annual maximum of \$7,098) may be received as additional taxable compensation.
- ◆ **Leave Benefits** – Vacation is accrued in accordance with tenure ranging from 13 days per year to 23 days per year. Credit is given for related continuous prior public service employment. The City also provides 10 fixed holidays plus three floating holidays per fiscal year. Management employees will be provided 55 hours of administrative leave per fiscal year. Employees receive generous sick leave benefits and can also accrue up to a maximum of 78 hours of paid time off to attend to family members in times of illness.
- ◆ **Life Insurance** – The City provides a life insurance policy in the amount equal to an employee's annual salary up to a maximum of \$150,000.
- ◆ **Deferred Compensation** – Optional participation in a 457 and/or a 401(a) deferred compensation program is available.
- ◆ **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** – Confidential services are available to employees and household members to assist with personal and professional issues. Eight sessions per issue are available each calendar year.
- ◆ **Computer Purchase Program** – The City will loan employees who successfully complete the probationary period of employment an interest free loan of up to \$3,000.
- ◆ **Tuition Assistance** – Eligible employees may receive up to \$1,200 in reimbursement per fiscal year for approved coursework tuition, required textbooks and registration.

The Process

To apply for this unique and exceptional career opportunity, please visit the Avery Associates Career Portal on our website at www.averyassoc.net/current-searches/ to upload your letter of interest, resume and contact information, including email addresses for five work-related references (who will not be contacted until after an interview takes place.)

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Final Filing Date: Open until filled.

If you have any questions regarding this position, please feel free to contact Bill Avery at 408.399.4424 or Bill Lopez at 408.888.8099.



The City of Encinitas

*invites your interest
for the position of*

Principal Engineer



The Community

Encinitas is located in northern San Diego County along six miles of the Pacific coastline with a population of close to 65,000 residents. Characterized by beautiful coastal beaches, steep mesa bluffs and rolling hills, the city was incorporated in 1986 bringing together the five distinct communities of New Encinitas, Old Encinitas, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Olivenhain and Leucadia.

The beaches in Encinitas are outstanding. The surfing is unbeatable and many surf contests are held throughout the year. The San Elijo Lagoon Reserve is the largest coastal wetland in San Diego County and is home to nearly 300 different bird species.



There is a significant flower growing industry in the City and many people claim that Encinitas is the Flower Growing Capital. The San Diego Botanic Garden is a beautiful oasis to visit with an Amazon Rainforest and the largest display of bamboo in the world. The serene-like gardens of the Self Realization Center are a beautiful and relaxing way to take in the breathtaking ocean views.

Downtown 101 is a coastal shopping district over 100 years old featuring historic architecture, quaint shops, sidewalk cafes, and restaurants framed by beautiful flower baskets. The downtown area is reminiscent of the quiet, natural beach towns that existed prior to World War II and has the feel of earlier times, retaining its beachy, artsy, and 'funky' vibe. But it also has the bustle and boom of top retail shops, fine dining and cultural events and attractions that bring visitors from all over the region.

Golf enthusiasts will enjoy the Encinitas Ranch Golf Course, a championship 18-hole par 72 course with panoramic ocean views. The natural beauty of the communities, its moderate Mediterranean climate and its many recreational and cultural activities make Encinitas a spectacular and highly desirable place to call home.

City Government

A General Law City, Encinitas has a Council/Manager form of government with a four member Council elected at large and a directly elected Mayor. The members of the City Council also act as the governing body exercising oversight responsibility for the San Dieguito Water District. Although the City and the District are legally separate entities, the City staff provides management assistance to the District. In addition, the Council also serves as the Board for the Encinitas Housing Authority and the Encinitas Public Financing Authority. The City Council appoints the City Manager and the City Attorney.



Encinitas enjoys a sound financial basis and has been able to maintain highly regarded municipal services through its 240 employees within its eight departments and the Water District. The organization includes the departments of the City Manager's Office (includes Human Resources, IT, GIS, and Risk Management), City Clerk/Legislative Services, Finance, Fire and Marine Safety Services, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, Public Works, and Development Services. The City utilizes a two-year budget planning process and operates on a budget of approximately \$77 million.

The Position and Ideal Candidate

In reporting to the City Engineer, the Principal Engineer plays a key role in leading the engineering staff that oversees

a variety of different capital improvement projects from project scoping and design through construction, including the management of different contractors to ensure projects are delivered on time and on budget.

The individual must have experience with all facets of the contracting process from requests for proposals (RFPs) through to the management and oversight phases. The Principal Engineer must be a "hands on", multitasking manager, who can ensure accountability and oversight over multiple projects. As well as possessing strong technical and project management skills, the ideal candidate will have strong financial acumen to verify funding and to make sure that projects remain on budget.



The ideal candidate will be a collaborative, team player with excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to develop positive work relationships with staff, peers, the community and regional agencies involved in projects that impact the City. Mentorship, staff development and training efforts will create and foster a positive work environment and enhance the division's organizational capacity. Strong technical and analytical abilities, combined with exceptional project management skills are essential in this role, with the ability to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing to all constituents.

The Principal Engineer will have a background that includes five or more years of experience as a Professional Engineer in Civil or Traffic engineering, plus two years of supervisory experience. A Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or a related field along with certification as a Professional Engineer in the State of California is required. Consideration may be given for an equivalent combination of experience and education.

Some of the exciting projects that will be hitting soon include: North Coast Highway 101 Streetscape: improvements for the 2.5-mile segment feature multi-modal lane reconfigurations, traffic calming improvements, alternative means of transportation, increased parking capacity, improved public safety; streetscape and landscape beautification measures and enhanced tourist and business opportunities. The \$30 million project also includes pedestrian improvements, reverse-angle and parallel parking and four roundabouts. Extensive landscaping will be provided including the addition of over 800 new trees and landscaped medians and planters.

Verdi Street Pedestrian and Bike Undercrossing: will construct a grade-separated undercrossing in the rail corridor in the vicinity of Verdi Avenue at San Elijo Avenue, connecting to Coast Highway 101. The project involves the construction of a three-span bridge to create the undercrossing, along with pedestrian and bike crossing along Coast Highway 101 to connect to the existing trail on the west side of Coast Highway 101.



El Portal Bicycle/Pedestrian Underpass: a new pedestrian and bicycle connection under the rail corridor in the City of Encinitas between North Vulcan Avenue on the east side of the rail corridor and the T-intersection of North Coast Highway 101 and El Portal Street on the west side of the rail corridor. It will provide pedestrian, bicycle, landscape, drainage, and crosswalk improvements associated with the proposed grade-separated underpass beneath the rail corridor. Fencing will help to confine access across the tracks to the proposed underpass within the project limits. The project will also provide enhanced access to the new pedestrian and cyclist amenities proposed on North Coast Highway 101 with the Streetscape project.