



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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Senior Planner – Project Planning

Official Title: Land Use/Environmental Planner III

Anticipated Hiring Range: \$102,190.40 – \$125,528.00 Annually

The County of San Diego is seeking passionate and forward-thinking professionals for the Senior Planner, Project Planning role (official classification: Land Use/Environmental Planner III). This is your chance to make a real impact on the future of our communities—managing complex discretionary projects, reviewing in-depth planning and environmental studies, effectively engaging with stakeholders and shaping recommendations that guide the region's development and conservation.

Key Responsibilities

- Performs planning and environmental review of complex discretionary projects for compliance with the County General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and develops recommendations for adoption by decision-making bodies.
- Senior Planners independently review a wide scope of discretionary projects characterized by having substantial public controversy, and of the highest complexity such as general plan amendments, specific plans, major use permits, and tentative maps.
- Provides responsive, high-quality service to County staff, partner agencies, developers, and the public.



The Ideal Candidate

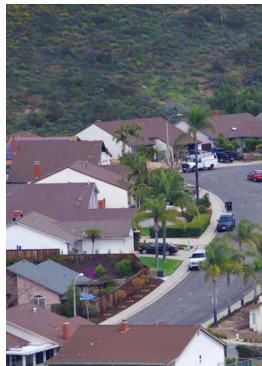
The ideal candidate will possess:

- Proven professional level experience as a land use or environmental planner, with experience managing complex discretionary projects involving several functional groups
- A strong willingness to continually learn and grow professionally
- A professional perspective and objective demeanor when positive or difficult situations occur
- The ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written form; strong presentation skills; and be a good listener
- Good interpersonal and teamwork skills, including building relationships and collaborating with internal and external stakeholders to keep projects moving in a positive direction
- Strong analytical skills and a solution-oriented approach to land use and environmental planning issues

The Department:

Planning & Development Services (PDS) proudly undertakes the vital role of supporting the long-term health and sustainability of 29 unincorporated communities, home to over 500,000 individuals, nestled within the expanse of San Diego County.

PDS is a fast-paced planning department with a vast array of project types in settings ranging from suburban to rural. Planners working for PDS will touch on projects ranging from mixed-use, residential, commercial, affordable housing, renewable energy, and more. PDS consists of nine divisions: Building Services, Code Compliance, Land Development, Long Range Planning, Housing, Project Planning, Support Services, Sustainability and the Policy, Outreach and Data division. [Click here](#) for additional information on PDS.



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