



Lassen County
Announces a recruitment for the position of
County
Counsel



ABOUT LASSEN COUNTY:

Wouldn't you like to live in a rustic mountain range where you can enjoy the freedom of outdoor living? Susanville, CA offers a wide variety of nearby recreational activities just miles away from lakes, rivers, hiking trails and sandy dunes for endless family fun.

Located in Northeastern California, Lassen County is the fourth largest county in the state. The only incorporated city in the county is Susanville where a growing community of over 15,000 reside in the scenic upper Honey Lake Valley back dropped with forested mountains of the Northern Sierra and the Southern Cascades.

Lassen County affords unlimited outdoor recreation and sporting activities for residents and visitors alike. Attractions include: trophy trout fishing and water sports at nationally renowned Eagle Lake, the second largest natural lake in California; the scenic Bizz Johnson Trail, a 30 mile long converted rail route between Susanville and Westwood attracts many mountain bikers, hikers, cross country skiers and fly fishing enthusiasts. The pristine meadows and forests of the Susanville Ranch Regional County park located adjacent to the city that adds to the many miles of outstanding trail opportunities the county offers.

From Susanville, driving to regional destinations is surprisingly easy, since traffic gridlock is not a local way of life. Expanded entertainment, shopping and an international airport in Reno are less than 90 minutes away. Some of the North Lake Tahoe area ski resorts are within two hours. Driving time to Sacramento is usually under four hours and the Pacific Ocean at Eureka is about five hours away.

Residents of Lassen County enjoy the rural mountain environment, outstanding family oriented recreation opportunities and excellent schools. The cost of living and housing prices are comparatively lower in Lassen County than in most other regions of the state.



THE IDEAL CANDIDATE:

Lassen County is seeking a dynamic County Counsel who is well-rounded and experienced municipal attorney with strong generalist skills complemented by a passion for public service. With outstanding interpersonal skills and a reputation for decisive leadership, the successful candidate will serve the County's legal interests by providing expert assistance and counsel while establishing highly effective working relationships with the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator, and other key staff.

The County Counsel should have unquestioned personal integrity and honesty, maintain confidentiality, and demonstrate a willingness to make difficult decisions and stand by those decisions. With a strong work ethic and an ability to lead by example, the County Counsel will be proactive in identifying issues for the Board of Supervisors and providing alternative courses of action. Working closely with the Board and County Administrator, the County Counsel will set the strategic legal direction on a wide array of topics, many dealing with land use and planning issues in the community.

Ideally, the County Counsel will have a strong litigation background, complemented by excellent writing and public speaking skills, and the ability to address legal issues with a problem solving approach rather than a regulatory manner.

Above all, the ideal candidate will establish instant credibility as an authority on the civil and administrative legal affairs of Lassen County, and all aspects of municipal law. The County Counsel will bring a dynamic mix on analytical and strategic thinking skills, effective interpersonal communications, and a solid background in the broad spectrum of municipal affairs.

Important attributes for County Counsel include:

- Skill and experience working with elected officials;
- Relevant expertise with land use and planning, including code enforcement and environmental issues;
- Experience with employee and labor relations; and
- Strong interpersonal skills with a focus on fair and equitable treatment in the conduct of municipal affairs.

