

# PRINCIPAL ENGINEER/ CITY ENGINEER



## TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL at the City of Rancho Palos Verdes *Where your job search ends, and your career begins!*

Are you a creative public works professional that thrives on being challenged with exciting and unique projects? Do you want the stability and benefits of a government job and work in a beautiful and serene environment with a high performing and customer-service oriented organization?

If so, read on, because the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is excited to announce recruitments for a **PRINCIPAL ENGINEER/CITY ENGINEER.**

## ■ WHO ARE WE?

Rancho Palos Verdes is a semi-rural community situated atop the hills and bluffs of the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Los Angeles County. The city enjoys expansive views of the Pacific Ocean, Catalina Island, and Los Angeles basin. Within the city's 13.6 square miles are the 1,400-acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, approximately 31 miles of trails, two beaches, and 7.5 miles of Pacific coastline. There are historic landmarks and points of interest such as Wayfarers Chapel, Point Vicente Interpretive Center, Terranea Resort, Trump National Golf Club, and the Point Vicente Lighthouse. With all this and more, Rancho Palos Verdes has become known as "paradise" or "a place set apart".

The Public Works Department oversees the planning, engineering, construction, operation, and maintenance of the City's transportation network, storm water system, buildings/facilities and associated parks, Abalone Cove Sanitary Sewer System, and landslide monitoring and remediation. The Department is also responsible for programs such as solid waste management, fuel modification, public street beautification/landscaping, and environmental sustainability. Utilities including gas, electricity, water, and sanitary sewer collection (exclusive of Abalone Cove) are provided by third parties under franchise agreements and/or permits overseen by the Public Works Department.

The Department delivers core services and programs/projects primarily through consultants and contractors; with approximately 20 staff members overseeing and administering the work. The typical annual operating budget is approximately \$8 million, and the Capital Improvement Program budget is expected to average approximately \$10 million annually over the next several years.



## ■ THE OPPORTUNITY

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is seeking team-oriented professionals that will be hyper-focused on responding to resident issues with first-class customer service. To succeed in this position, the incumbent will need exceptional written and oral communication ability, outstanding critical thinking aptitude, analytical decision-making proficiency, excellent organization skills, and unwavering attention to detail. Finally, knowledge of engineering concepts typical to public works operations, as defined in the class specification, is essential to this position.



### Key responsibilities of the position include overseeing the City's:

- Traffic program
  - Traffic calming and speed mitigation
  - Signal operations
  - Transportation infrastructure improvements
  - Other transportation/traffic related issues
- Right-of-way management
  - Engineering standards
  - Permitting
  - Utility coordination
- Utilities regulatory compliance and asset management
  - Sanitary sewer
  - Stormwater quality
  - Drainage
- Other
  - Solid waste
  - Fuel modification

## OR

Overseeing the City's capital improvement projects managed by staff and consultants throughout their life-cycle; including planning, environmental clearance, design, and construction oversight including the following:

- Pavement rehabilitation, sidewalks replacement, curb ramp installation, and signage and pavement marking updates
- Drainage improvements/flood risk reduction
- Stormwater quality compliance
- Sanitary sewer upgrades
- New traffic signals and traffic signal upgrades/modifications
- Traffic calming improvements
- Other

## ■ QUALIFICATIONS

**Experience:** Five (5) years of professional and civil engineering experience with at least three years of direct supervisory responsibility is required.

**Education:** At the time of hire, possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in construction management, civil engineering, architecture, or a closely related field from a program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

### **Licenses and Certifications:**

- Possession of or ability to obtain a valid California Driver's License by time of appointment; and
- At the time of hire, possess a California Professional Engineer License.

## ■ WHY JOIN OUR TEAM?

You won't be bored working for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes! With a variety of responsibilities and projects/programs to work on, you will probably be doing something different every day.

If you value job stability, this is the place for you. Rancho Palos Verdes has a long tradition of being fiscally sound with healthy annual budgets and reserves that are twice the recommended levels for municipalities. Furthermore, the Capital Improvement Program has a total reserve balance of approximately \$20 million. When the private sector and other government agencies are forced to reduce their workforce during difficult budget times, Rancho Palos Verdes stands strong on its decades of sound fiscal policy and continues working!

You may have heard or read about the unprecedented landslides impacting our community. Our Public Works Department is a critical part of the team that supports our residents and works towards solutions for the landslide. If you are someone who wants to make a difference in the community during this unprecedented time by leading a collaborative team of Engineers in providing high quality service to our residents, you are encouraged to apply for the Principal Engineer position and become part of our RPV City team- **no prior landslide experience needed.**

## Recruitment Incentive Bonus:

### Principal Engineer is \$12,000

A full-time employee recruited under the program would be eligible for up to 25% of the bonus on their first paycheck, another 25% after successfully passing the probationary period, and the final 50% after completing 24 months of employment.



**The salary range for the position is \$141,911 – \$184,484.**

**In addition to the salary, the City offers a generous comprehensive benefits package including:**

- **RETIREMENT:** The City participates in the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) to provide retirement benefits. Pension contribution percentages, benefit formulas, and maximum reportable compensation limit amounts are subject to change by PERS on an annual basis.
  - "Classic" members – 2% @ 60 – Employees that became members of PERS on or before 12/31/2012 and have not had a break in service of 6 months or more, may retire at age 60 with 5 years of service credit and receive a benefit equal to the number of years of employment x 2% x highest reportable compensation over a three-year period. Employees contribute 7% of their annual salary on a pre-tax basis for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The maximum reportable compensation for 2023 is \$330,000.
  - "New" members – 2% @ 62 – Employees that became part of California PERS on 01/01/2013 or later may retire at 62 with 5 years of service credit and receive a benefit equal to the number of years of employment x 2% x highest reportable compensation over a three-year period. Employees contribute 7.75% of their annual salary on a pre-tax basis for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The maximum reportable compensation for 2023 is \$175,250.
- **DEFERRED COMPENSATION:** The City contributes up to a 3% match of 457 employee contributions to a 401(a) defined contribution plan for management/confidential employees.
- **MEDICAL, DENTAL, and VISION INSURANCE:** The City has five (5) medical plans available to employees (3 HMO's, 1 traditional PPO, and a high deductible PPO). The City currently pays the entire premium for the employee and 50% of the dependent care premium. The City's annual contribution to an employee's HSA plan is \$4,150 for single coverage or \$8,300 for employee and dependent coverage for employees enrolled in the Blue Shield Silver Plan. Additionally, the City has two dental plans and one vision plan available to employees.
- **VACATION:** Vacation leave is 80 hours per year, increasing to 96 hours beginning the 3rd year, and 120 hours beginning the 6th year through the 15th year. Beginning with the 16th year, additional hours are accumulated up to a maximum of 160 hours per year.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE:** 62 hours of administrative leave per year for exempt employees only (Senior Engineer Positions).
- **SICK LEAVE:** Accrual of 96 hours per year.
- **WELLNESS LEAVE:** 4.5 hours of paid wellness leave for 10 consecutive weeks of perfect attendance without using any sick leave time, up to a maximum accrual of 9 hours.
- **9/80 WORK SCHEDULE:** Full time employees work 80 hours in 9 days and receive every other Friday off.

- **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP):** City paid confidential well-being resource program for employee and immediate family members. Includes 8 sessions per individual per issue per year.
- **LIFE INSURANCE AND AD&D:** City paid term life insurance policy with a value of twice the annual salary (up to \$350,000). The City also provides group term life and AD&D benefits for spouses (\$5,000) and children (\$2,000). Option for additional supplemental coverage for employee and dependents.
- **LONG-TERM DISABILITY:** City paid premium with benefit set at 66.7% of monthly earnings to a max benefit of \$5,000 per month, after a 90 day waiting period
- **SHORT-TERM DISABILITY:** Participation in the State Disability Insurance Program. Annual premium is determined by the State and based on gross annual pay. Premium paid by the employee.
- **EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM:** Employees are eligible to receive monetary awards up to 5% of gross annual pay in recognition of exemplary performance, subject to approval of the Department Head and City Manager.
- **OPTIONAL BENEFITS:** ScholarShare, 529 College Savings Plan, Nationwide Pet Insurance, AFLAC plans, Credit Union membership, Legal Access plan, and Flexible Spending Account.

## ■ TO APPLY:

**This position is open until filled**

To be considered, please submit a resume, cover letter, and three work related references (who will not be contacted in the early stages of the recruitment) to:

<https://koffassociates.com/rpv-principal-engineer/>.

Resumes should reflect years and months of positions held, as well as size of past organization(s).



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Resumes will be screened based on the criteria outlined in this brochure. Candidates with the most relevant qualifications will be given preliminary interviews by the consultant. Koff & Associates will report the results to the City. The City will then select candidates to participate in panel interviews. Extensive reference and background checks will be completed on the selected candidate.