



**GAVIN NEWSOM**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

## **2018 Sea Grant State Fellowship Office of Lt. Governor Newsom HOST DESCRIPTION**

### **1. Host Location**

Office of Lt. Governor Newsom  
California State Capitol, Rm 1114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **2. Fellowship Supervisor & Point of Contact for Prospective Fellows and Finalists**

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### **3. Fellowship Overview**

The Lieutenant Governor serves, and rotates chairmanship with the State Controller, on the three-member California State Lands Commission. The Commission oversees the control and leasing of millions of acres of state-owned lands, including offshore oil resources, as well as use and permitting for all navigable waterways in California. The Commission also manages state land-use planning and revenues, and related interstate issues.

During his mayoral term, the Lt. Governor implemented the most aggressive local carbon reduction plan in the nation, created the most stringent green building standards, invested in cutting-edge renewable programs, and executed the nation's first plastic bag ban.

Lt. Governor Newsom is using his current position on the State Lands Commission to address sea-level rise, environmental justice, and state opposition to offshore drilling. He has also supported offshore energy development, and climate adaptation planning. Over the last two years, the Lt. Governor has negotiated terms to retire the state's last nuclear power plant, as well as the state's last coastal sand mine.

The resident Sea Grant Fellow has been involved with attending meetings, conducting research, and briefing Staff and the Lt. Governor on issues such as the decommissioning of an offshore oil platform, the retirement of a coastal sand mine, drift gillnet fishery regulations, and cap-and-trade.

### **Position Description**

The Sea Grant Fellow will have the opportunity to develop short- and long-term policy positions for the office of the Lieutenant Governor. This includes writing policy briefings, letters, and opinion pieces, and corresponding with agencies, legislative offices, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and constituents. Working closely with staff policy consultants, the Fellow will help staff the State Lands Commission meetings, and will assist in current projects under development.

The Fellow will also be asked to collaborate with NGOs and other state agencies to develop guiding documents for the office of the Lt. Governor relating to environmental and coastal issues, such as climate change and sea-level rise, renewable energy development, and other issues of interest to the Fellow or Staff.

### **Potential Projects**

- Through presentation of various policy proposals, design and develop a policy paper that defines the goals and vision of the office as related to coastal and ocean policy
- Work with Ocean Protection Council, California State Lands, and California Coastal
- Collaborate with legislators on legislation or budget items pertaining to coastal issues  
Ongoing engagement with the State Lands Commission on the decommissioning of Platform Holly
- Continuing the development and implementation of the State Lands Commission's Environmental Justice policy
- Providing the Lt. Governor with updates on important environmental and coastal issues at local, state, and federal levels
- Other projects may be suggested after consultation with Policy Director.