

## **SOTOYOME RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**POSITION:** 2 Field Technicians

The Sotoyome Resource Conservation District (SRCD) in collaboration with the Gualala River Watershed Council is recruiting field personnel for the 2005 summer season. These are temporary, seasonal employees to assist in the collection of stream data primarily within the Gualala River watershed.

**SRCD BACKGROUND:**

The Sotoyome Resource Conservation District has been in existence since 1952. Resource Conservation Districts were established nationwide by an act of Congress to facilitate resource conservation at the local level. The RCD works with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to provide technical assistance to help landowners and resource users develop locally driven solutions to address a broad range of natural resource concerns, including watershed management and protection of water quality. We help land users and communities approach conservation planning and application of how natural resources relate to each other and to all of us and how our activities affect those resources. For more information on Resource Conservation Districts visit [sonomamarinrcds.org](http://sonomamarinrcds.org).

The Gualala River Watershed Council was established in 1997.

The Gualala River Watershed Council (GRWC) is a forum for Gualala River landowners, resource managers, agencies, & interested parties - a place to communicate about the ecology and land uses in the Gualala River watershed aimed at achieving the following goals:

- building upon existing effort supporting sound resource management,
- promoting educational opportunities about watershed functions,
- maintaining and improving watershed resources values,
- encouraging stewardship of the natural resources,
- influencing decisions on land use within the watershed, and
- addressing Clean Water Act Section 303(d) "TMDL" (Water Quality Attainment Strategy), while maintaining the economic viability of landowners & other users (tourism, gravel, etc.).

The GRWC will work towards attaining these goals by identifying and defining problems to address (watershed assessment), developing an enhancement plan, and implementing solutions on a prioritized-basis using "sound science, "common sense, and a cooperative, collaborative approach to maximize all the goals of all the parties to the extent possible.

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

**Status:** These positions are temporary, seasonal status; beginning approx. July 1, 2005 and ending approx September 30, 2005.

**Rates:** Hourly at \$15.00 per hour

**Benefits:** The status of the position is temporary, seasonal and is not eligible for full benefits. Basic benefits required by law such as worker's comp and social security will be provided.

**Start Date:** Approx. July 1, 2005

**Work location:** The primary focus for data collection this season will be in the Gualala River watershed. Technicians working in the Gualala River basin will be housed during the work week in the town of Gualala. Lodging will be provided.

**Tasks:** Field Technicians will be assisting in data collection for the GRWC/SRCD stream monitoring programs. Specific Quality Assurance Project Plan training will be provided. Data collection shall include following a variety of protocols including:

- Proper set up, use of surveying equipment
- Data recording, site work and safety protocols
- Stream Channel Measurements including longitudinal thalweg profiles and cross sections
- In channel measurements including canopy cover, pebble counts, large woody debris inventories
- Photopoint monitoring

Technicians will also be assisting in data input throughout the season.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Background or current student in biology, environmental studies, watershed science or related field
- Computer skills, specifically knowledge of Excel Spreadsheets
- Ability to work in two person crew with minimal supervision
- Strong attention to detail
- Good communication skills both written and verbal
- Requires a vehicle, good driving record and proof of automobile insurance
- Ability to lift 50lbs
- Able to work in variable streamside/bank terrains and physically maneuver through dewatered instream log jams to take wood measurements
- Able to walk or wade through occasional water depths (stream pools) of approx 5 foot

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit a resume or letter of interest to:**

Field Technician Position  
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**FINAL DATE FOR FILING: Open until filled**