

Sotoyome Resource Conservation District **Job Opportunity: Technical Specialist**

The Sotoyome Resource Conservation District is committed to improving the sustainability of natural resources by developing leadership, exchanging of information, providing technical assistance, and implementing projects that balance environmental and economic interests.

For more information on the Sotoyome Resource Conservation District visit our website at: www.sotoyomercd.org.

Position Summary:

The Sotoyome Resource Conservation District (SRCDD) Technical Specialist position coordinates monitoring activities and assists in the implementation of voluntary projects on private property to improve water quality, reduce farm runoff and restore habitat. The Technical Specialist is involved in all aspects of conservation projects, including initiating contact with cooperators, identifying conservation needs, developing plans, facilitating permits, supervising contractors in construction/installation, and post-construction monitoring. This position works on a team developing, promoting, and implementing outreach and education that sponsor conservation practices.

Knowledge, Skills & Experience:

- Desire to embrace, understand, and achieve the mission of the RCD
- Background in Hydrology and/or Geomorphology
- Strong knowledge of Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Working knowledge of and interest in production agriculture and natural resource conservation principles and science, specifically soil erosion processes, water quality and stormwater runoff and native plant communities.
- Knowledge of aquatic and streamside biology, chemistry (as it pertains to water quality) and natural resource issues particularly as related to Salmonid habitat.
- Ability to collect (field work), analyze and summarize monitoring data
- Experience engaging and collaborating with diverse groups and stakeholders, including landowners, growers, industry representatives, researchers, nonprofits, public agencies and citizens.
- Ability to exercise professional judgment in the planning, coordination and implementation of conservation projects and take initiative in fulfilling programmatic and grant related obligations.
- Awareness of and ability to facilitate/secure individual permits and coordinate multiple permits required to implement restoration projects.
- Proven ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Highly motivated and self-directing with the ability to prioritize and coordinate workload.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, organizational skills and multitasking ability.
- Experience working under, writing and/or managing grants.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Three years professional experience, including two years in the capacity of managing conservation and restoration projects.
- Bachelor's degree in the natural sciences or engineering including: ecology, biology, agronomy, planning, environmental science, civil, agricultural or environmental engineering, hydrology, geology, and soil science.
- A working knowledge of issues related to watershed restoration and water quality in Northern California.
- Proficiency with word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software.

Position Description

Status: This is an at-will, hourly position.

Rate of Pay: Pay commensurate on qualifications and experience.

Benefits: The Sotoyome RCD provides the following benefits: sick time, two week of vacation, health insurance, retirement, and 12 paid holidays. Full benefits will be available after completion of a trial period of 3 months.

Start Date: Approximately September 15th, 2007

Application Procedure: Please e-mail a letter of interest, resume and/or list of qualifications along with a list of three references to the SRCD Executive Director at: kcheckert@sotoyomercd.org.

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