



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Agricultural Conservationist/Project Assistant (Irrigation Specialty)

Immediate, Full-Time

The East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District, a special district dedicated to resource concerns in and around East Stanislaus County, has an immediate opening for a temporary, full-time Ag Conservationist/Project Assistant with an emphasis on irrigation to help with the implementation and reporting of resource conservation projects that the District and/or its partners undertake under contract with various agencies, organizations and individuals.

This position will work under project agreements to help with planning and implementation, and will assist with securing additional funding for sustainability. Current projects focus on habitat restoration, soil health, ag marketing, youth education, community outreach, irrigation technology, drought resiliency and other conservation practices. This position will be full-time.

Ag Conservationists must be willing to assist with field work inspections and work professionally and courteously as representatives of ESRCD and Natural Resources Conservation Service while interacting with private landowners and local, state and federal entities and personnel. In addition, Ag Conservationists become part of the team at the ESRCD and must be willing to assist with a wide variety of projects (including non-irrigation related projects) in order to help the team as a whole function best. Qualified candidates must be able to communicate technical information collected in projects, clearly and effectively, both written and verbally, with landowners, community members and staff.

The ideal candidate will have a strong agricultural background, including experience with or knowledge of irrigation practices and systems, mobile farm equipment and tractors, dairy operations, livestock, row crops, permanent crops and basic farming operations. Candidates should be able to identify and understand components and functions of various irrigation systems, have knowledge of irrigation system evaluations and show a high proficiency in math skills, specifically water quantity computation and unit conversions. Basic computer skills are a necessity, including proficiency with Microsoft Excel and Word. Drafting and CAD skills are helpful, as are experience with soil surveys, soil report and ArcGIS. Strong verbal and written communication skills, and experience with grant writing and conservation planning is desired. A college degree is not required, but coursework or prior work experience in related fields is helpful.

Candidates must possess, or be able to obtain, a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. A background check is required upon employment.

This position is full-time, temporary, as funding allows. Occasional weekends or evenings may be required with advance notice. While open immediately, this position may accommodate college students willing to commit to a minimum of 30 hours during school year and 40 hours during breaks, or after graduation.

To Apply:

Email a cover letter and resume detailing your qualifications to Jamie Meek, jamie.meek@eaststanrcd.org. PDF format is preferred.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 4, 2018.

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