

Job Posting: Forester

Status: Full Time

Compensation: \$71,760 to \$77,480 annually depending on experience

Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District – Enjoy where you work because you enjoy being part of a team that makes great work happen. Join our team!

The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD) has an opening for a qualified Forester. This Forester will be an affiliate of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), US Department of Agriculture (USDA) 90% of the time, and a TCRCD project technician 10% of the time. The successful applicant will work out of our Sonora District office once fully trained. This successful applicant will also train to become a Registered Professional Forester.

Position Description

- Provide technical assistance to private landowners to conserve and/or enhance forests, woodlands and ranchland.
- Administer, implement and promote forestry and land improvements through Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) technical assistance programs.
- Development of conservation management plans focused on forestry and ranchland resources, conducting outreach activities (workshops, field days, etc.).
- The Forester will provide technical assistance to private landowners, communities and public agencies to achieve optimum environmental, economic and social benefits for natural resources.
- Assist TCRCD with the implementation of grant-funded environmental projects.
- Attend training to become a Registered Professional Forester and work with a seasoned RPF on a variety of projects.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or higher in forestry
- Or a combination of education and experience: courses equivalent to a major in forestry, or at least 30 semester hours in any combination of biological, physical, or mathematical sciences or engineering, of which at least 24 semester hours were in forestry
- Proficient computer skills in programs such as Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint and Outlook), ArcGIS, Google Maps, and other computer mapping systems, to identify and delineate project boundaries.
- Experience with forestry and silvicultural, conservation implementation, habitat management, and wildlife biology is desired.
- Strong organizational skills, ability to work independently with little direct supervision, strong written and verbal communication skills, experience working with private landowners, as well as Federal & State agencies with working knowledge of cost-share programs, such as Farm Bill programs.
- Preferred candidates will possess experience working in Sierra Nevada Forest ecosystems and with associated techniques to manage those forests. Knowledge of forest inventory, management, and planning for major silvicultural types of the region is preferred; map reading

and GIS-GPS technology, ArcGIS skills; ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in written form, to convey clear and persuasive messages that positively influence the thoughts and actions of others and work with the general public, state, federal, NGO partners & other cooperators and peers is also required.

- The forester will possess knowledge and skills in the use and operation of forestry field equipment as well as skills in preparing spreadsheets, reporting accomplishments within NWF reporting systems and using basic computing applications.

The Forester is a salaried exempt, full-time with benefits. Benefits include a medical and phone stipend, Paid Time Off and 401K employer match.

About the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District is a non-regulatory Special District set up to promote Natural Resource Conservation in Tuolumne County. We work with individuals, landowners, growers, ranchers, public agencies, non-profit organizations, and corporations to accomplish our goals. Our mission is to identify and meet the natural resource conservation needs of all the people of Tuolumne County and its future generations by providing leadership through educational, technical, and financial support for valuable, voluntary services and programs that promote conservation and sustainable agriculture while maintaining our county's rural heritage.

How to Apply

Send a cover letter and resume to:

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