



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### FIELD ASSISTANT

Salary - \$15.00 - \$18.23 hourly

Part Time non-exempt (with no benefits)



United Water Conservation District (UWCD) is a special district that was founded in 1927. The District is responsible for the management, conservation, and enhancement of the water resources of the Santa Clara River Valley and the Oxnard Coastal Plain in Ventura County. District facilities include Santa Felicia Dam, Freeman Diversion facility, groundwater recharge basins, well fields, water treatment facilities and major transmission pipelines.

### **SUMMARY**

Under direct or general supervision of the Environmental Scientists and Field Technician, the Field Assistant performs a variety of ecological monitoring tasks to support the operation and maintenance of the District's facilities located at Santa Felicia Dam, Lake Piru, the Freeman Diversion on the Santa Clara River, and other facilities and waterways within the District. The Field Assistant is an entry-level position and requires little or no related job experience or college-level course work, however some relevant experience or education is desirable.

### **SOME DUTIES MAY INCLUDE:**

- Perform or assist in a variety of research and monitoring projects in both field and laboratory settings.
- Assist monitoring efforts at Lake Piru and Santa Felicia Dam, especially related to quagga mussels. This includes collecting water quality information, water samples, mussel growth and recruitment samples, as well as conducting laboratory analysis of these samples including microscopy.

- Assist monitoring efforts at the Freeman Diversion and its fish migration facilities to ensure their effective operation, especially as they relate to fish passage. This includes monitoring flows, checking and maintaining monitoring equipment, and reviewing video and DIDSON footage.
- Check flow conditions in the Santa Clara River, tributaries and at the estuary to determine whether flows are adequate for steelhead migration.
- Keep records of all activities using standardized datasheets; enter data into the electronic database.
- Perform or assist in a variety of research and monitoring projects.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Work hours will vary significantly. Work hours may include early morning, night and weekend shifts. Task loads may be seasonal, corresponding with the fish migration period and non-native aquatic species breeding season, however work occurs year-round.

### **Education and Experience:**

- Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent is required.
- This position is an entry-level position and no previous experience is required, incumbents will receive on-the-job training for all essential duties. However, coursework or a degree from an accredited college or university in an environmental-related field (e.g., biology, environmental studies, fisheries science) is highly desirable. Previous work experience in a similar environment is also desirable.

### **Certificates and Licenses**

- Possession of a valid California Class C Driver's License is required upon hire.

### **How to Apply**

The application and full job description are available at [www.unitedwater.org](http://www.unitedwater.org). Position will remain open until filled. Applications received will be reviewed upon receipt.

Please submit your resume with a cover letter no later than **June 27, 2021**. Please submit to UWCD, Attn: Human Resources via email at [joshp@unitedwater.org](mailto:joshp@unitedwater.org) or to [ofelial@unitedwater.org](mailto:ofelial@unitedwater.org). Candidates can also submit their applications via surface mail to:

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