

REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
Natural Resources Services Division
RESTORATION FIELD CREW

POSITION PURPOSE

Under the general direction of the NRS Division Director and the direct supervision by the Projects Coordinator and/or designated Field Supervisor, the Restoration Field Crew will primarily work as part of a crew to eradicate invasive cord grass from salt marshes in Humboldt Bay or other projects as assigned. Work will involve site reconnaissance, manual/mechanical/cultural means of treating Spartina, and tool maintenance. The Restoration Field Crew may supervise, and train Field Assistants and/or volunteers as needed. The Field Crew position is mostly full-time, but subject to available work; and may work intermittently half to full-time due to tidal access and diverse weather conditions. Restoration Field Crew may also assist in the implementation of other natural resources projects, including watershed and active living projects as assigned.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

The Natural Resources Restoration Field Crew performs a variety of primarily physical tasks such as planting native vegetation, invasive plant removal, erosion control, general field measurements, constructing trail amenities, light carpentry, site safety, and operation of various field equipment and vehicles.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge of and Experience With:

- Landscaping practices such as tree-planting; salt-brackish-or-freshwater wetland revegetation, invasive plant removal and erosion control practices
- Building and/or maintenance of trails
- Some identification of common native plants
- Use of power and hand tools
- Maintenance of power and hand tools

Ability to:

- Communicate effectively in written and verbal form
- Understand and implement written and verbal instructions with a high degree of accuracy
- Work well with others and with a minimum of supervision
- Perform duties to the required specifications and quality standards
- Develop and maintain cooperative and effective relationships with co-workers, RCAA Agency staff, personnel of other agencies, funding source representatives, the local service population and with individuals contacted in the course of work
- Show strong interpersonal skills and the ability to relate to individuals who may not share basic beliefs, including value systems and behavioral norms
- Work with culturally diverse communities, with the ability to be sensitive and appropriate.
- Maintain a professional, confidential work environment
- Establish and maintain personal and programmatic boundaries while providing support services
- Ensure and protect Agency, employee, program and client confidentiality and safety; and follow all protocols and procedures defined by this Agency and/or State and Federal laws to achieve this protection

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Associate or bachelor's degree in Natural Resources Restoration or related field; equivalent experience may be substituted for education on a year-by-year basis
- One (1) year experience working on a natural resource construction crew, watershed management or restoration project, trail planning/construction, or other similar projects

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, and can provide proof of identity and employment eligibility in accordance with Federal law
- Must have means and capacity to perform job related duties with personal vehicle, as may be required.
- Possession of valid California's Driver's License, current auto insurance and acceptable DMV record.
- Submit to a background check with acceptable results
- Valid First Aid and CPR certification or willingness/ability to be certified if required
- Must have current tetanus immunization or willingness to obtain one
- Must have home phone or cell phone, or other effective means of communication

PHYSICAL / LABOR INTENSIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION

The employee must have the ability to work in natural resource restoration which includes erosion control, revegetation and in-stream habitat improvement. Must also be able to meet these physical requirements of the position with or without reasonable accommodation:

- Move and lift heavy items (40-75 lbs.) on a regular basis
- Walk, climb and hike up and down steep slopes/hills, with loose rock, thick brush, and/or walk on slippery marsh plain
- Ability to be on your feet for extended periods of time and work outside in inclement weather
- Perform repetitive motion tasks, such as weed eating, digging, planting holes, pounding in stakes, stooping, bending, reaching, pulling, etc.
- Ability to use various hand and power tools; including gas powered chainsaws with blade attachments for up to 5 hours per day
- Must be able to drive various vehicles or equipment, pull and back-up trailers; the ability to drive a 4x4 manual transmission truck is highly desired

NOTE: This position is considered a “**safety-sensitive**” job and will be subject to RCAA’s “Substance/Alcohol Abuse” policy. This policy is included in the Policies and Procedures, and a more detailed brochure is available from the Human Resources Department which further outlines the policy.

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