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Wanted: Restoration Ecologist for Sacramento Valley Projects

Work with a professional staff dedicated to riparian restoration and successful at implementing projects through a multi-disciplinary approach.

About River Partners

River Partners is a nonprofit conservation organization where farmers and ecologists work together. A leader in ecological restoration in California, our mission is to create wildlife habitat for the benefit of people and the environment. We design and implement cutting-edge riparian restoration plans that benefit wildlife, water & air quality, and public safety through nonstructural flood control. Our 30+ projects influence the major river systems of the Central Valley of California. We are skilled in forging partnership with local decision makers, public agencies, and scientists. To date we have initiated restoration on over 6,000 acres of flood-prone farmland within the Central Valley of California.

With offices in Modesto and Chico, River Partners works on large scale riparian restoration projects. In these projects levee breaches and removals are used in combination with riparian restoration as mechanisms for flood control and flood water attenuation. Our staff's success in bringing back river land forests in the Central Valley has launched the organization into the floodplain management business and given it the capacity to offer innovative solutions to California in the form of non-structural flood control.

Seeking Restoration Ecologist for Chico Office

Our growing organization seeks a Restoration Ecologist to lead our science team in the Sacramento Valley. The Restoration Ecologist will lead the development of site-specific riparian restoration plans that incorporate wildlife needs, food conveyance, and hydraulic impacts of vegetation. These plans will meet the needs of a variety of clients from the public, private, and academic sectors. The Restoration Ecologist will design adaptive management experiments to refine the implementation of quality wildlife habitat that includes a robust woodland understory and open riparian meadows. Other related duties will include: data collection & analysis, database maintenance, and the development of monitoring and experimental protocols.

The Restoration Ecologist will work with the Field Manager to ensure the accurate implementation of restoration plans. Further, the Restoration Ecologist will supervise the biology staff, and interns as needed. The Restoration Ecologist will report to the Western

Regional Director and work closely with the Senior Restoration Ecologist to establish priorities and strategies for completing projects.

The Restoration Ecologist will collaborate, communicate and maintain positive relationships with a variety of professionals: hydraulic engineers, government agency staff, research scientists and community leaders. The Restoration Ecologist will be River Partners' scientific ambassador in the Sacramento Valley, which entails face-to-face meetings, talking at public events or presenting at professional conferences.

The ideal candidate will have the desire and passion to lead restoration science in the Sacramento Valley. Other qualities include:

- good organizational skills;
- ability to work under multiple deadlines;
- excellent writing and editing skills;
- proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite;
- demonstrated knowledge of California plants, riparian ecology, hydrology, soils and wildlife;
- experience with MS Access or other relational database programs;
- knowledge of application of GIS information;
- sophisticated understanding of statistics, experimental design, and data collection;
- ability to problem-solve and learn new skills; and
- ability to communicate in Spanish (preferred, not required).

Educational and Professional Requirements

M.S. in biology, ecology, environmental science, or related science. At least three years of progressively responsible work experience in an appropriate field. Valid CA Driver's license with no restrictions. Ability to lift 70 pounds.

How To Apply

Send resume and cover letter by e-mail, mail, or fax.

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