WE ARE HIRING A PART-TIME RESTORATION COORDINATOR

TYPE | Professional, part-time position, 20-24 hrs / week with a flexible work schedule to accommodate project needs.

LOCATION | Tucson/Phoenix area of Arizona in order to be within proximity to partners. Functions remotely with REW staff and leadership based in Grand Junction, CO.

WAGES | Based on education and experience; range is $23 – $27/hour.

BENEFITS | 403b7 retirement benefit (REW will match 50% of employee contribution up to 15% of salary), Employee Assistance Benefit, monthly cell phone stipend and remote office stipend (expected the position would work from home or co-working space). This position does not include a health insurance stipend, continuing education stipend, or holiday/vacation/sick pay as it is part time.

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS | Please send a cover letter, resume, and three references in one document via email to rlloyd@riversedgewest.org, with the title “Last Name_RC_Arizona_Application_2019. Word and PDF files only. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm MST May 16, 2019 for consideration.

RIVERSEDGE WEST (REW) IS THE LEADING NONPROFIT WORKING TO PROTECT THE QUALITY AND ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY OF RIPARIAN LANDS AS AN IMPORTANT MEANS TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL WELL-BEING OF COMMUNITIES IN THE AMERICAN WEST.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

REW is seeking a creative individual to work in the dynamic field of riparian restoration. The Restoration Coordinator will work in conjunction with REW staff, and many organizations and agencies to support restoration efforts across the western region of the United States, with a focus in Arizona and the Lower Colorado River Basin (LCRB).

Specifically, this position’s focus will be to work in conjunction with Watershed Partnerships (e.g. Gila Watershed Partnership, Friends of the Verde River) to support their river restoration efforts. This position will also work with other agencies and entities throughout Arizona and the basin to support, educate, and offer technical assistance on planning for and implementing riparian restoration.

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PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary responsibilities described below also include support for other REW programs. Some responsibilities and/or qualifications may change depending on the individual and/or specific needs as they relate to projects. All of the described responsibilities require strong written and verbal communication skills.

- Support implementation of riparian restoration goals by providing technical advice on invasive plant management, best restoration practices, crew training, etc.
- Assisting with sustainable funding planning, grant acquisition, and other fundraising activities.
- Coordinating, facilitating and participating in steering committee meetings and field crew trainings (invasive plant removal, restoration, and monitoring).
- Communication and coordination with natural resource managers at the state, local and federal level.
- Delivering public presentations on riparian restoration best practices to watershed partnership groups, agencies, community members, etc.
- Plan and implement riparian restoration workshops and events.
- Coordinating with land managers and their respective agencies to plan, develop funding for, and implement watershed scale restoration projects (includes grant writing).
- Researching, coordinating, drafting and/or editing technical papers.
- Be a spokesperson for REW within AZ and the LCRB partners and networks.
- Assisting on other REW projects in coordination with Colorado-based staff such as outreach, fundraising, web content development, workshop/conference logistics, reporting, and updates.

QUALIFICATIONS

- High level of communication, organization, time management and multitasking skills; ability to work collaboratively and independently.
- Strong foundation in all aspects of the best practices for riparian restoration in the west.
- Knowledge of riparian restoration funding opportunities/resources, and grant writing experience.
- Familiarity with public and private land use, (grazing, agricultural production, resource management, passive/active recreational uses).
- Ability to organize and facilitate meetings and workshops with multiple stakeholders.
- Experience in planning, implementing and managing restoration projects.
- Knowledge of riparian ecology, wildlife, and plant communities on western rivers.
- Experience with developing and implementing monitoring protocols for vegetation and wildlife.
- Proficient in computer programs, including Microsoft Office Suite and various online file-sharing programs utilized by partnerships.

SPECIAL JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a dependable car and valid driver’s license, registration, and insurance for travel throughout Arizona and other western states.
- Must have a functional office/work space, printer, internet, and cell phone.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends as needed.
- Ability to travel away from home for 1-3 days a week, 1-2 times a month.
- Physical ability to hike, backpack, and raft.
- Current or willingness to obtain Wilderness First Aid and CPR Certifications.

EDUCATION

Undergraduate degree from an accredited university or college is required, an advanced degree is preferred. REW is open to a range of educational backgrounds, including biological science, environmental science, or related field; preferably two or more years of restoration or practical environmental science experience; preferably working knowledge of western US riparian ecology.

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